

Ka Leo o Timoteo

The voice of St. Timothy's

Holy is His Name: 2021

“and he was called Jesus” (Luke 2:21)

Dear St. Timothy's 'Ohana,

New Year's Day, January 1st, is the eight-day of Christmas and it is also a Feast Day that goes by two names: the Feast of the Holy Name and the Feast of the Circumcision. According to Jewish law, the male child of Mary and her husband Joseph is brought to the temple priest, circumcised, prayed for, and given a name. This tradition dates back to the time of Abraham where it is recorded in the book of Genesis. It served as the symbol of God's covenant with the Hebrews and continues even to this day in Jewish circles with great formality and ceremony. Jesus' name has meaning (Jesus comes from Yeshua, or Joshua, and means “God is my salvation.”) That Jesus is named reminds us how committed God is to us, to our existence, that God would choose to become human, vulnerable, one of us.

Names not only have meaning, they have power. In the Harry Potter series, the villain, Lord Voldemort, was often referred to as “he who must not be named” because people were afraid to say his name lest it invoke power. Names do have power- and our God has a name that we are not afraid to utter; one we willingly invoke in prayer and thanksgiving.

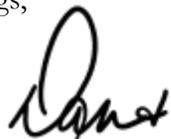
In the incarnation, God is loving us at face value and allows us to know a name, a face, and life lived among us in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. This is God expressing divinity within the confines of what it means to be human, within the limits of our existence. When God chooses a name, God, in a way, is choosing to limit how we see and how we understand who God is. But in giving a name to the Incarnation, to the Word made flesh that dwells among us, we do not limit the power of God. Despite attempts by those who would use God's name to consolidate their power and prestige and manipulate others, God gives us a name to call upon, Jesus, that is the very name of self-giving love and grace in the world.

No doubt names are a powerful thing. The giving of a name can have a profound effect on a child's life thereafter. In baptisms, at the moment which we immerse, or pour the water over the head of the baptized, do we not call them by name? In some traditions there is the given name and the baptismal name.

So then what are we to make of this naming thing? The Feast of the Holy Name was bestowing a blessing upon Jesus and religiously marked the beginning of a journey with God for the infant Jesus. Every New Year marks a beginning in each of our lives. The year 2021 takes on new significance in this time of pandemic. Despite the uncertainties of what lies ahead, it's a time to be reminded of God's blessing and grace. For me 2021 will see my 25th year of ordination and a continuing adventure in ministry here at St. Timothy's. There is light at the end of this pandemic tunnel but still, the ripple effects will be with us for some time to come. For us as a community, as people who call themselves Christians, we do not follow a “He who must not be named”, but “He who IS named” and each of us has been called by our own name: the name by which God knows us and the name by which we are made one in the body of Christ, through water and the Spirit.

We who are named, you and I are called to live into our baptism. We are called in examples of word and deed, to bring life, the message of God's redemptive love and compassion to a world that is filled with brokenness and confusion. We are called, as St. Francis of Assisi put it, to “preach the gospel, and where necessary, use words.” We are will call on the Holy Name of Jesus to light our path and show us the way.

Blessings,





Happy Birthday!

- 1/5 Inocencio Bacayan
Elizabeth Tucker
- 1/7 Edith Ozaki
- 1/8 Windy Steffens
- 1/12 Imelda Steffens
- 1/13 Janet Birch
Sofia Luczak
- 1/17 Leonila Parcon
- 1/22 Tom Luczak
- 1/23 Victoria Bacayan



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.



Flowers for 2021

We are looking to fill-up our flower book for the upcoming year. If you have a special day coming up and would like to commemorate the event with a beautiful arrangement of flowers and at the same time beautifying our altar please sign-up today. The arrangements are \$45 each, payments can be made by cash or check.

Cash: please use a small envelope at the main entrance and write "altar flowers and your name".

Check: please write altar flowers in memo section. Mahalo!



Around Campus:

- Hale Hau'oli Hawai'i Adult Day Care
- Kama'aina Kids Preschool
- ACES Hawai'i (Autism Educational Services)
- Big Brother Big Sisters Donation Bin
- AA (Check AA for online meetings)
- Al-Anon (Wednesday 7 PM, Lanai)

Treasurer's Tidings

As each of us look forward to the new year, we also look back into 2020. That look will probably include your efforts toward supporting St. Timothy's. With Covid, we haven't seen each other to share fellowship and information as we did pre-Covid. While our annual meeting will cover the full report, these are some highlights that might interest you.

- 11 of St. Tim's congregants donated \$1,795 during the Give Aloha Campaign. Your donor generosity resulted in a matching donation of \$425.
- Our Annual BBQ - despite the pandemic - sold 600 tickets, netting \$6,182.
- We were awarded 5 grants (\$62,644) from the federal and state governments, Hawaii Energy, and the Diocese. These grants were designed to assist businesses facing pandemic hardships and were restricted to expenses related to payroll, utilities, communications, and an exterior lighting project. We are unlikely to see these kinds of grants in 2021.
- Our portfolio only gained \$2,284 January to September. With the 4th quarter up-tic in the investment market, our 4th quarter earnings should see a jump, although those numbers won't be known until mid to late January.
- The Diocese forgave the balance of our 2019 assessment (\$95,000). We paid our 2020 assessment in full (\$65,000). Due to the pandemic grants, we did not have to borrow against our portfolio, nor did we incur any new debt. While we don't have the 2021 assessment amount as yet, we believe it will be similar to the 2020 assessment.
- Only 47 pledge cards have come in for 2021, but we are thrilled to have two new pledges! Normally we see closer to 57 pledges and the pledged amounts remain at the 2020 level. This means we have no new wriggle room in our annual budget.
- Volunteers have reduced cost through dedicated hours of landscaping, plant care, newsletters, bookkeeping, altar guild, altar flowers, fund raisers like the Easter and Christmas pot-plant sales, the Paniolo BBQ effort, Christmas Card sales, minor repairs across the campus, and housekeeping. Well done! If we had tracked all those hours, we would have some fabulous bragging rights!



Looking forward to 2021, several points must be made. While we are entering the year with no debt, it is unlikely we will see \$63,000 in grants again. Projected rental income is the lowest it's been in a decade. 2021 pledges have not increased as we had hoped. We are unsure of our ability to conduct adequate fundraising. Upshot is that it will be another financially constrained year. Having read that, you may be asking yourself "what can I do?" Some suggestions include:

- Return your pledge card if you have not already done so.
- Consider pledging if you do not normally pledge. Many of you donate regularly, and we are very grateful for that diligence. But a pledge card helps the Bishop Committee prepare the budget – and recognize shortfalls before they overtake us. For those of you who may be new to the pledging, a pledge is not a "bill" or a "contract". It is a promise that you will do the best you can to meet the promise. If you find you cannot meet the pledge – we all have unexpected expenses – your pledge can be adjusted.
- If you have already pledged and think you can do more, just complete a new card. Or call or email. This truly helps with our budget.
- Consider regular or intermittent special gifts if you can. These gifts can go to normal operating costs or can be designated for a specific purpose.
- Volunteer. We can always use help in the office, the mowing, the hedge trimming, altar guild, minor repairs and maintenance, bookkeeping, property management ... you name the skill or talent and we can use it.
- Consider sitting on the Bishop's Committee, the stewardship committee, the facilities committee, or the fundraiser committee. As with all tasks, "the more the merrier" or "many hands make light work". Free training as needed!

Thank you all for what you have done during this very difficult year. You have remained faithful to God, your family, your church and your community. With your continued presence, with your prayers, we will have better news in December 2021.

- Jana Dove



Christmas Eve
Services
2020





Proclamation of the Date of Easter on Epiphany

On Epiphany, there is a tradition of announcing in the Epiphany Mass the key dates of the liturgical year. The Proclamation of the Date of Easter on Epiphany dates as far back as the 5th century and is from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter. Although modern calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. Though we do not chant these dates in our celebration of the Eucharist, it is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.

Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us,
and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return.
Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.
Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord:
his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising
celebrated between the evening of the 1st of April
and the evening of the 4th of April.
Each Easter - as on each Sunday - the Holy Church makes present
the great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death.
From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.
Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the 17th of February.
The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on the 13th of May.
Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter,
will be celebrated on the 23rd of May.
And this year, the first Sunday of Advent will be on the 28th of November.
Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ
in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints,
and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.
To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history,
be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

For more info you can check out this resource on the web:

<https://chasingchurches.com/2019/01/11/epiphany-proclamation-easter/>



Regarding the Annual Meeting: the Annual Meeting this year will be online via Zoom

There will be a link posted on our Church Website. A General Q&A Zoom “Test” meeting will be on Sunday, January 17th between the two services from 9:15-9:45AM. This will “test” the connection and try the voting/polling feature of Zoom. Please join us if you can.

At the Annual Meeting: Elections for Bishop’s Committee and Convention Delegates

What’s the difference and what do they do?

The Bishop’s Committee of Saint Timothy’s has the responsibility of advancing the mission of our mission parish, which is to create a place of belonging where Christ’s love is known and shared through our worship and outreach. Each year we nominate new candidates for the open positions on the Bishop’s Committee.

Candidates for the Bishop’s Committee – 2 positions available

The Bishop’s Committee welcomes and thrives on diversity in background, skills and experience and many different qualifications may make a person an excellent candidate. Listed below are some general guidelines for BC member qualifications:

Delegates to Diocesan Convention: 6 positions available (4 delegates, 2 alternates).

The Diocesan Convention is the primary representative governing body of the diocese. It convenes annually in October, to conduct diocesan business, including election of officers and members of various leadership bodies; approval of a budget for the upcoming year; setting mission strategy; and establishing diocesan policy and procedure by considering and voting on resolutions and approving changes to the diocesan constitution and canons. It is also an occasion for communication and teaching from the bishop; learning about and participating in shared mission and ministry; fellowship, community building and common prayer; and celebration of the Holy Eucharist together as a diocesan community.

Delegates from St. Timothy’s represent our congregation to the Diocesan Convention and are “seated” for the entire year. Members of Convention may also stand for election to other diocesan leadership bodies such as Diocesan Council, Commission on Ministry or Standing Committee. Very occasionally, a special session of Diocesan Convention is called in addition to the annual meeting for a specific purpose, such as the election of a new bishop.

20 + C + M + B + 21: A Formula for Blessing

Christmas is filled with a variety of traditions. There are carols we sing, Christmas Trees and wreathes we decorate, and of course there are gifts. We are all too familiar with the story of the Magi or the three wise men who recognize the star in the East to be a royal sign and follow it to the manger. There they open their gifts and present to the Christ child, gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Epiphany (also known as Three Kings Day) on January 6th includes a time honored Christian tradition of “chalking the doors” and the blessings of homes. The formula for the ritual, adapted for 2021 – is simple. Take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance to your home: 20 + C + M + B + 21



The letters have two meanings. The first is that they represent the names of the Magi- Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar (Christian tradition has held on to these names, the Magi are not named in scripture). The Magi came to visit Jesus and offered their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Second the letters “C M B” also abbreviate *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs are signs of the cross, and “20” and “21” at the beginning and end represent the year. Taken together the inscription is a prayer for Christ to bless the home and to stay with those who live within its walls throughout the entire year.

This practice is centuries old and though not as common in the United States, I hope it will be something you consider doing. It is an easy tradition to adopt, and a wonderful way to dedicate our homes and ourselves to God at the start of the new year. The chalking can be done at any church, home, or dwelling. It can be done by a priest, but I encourage families to perform this ritual on their own. The blessing can be performed by simply writing the inscription and offering a short prayer- more elaborate observances include processions through the house, the lighting of candles, the burning of incense, and the sprinkling of holy water!

The chalking of doors invites us to take our faith and put it into action. How will we live out our faith this year? We are not done with COVID and it will be with us for the foreseeable future. But the guiding light of the Star points us to the direction of hope. Our homes are places where we have spent much time in the pandemic year- they are our sanctuaries- holy places where we come to God in prayer.

Seeing the symbols over our doors can help to remind us, in our coming and going, that our homes and all those who dwell therein belong to Christ.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk*, mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 21

saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God’s Son who became human two thousand and twenty-one years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then say the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen.

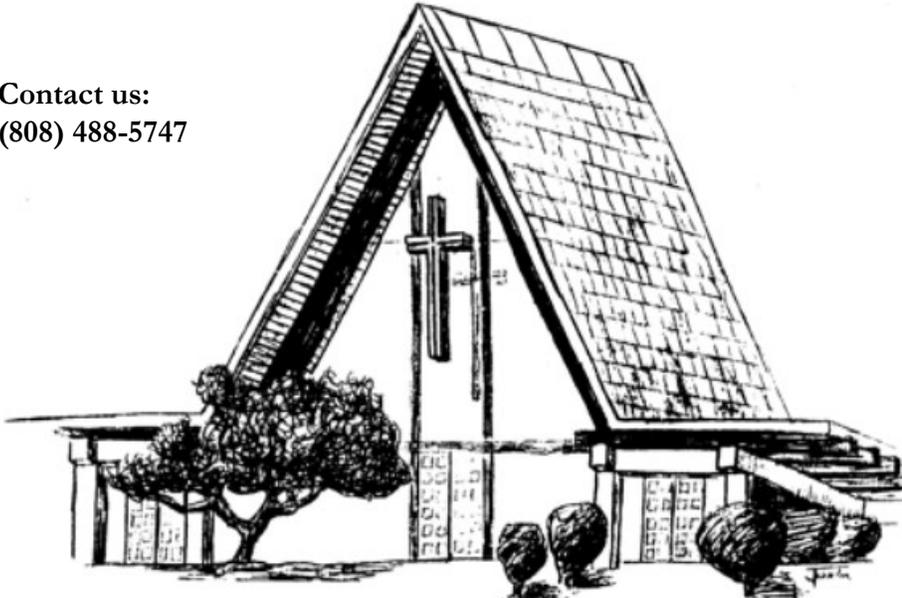
*Blessed chalk can be picked up at the church during the season of Epiphany. If you can’t pick it up on Sunday mornings, please call the church office so that we can have it ready for you to pick up at another time.

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From St. Timothy's archives

St. Timothy's Events

Classes, Meetings, & Services

Sunday

8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II
(in person and live streamed)

10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II
(in person)

Wednesday

11:00 AM - Bible Study
(online only)

6:00 PM - Evening Prayer
(live streamed only)

7:00 PM - Adult Formation
(online only)

Calendar Highlights

January

- 3 Second Sunday after Christmas
- 10 First Sunday after the Epiphany
- 12 Outreach Dinner
- 17 Second Sunday after the Epiphany
- 24 Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Annual Meeting
- 26 Outreach Dinner
- 31 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

