

# Ka Leo o Timoteo

## The voice of St. Timothy's

“I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips” – Psalm 34:1

St. Timothy's 'Ohana.

We are quickly approaching the end of the year and what a year it has been! We are living in “COVID-tide” or the pandemic of the last 8 months and have endured change after change. We changed our behaviors; hoarded toilet paper and paper towels until the shelves were bare; altered or cancelled travel plans, social gatherings, and parties; had to settle for takeout instead of sit down restaurants; summer days at the beach didn't happen in 2020; and we still cannot find Clorox wipes of any kind. With each change what we long for is for a return to the past- to a time when wearing a mask was something only medical people wore when they were performing a procedure; now it's an everyday necessity.

November is that month when our attention is drawn toward Christmas with Thanksgiving thrown in the middle of it like the side of cranberries you serve with the turkey. Some in public-health have called for “Cancel Thanksgiving 2020” in light of the risks associated with gathering people from different households. The caution is warranted and even for the Leatherman family we will forego our years long tradition of getting together with our families for turkey dinner. This year we will “cook and Zoom” in a Zoom-giving gathering staying in our own homes but still connecting with family. It's not the same. But we can still give thanks. In 2020, it will have to suffice for the loving sake of family and friends.

Often, we overlook thanksgiving and gratitude as a spiritual value that helps us to celebrate the good in the world around us and appreciate the work of God. As we have endured the changes and challenges of COVID-tide, learning to notice the good takes practice. We do not need to look for big, miraculous things to be grateful for. Jesus showed us that gratitude can begin with very little - a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish! (Mark 6:37-44). During the course of each day, make it a point to notice one thing that is good: a rainbow, the laughter of your child or grandchild; when a recipe turns out right; the way a friend or partner smiles at you- anything can prompt gratitude.

Even though there are so many losses associated with the pandemic, there are still moments in and through our faith that we can be thankful. I am grateful to all of you, the St. Timothy's 'Ohana for the way you pray and care for each other even when it is so hard. You take each other food, pick up Forward Day-by-Day devotionals, make phone calls, and so much more. Each one, however small, is evidence of God's love in action. Thanks be to God.

Blessings,





## Happy Birthday!

- 11/1 Marisa Losbog  
Johnathon Tucker
- 11/15 Jimette Sequin
- 11/16 Ester Baclaan
- 11/25 Warin Forsythe  
Shirley Tom



## Anniversaries

Daniel & Charmaine  
Leatherman

## 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).

## Poinsettia Update

Alluvion Farms, our traditional supplier of poinsettia for our Christmas services, is not able to import additional plants this year. They are only able to sell us a very limited quality of 20 RED and 20 WHITE plants. It is clear that this year’s Christmas service decorations will be lean on poinsettia. As beautiful as it is to surround the Creche with finery, perhaps this year serves as a reminder that at that first birth, Jesus was surrounded by straw, hay, and all that a stable had to offer. We have ordered what we can from Alluvion Farms and continue to check in with them for updates and availability. In the end, that the Christ child is born among us is what we celebrate on Christmas Eve. 6” Poinsettia pots are \$15 each. Please contact Paul at the office to reserve yours.



## Report from the Bishop’s Committee

ST. TIMOTHY’S  
CHURCH



BISHOP’S COMMITTEE

At the October Bishop’s Committee meeting, the BC received a report on St Timothy’s campus. Hale Hau’oli Hawai’i Adult Day Care is now open and accepting clients. They have installed security cameras and have done many other improvements around Sumida Hall. ACES, an educational services company, now occupies the building makai of the pre-school. They plan to open mid-November.

The Diocese has forgiven \$95,000, which is the balance of our 2019 Diocesan Assessment. This amount was originally slated to be paid back over a 7 year period, however in light of present circumstances, the Diocesan Council voted to forgive the remainder of this long-term debt. We will need to make good on this year’s 2020 Assessment. The COVID pandemic has impacted our tenant rents, pledges and other donations and we are projecting a \$10,000 shortfall even after receiving several grants. The 2021 Budget is being prepared in time for our **Annual Meeting on January 24.**

We received an energy efficiency grant for \$2,400 for security lighting upgrades to the campus. We have applied for additional funds to replace Air conditioning units in the Choir Room and Outreach room.

GIVE ALOHA CAMPAIGN: the Foodland Give Aloha Campaign brought in \$1,396.00. This was much lower than last year, but taking into the account the challenges of the pandemic and getting the word out to church members, it wasn’t bad. WAY TO GO!

### 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 7p, Lanai)

## What is ADVENT?

Advent 1 (Nov 29):

A new liturgical year is upon us. Of the 6 church seasons (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost), what is Advent? The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word, *adventus* which means "coming." This is the season where we prepare for the coming of Christ. The readings in this season are often directed to Jesus' second coming - his promised return. In the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a time of preparation for baptism of new Christians at the January Feast of the Epiphany. By the 6th century, Advent was connected to the coming of Christ. This coming was not so much about the birth of the Christ child, but of his second coming in the clouds (Lo! He comes on clouds descending) as the judge of the world.



Today, Advent is a season that lasts 4 Sundays leading up until Christmas (which includes not just Christmas Day, but the "season" of 12 days from Dec 25 through Jan 6, Epiphany). Advent always begins on the Sunday that falls between November 27th and December 3rd of each year.

This important season of the church year is often overshadowed by holiday celebrations, shopping, lights and decorations, and joyful cards. Advent is all that and more. Advent is intended to be a season of fasting (like Lent) as well as a time of reflection on the violence and evil in the world. We cry out to God for justice, asking the Almighty to make the world right and to put death's dark shadows to flight. We are need of God's grace and we pray for the Holy Spirit to renew its work in shaping us into the image of Christ.

While Advent is certainly a time of celebration and anticipation of Christ's birth, it is more than that. It is only in the shadow of Advent that the miracle of Christmas can be fully understood and appreciated; and it is only in the light of Christmas that the Christian life makes any sense. The promise for Israel and the promise for the church is Jesus Christ; he has come, and he will come again. This is the essence of Advent.

One catechism describes Advent spirituality beautifully:

"When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: 'He must increase, but I must decrease.'"

Why do we use blue in Advent? Blue helps us differentiate this season from Lent. Advent can be somewhat penitential in its orientation given its approach of Christ's second coming and final judgement. Purple or violet as the color of penance and sacrifice is first used during Lent and in later traditions during Advent in Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches. However, Blue is neither new or inappropriate. Since the 11th century, "Sarum blue" was used in Advent and the Mozarabic Church (from the Iberian Peninsula) dates the use of blue to the 8th century. After the Protestant Reformation (16th Cent) a number of churches chose blue for Advent as well. In Russian Orthodox churches, red vestments are worn during Advent.

Check out this video: "Advent in 2 Minutes" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S02KOlw7dIA>

Advent Resources: <http://www.ecfvp.org/tools/advent-resources/>

## Pastoral Care



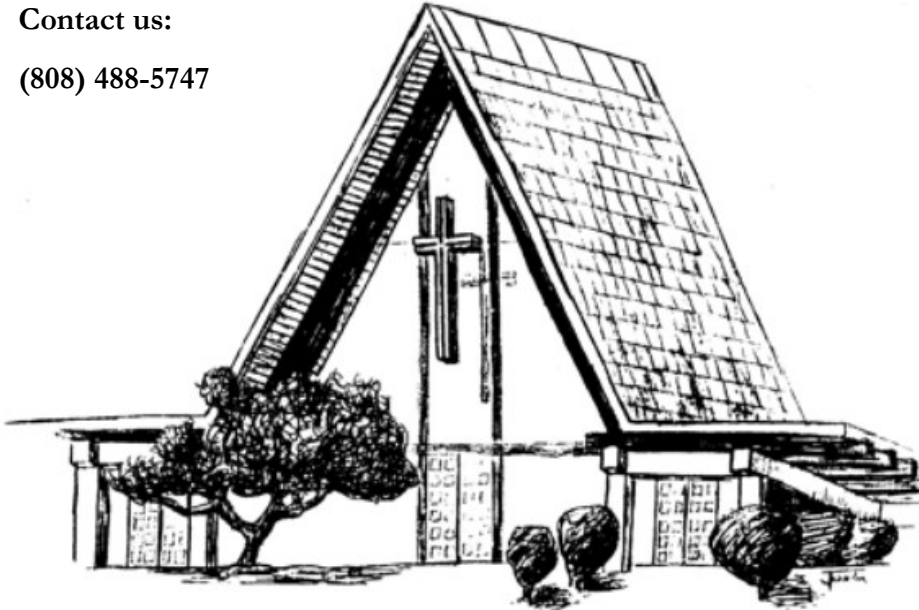
Over the past few months, I have been able to visit with some of you but I do miss ALL of you in our St. Timothy's 'Ohana. I have been reluctant to physically call on folks given the rise in the number of positive cases on the Island of O'ahu and it did not seem wise to go from one house to the next. When I have been asked to visit, we have sat outside and took precautions such as masks and social distancing. I have also done Zoom/video calls and spoken on the phone with those who do not feel up for a face-to-face visit. How can we stay connected and how best can I minister to you and your family? Would you appreciate a phone call, a video chat, a driveway/carport connection? Can someone you know use a birthday prayer or a video moment with Cinnamon my pet rabbit? I will find a way to make it happen. Email me at [daniel.leatherman@sttimothyseaiea.org](mailto:daniel.leatherman@sttimothyseaiea.org) or call my direct line at 380-6190.



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## 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)

### November Calendar Highlights

- 10 Outreach Dinner
- 22 Bishop's Committee Meeting 12 - 2 PM  
Christ the King Sunday (Holy Sovereigns)
- 24 Outreach Dinner. Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberries, gravy, and pumpkin pie
- 26 Thanksgiving Day, 10 AM Eucharist
- 29 First Sunday of Advent

### Holiday Services

Thanksgiving Day: 10 AM Thursday, Nov 26

Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve: 6 PM and 11 PM (Midnight Mass); Christmas Day: 10 AM