

June 26, 2012

FROM PASTOR TOM

Getting and Giving; In the Spirit of God's Blessings for All Nations

Independence Day symbolizes for us the inheritance of endurance and struggle by previous generations to create nations where the citizens of diverse cultures can appreciate the gifts and blessings we all bring to each other when we consecrate our actions and our resources for the common good.

We are blessed when we read the words of Saint Paul (Galatians 3:28) "There is no longer Jew nor Greek, there is no longer slave nor free, there is no longer male nor female, for all are one in Christ..." In these words, we find the assertion of human equality across all humanly conceived divisions or prejudices. As a consequence, we discover our claim for independence from tyranny is really a call to inter-dependence and mutual respect.

We can remember the words of Winston Churchill also at a time of celebrating the cooperation between people of diverse nations and regions. He said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give!"

Being blessed, we begin to suspect is only the beginning of our recognition of the opportunity we have to join creation's call for us to "pass it along" and give back from the bounty we have received.

As we consider our freedoms, we may also commit our mutual shared responsibility to bless the world and all people as we have been blessed ourselves.

Elsewhere, Paul says this may sound "foolish" to the ways of the world of politics and rulers, but God has chosen us to be foolish to confuse the ways of the wise when it comes to our understanding that in God's presence and in our actions all people are subject to the love of God at work in us so that we should not draw distinctions or discriminate. We all become citizens of a common heritage and destiny – a world blessed by our ability to share blessings with one another – even strangers and enemies.

It is good to remember these added words – "Be slow to take offense, and quick to make

reconciliation – to offer ourselves as instruments of reconciliation (overcoming differences) – instruments of peace!

Enjoy your celebrations of Independence Day and remember it calls each of us to share in respect for all people – a gift of inheritance we can pass along.

*Warmest blessings,
Pastor Tom*

UPDATED CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESS

Church of the Holy Cross has changed its primary email address to:

holycrosshilo@hawaii.rr.com

Please update your email address book to reflect the new email address.

A copy of your email is automatically being routed to this new email address.

SENIOR MINISTRY

REMINDER!! Senior Ministry gathering THIS THURSDAY 10am to 12noon, in the Building of Faith. Our speaker will be a representative from HELCO. His topic will be about what HELCO is doing in saving energy to pass on the savings to you. Come, bring a friend!! Join the group for an interesting presentation, a delicious lunch and for socializing with others.

CHURCH PICNIC

Everyone's invited to our annual "Old Fashioned Hilo Style Church Picnic" to be held on Sunday, August 12th after church service in the Building of Faith. We will be having delicious bentos with happy rice, shoyu chicken, potato/mac salad and much more. Also free delicious watermelon and shaved ice for the children.

BINGO with lots and lots of prizes, lucky number, and guessing games with prizes. The children will enjoy our water castle outside on the lawn, so bring your swimming suits. Remember, this is all "FREE". Save the date, Sunday, August 12th. See you there!



JULY PRAYER LIST - BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Miyahira, Michael
Sagawa, Ryan
- 05 Kondo, Sueo
- 06 Selifis, Muti
Smith, Suzanne
- 07 Yamaki, Ben
- 09 Kawazoe, Jane
- 10 Shiroma, Thomas
Saito, Amy
- 11 Yoshimasu, Ethel
- 13 Okabe, Wilfred
- 17 Murai, Jacqueline
- 19 Jack, Grillena
Maeda, Toshio
- 20 Abrams, J. Maile
- 21 Miyazono, Florence
- 23 Perez, Perliza
- 25 Mishina, Reynold
Robert, Sabrina
- 27 Albert, Rita
Martin, Angela
Ranario, Mila Joy
- 29 Inouye, Mieke
Kusinski, John
- 30 Fujioka, Janet
Kobayashi, Gloria
Kubo, Natsuko

VOLUNTEERS FOR JULY

USHERS: IYAA

FLOWERS:

7/1: Betty Pacheco (Mem), Jenny Kondo,
Blanche Maeda

7/8: Tricia Kimura

7/15: Lily Inouye (Mem)

7/22: Reiko Masutomi

7/29: Tokie Fujimoto

CHILDCARE:

7/1: Amy Shiroma

7/8: Jean Kita

7/15: Saeko Hayashi

7/22: James Yoshiyama

7/29: Jane Kawazoe

LAYREADERS:

7/1: Marvin Heine

7/8: Anne Sadayasu

7/15: Karl Kawahara

7/22: Gloria Kobayashi

7/29: Lily Selifis

REFRESHMENT:

7/1: Samoan Church

FRIDAY FILM SERIES

Mysteries and Suspense

June 22 Gosford Park (2001) Directed by Robert Altman with an ensemble cast including Helen Mirren and Maggie Smith. Murder during a hunting party at an elegant English country manor.

June 29 The Manchurian Candidate (1962). Stars Frank Sinatra, Laurence Harvey and Angela Lansbury in a cold war thriller.

July 6 The Maltese Falcon (1941). Based on Dashiell Hammett novel, directed by John Huston. Starring Humphrey Bogart as a private eye.

July 13 Murder, She Said (1961). Based on Agatha Christie character, Miss Marple. Starring Margaret Rutherford.

July 20 Rear Window (1954). Directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Starring James Stewart and Grace Kelly who learn a lot from watching a neighbor through the apartment's window.

July 27 Blow Out (1981). Starring John Travolta as a movie sound recorder who records something that involves him in crimes.

August 3 The Conversation (1974). Written and directed by Francis Ford Coppola, starring Gene Hackman.

August 10 Marathon Man (1976). Laurence Olivier and Dustin Hoffman in a film involving stolen diamonds and international intrigue.

August 17 Gorky Park (1983). Stars William Hurt and Lee Marvin. Involves triple homicide in Moscow.

August 24 Wait Until Dark (1967). Audrey Hepburn and Alan Arkin star in film involving recently blinded women terrorized by thugs.

Films will be shown from 1-4PM at the Institute for Astronomy, 640 N. Auhoku Pl., Hilo. From Komohana turn makai on Nowelo and take the first left to the end of the road. Please park on the street. Information on each film will be provided and followed by discussion.

Cost for the series is \$10 payable at the door.

For more information contact Susan O'Neill or Dan Lindsay at 933-9313.

NOTE OF THANK YOU

Words cannot express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for all the love and support and help during our time of sorrow, with the passing of our mother, Lillian Noda. As our mom always did, we find comfort and peace at church, surrounded by God's love.

Fondly,
Lillian's daughters (Laura, Diane, Karen, Sharon)

When Pastor Tom is Away July 2-August 2

Pastor Tom will be away from July 2 to August 2, 2012, for vacation and earned time off.

While Pastor Tom is away Reverend Ron Kent will be on call and serve as our supply pastor. If you need to contact Rev. Kent during this time please call the Church Office at 935-1283 on Rev. Kent's phone at [808-9871201](tel:808-9871201), or call one of our Deacons. For added pastoral back-up call Rev. Linda Petrucelli at [808-889-6869](tel:808-889-6869) (Cell: 315-0148).