

Message by Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends,

On April 17, 2025, the "Three Great Canons" (official name: "Three Editions of Buddhist Sacred Canons") stored at the Zojoji Temple in Tokyo, were newly inscribed in the UNESCO's "Memory of the World" program. These scriptures were originally collected from across Japan in the early 17th century by Tokugawa Ieyasu (1543-1616), the first shogun of the Edo Shogunate, and were donated to Zojoji, the head temple of the Jodo Shu.



It is quite surprising that this announcement was coincidentally made on the memorial date of Ieyasu's death, but I am truly delighted by this news as a minister of Jodo Shu. I would like to take this opportunity to explain about the Buddhist Canon called "Daizokyo" in Japanese and its historical significance.

Daizokyo literally means "Great Repository Sutra" which is the comprehensive collection of Buddhist scriptures that records the teachings of the Buddha. In short, it is like the Buddhist Bible or an encyclopedia of Buddhism. These texts were compiled with the aim of collecting, organizing, and passing down the Buddha's teachings as Buddhism spread.

The sutras (scriptures) that we recite during Buddhist services are just a super tiny part of the full canon. Buddhist teachings are broadly divided into three categories:

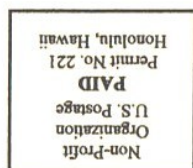
Sutra (經, Kyo): The Buddha's teachings and discourses

Vinaya (律, Ritsu): Monastic rules and precepts

Abhidharma (論, Ron): Analytical commentaries and philosophical interpretations of the teachings

In English, the term Tripitaka is commonly used as Tripitaka means "three baskets". In Chinese-influenced cultures, the complete canon is also called Issaikyo (一切經), meaning

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“all the teachings.” All Japanese Buddhist sects were born based on one of the scriptures of Isaikyō.

All of these were translated and transmitted from Pali and Sanskrit as Buddhism spread from India to China and Korea. In particular, the development of printing technology in China and Korea led to the widespread use of woodblock printing, greatly contributing to the dissemination of Buddhist thought and culture.

In addition to these, there are also Tibetan versions (the Tibetan Buddhist Canon) and Pali versions (the Pali Canon). However, the **"Three Great Canons"** (registered as *Memory of the World*) refer specifically to the following three editions of the Buddhist Canon, which were woodblock printed in China and the Korean Peninsula during the 12th to 13th centuries:

Sikei Edition (思溪版大藏經) - Printed in the Southern Song dynasty, 12th century
(5,342 volumes)

Funeiji (Puning) Temple Edition (普寧寺版大藏經) - Printed during the Yuan dynasty,
13th century (5,228 volumes)

Korai Edition (高麗版大藏經) - Printed in the Goryeo dynasty, 13th century Korea
(1,357 volumes)

These total around 12,000 items in all. They are not only complete reproductions of Buddhist scriptures but are considered to be works of art due to the high quality of woodblock printing. These editions are central to the intellectual and spiritual history of sinographic cultures.

The Memory of the World program by UNESCO aims to preserve and protect important documentary heritage for humanity and to promote universal access to it. This registration acknowledges the historical and cultural value of Zojoji's "Three Great Canons" in the context of East Asian Buddhist culture, the advancement of printing technology, and the preservation of Chinese-character-based intellectual heritage. Since Tokugawa Ieyasu donated them over 400 years ago, they have been well preserved and even survived the Great Kanto Earthquake in 1923 and Tokyo's destruction during the World War II air raids in 1945.

As part of the 850th Anniversary of the Jodo Shu, Zojoji Temple has been working on digitizing these scriptures with support from the sect. On November 20, 2023, a digital archive was released online.

Total: Approx. 480,000 images, around 4TB of data

All images of each scripture included

Searchable by title and translator/author (Japanese only for now)

Free public access

This is expected to significantly contribute to Buddhist studies and cultural preservation.

By the way, buildings that house the Tripitaka are called Kyozo (scripture repository). On the Big Island, Kohala Jodo Mission uniquely has such a scripture hall. It holds a reduced-size printed version of the Tripitaka, known as the "Shukusatsu Daizokyo", a modern compact edition based on Zojoji's "Three Great Canons."

It is meaningful that this compilation of Buddhism has made its way to Hawaii as an object of faith and devotion and now available online for free! With this registration as a springboard, I hope to introduce more of Buddhism's history during Sunday services in the future. If you haven't been to our Sunday Service, I strongly recommend you to participate. Especially during this Koinobori celebration, we have guest speakers every Sunday and we are very grateful that our Fujinkai ladies prepare delicious refreshments. Maybe I, too, will bake my renowned chiffon cake for you.

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Thank you very much for your continued support. I wish you and your family a very Happy Children's Day and Mother's Day!

Sunday May 4 @10:00 am Children's Day Special Sunday Service

Guest speaker: Mr. Christopher Goodin, Kendo Sensei "Kendo -The way of the sword" and its presentation, followed by Bishop's introduction of Japanese toys

Sunday, May 11 @10:00 am Mother's Day Special Sunday Service

Guest speaker: Mr. Nate Gytoku, President of Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, followed by Sunday School's presentation and refreshments

Namu Amida Butsu with Gassho,

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



June 15th 4 to 6 pm - PLEASE HOLD this date. Jodo Mission would like to participate in the Pan Pacific Parade as part of the 131st Jodo Shu anniversary celebration. The Pan Pacific Parade begins at Fort DeRussy and ends at Kapiolani Park (1.7 mile walk). **June 15th is also Father's Day.** This would be a wonderful way for fathers to get some exercise and also an opportunity for younger members to walk for their ancestors. **No matter how many people are able to participate in this Pan Pacific Parade, we would like Hawaii Jodo Shu to be represented.** Won't you please join us? **Sign-up paper is available at temple office.**



Sunday, October 26, we will celebrate 131 Jodo Shu Anniversary Celebration with some ministers from Japan. More information to come.

O-Bon Schedule— 2025 Jodo Mission O-Bon Services in July:

Friday, July 11	10 am	Hatsu Bon Families
Friday, July 11	6 pm	Regular O-Bon Service
Saturday, July 12	10 am	Regular O-Bon Service
Saturday, July 12	6 pm	Regular O-Bon Service
Sunday, July 13	10 am	Final O-Bon Service
		Then cleanup



Private O-Toba Service appointments can be scheduled from Monday, July 7 to Thursday, July 11th for appointments at 10:00 am to 12:40 pm and also 3:00 pm to 5:40 pm at 40-minute intervals.

Koinobori Celebration

“Koinobori” means carp streamer kite and the carp was chosen as the symbol for Children’s Day because Japanese people consider the carp as the most spirited fish, full of energy and power to fight its way up rapidly flowing streams.

Originally, Koinobori was exclusively celebrating boys and recognizing fathers (Boys Day), while Hinamatsuri (March 3) was a day recognized celebrating girls. **However, it has since been changed to include both male and female children, as well as recognizing mothers along with fathers and family unity.**

In Japan, Children’s Day is called *Kodomo no hi* and is a national holiday. It is a day set aside to respect children’s personalities and to celebrate their happiness. It was designated a national holiday in 1948 by the Japanese government. It is said that on this day families raise the *Koinobori carp* because there is a Chinese legend that a carp that swims upstream of the Yellow River becomes a dragon and flies to Heaven and the way the Koinobori blows in the wind looks like they are swimming.

Kashiwa mochi (steamed mochi with azuki bean filling) is sometimes served on Children’s Day. Since we live in Hawaii, we will use Ti-leaf and serve Kashiwa mochi for refreshments.

Children’s Day—May 4th—Sunday Service @ 10:00 am

Guest Speaker: Sensei Christopher Goodin

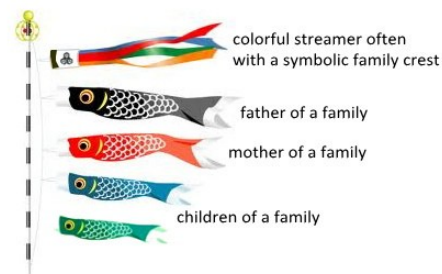
Teaches Kendo and has competed four times at the World Kendo Championships.

Please come to our Sunday Service on May 4th at 10:00 am.

While here at Jodo Mission of Hawaii, please look at the beautiful Koinobori on the front lawn. You may want to bring your children and/or grandchildren to take photos with the Koinobori. Also anyone can sit and enjoy the koinobori display; it’s happy and for the moment all your worries are gone.

If you wish to sponsor a Koinobori by honoring someone, or in celebration of an event, or in memory of someone, you may either come to Jodo Mission of Hawaii office and fill out a form or use the form in the April 2025 Bulletin. No deadline for sponsorship, however, Koinobori display ends May 17, 2025.

TYPICAL PATTERN TO SET UP KOINOBORI



Scholarship for Graduating Students

Please call Jodo Mission of Hawaii if you will be graduating this year and looking for scholarship assistance. We have the application for the **Namiye Nakamura Scholarship 2025 from the Hawaii Jodo Shu Rengo Fujinkai. The scholarship is for \$1,000. Deadline is June 15, 2025.**

Any interested person should call Jodo Mission office at (808) 949-3995 for a copy of the scholarship application. Thank you.



Nenbutsu Chanting—Sat, May 17 @ 9am to 10am Everyone Welcome!

Announcements



**May 11th Is Mother's Day
(Haha No Hi)**

Mother's Day is celebrated as an expression of love and appreciation to our mothers.

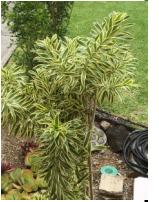
Guest Speaker: Nate Gyotoku
President & Exec Director o JCCH
(Japanese culture)

Sunday School will also participate in this Mother's Day Sunday Service.

Please come to our Mother's Day Service and bring your mothers and grandmothers on May 11 at 10 a.m.

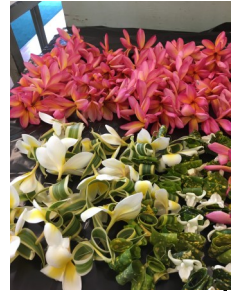
Flowers Needed for Temple Lei Making Project, Friday, May 23

Please bring **plumeria, crown flowers** or other small flowers for leis or even the beautiful **bougainvillea flowers**, as well as greenery like the branches pictured here at Jodo Mission on **Thursday, May 22**. **Any amount of flowers and greenery will be greatly appreciated. Every little bit counts.**



Everyone is invited on **May 23 at 9:00 am in Ikoi Hall** for lei making to help sew leis for our veterans at Punchbowl Cemetery and at the same time enjoy the fellowship for this wonderful event! **It can bring out your creative talents when you try to make use of the greenery for lei making when fresh flowers are hard to find. Thank you!**

Please call Jodo Mission at (808) 949-3995 if you have any questions.



Hawaii Buddhist Council's Memorial Day Service

Hawaii Buddhist Council will have its Memorial Day Service at **Punchbowl Cemetery** (behind a stature) on **Monday, May 19, 2025 at 9:30 am**.

Hawaii Buddhist Council is made up of seven (7) Buddhist denominations: Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Jodo Mission of Hawaii, Koyasan Shingon Mission of Hawaii, Nichiren Mission of Hawaii, Soto Mission of Hawaii and Tendai Mission of Hawaii.

BON DANCE PRACTICE

Are you interested in getting ready for Bon Dance? If so, our bon dance group, Hawaii Shin Kobukai, is having one practice day at Jodo Mission Social Hall:

May 23, Friday 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

The senseis are Betty Delacuesta and Lydia Morikawa. Please come and practice on the above open practice day. It is lots of fun and good exercise! The practice is free and donations to this group is always welcome.

Photos on this page are from the open practice held on March 10, 2023.



What is Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo)

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 *Eitaikyo* 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	2024
3 rd year	2023
7 th year	2019
13 th year	2013
17 th year	2009
23 rd year	2003
25 th year	2001
27 th year	1999
33 rd year	1993
37 th year	1989
43 rd year	1983
47 th year	1979
50 th year	1976
100 th year	1926

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 because you moved also 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

10am–5pm

Sunday & Holidays

10am–3pm

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Parking: NO PARKING in Reserved stalls. Thank you

EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for May

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| <p>1 Tome Iwamoto
Tome Toishigawa
The Ochiai Family
Kenneth Akiyoshi Murao</p> | <p>Matsuichi Onaga
Hanako Kume</p> | <p>Shigeko Fujikami
The Fujikami Family
Francis Tadashi Higuchi</p> |
| <p>2 Bishop Buntetsu Miyamoto
Etsuo Nakagawa
Fusaye Mizuta</p> | <p>12 Konosuke Tsuda
The Tsuda Family
Kimie Takaoka
Mieko Takara
Yasu Ogi
Kenji Otani
Kikuye Okamura</p> | <p>22 Tsunekichi Tamanaha
The Tamanaha Family
Masuo Tomita
Alan Haruo Nakagawa
Howard Seishi Kobayashi</p> |
| <p>3 Mitsuyo Nakahara
The Fukunaga Family
Mitsuko Sakai
Carole Masako Yano
Kaoru Kobayashi Higa</p> | <p>13 Imazo Nakai
The Nakai Family
Hikoichi Hirai
The Hirai Family
Moushi Uehara
Teruo Sawamura
Fumiko Yogi
Kenichi Hayashi
Teruo Sawamura
The Sawamura Family
Betty Toshiko Oshita
Katsutoshi Kano
Akino Tamura
Kimiko Hayashi
Shizue Murashige</p> | <p>23 Hichizo Nishimura (2)
The Nishimura & Aoki Family
Harukichi Hirohama
The Hirohama Family
Ishi Onaga
The Onaga & Nakamura Family
Tomoko Hayashi
Kenso Hashimoto</p> |
| <p>4 Eikichi Hirouji
The Miyamasu Family
Tamotsu Takaoka
Toshio Yoshioka
James Mitsuyoshi Uesugi</p> | <p>14 Kiku Miyashige
The Goto & Miyashige Family
Fui Yamato
The Yamato Family
Toshio Karamatsu
Kiku Matsumoto
Kura Harada
Blackie Shinichi Yanagihara
Mitsuko Takemoto
Yukie Sakamoto</p> | <p>24 Zensuke Yokomichi
The Yokomichi & Kondo Family
Kaizo Goto (2)
The Goto & Miyashige Family
Kichizo Yamamoto
The Yamamoto Family
Takeji Ogata
Kiseno Nakano(2)
Satsuki Nakano
Kamazo Teruya
Natsu Muramoto</p> |
| <p>5 Sadaichi Mito
The Mito Family
Michie Makino (2)
The Makino & Okamura Family
Morita Kokubun
Miyoko Sasuga</p> | <p>16 Kamekichi Hayashi
The Hayashi Family
Kozo Okamoto
Peggy Miyako Ogi</p> | <p>25 Keiichi Mineishi
The Mineishi Family
Kazuo Shidaki
The Shidaki Family
Yoshio Nishimura
Shinsuke Uchiumi
Minoru Yamane
Yonosuke Ikuta
The Takasawa Family
Jiroichi Otani
Kazuma Ogata</p> |
| <p>6 Tokusaburo Fukuda (2)
The Fukuda Family (2)
Tora Kanayama (2)
The Kanayama Family
Hitoshi Nitta
Kamato Uehara
Florence Tamayo Matsumori
Laurie Tomie Cho
Kazuo Karimoto
Kuma Tatei
Masaru Morimoto</p> | <p>17 Hiromu Hayashi
Wallace Kazuyo Sakai
Helen Miyoko Fujikami
Tamashiro
Hanako Thelma Ogawa</p> | <p>26 Senkichi Fukuda
The Fukuda Family
Fukuji Muranaka
Rikio Kunihiisa
Mitsuki Kimoto
Toshiko Higa
Edward Toshimasa Fujikami</p> |
| <p>7 Minetaro Katagiri
The Katagiri & Imamiya Family
Tsuyako Kishii
Ross Kiyoshi Hirano
Satoru "Sugar" Miura</p> | <p>18 Hatsuyo Yamamoto
The Yamamoto Family
Tadami Uemoto
Chizuko Koto
Haru Shimizu
The Kawabe Family
The Mitsujiro Kurashige Family
Kiyoshi Narahara</p> | <p>27 Kichi Hisamura
Torakichi Miyao
Takashi Saiki
Gladys Tomi Uemoto</p> |
| <p>8 Toshiko Kusunoki
The Kusunoki Family
Tami Kawasaki
The Kawasaki & Nakagawa Family
Tsuru Kitamura
The Kitamura Family
Yasuo Kagihara
Seki Tamura
Shigeru Gushikuma
Betty Ayako Ishii</p> | <p>19 Kamechiyo Uehara
Fumio Fujiwara
Takayuki Nakamura
Kayoko Miyamoto
Toshiko Yamanaka
Yaeko Ogata Sugai</p> | <p>28 Iro Yamane
Misao Yasuda
Shuso Gushikuma
Shurei Gushikuma
Kamaru Gushikuma
Kama Gushikuma
The Kusaki Family
Clarence Yukio Mitsuyasu</p> |
| <p>9 Roy Shigeyoshi Kawafuchi</p> | <p>20 Sukeo Matsuno
The Matsuno Family
Hatsue Tsuda
The Tsuda Family
Kamei Akamine
Koan Takara
Haruyo Iwamoto
Benzo Takahashi
Mitsukazu Ogata</p> | <p>29 Mayo Yamamoto
The Yamamoto & Suzukawa Family
Yosaburo Shioji
The Shioji Family
Joji Sakaguchi
Tomiko Yamanaka
Haruo Kito
The Kito Family
Hatsuko Toishigawa
Sumie Ito
Shizue Murashige</p> |
| <p>10 Sada Kurihara
The Kurihara Family
The Ajimura Family
The Ito Family (Stillborn)
Shinichi Takenouchi
Minokichi Oshiro</p> | <p>21 Fuji Yamamoto
The Yamamoto Family</p> | <p>30 Tamezo Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family
Heikichi Ichida
The Ichida Family
Setsu Yamamoto
Mackay Umeichi Yanagisawa
Tsunejiro Iwamoto
Yoshiko Moritsugu</p> |
| <p>11 Masataka Fukuda
The Fukuda Family
Shuzo Mitsutani
The Mitsutani Family
Ayataro Nambu
The Nambu Family
Kimiko Fujii
Kikuyo Hayashi
Kinuyo Matsui</p> | | <p>31 Hideo Kuniyuki
Ichiro Obara
Tahei Harada
Violet Sui Fun Murakami</p> |

Obituaries

The Jodo Mission of Hawaii extends its sincere condolences to the family members and loved ones of the following members who have recently left this world for the Pure Land.

Shigeko Gondo Yamada	102
Eiko Teraoka	94
Frances Tomika Nakanishi	85
Sumiyo Matsuoka	93

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 10am Children's Day Service Guest Speaker: Chris Goodin Kendo Sensei	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 10am Mother's Day Service with Sunday School Guest Speaker: Nate Gyotoku Pres, JCCH	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 8:30 am Board Meeting NO Sunday Service Konobori Take Down	19 9:30 HBC Memorial Day Service @ Punchbowl	20	21	22	23 9:00 to 12 noon Lei Making Ikoi Hall 6:30-8:30 Open Bon Dance Practice Social Hall	24 8am-12 pm Sewing Circle Ikoi Hall
25 10am Sunday Service	26	27	28	29	30	31

Coming Events:

Apr 13-May 17 Konobori Display on Jodo Mission lawn
 June 15@10am Father's Day Service/4-7pm Pan Pacific Parade
 July 6 @ 9am General Cleanup & O-Toba Set up in Social hall
 July 11-13 O-Bon Services
 July 13 Final O-Bon Service: 10:00 am; Then Cleanup
 Aug 1&2 Haleiwa O-Bon and Bon Dance/ Aug 2 Toro Nagashi
 Aug 16 : Jodo Mission Bon Dance (one day only)

Jodo Shu Calendar for May 2025: We can connect
 with one another precisely because none of us are perfect.

**No Meetings or
 Classes in May—**
 Fujinkai & YBA

Sewing Circle:
 Saturday 5/24
 @ 8 am

**Temple Lei Making
 Proj—May 23
 @ 9 am in Ikoi Hall**

Sunday School -Children's Day on 5/4 & Mother's Day on 5/11

Bazaar Donations will be accepted. Kindly call temple office if you have donations. Thank you for your understanding.

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: If you have not paid your membership dues (\$80) this year, please be sure to do
 so by sending your check payable to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii** (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814) . *Thank you.*