

Ka Leo o Timoteo

The voice of St. Timothy's

God's Presence in the Background

“Perhaps you were born for such a time as this” (Esther 4:14)

Dear St. Timothy's 'Ohana,

Sunday, June 20, 2021 will be a day to remember. Yes, it was Father's Day. A day, like Mother's Day, when we recognize and honor those in our lives who have been fathers, grandfathers, and other father figures that have formed and shaped us. But then you surprised me with a wonderful celebration.

As I said in my email letter to the congregation, this year marked the 25th anniversary of my ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church. Perhaps as part of this month's Newsletter, it might help to share my own story of faith that has brought me to you and to this moment now 25 years later.

Being ordained a priest was not a lifelong dream. In fact, I aspired to a more technical field of work when I majored in Mathematics at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UH). I hoped to enter into Actuary Science and use my mathematical skills to make a successful financial living (I remember I was thinking this when I was in my 20's). Actuaries are a lot like CPA's and must complete a series of qualifying exams. The day came in my Junior year of University that I could take the first exam. I studied the prep booklet and paid the testing fee. One fateful Saturday morning in a windowless room in downtown Honolulu, I sat for the exam. The moment I saw the very first problem on the test, I knew, without a doubt, I was not going to be an actuary.

Years ago, while still in high school at Hawai'i Baptist Academy, a seed was planted by Fr. Peter VanHorne, my rector at Epiphany Church at the time. He once asked me if I had ever considered becoming a priest. At the time I said no, but that question once again came into focus. As I entered my Senior year at UH, I also entered the process for Ordination. I graduated from UH in the Spring of 1993 and that Fall entered the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas where I would live and study for the next 3 years until I was ordained to the transitional diaconate on June 25, 1996 and then to the priesthood on January 6, 1997. But, there were no church openings for me in Hawai'i back then so I served as a Curate/Associate priest at St. John's Episcopal Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma (1996-1999) and then moved to California to serve as chaplain to two separate schools: St. Margaret of Scotland, San Juan Capistrano (1999-2002), and St. Mary and All Angels, Aliso Viejo (2002-2005). Charmaine and I were ready to move back home when the offer to work at 'Iolani School came open. I would serve them from 2005-2018, at which point I left the school to come to St. Timothy's.

The Book of Esther is unique in the Bible. It is the only book of the Bible that does not mention the name of God even once. Yet God's presence is very evident in the background. As I reflect on this 25 year journey in ordained ministry, God's presence has been evident in the background. In my spiritual journey, there was no voice, no vision or dream, no clear moment when God spoke to me to say, “Dan, you should be a priest.” But I realize that God has been there all along, from the moment of my birth, through the waters of my baptism, in the love from people in my life, and in the love of the communities, like St. Tim's, I have been a part of working out God's own plan.

Thank you again for a wonderful celebration- not just of my years of ministry, but of the Spirit's movement among our congregation of St. Timothy's. None of us knows what the future will hold, especially as our lives continue to shift to the changes in the pandemic, now replete with variants, but we do not despair. If Esther has anything to teach us, it is that God is at work even when we cannot see or perceive that working making it possible for us to more than we could ever imagine. Thanks be to God.

Blessings,





Happy Birthday!

- 7/2 Darralyn Hirose
- 7/4 Glenn Biven
- Jarvis Losbog
- 7/6 Ned Schultz
- 7/10 Kurt Eschbach
- 7/13 Evan Barney
- 7/20 Jon Kiyosaki
- 7/23 Mandy Mahuka
- 7/30 Claire Parcon

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Called to Active Duty



St. Timothy's 'Ohana,

In case the word has not reached you by email blast, I have been called to serve as the Joint Task Force Chaplain in support of the State of Hawai'i's COVID response. I will be on orders from July 1 – September 30.

As the Joint Task Force Chaplain, I will provide spiritual support for the remaining members of the Hawai'i Army and Air National Guard who provide additional skills and manpower as airport screeners, contact tracers, vaccination clinics and other services.

How will this impact St. Timothy's? The Joint Task Force responsibilities are varied, but still allow me to be present on Sundays and most evenings. I will be based out of Diamond Head Operations Center and at the Joint Task Force offices at Kalaeloa (old Barber's Point Naval Air station). I am still available for pastoral emergencies, funerals, and special needs. You will still here from me in the Newsletter, the announcements, and via the email blast.

This activation was quite unexpected and I thank you for your prayers and support.

Congratulations Class of 2021!



Congratulations Kayleigh for graduating from St. Andrew's Priory! Best wishes and prayers as you start the next leg of your journey at California State University Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime).

Parish Staff

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

'Ohana Sundays - One Lord, One Faith,
One 'Ohana. Summer 2021

Beginning this Summer, one Sunday a month (usually the first Sunday) will be designated an 'Ohana Sunday. On 'Ohana Sundays there will be a single Eucharist at 9am followed by fellowship outdoors in the courtyard (weather permitting). The goal on these Sundays is to bring together the two congregational worship times into one and remind us that we are one church, one 'Ohana.

Please mark your calendars for a single service on:

- August 1
- September 5
- October 3
- November 7 (All Saints Sunday)
- December 5 (Advent 2)

Changes to St. Timothy's Outreach

by Paul Mahuka

Aloha St. Tim's 'Ohana,

Our Outreach program is seeing some changes from the Hawaii Food Bank (HFB) and in order to maintain our shopping privileges with them, we need to change with the times. The reason for the Food Bank changes is to maximize the effectiveness of the entities out in the "field," and by reducing the amount of smaller organizations, HFB hopes that they will consolidate within their geographical areas to serve those in greatest need.

HFB's new minimum standard for outreach programs is for a food distribution time span of 8 hours per month, operating at least once a week. This time frame does not include preparations of hot meals or grocery bags. Our previous outreach schedule was the 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 4:30pm-6pm serving both a hot meal and a grocery bag. Our new schedule implementing HFB's newest guidelines are operating every Tuesday of the month, with hot meals continuing to be served on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 4:30pm-6pm, and all other Tuesdays will have a Pantry distribution of grocery bags from 4pm-6pm.

By embarking on this new generation of the St. Timothy's Outreach program, we will maintain our purchasing privileges with HFB and have the opportunity to serve a greater number within our community.

As I type this, I feel an obligation to graciously request for volunteer help. If you are able to set aside 2 hours on a Tuesday to assist with distribution, we could really use the help. Please call me in the office at 488-5747 for more information.

Mahalo,
Paul Mahuka, Outreach Volunteer



Camp Mokule'ia Reflection

by Elias Mahuka



My name is Elias Mahuka. I'm 11 years old and I will be in the sixth grade. I enjoy playing outside with my friends, I also like playing video games and playing with my dog Capone.

The day I got to camp Mokule'ia I met 2 of my cabin-mates Porter and William. We talked about video games for a while. Later on, we all met in the main room of the cabin and talked about ourselves and got to know each other better by playing games and introducing ourselves. Mr. Andrew and Ms. Kennedy were nice, they were my group leaders. We named our group the Coconuts because of the "pet" coconut we found.

We did fun things like playing at the beach and pool, zip-lining and hanging out and making new friends. My favorite thing to do was the zipline. It was really fun and fast. We only got to do it one time, but I'd like to go again.

All of our meals were outside next to the water because we couldn't eat in the cafeteria because of COVID. The meals were good, I had scrambled eggs for the first time, and it wasn't too bad. We also had lot of fun treats like milk and cookies, smores and candies that my dad put into my bag.

I had lots of fun at camp. I really would like to do it again next year.



St. Timothy's Facilities Update

Originally built in 1970, the church and the adjoining Ewa offices were the first facilities here on the Moanalua Road campus, followed by the Preschool and Sumida Hall. The Bishop's Committee works hard to ensure that we are good stewards of God's gifts. It identifies and prioritizes security, maintenance, and repair needs to ensure a safe campus that parishioners, tenants, and guests can enjoy. Currently, the following areas and needs are being addressed:

Campus trees: The monkeypod trees that surround our campus are scheduled to be trimmed in July. Many of the branches hang low over the fence into the Harbor Pointe parking area as well as over the sidewalk along Moanalua Road. Regular maintenance and trimming of the trees help to maintain a healthy canopy. The two large monkeypod trees on either side of the entrance to our campus are a cause for concern as their roots are intruding and lifting areas of the parking lot. In future, these non-native trees (considered and introduced as an invasive species) will need to be dealt with before they cause more serious damage to the entrance way.

School area concrete: A portion of the cement sidewalk in the pre-school area has cracked due to spalling. The area has been clearly marked and coned off for safety reasons. The entire section of stairs will need to be removed and replaced. Estimates for the repair work are still on going, but no work is scheduled as of publication.

COVID-19 Update: Honolulu is in "TIER 4"

What does Tier 4 mean for us? There are no restrictions on worship attendance provided we keep to physical distancing. Non-worship gatherings (Bible studies, Outreach work, BC Meetings), as well as support meetings may gather (10 indoors, 25 outdoors) and outdoor gatherings are permitted. Funerals are allowed, with conditions for when food or drinks are served. Sunday Aloha/Coffee Hour is an extension of our worship service and is permitted under Tier 4.



2nd Annual 'Aiea Complex School Supply Drive

St. Timothy's will be hosting the 'Aiea Complex School Supply Drive, which will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Various community organizations have come together to coordinate a school supply drive for these 'Aiea schools:

- 'Aiea High School
- 'Aiea Elementary School
- 'Aiea Intermediate School
- Alvah Scott Elementary School
- Gus Webling Elementary School
- Pearlridge Elementary School
- Waimalu Elementary School

There will also be a sweet treats pre-sale whose proceeds benefit the drive. Please contact the church office with any questions regarding pre-sale purchases.

2nd Annual Aiea Complex School Supply Drive

(honoring Senator Breene Harimoto)

"Keeping our schools safe and clean from COVID-19"

DRIVE-UP/DROP-OFF DONATION EVENT



Date: Saturday, July 10, 2021
Place: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
98-939 Moanalua Road, Aiea
Time: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Senator Harimoto was a strong advocate for education and this event seeks to honor his legacy by supporting our Aiea Complex schools in time of need

Face masks required & social distancing will be enforced

Mahalo to the following sponsoring organizations:

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| Aiea High School PTSO | Mocha's General Store |
| Aiea Community Association | Office of Councilmember Brandon Elefante |
| Aiea High School Alumni Assoc. | Office of Representative Aaron Johanson |
| Chaleh Brown | Office of Representative Sam Kong |
| HomeStreet Bank | Office of Senator Bennette Misalucha |
| Jene Dezigns | Office of Senator Donna Mercado Kim |
| Kawaii Clothing & Accessories | St. Timothy's Episcopal Church |
| KZOO Radio | 808 Craft and Gift Fairs |
| Mana-Loa Nimitz Lions | |



We Need Your Help



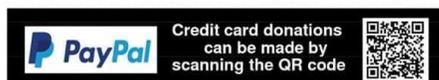
We are accepting the following school and cleaning supplies:

- All school supplies
- Disinfecting wipes
- Hand sanitizer (60% alcohol and higher)
- Antibacterial liquid soap
- Paper/cloth face masks
- Face shields
- Non-latex disposable gloves
- Paper towels/tissue papers

Monetary donations are accepted and appreciated

Please send to:

Aiea High School PTSO
 P.O. Box 1312
 Aiea, Hawaii 96701



Questions? Please call (808) 382-7713 or email: AieaHSPTS@yaho.com
<https://aieaschoolsupplydrive.weebly.com/>

*Aiea High School PTSO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
 contributions are tax-deductible*



Mokule‘ia Counselor Volunteers

Mahalo nui loa to the group of counselors at Camp Mokule‘ia who volunteered around campus. One group did a deep clean of the Outreach pantry and put together food bags for distribution to the Outreach guests. Another group cleared weeds and dug out roots in the raised planter box. Others raked under the Kukui trees and cleaned up the plant beds behind the church. A pair of workers cut and hung new vertical blinds in the middle office and artistically hand decorated the valance. Another paired helped cut vegetables for the Outreach dinner. After lunch, they helped us put the Books of Common Prayer and Hymnals back into the pews.

After working hard all day, they even stayed to help with Outreach dinner and Pantry distribution that evening.

A group of them returned the following week to de-bug and clean out the shed. We were blessed to have them on campus and are thankful for all the hard work they did.



Back row: James W., Andrew C., Jessica P., Olivia R., Luke L., Spencer H.
 Middle row: Lorynn C., Katie C., Kennedy M., Mario M.
 Front row: Matson O., Scott F., Ruth K., Fr. Dan





Fr. Dan's 25th Anniversary Celebration on Father's Day Sunday

by Jana Dove

St. Timothy's has a newly earned reputation for stealth and intrigue! Anyone who knows Fr. Dan knows that he prides himself on having his finger on the pulse of the St. Timothy Family. Despite that, St. Timothy's pulled off the surprise celebration of this decade!

The back story is that while completing some paperwork for the Diocese, the anniversary of Fr. Dan's ordination came to light. The Bishop's Committee decided that celebrating this anniversary would be "mete and right so to do" after a long 14 months of Covid controls. And we decided to do this as a surprise. Who doesn't love a surprise, right?

So, letters went out to every family on the church directory explaining the surprise and asking everyone to complete a "congratulations" card. We expected that many congregants would ask about gifts, so we suggested donations toward a new alb and a custom stole. The letter mentioned a new 25th Anniversary alb that could serve as back-up to Fr. Dan's much cherished ordination alb (that he most likely will NOT retire). The custom stole will be his choice of color, fabric, and design to best represent his first 25 years as a deacon and priest.

Father's Day Sunday was the logical date to celebrate because June 20 was close to his June 25th anniversary date. Also, the holiday served as subterfuge for our first post-Covid fellowship and for combining the two morning services. We wanted everyone to attend at one time. Fr. Dan thought it was odd that Jane Murakami, the Bishop's Warden, was so insistent, but he said, "okay, let's do it."

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Fr. Dan's 25th Anniversary Celebration (continued)

So, the event planning began rolling: Daughters of the King took care of the refreshments, invitations stealthily went out to Fr. Dan's family, Adele Thomas planned the mid-service announcement of the celebration, a huge group of volunteers paid special effort to the church interior and the landscaping, gift donations were banked, congratulatory cards were collected into a custom keepsake binder, lei were ordered, cakes and muffins were baked, and we even received a donation of popcorn and cupcakes for that morning.

The outcome was outstanding! Fr. Dan was almost speechless, certainly flabbergasted. 88 people attended service and essentially all stayed to congratulate Fr. Dan face-to-face. The donations for the alb and stole far exceeded expectations, creating a nice contribution for his personal use. We did suggest it could be toward a vacation... He's earned one, he deserves one, and with Covid restrictions lifting, it hopefully will be one of the best ever for Fr. Dan and his family.

If you would like to view the June 20th service, you can visit St. Timothy's Facebook or YouTube pages. They can also be accessed at: <https://www.sttimothysaiea.org/eworship.html>.

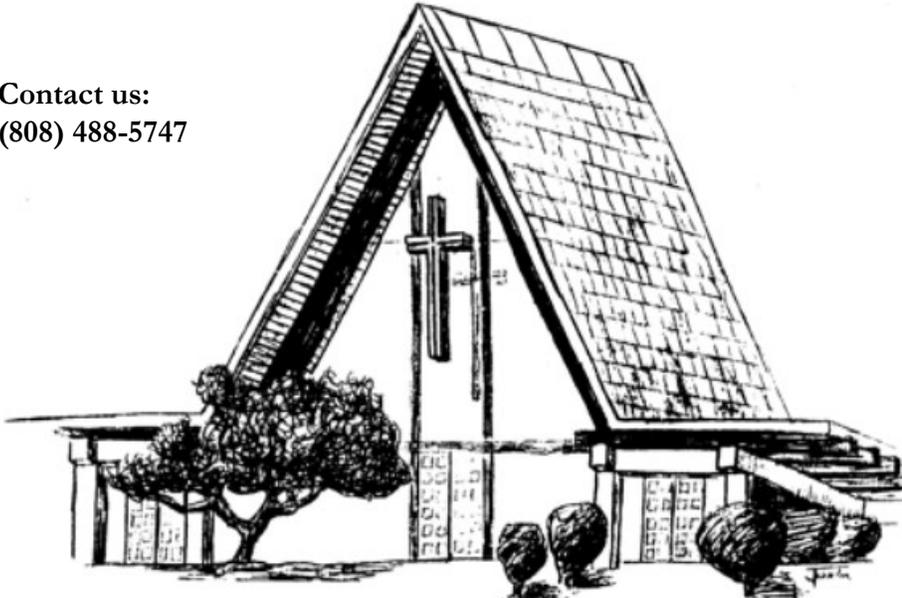


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From St. Timothy's archives

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

July

4 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
'Ohana Sunday 9:00 a.m. Service:
Reservations Required

6 Outreach Pantry

11 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

13 Outreach Pantry & Dinner

18 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Bishop's Committee Meeting

20 Outreach Pantry

25 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

27 Outreach Pantry & Dinner