

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KOSEN ISHIKAWA

Dear members and friends of Jodo Mission,

Every day is supposed to be special as they are each supposed to be precious. However, the more special days and occasions we get, the more they lose value as a result. Therefore, even with the common occurrences of these special moments, we don't naturally perceive every moment to be a special occasion.



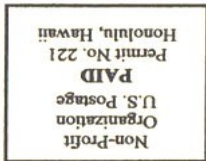
One of the greatest meanings of the New Year is to realize again, this special moment. No matter how bad a year we have spent in the past year, we can refresh ourselves to welcome a brand-new opportunity to enjoy this moment. Fortunately, the new year is not the only opportunity, but we have many more opportunities to refresh ourselves throughout the year.

These other special days can include your birthday, various anniversaries, or Memorial Day of your beloved ones. By having these special days, we can be mindful of the meaning of the day and can be appreciative of them. Through these special days, we can realize that our lives are precious and valuable.

Interestingly there are many special days in the world. As I have introduced some unique days in Japan during the Sunday Services, let me list the following special dates and the names of the days in April.

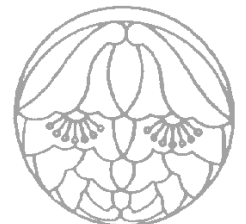
- April 1 **April Fools' Day**
- April 2 **International Children's Book Day** in honor of the birthday of Danish Fairy tale writer Hans Christian Andersen which falls on April 2.

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- April 3 **Shisaa (Okinawan Lion) Day** *The numbers 4/3 can be read as "Shi" "Sa" in Japanese. And Shisaa means lion in Okinawan language. Shishi in Jp.
- April 4 **Qingming or Seimei Day** which is the name of the 5th Solar term of the traditional Chinese luni-solar calendar. **International Mine Awareness Day**. Also **Yo-yo Day** was started in Japan by the Japanese toy maker Bandai as 4/4 can be read as "Yo(n)-yo(n)" in Japanese.
- April 5 **Ogasawara Return Memorial Day** to commemorate an agreement to return to the Ogasawara Islands, which had been under US administration since World War II, to Japan.
- April 6 **International Day of Sport for Development and Peace** to commemorate the 1st Olympic games which was held in Athene in 1896.
- April 7 **World Health Day**. On this day in 1948, WHO was founded. Also **Honen Shonin's Birthday**. Born on this day in 1133 and founded Jodo Shu in 1175. This year marks 850th anniversary since founding of Jodo Shu!
- April 8 **Buddha's Birthday** aka **Hanamatsuri** to commemorate the Buddha's birthday. Also **Venus Day**. On this day in 1820, a farmer named Yorgos discovered a statue of Venus inside a cave on the island of Milo on the Aegean Sea.
- April 9 **Great Buddha's Day** which commemorates the dedication ceremony for the Great Buddha of Todaiji Temple in Nara in 752.
- April 10 **Woman's Day**. On this day in 1946, the first general election with universal suffrage for both men and women were held after world Wall II, marking the first time women exercised their right to vote in Japan. During the election, 89 women ran as candidates and 39 were elected.
- April 12 **International Day of Human Space Flight**. On this day in 1961, the world's first manned spacecraft, the Soviet Union's Vostok 1 was launched into orbit.
- April 15 **World-wide Biomedical Laboratory Science Day**
- April 16 **Chaplin's Day** to commemorate the birthday of Charles Chaplin in 1889.
- April 17 **World Hemophilia Day**
- April 18 **World Amateur Radio Day**
- April 19 **Japanese Map Day**. On this day in 1800, Tadataka Inou left for Hokkaido to make the very first map of Japan.
- April 20 **Postal Service Day** which commemorates the establishment of the postal system in Japan on April 20, 1871, replacing the previous courier system.
- April 21 **World Creativity and Innovation Day** to commemorate the birthday of Leonard Da Vinci in 1452.
- April 22 **International Mother Earth Day** aka **Earth Day**. Proposed by Gaylord Nelson in 1970.
- April 23 **World Book and Copyright Day** *
- April 26 **International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day*** The nuclear disaster occurred in 1986. **World Intellectual Property Day** to commemorate the founding of the World Intellectual Property Organization in 1970.
- April 27 **International Marconi Day**
- April 28 **World Day for Safety and Health at Work**
- April 29 **Showa Day** to honor the birthday of Emperor Showa (Hirohito) who was born in 1901. **International Dance Day** which honors the birthday of Jean-Georges Noverre.
- April 30 **International Jazz Day** to deepen the understanding of various cultures around the world through Jazz and to spread jazz to children living in the regions where there is still not enough access to education.

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moment. By listing as many events as possible, we can be mindful of each special day. At the same time, we can deepen the sense of gratitude toward the past and cherish this precious moment. April is another busy month for us. Please check out our April Schedule below and plan to participate in the special services and events we proudly offer to you.

Again, thank you very much for your continued support. I sincerely pray for your safety and good health.

Mahalo with Gassho,

Kosen Ishikawa

Hawaii Buddhist Council **Buddha Day Service 2024**

- Date: **Sunday, April 7, 2024**
@ 9:30 am (HST)
- Place: **Soto Mission of Hawaii**
1708 Nuuanu Ave, Hon, HI
- Guest Speaker: **Rev. Jiko Nakade**
From Kona Daifukuji
Soto Mission
- Performance: **Somei Taiko Keiki Groups**
in social hall
- Parking: Soto Mission of Hawaii
SEEQS Charter School
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin



Hawaii Jodo Shu Rengo Fujinkai Scholarship -Namiye Nakamura Scholarship

The Hawaii Jodo Shu Rengo Fujinkai offers a \$1,000 Namiye Nakamura Scholarship to a Hawaii high school graduate or a member of the temple who wishes to further his/her education toward a degree or advanced degree in an accredited college, university or institution of higher learning.

Deadline to submit applications must be postmarked by **June 15, 2024** and sent to the **State Fujinkai President on Maui**. The family or legal guardian of the applicant must be a member of his/her respective Jodo Mission.

For more information, please call temple office at (808) 949-3995 for application, criteria for scholarship, etc.



Schedule of Events—2024 Koinobori Celebration

April 14 to May 18, 2024

As part of the 2024 Koinobori Celebration, Jodo Mission of Hawaii will have guest speakers each Sunday at 10 am Sunday Service to speak on some cultural topic with light refreshments to follow. Public is invited.

Sunday, April 14

@ 10 am

Opening Ceremony

Ceremonial event on front lawn with Koinobori display; Taiko performance by Dragon Beat with Nakai Sensei. Also hula performance.

Sunday, April 21

@ 10 am—

film showing at 10:30

Showing of documentary film

“**Carving the Divine**” (showing of the intricate art of wood carving of Buddhist statues).

Sunday, April 28

@ 10 am

Tai Chi with Janet Jin

Guest Speaker: Janet Jin has Tai Chi classes at Jodo Mission on Monday and Wednesday mornings, and she will talk about tai chi and introduce exercise for everyone.

Sunday, May 5

@ 10 am

Koto Music with Darin Miyashiro

Guest Speaker: Darin Miyashiro, who has classes here at Jodo Mission, will talk about koto and gagaku music

Sunday, May 12

@ 10 am

Mother’s Day - Taiko Music with Nakai Sensei

Guest Speaker: Tsutomu Nakai has classes here at Jodo Mission and will talk about taiko music.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE (5)

By The Late Bishop Yubun Narashiba

Japanese Buddhism in Hawaii has a very unique cultural background. In Japan, Buddhist customs differ from village to village, town to town, prefecture to prefecture. This is because Buddhism has been localized to fit to the custom in each area. Since Japanese immigrants came to Hawaii from the various regions of Japan, ceremonial customs are different according to the area where the family came from. However, as time passes, those customs are becoming unclear and more confusing for the younger generations. Because of this confusion, younger generations seem to be going away from Buddhism by saying that Buddhism is hard to understand. Therefore, in this article, I would like to explain the standard procedure of doing a service. First, let me show you the two common procedures of having funerals among the members of Jodo Mission of Hawaii.



1. When Someone Passed Away

Death
Medical examination
Call for a minister
Makuragyo (Bedside service)
Call for a mortuary
Body pick-up
Meeting with the funeral director at the mortuary
Viewing service
Cremation
FUNERAL with the first 7th day service
49th day service
Burial service
Hatsubon (1st O-Bon) service
1 year memorial service

2. When Someone Is Very Close To Death

Call for a minister
Rinju Gyogi (Last rites)
Death
Medical examination
Call for a mortuary
Body pick-up
Meeting with the funeral director at the mortuary
Viewing service
Cremation
FUNERAL with the first 7th day service
49th day service
Burial service
Hatsubon (1st O-Bon) service
1 year memorial service

JODO MISSION KOINOBORI CELEBRATION 2024

Dear Members and Friends,

Thank you very much for your ongoing support to our temple. We are very happy to announce the continuation of the “Koinobori Celebration” to display many colorful Koinobori streamers here at Jodo Mission in order to celebrate all lives.

We plan to have an opening ceremony **on Sunday, April 14 at 10:00 am** with opening prayer, followed by presentation of Hula and Taiko performance by Master Tsutomu Nakai with Dragon Beat Hawaii.

Also this year, we would like to invite teachers of various cultural classes to be our guest speaker to promote their classes every weekend. We will have great opportunities to learn various cultures and their demonstrations. For more information, please check our jodo.us website.

Again this year, we would like to ask your sponsorship to display “Koinobori” here at the temple. The more koinobori you sponsor, the more spectacular it will be to attract much more people. At the same time, this could be a great help for our financial situation.

If you were a sponsor for our Koinobori streamers of the past two years, we will continue to honor your names and messages inside the temple. You don’t need to order Koinobori. However, if you would like to sponsor additional Koinobori or to be a new sponsor, please use the following sponsorship form. The sponsor fee for the smaller Koinobori is \$10, \$20 for bigger size Koinobori and \$100 for the family set of Koinobori.

All the sponsor names with messages will be displayed with carp-shaped paper tag. There is no deadline but Koinobori will be displayed from April 14 until May 18. Please help us to display Koinobori to celebrate lives. Again thank you very much.

Gassho, Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Jodo Mission Koinobori Celebration Sponsorship

Sponsor Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Message : e.g. In honor of / In celebration of / In memory of _____



Size: Small Koinobori (about 15 inch) \$10 x _____ (Quantity)= _____

Bigger Koinobori (over 20 inch) \$20 x _____ (Quantity)= _____

Family Set Koinobori \$100 x _____ (Quantity) _____

(Color of Koinobori is random) Grand Total _____

Please make checks payable to “Jodo Mission of Hawaii” and mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Hon., HI 96814

For Office Use Only

Message / Y/ N

Order accepted /Received by _____ Date paid ____/____/2024 (In person/Mail/ By phone) (Cash / Check # _____)

What is Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaijyo)

When the date of death of a deceased occurs, ministers do prayers on this anniversary date each year. Prayer services are held each day at 9:30 am (times may change due to scheduling). This perpetual memorial service is called *Eitaijyo* in Japanese.

Please contact temple office if you are interested..

Notice to Nokotsudo Visitors

(Sometimes referred to as the Niche rooms)

Many people call to see if the Nokotsudo/Columbarium (or sometimes known as Niche rooms) are open. We let people in if you come and ring the blue bell. **We recommend you wear a mask, use the hand sanitizer going in and coming out and go home and wash your hands with soap.** No more than 4 people at a time, with social distancing.

New Hours: 10 am to 5 pm Mon to Sat

12 pm to 3 pm Sunday*

10 am to 3 pm Holidays

*Sundays no one in office since we have Sunday Service

REMINDERS

Gojikai or Membership—\$80.00 per year

Persons of the same family but living separately should have their own membership

Niche owners should continue their Membership or Gojikai each year (Gojikai is paid only once each year).

AND

Maintenance donation \$5.00 per year per niche

Become a Jodo Mission Member!

If you're coming to services, volunteers at events, and/or donates to the temple, please become a Jodo Mission member for \$80 a year!

Thank you for your understanding.

Memorial Years Observed

1 st year	2023
3 rd year	2022
7 th year	2018
13 th year	2012
17 th year	2008
23 rd year	2002
25 th year	2000
27 th year	1998
33 rd year	1992
37 th year	1988
43 rd year	1982
47 th year	1978
50 th year	1975
100 th year	1925

Email Monthly

Bulletin—Please advise if you wish to have your monthly bulletin via email instead of U.S. mail. **Please also keep Jodo Mission advised of your current address & phone number.**

Mail forwarded adds additional costs. Thank you for your cooperation.

お知らせ

2023年より年間護持会費、又はメンバーシップ費が一世帯につき1年間で80ドルへと変更になります。(お住まいの家族世帯が別の場合は個々にメンバーシップが必要となります。)

また、納骨堂(ニッチ)内に納骨棚を所有の方は、護寺会費とは別途、5ドルの年間管理費をお納めください。

皆様にはご負担をおかけしますが、ご理解ご協力のほどよろしくお願い致します。 合掌



Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



Rev. Myoko Takano
Resident Minister



Rev. Takaaki Kouken
Tanabe
Resident Minister

Jodo Mission Office Hours:

[New Hours]

Monday to Saturday
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Sunday & Holidays
10am–3pm

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EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for April

- | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|
| <p>1 Yasuemon Kajioaka
The Kajioaka & Morita
Family
Yae Ogata
Mistuko Arakawa
Bessie Shimoyo
Karamatsu
Seiichi Kimura
George Kaname Sakuda
Carl Kaoru Saito
Masaye Oyama
The Kagimoto Family</p> | <p>Alan Sukeharu Masaki</p> <p>11 Tsunekichi Matsuno
The Matsuno Family
Sadako Yokoyama
The Yokoyama & Morita
Family
Teru Sakuda
The Sakuda Family
Sada Harada
The Kohatsu Family
Yoshiko Hara
Orin Fumio Hakoda</p> | <p>Motoo Ueda
The Ueda Family
Maka Tamanaha
The Tamanaha Family
Matsutaro Shimizu
Isamu Yoshioka
Thomas Rai
Ellen Shizuka
Yanagisawa
Myles Mitsuo Hirota</p> | <p>Misao Yamane
Masa Okamoto Miyao
Ume Kawamura
Stanley Y. Ogomori
Tsuyuko Kaneda
Fumiye Teruya
Marian Tsuyuko
Yamamoto</p> |
| <p>2 Ryosaku Maeda
The Maeda Family
Shuzaburo Kunihiro
The Kunihiro Family
Masao Kamihara
James Isamu Tomita
The Hoichi Nishimura
Family
Clarence Hajime
Shimotsukasa</p> | <p>12 Naka Nakamura
Toshiko Umemoto
Chiyono Toyomura
Beatrice Akiko Buna</p> <p>13 Yasuko Daitoku
The Daitoku & Fujimoto
Family
Kayo Doi
Tsuyo Uchiumi
Zentoku Uyehara
Yasu Iguchi
Herbert Masashi
Yamane
Mattie W. Murphy
Yachie Kinoshita</p> | <p>20 Hiroshi Ohta
Mantsu Takara
Shozaemon Matsumoto
Mildred Yukiko
Toshikiyo Ito
Elaine Michie Miyakawa</p> <p>21 Naomi Takara
Genichi Tamura
Kikue Kakimoto
Masami Yano</p> <p>22 Kyoichi Koyama
The Koyama Family
Chieko Miyakawa
Hiroshi Nakai
The Nakai Family
Kazu Saiki
Kyoichi Koyama
Francis Sadamu
Furutani, Jr.</p> | <p>29 Mitsuyo Kamioka
The Kamioka & Hanaoka
Family
Tatsuyo Ohara (2)
The Ohara Family
Tsuchi Kajioaka
Heijiro Asai
Tsune Uesugi
Yukiji Kamioka
Manzuchi Higashi
Kazuto Hamada
Hatsumi Nakamura
Yoshiyo Yanagihara
Tatsuyo Ohara
Mitsuyo Kanai Yoshida
Mitoshi Tanaka (2)
Tetsuo Oyama</p> |
| <p>3 Kinjuro Ajimura
The Ajimura Family
Katsuichi Takeda
The Takeda Family
Takeo Kuniyuki
Katsusaburo Yamamoto
Kikue Kubota</p> | <p>14 Heiji Yasumoto
The Yasumoto Family
Yoshi Okamura (2)
Kiyoto Kawaoka</p> <p>15 Toso Kamisato
The Kamisato Family
The Aoki Family
Mikayo Higashimura
Toshiro Kawabe
The Kawabe Family
Masakane Himuro
Kenji Hayashi
Toshiko Sumida
Nishimoto
William Hatsuichi
Kishimoto
Loretta Masayo Fujikami</p> | <p>23 Bishop Sensho Fukuda
Moushi Uyehara
Harriet Yeiko Gushikuma
Shigeichi Aoki
Tom Shigeo Muranaka
Richard Tadataka
Nomiyama</p> <p>24 Setsuyo Misawa (2)
The Misawa & Watanabe
Family
The Misawa Family
Yoshio Kunimoto
Setsuko Kondo</p> <p>25 Michizo Imaguchi (2)
The Imaguchi Family
Tsunegoro Iwamoto
Yasuko Ueda
Soichi Sakai</p> | <p>30 Tsuru Matsuno
The Matsuno Family
Esa Yamane
The Yamane & Harada
Family
Kume Nakamoto
The Nakamoto &
Sakagawa Family
Shigetaka Imada
Miyoko Shindo</p> |
| <p>4 Masayo Kusunoki
The Kusunoki Family
Shinichi Amakawa
The Amakawa Family
Hitomi Miyaura</p> | <p>16 Bunsuke Isobe
The Isobe Family
Ryu Tsurusaki
The Tsurusaki & Inada
Family
Masatoshi Umemoto
Patsy Hisako Himuro
Mitsuyoshi Gushikuma</p> | <p>26 Kikujiro Yokoyama
The Yokoyama & Morita
Family
Makoto Takahashi
Masato Ishida
Tokue Uehara
Noble Noboru Karimoto</p> | <p><u>Obituaries</u></p> <p>Jodo Mission of Hawaii
extends its sincere con-
dolences to the family mem-
bers and loved ones of the
following members who
have recently left this
world for the Pure Land.</p> |
| <p>5 Tsune Isobe
The Isobe Family
Mamoru Najita
Isematsu Takenaka
Brian Kazumitsu Kaya
Kikuyo Kunimura</p> | <p>17 Kenichi Namba
The Namba Family
Tsuneji Imaguchi
Betty Hisako Goto
Jane Iyoki Yamanaka</p> | <p>27 Misae Umemoto
The Umemoto, Ida &
Matsushima Family
Shizue Nose
Robert Kazuo Murakami
Haruko Teruya</p> | <p>Kay Yasuko Shirai 96</p> |
| <p>7 Yasu Hirohama
The Hirohama &
Kawasugi Family
Kikujiro Uchiumi
Faye Naomi Johnson
Yumi Yokoyama
Isaburo Terada
Toru Yamane</p> | <p>18 Toyokichi Iguchi
The Iguchi & Sasaki
Family
Eki Mineishi
The Mineishi Family
Yojiro Watanabe</p> | <p>28 Rokusuke Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family
Iwakichi Matsuda
The Toichi Funamoto
Family</p> | |
| <p>8 Tadaichi Aoki
The Aoki Family
Kojiro Okamoto
The Okamoto &
Nakamoto Family
Shigekichi Yoshizaki
The Yoshizaki Family
Naotaka Hayashi
Misue Imamoto
Ronald Yoshio Takara
Masamitsu Nakano</p> | <p>19 Jun Kunihiro
The Kunihiro Family</p> | | |
| <p>9 Shizuko Hironaka
The Hironaka & Ishimoto
Family
Fumie Iwasaki
Tokio Nishikawa</p> | | | |
| <p>10 Tomi Arakawa
Matsuji Yamamoto</p> | | | |

9:30am Morning Service Everyday
 Note: Time may change due to
 Schedule

April 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 8-11:30 Sewing Circle
7 9:30 HBC Buddha Day Service at Soto Mission	8 Buddha's Birthday	9	10	11	12	13 8 am Koinobori Set up
14 10:00 Opening Ceremony Koinobori Celebration	15	16	17	18	19	20 8-11:30 Sewing Circle
21 8:30 am Board Mtg 10:00 Sunday Service	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:00 Sunday Service	29	30	Jodo Shu Calendar for April 2024: Let us practice nembutsu wholeheartedly. Namu Amida Butsu.			

COMING EVENTS:

Apr 14-May18 **Koinobori Display on Jodo Mission lawn**
 April 14 @ 10 am Koinobori Opening Ceremony on front lawn
 April 21 @ 10 am "Carving the Divine" film showing
 April 28 @ 10 am Guest Speaker: Tai Chi with Janet Jin
 May 5 @ 10 am Guest Speaker: Koto with Darin Miytashiro
 May 12 @ 10 am Mother's Day; Guest Speaker: Nakai Sensei
 May 23 Small flowers & greens needed for Lei Making
 May 25 Lei Making Project on for Punchbowl graves
 July 14 Otoba Set Up & General Cleaning
 July 19, 20, 21: O-Bon Services at Jodo Mission
 August 17 Jodo Mission Bon Dance (Saturday)

Sunday School

Encouraged to attend
 HBC Buddha Day Service on 4/7 at Soto Mission

No Meetings in April
 Fujiinkai, YBA

Sewing Circle
 Saturday 3/6 & 3/20

Lahaina Jodo Mission:Jodo Misson of Hawaii still accepts donations for Lahaina Jodo Misson. Please send checks payable to Lahaina Jodo Mission & mail to Jodo Mission of Hawaii, 1429 Makiki St, Hon, HI 96814

Bazaar Donations will be accepted. Kindly call temple office, if you have donations. Thank you.

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: Please pay your membership dues (\$80) for this year and if you did not pay for 2023, we would appreciate you doing so by making your check payable to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii** (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814). You may also include any niche maintenance. *Thank you.*