

Saturday Worship

Due to Father Andrew's commitments to Diocesan Council and the Annual Meeting, there will be no Saturday worship on October 27. We apologize for any inconvenience that this cancellation may cause; however, it is unavoidable, from time to time, because of Father Andrew's schedule.

Disaster Preparedness

Bill Skelton

By now, most of you are tired of hearing about what you need to do to be ready for the next hurricane or tsunami. Kamaaina who went through Ewa or Iniki have their own ideas about coping. I want to offer a couple of fresh thoughts after the close calls of Hector and Lane.

We all remember just a few years ago that we needed to have 3 days or 7 days of supplies. Now the recommendation is 14 days. The state civil defense folks figured out the nightmare scenario is that the port of Honolulu might be heavily damaged. If so, repairs just to regain minimal functionality might take a week or more.

Ships from the west coast carrying recovery supplies would need at least a week to load and sail to Hawaii plus a few more days to get supplies to the neighbor islands. We really do need to be self-sufficient for two weeks!

That means lots of ramen noodles (Maria and I got a 48-pack from Costco), canned tuna or chicken, (or Vienna sausage and spam), and 1 gallon of water per person per day. By the way, the water you need can be divided up into what you will drink or cook with (about half the daily requirement assuming no intense physical activity) and what you will use for basic hygiene, like flushing toilets. For the latter, a large garbage can or two lined with a contractor's trash bag will hold 40 or so gallons. While that is a lot of flushes, you want to conserve them as much as possible. My brother who lived for a time in Cali-

fornia when water was scarce told me: "If it is yellow let it mellow, if it is brown, flush it down." If you or your neighbors have a swimming pool, you already have your hygiene supply.

Everyone probably has a bunch of alkaline batteries. My suggestion is to keep them in a separate zipper bag until you need them. Alkaline batteries have a terrible tendency to leak, especially when you really need them. As an alternative, consider lithium AA and AAA batteries available at Walmart and Home Depot. They are more expensive but don't leak and have a 20 year life. I have lost so many electronic devices to alkaline batteries that I have completely switched to lithium.

For your cell phones and tablets, consider turning them on only for brief intervals once or twice a day. I once kept a cell phone alive for two weeks while hiking by only selectively turning it on. Or switch them to low power mode. They will last two or three days, maybe more, on a charge instead of just one. And avoid using voice communications. Text requires much lower power and is more reliable. Just don't overdo it with your desire to let everyone know you are safe (or not). This is assuming a not-too-severe event. For a severe event, your phones probably won't work for days or weeks because the communications systems will be damaged.

One final item is cash, not credit or debit cards. When disaster strikes, electricity and communications services are likely to be out. The result is no ATMs, banking services, or credit card transactions. After Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico last year, banks didn't reopen for 3 weeks. So make sure you have a generous supply of cash, with a good mix of small bills. That way you have a chance to buy things you need from businesses that might be operating.



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Upcoming Events

- Sundays, Sept. 30-Oct. 29, Adult Christian Formation: The Book of Genesis & Theology of Stewardship
- Sat./Sun., Oct. 7 & 8: Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
- Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018—St. Michael's Gala: Who Dunit?; 5:30 p.m. @ Gaylord's
- Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018—Celebration of New Ministry
- Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018—Stewardship Sunday

St. Michael's Gala At Gaylord's

St. Michael is presenting our first Gala, Who Dunit?, and partnering with HUGS (Help, Understanding, & Group Support), a nonprofit organization to support children with life threatening illnesses. Through the fundraiser, we will be able to raise monies for our church community support initiatives, as well as provide HUGS support with emergency airfare assistance and SibCamp for Siblings. The Gala takes place on Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. at Gaylord's in Puhi. More information can be found on our church website. We encourage you to support this worthy undertaking.

Celebration of New Ministry

In recognition that Father Andrew is our fourth Rector, The Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick will lead our worship and celebrate Holy Eucharist at St. Michael's on Saturday, November 3, at 4pm. A reception will follow the service. (Please note that we will not have a 5:30pm liturgy on that Saturday.) We hope everyone will join us for this festive time!

It's Busy Around Here!

Andrew McMullen, Rector

From the relative ease of the summer months, we now find ourselves off and running. Following our successful Rally Day and the recommitment to our parish life and ministries, October brings us a busy, and important, time of year. We begin our stewardship campaign, the necessary effort to financially support St Michael and All Angels and all that we do in this place. On the weekend of October 6/7, we celebrate the feast day of St. Francis with the blessing of animals. October 21 brings us the "Who Dunit" Gala, an evening celebration and fundraiser to support our parish ministries as well as the efforts of HUGS to care for critically ill children and their families on our island. On the following weekend, the Annual Meeting of the Diocese of Hawaii

takes place in Kona where clergy and lay delegates, including our faithful group from St. Michael's, will gather to take care of the diocesan business of the church. All this among our worship, adult/child formation, outreach efforts, as well as the usual (if there is such a thing!) administration of our parish and active campus makes for a busy time indeed. In all this, my message is simple. Get involved! Our calling is not to rest on our faith but to live it, fully and completely! I believe this parish to be an extraordinary place of faith, but it will only continue to be so, and grow into something greater, if we all come together to feed it, live it and celebrate it. So please, dive in with all your worth! Bless us. And in turn, you will find that the blessing