

NEWS OF ST PETER'S

MARCH 2026

LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK HAPPENINGS

During the season of Lent we have many wonderful opportunities for worship, fellowship, service and learning.

TWO MIDWEEK worship Opportunities: Each week during Lent we will gather together in the Sanctuary on **Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm** for a time of worship and Contemplative Prayer.

We will continue to gather on **Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm** for Jazz Vespers followed by a light supper in the Parish Hall.

Each Sunday evening at 5:30 pm Pastor Ruth is leading session for those wishing to be **Confirmed** at the Regional Confirmation service on April 4th at the Easter Vigil service at the Cathedral of St. Andrews.

On **Saturday, March 21st** we will gather in the sanctuary at 10:30 am—noon for any who wish to be trained (or need to renew their license!) as a Licensed Eucharistic Minister. Coffee will be on by 10:00 am.

On **Saturday, March 28th** we will gather to prepare for Palm Sunday and Holy Week: you are invited to help **fold Palm Crosses** to be distributed during our Palm Sunday worship (we need about 200!), and we also need those willing to provide elbow grease to polish our pews and other areas of the sanctuary in need of loving care. (Our Koa pews are beautiful, but require hard work to maintain that beauty!)

On **Sunday, March 29th** we will welcome **Bishop Fitzpatrick for his last Visitation as the Bishop of the Diocese of Hawaii.**

And each week our Children's Christian Adventure on Sunday mornings and mid-week Bible study on Wednesday mornings continue.

Please mark your calendars for all these wonderful opportunities!

LENTEN MITE OFFERING

During this season of Lent, we invite you to collect coins and bills for deposit in the large Lenten jar that will be in the Sanctuary each Sunday or to collect your offerings at home and return it by Easter Sunday. These Lenten offerings will be sent to Pacific Health Ministry. Through your support, hospital chaplains provide compassionate spiritual care to patients, families, and healthcare staff in moments of crisis, uncertainty, illness, and suffering. Chaplains inspire hope in hospitals and care settings on Oahu, Kauai, and Maui. Mahalo for embodying Aloha through your faithful giving and partnership in this healing ministry.

IN MEMORIUM

We are saddened to report that another dear member of the St. Peter's community has passed away. Albert Wong died on Monday, February 23 after a brief hospital stay. His funeral will be **Saturday, March 14 at 11:00 am** (Visitation will be at 10:00 am). There will be a reception to follow.

There will be a funeral for Bert Fong on **Saturday, March 7th at 11:00 am** (Visitation will be at 10:00 am). There will be a reception to follow.

Please plan to come and share your Aloha with their families.

CONFIRMATION/BAPTISM/RECEPTION AND REAFFIRMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in preparing for Confirmation or Reception or Reaffirmation, or are you simply wanting to explore what it means to live out your Christian Faith? There will be a 5 week Inquirer's Class via Zoom on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 beginning Sunday, March 1. All those who complete this class will be encouraged to participate in the regional Adult Baptism / Confirmation / Reception / Reaffirmation on **Saturday, April 4th at 6:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Easter Vigil**. If you would like to find out more about any of these or to participate, please speak to Pastor Ruth

-

EPISCOPAL BISHOPS CALL FOR RESPECTING THE DIGNITY OF ALL

In a "message to our fellow Americans," the bishops issued a call to action, including demands that the Trump administration change its policies to emphasize restraint, transparency and democratic principles. The message was made in response to often violent, sometimes fatal immigration raids nationwide.

<https://episcopalnewsservice.org/2026/02/02/154-episcopal-bishops-issue-message-calling-for-immigration-policies-respecting-the-dignity-of-all/>

Sunday Morning Adult Class on Hiatus

The Adult Book Study "Walk In Love: Episcopal Belief & Practices" is taking a break until after Easter. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for a return date.

CAMP MOKULEIA UPDATES

Did you know we have an Episcopal Camp and Retreat Center located on the North Shore of Oahu that is committed to being a place of rest, recreation, and renewal? Each Summer during their time at residential camp, campers build meaningful friendships, grow in confidence by trying new things, and discover more about themselves and the world around them—all while having an incredible amount of fun.

Each day is filled with laughter, adventure, and memory-making through age-appropriate activities such as swimming, paddle boarding, kayaking, arts and crafts, group games, team-building challenges, the high ropes course, and hiking. Campers leave with new skills, strong friendships, and memories that will last a lifetime.

There is a Summer Camp Open House on April 12, 2026 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM

For more information please visit the camp website: <https://www.campmokuleia.org>

Registration is now available for Summer 2026, and scholarships are available. If your child would like to attend a week at camp, please let Pastor Ruth know.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HELP WITH SET UP AND CLEAN UP FOR FUNERALS NEEDED

With so many funerals happening since the beginning of the year. Those who routinely pitch in to help with set up and clean up as well as directing traffic for parking are feeling exhausted. We are looking to find others who can help, especially on February 7th for Bert Fong's funeral, and March 14th for Albert Wong's funeral.

If you are available to help please call the church office.

PEW POLISHING AND PALM CROSS FOLDING!

On **Saturday, March 28th** menhune will be busy on our campus preparing for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. In the Aloha Room starting at 8:00 am a group will be busy folding about 200 crosses made out of Palm fronds to hand out on Psalm Sunday. And up in the Sanctuary, there will be a group busy with polishing the pews, wainscoting, brass and other areas that need our loving care and attention.

CHINESE CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Did you know St. Peter's belongs to an ecumenical group of churches that were formed to help impact the Chinese Community? For the last several years, Velma Lee has served on the board of the Chinese Christian Association and we are seeking someone who can help lessen her responsibilities. To find out more about the organization, please reach out to Velma or call the church office.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity has a mission to bring people together to build homes, communities, and hope. They believe that everyone deserves a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home, and that belief comes to life because of the many volunteers that continue to serve the community.

If you would like more information about this organization or if you would like to sign up to help, please visit their volunteer calendar to register for a build day today!

<http://honoluluhabitat.galaxydigital.com/>

The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i

BISHOP SEARCH AND TRANSITION

The process of electing the next Bishop of our Diocese is progressing and the Candidate slate will be announced in mid March. Here on Oahu. there will be an opportunity to meet the Bishop candidates and their spouses on April 25th.

10:00 am at St. Timothy's, Aiea there will be a Welcome Reception followed by a Meet & Greet.

2:00 pm at the Cathedral of St Andrews, there will be a Meet & Greet opportunity

March 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2nd Sunday in Lent 7:30 am worship 9:00 am Fellowship Hour 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship Hour 5:30 pm Confirmation		6pm Worship Holden Evening Prayer	10 am Bible Study	6:00 pm Jazz Vespers 6:45 pm Dinner		10am Fong Visitation 11am Bert Fong Funeral
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3rd Sunday in Lent 7:30 am worship 9:00 am Education Hour 10:00 am Worship 5:30 pm Confirmation		6pm Worship Holden Evening Prayer	10 am Bible Study	6:00 pm Jazz Vespers 6:45 pm Dinner		9:30 am K2P2 (knitting group) 10am Wong Visitation 11am Albert Wong Funeral
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4th Sunday in Lent 7:30 am worship 9:00 am Security Meeting 9:00 am Education Hour 10:00 am Worship 5:30 pm Confirmation		6pm Worship Holden Evening Prayer	10 am Bible Study	6:00 pm Jazz Vespers 6:45 pm Dinner		10:30 am Eucharistic Ministers Training
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5th Sunday in Lent 7:30 am worship 9:00 am Education Hour 10:00 am Worship 11:30 Vestry 5:30 pm Confirmation	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	6pm Worship Holden Evening Prayer	10 am Bible Study	6:00 pm Jazz Vespers 6:45 pm Dinner		8 am Palm Cross Folding 8:30 Pew Polishing 9:30 am K2P2 (knitting group)
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
PALM SUNDAY BISHOP VISITATION 7:30 am worship 9:00 Coffee with the Bishop 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Lunch for Bishop 5:30 pm Confirmation				MAUNDY THURSDAY 6pm Worship	GOOD FRIDAY 11:30 am Worship	6:30 pm Easter Vigil (At the Cathedral of St Andrews)