

# Ka Leo o Timoteo

## The voice of St. Timothy's

### Leave No Doubt

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” (John 20:29)

Dear St. Timothy's 'Ohana,

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Throughout the great 50 days of the Easter Season that runs from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, this is our acclamation. Also, every year we are confronted with the story of Thomas.

Every year on Thomas' Sunday, more commonly known as the Second Sunday of Easter, we read from the Gospel of John that tells of Thomas' disbelief and of Jesus' appearance among the Apostles to greet Thomas where upon Jesus blesses him and says, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” (John 20:29). And through this passage, Thomas has forever been called “doubting” as if he was the only one that day to question the resurrection; as if the other disciples had more faith than he had.

For reasons not told in Scripture, Thomas was not with the others on the morning Jesus appeared so Thomas didn't share in the experience of the risen Christ. This was an ancient FOMO moment (Fear Of Missing Out). Instead of having their experience, all Thomas had was their word, their say so, on the matter. So perhaps it wasn't Thomas doubting Jesus' resurrection, the problem was the credibility of the others. The disciples had seen the risen Lord; Jesus gave them his spirit; and they were sent by Jesus to continue his work in the world.

As strange as it may seem, Thomas' story was never about doubt. It is about the call of the Church to witness to the Resurrection. The story is NOT that Thomas comes to faith, rather the good news is that the Risen Lord still comes to his Church. We will have doubts; we will have certainties in our faith and understanding of God's call. Regardless of it all, we are called to be witnesses to the Resurrection. And in our witness, the Lord is with us.

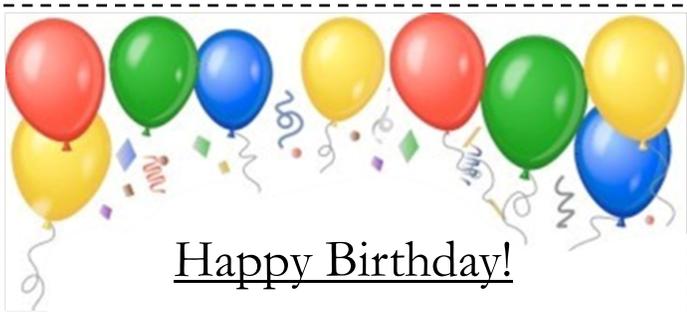
There is never authentic faith without doubt, for a mature faith always has ups and downs- such is life in this world. For now, the great 50 days of Eastertide welcome us to celebrate and witness the Resurrection. Read and listen to the stories of Jesus appearing to his disciples, his Church.

Jesus will come to us, through whatever doors we lock, through whatever barriers we build. Jesus says, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet come to believe.” He breathes his blessing upon us and bids us witness the power of life and light over death and darkness. Let there be no doubt that we love and worship the living God.

The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

Blessings,





## Happy Birthday!

- 4/1 Ryan Miyamoto
- 4/6 Annaliese Leatherman
- 4/8 April Kimura
- 4/14 Amy Hironaka  
Kay Morimoto
- 4/18 Liz Napier
- 4/27 Wally Inouye



### From the Archives:

A photograph found of the current location of St. Timothy's before Sumida Hall was built, circa 1973.



### Parish Staff

The Reverend Daniel L. Leatherman, Vicar  
Paul Mahuka, Parish Manager  
Angie Delight, Musician

## Member Directory



The Pastoral Care calls to members of the church during the pandemic has highlighted the need for us to update our Church Member database and fill in the blanks when it comes to contact information, birthdays, anniversaries, and family members.

Please fill out the form which can be found on our website under "Connect" (<https://www.sttimothysaiea.org/memberupdate.html>) and send it to us at: [updates@sttimothysaiea.org](mailto:updates@sttimothysaiea.org).



### Fr. Dan worships with St. Timothy's while on National Guard Duty in Hilo

While visiting National Guard members at the 291<sup>st</sup> Combat Communications Squadron at Keaukaha, Hilo, Hawai'i, Fr Dan took a moment to login to Facebook and join St. Timothy's for worship. "I am really grateful to Fr. Mark Haworth for suppling for me that Sunday. It's not often that I get a chance to be 'on the other side of the altar sitting in the pew.' I really enjoyed the morning and appreciate all the moving parts that come together to enable us to worship."

In addition to being Vicar of St. Timothy's, Fr. Dan is the Wing Chaplain for the 154<sup>th</sup> Wing of the Hawai'i Air National Guard- an organization of more than 2,200 members spread out on 4 islands. He and his staff of 4 enlisted Religious Affairs Airmen and 2 additional Chaplains are responsible for seeing that the religious and spiritual needs of the personnel and their families are met when they serve in the Air National Guard. Fr. Dan has more than 25 years of total military service.



Thank you to everyone who helped take and provide pictures for our newsletter. If you have any pictures that you would like to share with us, please email them to: [news@sttimothysaiea.org](mailto:news@sttimothysaiea.org).

## St. Timothy's Outreach

by Joanne Mahuka

Our St. Timothy's Outreach program has been a community service project/calling for several decades. We started assisting with the peanut butter ministry making dozens of peanut-butter sandwiches and handing them out to those in need at Blaisdell Park. The program evolved into assisting Institute for Human Services 6 times a year with making over 200 dinners for people living in their Iwilei homeless shelter. In the early 2000's the outreach program once again evolved back into a community-based service, making good nutritious dinners for the homeless in the area. Setting up a food line on the sidewalk of Blaisdell park, we would give out pre-made grocery bags, toiletries, dog and cat food, as well as frozen cold cuts and bread. As time went on, the need for meal and grocery supplements grew, and we found ourselves servicing almost 100 people per day. In 2019 we began serving the homeless and those in need here at St. Timothy's calling it our "Dinner with Friends". On the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month we would serve a buffet style dinner where we would all sit together sharing a meal, stories, and having good fellowship.



Currently during the pandemic, we are making prepacked bento style dinners and grocery bags which are distributed in the parking lot to maintain social distancing and to keep our volunteers and our guests safe. Our volunteers prep, cook, portion, and pack the bentos for distribution on the second Tuesday and fourth Tuesday of each month. As preparation for these events, we shop at the Hawai'i Foodbank in Māpunapuna. We also supplement those hot meals by shopping at Costco, Sam's Club or local supermarkets.

We prepare 40 hot meals, and depending on the weather, we usually have anywhere from 15-35 guests. Leftover dinners are given to Deacon Steve Costa to distribute.

People have been very generous with donating money for St Tim's to the Hawai'i Foodbank. Over the years, we built up a large surplus of Food Bank credits (equivalent to nearly \$10,000), half of which we shared with St. Elizabeth's in Kalihi and St. Stephen's in Wahiawa.

There are many people who come in and out to help with outreach. They include: Father Dan, Joey M., Gail L., Kia'i N., Lauralee K., Fussy N., Seichi N., Gladys P., Amy H., Kim I., and Paul M. We have also had Sailors and Marines from Pearl Harbor and Kaneohe Bay, as well as other members of the community who know about our program. If you find that you would like to assist in some way, please let me know. We are compliant with the Covid social distancing, masks, and hand washing.

Mahalo to all and stay safe,  
Joanne Mahuka



## Holy Week 2021



Holy Week is the most sacred week in the Christian calendar. In 2020, we were under lockdown through much of Lent and all of Holy Week and Easter. This year we returned to a traditional Holy Week worship schedule under a hybrid worship model (on-line and in-person) with some modifications. In 2021, we began with Palm Sunday, and the blessing of palm crosses and fronds. We did not have the traditional Palm Sunday Procession, even as we heard the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Finally, Holy Week began with the Passion Gospel.



We then shifted our focus to Maundy Thursday as it began the festival known as the Triduum - those most sacred days between the Last Supper and the evening of the Resurrection. Maundy Thursday recalls the act of service Jesus performs in washing his disciples feet and gives us the *Mandatum Novum* (New Commandment) to "love one another as I have loved you." Because of COVID protocols, we did not do foot washing, but did everything else including the Eucharist and the stripping of the Altar. The Sacrament (the consecrated Bread and Wine) were moved to a side table that served as the Altar of Repose as the Daughters of the King hosted a virtual/on-line vigil this year. On Good Friday, we worshiped at the foot of the cross as we read the Passion Gospel according to John and marked the death of Jesus and his placement in the Tomb.





## Easter 2021

The rites of the church take on a new tone as we begin the Easter celebration with the Great Easter Vigil. This service lights the Paschal flame of Easter by which we light the Paschal Candle and then sing the Exultet. This first song of Easter begins with "Rejoice..." and proclaims the blessed light of Christ that drives away darkness. That night was extra special with the Baptism of Lauralee Kawamata and her new birth in her life in Christ. It was an amazing and blessed evening!

Easter Day services were well attended with beautiful flowers and the words "Alleluia, Christ is Risen" being proclaimed by all who attended. At the end of each service, Holy Water was sprinkled in a process called "asperging" using an instrument called an aspergillum which is a small reservoir on a stick that is dipped into an aspersorium (a holy water bucket) and then shaken or sprinkled with the water over the people.





Saturday Workday!

On Holy Saturday, church members gathered to get our campus ready for Easter Day! There was much to do inside and around the Church. The able Altar Guild prepared the altar, polished the brass, and filled the candles making sure all is in readiness for our worship that Evening.



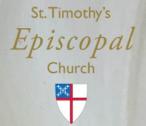
Bob and Bruce “manned the mowers” and cut the grass; the Mahuka clan of Paul, Mandy, Elias, Gabby, and Ikaika took great care of the inner courtyard near Sumida Hall. Elias, with his dad Paul closely watching, got to work and learned how to use the weed whacker. But his favorite was the leaf blower! Anne concentrated on the St. Francis garden and the sliding glass windows of the sanctuary. No leaf was left behind as Joanne tended the lemon trees and even the palms in the courtyard got a little extra TLC thanks to Sylvia and Kurt. Teamwork made the dreamwork! Francis and Fr. Dan worked to remove an unwanted tree and cleaned up overgrowth in the planter box nearest the pre-school.



# EASTER

## THE GREAT 50 DAYS

*April 4- May 23  
now through Pentecost Sunday*



### **Ideas\* for how you and your family can celebrate the Easter Season at home!**

1. Make or find a bright, beautiful container large enough to hold a few dozen pieces of wrapped candy. Place it on the dinner table. Each time you gather for a meal, each family member gets the chance to mention one sign of new life he or she has noticed or one good deed she or he had done and then gets the piece of candy.
2. Use chalk to decorate the sidewalk around your home with Easter words and symbols.
3. Prominent in the Gospels of the Easter season are times when Jesus and the disciples shared food. During the Easter season, make it a point to have a sit-down meal together at least once a week. Include all the trimmings: tablecloth, candles, dessert, etc.
4. Make a list of your family's legacies – not goods or money, but attitudes, standards of value and influences – that you are passing on.
5. Take an Emmaus walk. Before you start out, read the Emmaus story (Lk 24: 13-35) together. Then go to some place that has special meaning to your family, or to some place where you haven't gone for a while. Imagine that Jesus is walking with you.
6. Change the background on your phone and/or Facebook page to some stunning piece of artwork celebrating the Resurrection, so when members of your family look at it they remember the Resurrection!
7. Choose joy!
8. Reflect on Act 2: 42-47 (holding all things in common) and discuss ways that you can share some of your possessions with others who have need of them.
9. Alleluia is a Hebrew word of joyful praise. Find where it is used in the Book of Psalms or Tobit. It is the word for the Easter season. Make a family banner and put it in your home. Better yet, put it on the outside of your home and share the good news with your neighbors. (Leave it up for the entire fifty days.)
10. Is there a cross hanging somewhere in your home? If not, consider helping children or grandchildren make one from paper, wood or purchase one as a visible symbol of Jesus' triumph.
11. Water is a primary symbol for the Church during Easter as we recall our baptism. Bring out the photos or videos of each person's baptism in your household and tell the stories of baptism!
12. We sing Christmas carols throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. What about the Easter songs? Are they heard in your home for fifty days? some ideas from Janet Schaeffler

CHECK OUT [www.50days.org](http://www.50days.org) "So we celebrate Easter Day...and we're done? But why? It's like taking hours upon hours to get ready for the big party and then staying at the party of the century for 10 minutes. Really? Why not celebrate? Why not stay at the party? Why not see what joy and life lessons this season can bring? Why not fully celebrate the Fifty Days of Easter? Welcome to 50 Days of Fabulous, a way to engage the season of Easter beyond just one day. Each day of the Easter season, which is, if you haven't guessed yet, a full 50 days (10 more than Lent), is a day to celebrate rebirth, light, resurrection, surprise, joy, and the triumph of life over death. In the daily reflections, based on scripture, saints, art, music, and whatever else inspires our fabulous contributors, we hope to invite our readers into this amazing party that is the Feast of the Resurrection."

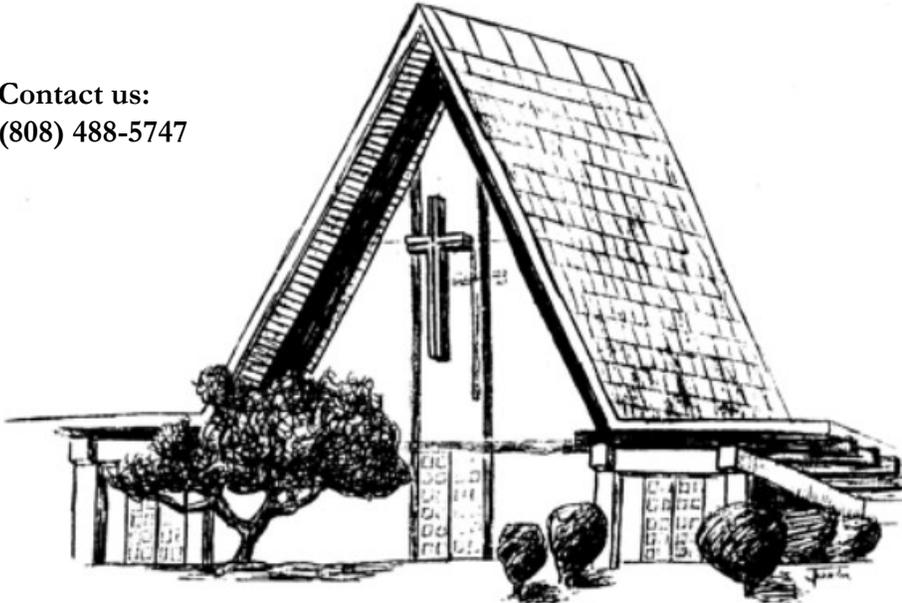
\*from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Duluth, MN, <https://www.stpaulsfaithformation.org/easterspring.html>

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## St. Timothy's Events

### Classes, Meetings, & Services

#### Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(in person and live streamed)  
10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(in person)

#### Wednesday

- 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study  
(online only)  
6:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer  
(live streamed only)  
7:00 p.m. - Adult Formation  
(online only)

### Calendar Highlights

#### April

- 1 Maundy Thursday Vigil  
2 Good Friday Liturgy  
3 Holy Saturday  
4 Easter Day  
11 Second Sunday in Easter  
13 Outreach Dinner  
18 Third Sunday in Easter  
Bishop's Committee Meeting  
25 Fourth Sunday in Easter  
27 Outreach Dinner