

Helping Hands Needed at the Thrift Store!

We are currently looking for a few volunteers who could help us out. Guys or gals with muscle who can carry donations. We've got tons to sort thru and put out for sale. Lots of seasonal items to sort and price too. Would love help to organize 3 storage containers that are filled to the doors. But most of all, **we need a steady cashier on Saturdays** from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. If you can't commit to the whole day, anything in between would help a lot. Anyone out there who has some time to help on Saturdays to clean and tidy the store after our open hours would also be a God sent blessing. Thank-you for your consideration! Please come talk to Rona Scull.



Feeding Bodies, Nourishing Souls, Building Community!

What a wonderful morning as members of our Community Meals Ministry gathered for a morning retreat at the Kamuela Inn! It was a time to reflect, share ideas, plan for the future, and enjoy being together with some truly compassionate and dedicated people who help make our Community Meals such a blessing to so many. A huge mahalo to Tim and Melanie for hosting us and providing such a wonderful setting and delicious food! Our Community Meals are about so much more than the food we serve. They are about building relationships, caring for our neighbors, and living God's aloha, one meal and one person at a time. Mahalo to all who give so generously of their time, energy, and hearts to these ministries! What a blessing to serve together!

Living God's Aloha: Our 2027 Gratitude Campaign

This weekend we launch our 2027 Gratitude Campaign! You'll find a pledge card in every worship bulletin, inviting you to prayerfully consider your financial commitment to the life and ministry of our parish in the coming year.

Why do we ask people to make a pledge? On a practical level, pledges help us plan responsibly. They give our Vestry a clearer picture of the financial resources we can expect in 2027, allowing us to prepare a budget, pay our bills, support our staff, and plan for the ministries God has entrusted to us. In this way, pledging helps us be good stewards of what we have been given.

But pledging is about much more than balancing a budget. It is about discipleship. Our giving is one way we respond to the extraordinary generosity of God, who has given us everything, even his own Son, who gave his life for us. We don't give to earn God's love. We give because we have already received it. Our generosity is an expression of gratitude, an act of faith, and a commitment to helping build God's kingdom and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

This coming year brings some particular financial realities. With rising costs and fewer grant funds available, our beloved Community Meal Ministries will need greater support from our parish's operating budget. We are currently projecting an approximately \$80,000 budget shortfall for 2027, with \$60,000 of that needed to help sustain our Community Meal Ministries. These meals are such a vital expression of God's aloha, feeding our neighbors, building relationships, and evangelism with our hands and hearts.

We share these numbers not to cause alarm, but to be transparent about the needs before us. With new households joining in supporting what God is doing here, and those who are able prayerfully considering an increase in their pledges, we are hopeful that together we can close this gap.

Every pledge, whatever its size, matters. As we look toward 2027 and a new chapter in our parish's life, we invite everyone to prayerfully consider making a pledge. If you've pledged before, mahalo! We hope you'll renew your commitment. If you've never pledged, perhaps this is the year to begin.

Together, with grateful hearts, we can continue living God's aloha by welcoming one another as Christ, building God's beloved community, and serving others.

Everyone is asked to return the pledge card to the Parish Office or place in the offering plate by November 14. Mahalo for your generosity and faithfulness!



E Komo Mai to our Parish* 'Ohana

* The congregations of St. James' Church (Waimea). St. Columba's Church (Pa'auilo). and the Beach Mass (Kawaihae)

The Twenty-first Weekend after Pentecost

October 17 & 18, 2026

Aloha and welcome to worship! Whether you're visiting our island, joining us for the first time, or returning after some time away, we're glad you're here. Bring your questions, your hopes, and whatever this week has held.

This is a season of building and growth in our parish. The new Gathering Place is taking shape, conversations about the future of our new West Campus are moving forward, and our ministries continue to bring people together in service and friendship. Most of all, we keep seeking to grow as disciples of Christ. Through it all, we are listening for where God is leading us and learning what it means to care for the blessing of this extraordinary life we share.

Today's Scriptures invite us to remember whose image we bear. What do people see when they look at our lives? Those of you who are new bring fresh eyes and may notice gifts and possibilities we have yet to see. We'd love to hear what you discover.

Our hope is that you will see more than a glimpse of Christ here. We hope you will meet a community earnestly seeking to reflect Jesus in a warm welcome, a listening ear, a shared meal, and the daily practice of loving one another across our differences. We are still growing into that calling, and we're grateful to share the journey with you. May worship renew your faith, deepen your hope, and remind you that you are beloved by God. Please stay afterward so we can meet you and share a little aloha.

Ministry with Keiki & Youth

Godly Play at St. James' (9:20 AM) for Keiki ages 4 -12 in the Spencer Building. Keiki join us for communion.

Nursery/Toddler Room: (9:20 AM) in Small World Preschool at St. James'.

Sunday School at St. Columba's: (9:30 AM) ages 5 and up.

Acolytes (Youth Serving in worship): Please speak to one of our priests. Keiki After School Aloha Hour at St. Columba's Keiki Ministry contact Sherry Dupaya at St. Columba's. Junior & Senior High Ministry contact Youth Pastor, Josh Anthony.

Joining worship via our online Congregation

For our shut-ins, those recovering from illness, and those off-island we are delighted to offer online worship through the links located on our websites: stjameshawaii.org and stcolumbahawaii.org

A Warm Aloha to our newcomers, guests, and visitors!

Please fill out a welcome card or the visitor book at St. James or St. Columba's. We would like the opportunity to get to know you.



Coffee & Clergy: We will always find time to meet with you, whether this is your first day at St. James', St. Columba's, or the Beach Mass, or you have been a member for years. Contact the Rev. David Stout or Rev. Marnie Keator, or at St. Columba's, the Rev. Linda Lundgren, Associate Rector. Contact info on p. 2.

In case of a pastoral emergency, if you are unable to reach anyone in the parish office, *always* then call our clergy: David (808) 238-4956, Marnie (808) 333-2247 or Linda (218) 590-5463.

Restrooms: An usher can direct you.

Worship *We seek to provide powerful, joyful and Spirit-filled worship that is reverent, warm and inviting, with uplifting music and preaching that relates to today's questions.*

Sundays:

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist* (said) at St. James'

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist* at St. James'

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist* at St. Columba's Church in Pa'auilo.

Monday-Saturday: 9 AM Morning Prayer via Livestream and on Facebook.

Wednesdays: Noon Holy Eucharist* (said) at St. James'

Saturdays:

5 PM Holy Eucharist* at the beach at Kawaihae Harbor in front of the Canoe Club. Bring a beach chair or blanket.

**Eucharist comes from the Greek word and means thanksgiving. It is central to our worship. It is also called Communion, Mass, the Lord's Supper and the Divine Liturgy.*

About our Parish 'Ohana

Who we are
Like a beautiful Hawaiian quilt, we are a colorful tapestry of faith, weaving together believers and seekers; those who were born and raised in Hawai'i and those of us who found ourselves drawn to the islands. We come from different backgrounds and cultures, gathering around one table. We believe this to be an important witness of the Kingdom of God on earth. We are 'ohana. We hold to the fullness of the Christian faith as we have received it, but we seek to practice the openness that Jesus displayed in his own life. He rejected judgmental religion and believed everyone had a right to a relationship with God. He welcomed everyone. So do we.

Where we are and where we are going

Our parish 'ohana joins with billions of Christians around the world in seeking the truth and loving justice of God's reign in our own lives and in the life of the world around us. We move with the mainstream of the Christian movement throughout the ages. Our understanding of God and life is deeply rooted in the Episcopal tradition. We stand at the center of our town. We are called to do something with those intersecting facts. We are committed to growing in membership and in depth of spiritual commitment. We seek to expand the ways we offer to people to explore and grow in faith, particularly with children and youth. As servants of Christ, we try to listen to the pain of those in need and to serve others. We seek an honest and powerful spirituality for ourselves and others. We practice a warm aloha. We let our worship be joyful.

What we believe

It is said that, "If you want to know what Episcopalians believe, come and worship with them." What you will hear and see is that we believe that God is the loving and

purposeful Creator of the universe. We believe that in Jesus Christ, God gave a singularly lavish gift to humankind. That in Christ, God makes real the promise of reconciliation of all. That the Church is the reality of that reconciling love in the world, and therefore the Church is to welcome all persons. That the Holy Spirit of God is active and alive today. That the Church--God knows--is not perfect. That there are no easy answers. That getting the questions right takes time and help, and that the right questions are themselves a gift. That regular worship and prayer in community with others really changes lives. That, with God's help, we are called to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves. That we are called to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being. And that it is a joyful privilege to invite you to join us in the journey toward this faith.

Our worship

At the heart of our worship life is the Holy Eucharist (also called Communion, Mass, and the Lord's Supper). Our worship is grounded on the two pillars of Word and Sacrament. Through scripture and preaching, through prayer and proclamation, the offering of beautiful music, and through the sharing of holy food and drink, we respond thankfully to God's love for us in Christ.

Join us

We hope you will explore all that our parish has to offer, perhaps making St. James' Church, our Beach Mass, or St. Columba's Church your Hawaiian parish home. Fill out a welcome card. We promise we will call you in the next few days. Stay around after church and talk to a few people. We welcome the chance to greet you and try to answer your questions. Please return often.

Our Parish Basics

CONTACT US:
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Web: StJamesHawaii.org (*with full calendar*)
StColumbaHawaii.org
PASTORAL SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS:
Contact the parish office for all pastoral needs: Baptisms, the rite of Reconciliation (personal confession & counsel), Blessing of Marriage, communion for the sick and home-bound, or pastoral visits to the hospital. In case of a death in the family, contact our rector ASAP.
ST. JAMES' THRIFT STORE: Open Tuesday and Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM and Thursday 9 AM to 12:30 PM. Donations accepted Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:30 AM-12:30 PM. Volunteers are *always* welcome and needed. Come help us with this important church mission; call (808) 885-0560.
CHOIR (St. James' Church): Share your voice and make new friends. Contact Rona Lee for more information (*contact information is in the next column*)
PARISH LEADERSHIP (Vestry): Hans L'Orange, Sr. Warden; Ian Hersey, Jr. Warden; Michael Thompson,

Treasurer, Pat Anderson, Katie Fendel, Terri Greenwell, Donna Brown, Harry Morley, and Melanie Rufo. To contact any of our vestry members, please contact the parish office.
Next vestry meeting: **Monday, October 26 @ 12 NOON in the church**
CLERGY STAFF:
The Rev. Marnie Keator, Associate Rector
RevMarnie@stjameshawaii.org
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RevLinda@stcolumbahawaii.org
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Colleen Norris Bookkeeper *Bookkeeper@stjameshawaii.org*
Frankie Pang, Sexton, *contact via Parish Office*
Rona Scull, Thrift Store Ministry Coordinator,
Bri Kuahiwinui Assistant Thrift Store Ministry Coordinator
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Parish Prayers - Please keep the following people in your prayers

Trevor, Monica Parker, Gladys Takeya, & Pukaua Summer Sommers, Vicky Tagaca, Paterno Balmilero, Maele Wolfe, Matthew Latshaw, John Nixon, Vicki Nilles, Annette Pippin & family, Kathy Smith, Sheri Mariscal, Annette Labonte, Shawn Elkins, Michele Beavins, Brayden Geronimo, Becky	Simmet, Zebadiah Smith, Jesse Smith, Malia Hurtado, Nicholas Nelson, Mark Hummer, Paul Shepardson & his 'ohana, Larry Brown, Meela, Scott Ozwald, Christopher Lewi, the Pang family, David Gomes, Laurel Engquist, Irene Kubo, Tige Newell, Alex Roesch, Julio Loyola, Mason Renner & family,	Mikala Baldonado, Mare Bean, Gail Lewis, Chris Fendel, Margo Wray, Pat Eckstrom, Nicole Anderson, Melmar Carlos, Margaret Wahl, Claudia & Maria, Kathleen Medina, Alice Morgan, Janice Calkins, Jean Bassen, Beth McKeen, Lisa Berthoud, Joyce Jensen, Jen Ealy, Yolanda Earley, Dave Pillsbury, Dawn	Adele, Bill Baskin, Andy Liddle, Beverly Brovsky, Christine Gehret, Pu Fernandez, daughter of Mary Ann Cook, Dallas Gomes, Jo Jeter, Mary Magdalayna Ochoa, Taleisha Rose, Deborah Prince, Chris Brown, Rev. Linda & Bob Lundgren, Cindy McGee-Sharp, Jacqueline Brooks, Andy Gentry, Jacque Miller, Tom Gehret,	Lindsay Snyder, Leonard Foreman, Stephanie Stearns, Renee Mata, Nan Marvin & family, Peggy Cox, Debra Kelly, and Jake Blochinger, Matthew Praszek
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If you would like to be added to the prayer list or add someone else (please get their permission first), email Jacque Miller by noon the Tuesday before you would like the name to appear in the bulletin at prayer@stjameshawaii.org . Names remain on the prayers list for 4 weeks.

Spiritual Formation

Men's Bible Study meets via ZOOM every Wednesday at 7:30 AM. Meeting ID: 341 511 934 Password: faith
Women's Bible Study We will be discussing the Lectionary readings assigned for the upcoming Sunday. **We meet every Friday of every month at 10 AM** in the back of the Spencer Building. Bring your Bible if you have one; we have plenty to share if you don't.

This Week We Celebrate and Remember

Birthdays: David Greenwell (10/17), Rick Fendel (10/18), Julie Mattson (10/18), Joey Cordeiro (10/19), Irene Kubo (10/19), David Plimier (10/19), Kaleo Burr (10/20), The Right Reverend Bob Gillies (10/21), Everett Pang (10/21), John Sucke (10/21), April Johnston (10/22), Bob Lundgren (10/22), Felicina Laeda (10/23)
Anniversaries: Linda Watson & Steve Harvey (10/22) **Remembrances:** Harry Edmonson (10/17), Veronica Yadao (10/20)

Sending Notes of Care. Prayer & Sympathy - Reaching Out to Fellow Parishioners

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers. Please reach out to them and let them know they are being thought of. *Is there someone else to whom we could reach out? Please ask their permission and then contact the parish office.*

Irene Kubo 1352 Anapa Street Salt Lake, HI 96818	Becky Simmet P.O. Box 190791 Hawi, HI 96719
Sheri Mariscal 67-1185 Mamalahoa Hwy. D104, PMB 240 Kamuela, 96743	

Reaching Out

**Community Meals 4:30-6 PM
Thursdays at St. James'
& 2nd Tuesday of every
month at St. Columba's**
Contact eat@stjameshawaii.org
To volunteer or sponsor a meal!



Thrift Store Ministry

Hours: Store open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9 AM-1PM and Donations accepted: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30 AM-12:30 PM. Contact Rona Scull or Bri Kuahiwinui to volunteer: 808-885-0560.