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Tier Two Re-Opening at The Parish of St. Clement



Sunday Services:

- **†** Church services will be both in-person and via Zoom at 8 am and 10:15 am
- **†** Adult Discussion and Bible Study (RBTL) will remain online only
- Children/Youth Sunday School/Nursery will be offered in-person

Everyone in-person must wear a mask, distance, not be sick or recently exposed to COVID, sign-in for possible contact tracing.

New Office Hours:

- Monday-Friday, 10 am-2pm
- Our food distribution/financial help schedule will remain the same only Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 pm
- We are available by appointment at other times

Pre-School Chapel Services:

• One class will be in the chapel while the others participate/watch via Webex

Our Plans for Christmas

Below you will find an outline of our Christmas service schedule:

- **†** Christmas Eve: 5 PM in-person Family Service (Eucharist if numbers stay low)
- **†** Christmas Eve: 8 PM online Lessons and Carols
 - Pre-recorded video service at 8 pm we will gather on Zoom to sing/pray together.
 - This service will be available on our website and Facebook page for those who would like to participate at a later time
- Christmas Day: 10 AM both in-person and via Zoom (similar to Sunday morning services)

St. Clement's Monthly Outreach Figures

In the Month of September we served 131 households with our bags of canned food. These households included 230 adults and 86 children, and these figures exclude repeat recipients (as they are only counted once). In last month's edition of the newsletter, you can find a chart with the food distribution data for April through August.

We also were able to offer financial support to eight people in September and fifteen people in October by writing \$50 checks for rental and electric bill assistance.



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Priest Associate: Rev. George Clifford
Head of St. Clement's School: Jodi Yoshioka
Director of Music: Karol Nowicki
Organist: Mark Kennedy
Interim Parish Secretary: Alofa Carpenter
Sexton/Groundskeeper: Stan Ornellas

Family Ministries:

Michelle Comeau and
Gail and Scott Suzuki-Jones

Senior Warden: Michelle Comeau Junior Warden: Jose Henao Treasurer: Martha Morgan Clerk: Beth Fincke

Vestry

Mary Carpenter
Helena Ishida
Glenn Moir
Holoua Stender

Anderson
Adrienne Lau
Amy Schafer
Cathy Overstreet

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Per our Tier 2 re-opening plan, the church office will be open Monday through Friday 10AM to 2PM.

Available at other times, by appointment

Items for Ke 'Alemanaka may be submitted to the Newsletter Editor, Arthur Buto

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DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE

Wednesday, November 18, 2020



Hau'oli la hanau to all those born in November

| born in November | | | | |
|----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Lucia Cicero | | | | |
| Karina Lok | | | | |
| Ron Brosseau | | | | |
| Rich Lowe | | | | |
| Ediza Tamura | | | | |
| Mimi Andrian | | | | |
| Betty Suzuki | | | | |
| Vivien Tham | | | | |
| John Marlowe | | | | |
| Elizabeth McCutcheon | | | | |
| Loi Chang-Stroman | | | | |
| Sandy Souza | | | | |
| Glenn Moir | | | | |
| Daniel Kali | | | | |
| Annabel Murray | | | | |
| Elu Aydon | | | | |
| Bobbie Brodhead | | | | |
| Shalane Sambor | | | | |
| Kainoa van de Waal | | | | |
| Gayle Chang | | | | |
| Bill Markevitch | | | | |
| Michelle Comeau | | | | |
| Betty Fraser | | | | |
| Benjamin Schoen | | | | |
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If we missed your birthday, please let the office know!



Our cooking outreach group at St. Clement's will be cooking a

Thanksgiving meal for the youth at RYSE this coming month, and they would greatly appreciate turkey donations from the Parish! If you'd like to, you can drop it off at the church office during our new office hours starting Nov. 16.

ONLINE SERVICE GUIDE

SUNDAYS

Worship Services at 8AM & 10:15AM

Meeting ID: 854 4414 6891

Password: 1515

Adult Discussion at 9AM

Meeting ID: 854 4414 6891

Password: 1515

Bible Study (RBTL) at 9AM

Meeting ID: 661 508 747

Password: 395117

TUESDAYS

Compline at 9PM

Meeting ID: 823 5666 8373

Password: 1515



To join any service by phone call one of these numbers and enter the Meeting ID and password.

669 900 6833 253 215 8782 346 248 7799

A Look At Our Parish Upkeep

| LOCATION | MAINTENANCE | LAST DONE (YEAR) |
|----------|--|------------------|
| CHURCH | Screen & window frame replacement | 2010 |
| CHURCH | Fix kneelers | Done as needed |
| CHURCH | Replace lights | Done as needed |
| CHURCH | Replace and paint exterior railings and steps to remove lead paint | 2018 |
| CHURCH | Paint exterior | 2018 |
| CHURCH | Remove mildew from church eaves | 2018 |
| CHURCH | Repair corner posts in porte cochere | 2018 |
| CHURCH | Repair main door | 2018 |
| CHURCH | Repair sacristy steps from lanai | 2018 |
| CHURCH | Replace gutters | 2018 |
| CHURCH | Replace roof | 2018 |
| CHURCH | Wrought iron hand rail at entrance | 2018 |

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wedr |
|--|---|---|--|
| Daylight Saying Time End | =8:00 AM SCS Chapel | | =8:00 AM SCS Cha |
| Daylight Saving Time End 8:00 AM Church Service 9:00 AM Bible Workbench 9:00 AM Adult Discussion 10:15 AM Church Service | = 11:00 AM Parish Staff Mtg. | Election Day 8:00 AM Fire Exit Inspec. 5:00 PM Labyrinth Open 9:00 PM Compline | = 5:30 PM Na 'Oha line |
| Soo AM Charack Consists | | | |
| = 8:00 AM Church Service = 9:00 AM Bible Workbench | = 8:00 AM SCS Chapel = 11:00 AM Parish Staff Mtg. | =9:00 PM Compline | Veterans Day No School |
| = 9:00 AM Adult Discussion = 10:15 AM Church Service = 1:00 PM Prayer Chain Mtg. | 16 | 122 | |
| = 8:00 AM Church Service = 9:00 AM Bible Workbench = 9:00 AM Adult Discussion = 10:15 AM Church Service | 8:00 AM SCS Chapel 11:00 AM Parish Staff Mtg. 5:00 PM Property Committee Mtg. | = 5:00 PM SCS Board Mtg Online = 9:00 PM Compline | =8:00 AM SCS Cha |
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| | | =8:00 AM SCS Chapel =8:00 AM SCS Food Drive | 9:00 AM Altar Guild |
| pel | =4:30 PM Farmers Market | Clergy Sabbath = 8:00 AM SCS Chapel = 11:00 AM Kupuna Box | = 9:00 AM Altar Guild = 10:30 AM Food Distribution |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| use Cooking f Meeting | Thanksgiving | Clergy Sabbath | =9:00 AM Altar Guild |
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Parish Upkeep Continued...

| LOCATION | MAINTENANCE | LAST DONE (YEAR) |
|---------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| PARISH HOUSE | Refinished floors & installed shades | 2015 |
| PARISH HOUSE | Sump pump installed | 2017 (will service in 2020) |
| PARISH HOUSE | Fire and security alarm updated/serviced | 2018 (fire inspection every Aug.) |
| PARISH HOUSE | Tiles on roof cleaned, repaired and re-sealed | 2018 |
| CHURCH OFFICE | Phone system replaced | 2010 |
| MUSIC ROOM | New air conditioner installed | 2017 |
| MUSIC ROOM | Roof replaced | 2019 |
| CAMPUS | Installed outdoor lighting for Farmers Market | 2009 |
| CAMPUS | New storage built | 2013 |
| CAMPUS | Added security cameras, updated system | 2017 |
| CAMPUS | Pressure washed, re-sealed, and re-painted Labyrinth | 2019 |
| CAMPUS | Regular tree-trimming | 2019 |
| SCHOOL | Repair, replace & paint second floor railings on Brown and Cooke buildings | 2013 |
| SCHOOL | Cooke building roof replaced | 2014 |
| SCHOOL | Lighting replaced in Brown, Cooke, and office | 2014 |
| SCHOOL | Air conditioning installed in Brown & Cook | 2015 |
| SCHOOL | Office carpet replaced due to rainstorm flooding | 2015 |
| SCHOOL | Water valves fixed | 2015 |
| SCHOOL | Gutters installed on Cooke building | 2018 |
| SCHOOL | Office air conditioner replaced | 2018 |
| SCHOOL | Asbestos encapsulation | 2020 |
| SCHOOL | Brown building roof replaced | 2020 |
| SCHOOL | Classrooms painted | 2020 |
| SCHOOL | Classroom cabinets, flooring, & toilets replaced | 2020 |

A View from the Pew

"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" (Jesus / Matthew 27:46)

I realize this is nothing new, but like all "fashion statements," it seems "on-trend" once again to focus on the *fallibility* of Jesus during His human experience. Now, do not get me wrong. I understand. Aside from those of



us who strive to undermine Jesus to suit our personal, moral, ethical, spiritual, religious, professional and/or political agendas, most of us when discussing Jesus' fallibility are instead trying to make Him, His life, His ministry, and His message ~ His very Gospel ~ easier for us to relate to and, thus, easier to fathom and grasp.

Take the story of the *Canaanite Woman* in *Matthew 15:21-28*. Jesus and His disciples had just ventured from rustic Jewish Galilee into cosmopolitan Gentile Tyre and Sidon, in what is now Lebanon, just north of Israel. Ostensibly, they went to minister to the minority Jews living in the area, not the majority Gentiles. In this story, Jesus was not remotely interested in helping this woman when she pleaded with Him to cure her daughter and alleviate her daughter's suffering, saying:

"Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David. My daughter is tormented by a demon."

In fact, Jesus ignored her altogether, refusing to even answer. Furthermore, Jesus' disciples were irritated with her to the point of being agitated. In fact, they insisted He summarily dismiss her and then send her away. Moreover, on the surface at least, Jesus shamelessly acquiesced to His disciples, telling the Canaanite woman:

"I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." and "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

However, the story does not end here in our self-righteous outrage at and indignation with Jesus as it does for many of us. Instead, the story goes onto say the Canaanite woman persisted and, while kneeling before Him, she said:

"Yes Lord, but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

It was a teaching moment, but not for the Canaanite woman. The moment was meant for Jesus and His disciples. By her plea alone, we know this *unclean* and *untouchable* Gentile had already discerned and recognized Jesus for *who* and *what* He really was. In her own words, He was the *Lord*, He was the *Son of David*, and as a result in Hebrew He was the *Messiah*, in Greek the *Christ*, literally God's "Anointed One" in both languages as foretold in Holy Scripture. Even more, by the very meaning of His name alone, *Jesus*, literally "God is Salvation" in its original Hebrew, He was already hers and her daughter's Savior. Her understanding is subtly yet unmistakably reinforced by her kneeling before Him, someone she considered to be her *master*, but not in the *master-to-slave* sense as her metaphorical reply to Jesus implies, but instead in the *master-to-follower* sense, as a believer, even a disciple. Without further discussion, let alone dispute, Jesus replies:

"Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

Of course, the Canaanite woman's daughter was cured and healed, "instantly." And, to be sure, this is a story of great faith, meaning that of the Canaanite woman. I suppose, it is also a story of fallibility, meaning that of Jesus' and His disciples'. In my mind, however, this is instead a story ~ part of a much larger story ~ of the *unfolding* of Jesus, beginning with His baptism in the River Jordan by His cousin John, to His crucifixion at Golgotha outside the gates of Jerusalem by the Romans. Instead of fallibility, frailty, or errancy as we might assume had we not read the rest of the story, this is instead an *ontogenesis*, like a hard-shelled chrysalis metamorphosing into an incredible butterfly, or a tough resin-coated pine seed transforming into a magnificent cedar. This is a story, one of many in the Gospels, about Jesus *becoming* God-revealed, fully so, in His own humble humanity ~ in our own humble humanity. Inversely, by virtue of Jesus' free-will response to the Canaanite woman's self-deprecating but pointed challenge, as well as through His responses to the many others described in the Gospels who came to Him in their times of great need, this is also a story of God, step-by-step, event-by-event, and act-by-act continually revealing God's Self until such time that God likewise became Jesus-revealed, fully so.

The story of Jesus is not about going from fallibility to perfection, let alone frailty to strength, nor errancy to triumph. Instead, from the controversy of His first miracle in Cana when He grudgingly turned water into wine at a wedding reception, to His last miracle in Gethsemane when He unflinchingly restored the severed ear of Malchus, the servant and henchman of the Temple High Priest Caiaphas who organized His arrest and orchestrated His crucifixion, the story of Jesus is one of broadening and escalating enlightenment, and ultimately revelation. I dare to say it is our story, too, who like Christ are the children of God, created in God's own image and likeness, and who, like Christ, have been blessed with God's own Gifts, bestowed to be shared as opposed to squandered.

~~ Submitted by Scott Suzuki-Jones



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Sundays at 8AM & 10:15AM In-person and via Zoom

Tuesdays at 9PM

Compline via Zoom

Worship Services

Datebook

The office food pantry is open on Wednesdays from 10 am to Noon ONLY.

New Office Food Pantry Hours

WED. ONLY: 10am to 12pm Food Pantry

4:30 pm Farmers Market

Thursdays

NEW OFFICE HOURS Monday thru Friday

10am to 2pm
