

Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha • Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu



May 2026

Blessing of 37 motorbikes for spiritual protection and safety was performed on 5/24 for motorcycle clubs Apex and Twist of Faith. The two clubs occupy a space in local biker culture that focuses on camaraderie and the well-being of those on the road.

MAHALO for your generous donations

APEX Motorbike Club
Bill & Keiko Doughty
Scott Fuke
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Twist of Faith
Junko Yonemura



CALENDAR

JUNE

7 2 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

JULY

1 - 7 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Tanabata Tanzaku Wish Tags

11 1 pm
Chinowa Ring prep

12 9:30 am - 1 pm
Chinowa for People & Pets
Back-To-School Blessing

AUGUST

2 2 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

SEPTEMBER

6 2 pm
Autumn Thanksgiving Festival

OCTOBER

4 2 pm
Tsukinamisai Monthly Service

25 10 am
Shichigosan Prep

NOVEMBER

1 - 15 9:30 am - 3 pm
Shichigosan

Chinowa for People & Pets Back-To-School Blessing

July 12, 2026 (Sun)
9:30 am - 1 pm



GOKITO Private Blessings



A Car Blessing was performed for a shrine friend to express gratitude for safe travels and shield from harm. May your new car be the chariot that carries you towards even greater success.



Our first Shichigosan for 2026 was performed for a family from Japan.

Mark your calendars for Shichigosan, Totose no Oiwei, Jusan Mairi - November 1 - 15.



A blessing was performed for a shrine friend for the attainment of his goals.

As you embark on your journey, remember that achievement is as much about who you become as what you accomplish. Each step forward builds your capacity for future achievements.

view event photos at: www.flickr.com/kotohira-dazaifu

GOKITO Private Blessings

A Memorial Service was performed for a shrine friend to celebrate his enduring legacy and the immeasurable impact he had on his family, friends and patients.

He was a physician of great intellect, unwavering dedication and boundless kindness.

Rest in peace - - you will always be remembered, always be missed and forever be cherished.



An 18-year Remembrance Ceremony was performed for a friend of the shrine to pay their respects and reflect on the impact he had on their lives.

He may be gone, but he will always be with his family - in memory, in spirit and in heart.



Losing a companion is never easy. Our furry family members make us laugh, bring us comfort, lift us up and give us unconditional love.

Special prayers were offered for Shino - who crossed the Rainbow Bridge on May 15.

MANICHI RAMEN



A long distance blessing was performed for a person suffering from terminal cancer.

Prayers were offered to bring moments of calm, comfort and gratitude for their legacy of strength. Their journey has taught family members what it means to live with grace, even in the hardest times.

Honolulu has it's share of ramen restaurants, but another one closed after being in business for 12 years.

Hawaii has the highest cost of doing business with high rent, high labor costs, high levels of taxation and burdensome regulations.

The Manichi Ramen franchise opened their Kona Street location in 2014 by the former owners of Choco



Rev Takizawa performed a blessing for Manichi Ramen in 2014.

House Waikiki.

The owners had an opportunity to open a tonkatsu restaurant in Las Vegas and sold Manichi Ramen to a local businessman in 2017.

Rev. Takizawa made it a point to have their ramen on closing day - - a bittersweet farewell to a restaurant he blessed and frequented the past 12 years.



MEMORIAL DAY



Prayers of remembrance were offered at Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Makiki Cemetery and Mo'ilili Japanese Cemetery to express gratitude for our Armed Forces for the freedom we enjoy, for opportunities to

flourish and for the security of the land.

Oahu is home to over 80 public cemeteries. Makiki Cemetery, is considered the oldest Japanese-American collective cemetery outside of Japan,

In the cemetery, there are 3 gravesites associated with the history of U.S. - Japan relationship - - *Gannen-mono* Memorial, the Hawaii Japanese Immigrant Memorial and the Japanese Imperial Navy Cemetery.



E Komo Mai Rev. & Mrs. Shinnishi !

Rev. Shinnishi was newly appointed as the Gon-Guji or second in command at Dazaifu Tenmangu, Fukuoka.

This trip is a gift from Dazaifu Tenmangu, Fukuoka and marks 45 years of devoted service for his dedication and commitment.

TANGO NO SEKKU - Boy's Day



This is the 31st year that *Koi Nobori* were billowing above the shrine in celebration of *Tango no Sekku* or Boy's Day.

Carps have been flown in Japan since the 1700s in hopes that boys

will be spirited, courageous and determined like the carps that swim upstream.

The tradition of *Tango no Sekku* was imported into Japan from China during the Nara period (710 - 794).

The significance of carps originates from a Chinese legend that tells of a carp that turned into a dragon after swimming up the Dragon Gate waterfall located at the top of the Yellow River.

The displaying of armors, bows and arrows, helmets and swords for *Tango no Sekku* was popularized by the Samurai warrior class during the Kamakura period (1185-1333) and symbolizes courage and strength.



Kudos to Bryson Goda for encouraging his son Kyle to observe traditional cultural practices, ensuring that they continue to enrich our lives and inspire future generations to appreciate and honor their cultural heritage.

MAKU CURTAINS



Weeds are most vulnerable as seedlings.

Attacking weeds when they're small means their root system haven't fully established, making them easier to remove.

Weeds were removed from outside of the Kama Lane gate to prevent them from reaching maturity and producing seeds.



Rev Takizawa is handy with the needle and is also able to use a sewing machine like a pro.

The shrine's purple *maku*, used for special occasions needed some mending and

reinforcing along the seams.

Maku is the name for a cloth curtain. It's used at shrines and temples but the most famous *maku* are probably those used in Kabuki theater and is meant to divide the stage from the audience.

The word *maku* originated in ancient China as 幌 (*tobari*) and originally meant awning or cover.

It was made of cloth or animal skin and used to cover all types of items - both large and

small.

Eventually the character evolved into 幕 (*maku*) and was used specifically as a curtain to hide things behind it.

The *maku* curtains at this shrine are purple *Hono-maku* or donation curtains as they are dyed with the logo of the shrine and the donor's name(s).

We also use *kohaku-maku* or red and white vertical striped *maku* for a festive appearance at auspicious events.