



# Buddhist Church of Santa Barbara

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## January 2025

### Services held 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month

Sat. Jan 11, 10:00 am

*Ho-Onko* Shinran Shonin Memorial Service

御正忌報恩講

Monthly Memorial Service 祥月法要

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Jean-Paul (JP) deGuzman**

Sat. Feb 8 10:00 am

Nirvana Day Service “*Nehan* 涅槃”

Monthly Memorial Service 祥月法要

**Guest Speaker: Bishop Marvin Harada**

### Memorial Service will be held for:



MR. KUMAGORO OMURA	MR. JINGO TAKEUCHI
MR. OTOHACHI AKAHOSHI	MR. SHIGEZO SHIBAO
MR. EITARO NAKASHIMA	MR. KANZABURO YOKOTA
MR. YAZO KAWAGUCHI	MRS. SHIZU YOKOTA
MR. YAICHI TANAMACHI	MR. SANZO KUWAMOTO
MR. SHINOBE INOUYE	TOKUMARU PARAENTS
MR. TOSHITAKE TANOUYE	MR. RYUJI KOZAKI
MISS HISAYE OKUI	MRS. KAME BABA
MR. SHINICHI ODA	MR. MANABU KURODA
MR. NOBUHARU KAGAWA	MR. JUNSUKE KANETOMO
MR. TOMEKICHI KIMOTO	MR. MASAO UYESAKA
MR. SEKITARO SHINOHARA	MR. DAIZO MUNENO
MISS MIYOKO GOTO	MRS. ORYO MORISHITA
MRS. TSURU KATAYAMA	MISS HARUMI YAMADA
MR. INOKICHI FUKAMAKI	MR. GEORGE NISHIMURA
MR. SEITARO YAMADA	MR. YOSHIO AOI
MR. TAHEI TSUNODA	MR. JOHN SAKURAI
MR. KUNITO OTSUKA	MR. MUTSUO YANAGIHARA
MR. TOM TSUNODA	MR. JON UYESAKA
MS. TERRY ISHIHARA KING	



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## Acknowledgement and Appreciation

**Thanks!** 23 Ballots for Board of Trustees were turned in!!; Nearly every member received a few votes which shows unity. And, we have 20 members on the Board!

**Kudos!** to recruiters for signing up new members: Ted Muneno, Jodi Miles, and JJ Uyehara; We started 2024 with ~28 members and now, we are up to 46 members! Let's go for 50 in 2025!! There is no membership fee.

**Welcome!** to our Nov and December new members: Brian Downie, Emiliano Gallegos, Greg Kitajima, Eric Muneno, Kathy Nishimoto, Kaylie Nishimoto, Bruce & Gayle Ravenscroft, Danny Shimoda, Pablo Suarez Serrato, Terri Yamada, and Steve Yoneda, We look forward to hearing from our new sangha members!

<b>Dharma (Service Message)</b>	Dec – Jodi Miles
<b>Greeters</b>	Dennis Furuike and Doug Wilson
<b>Flowers</b> Symbol of Buddha's compassion, beauty, and impermanence	Jodi Miles
<b>Osonae</b> Fruit offering at the altar	Sets and Dennis Furuike
<b>Obuppan</b> White rice symbolizing interdependence	JJ Uyehara
<b>Geppo and Program</b> Newsletter-community	Jodi Miles, JJ Uyehara, Editors-in-chief: Sets Furuike, Dennis Furuike
<b>Temple Grounds Maintenance</b>	Dennis Ito, Dennis Furuike, Jodi Miles
<b>Temple Cleaning &amp; Maintenance</b>	Dennis & Setsuko Furuike
<b>Social Hall Setup, Maintenance, and Cleanup</b>	Ted Muneno
Communication <b>Social Media</b>	Christophe Sautot
<b>Potluck</b>	Sangha (Community)

**Oseibo-** Sets Furuike gave out oseibo to the reverends and sangha members who stepped up and helped the church through this crisis of continuity. In turn, we the Sangha, want to express our sincere gratitude to Sets and Dennis for having kept this temple operating and continuing – They are our backbone without which we wouldn't exist!

**In gratitude** for the wonderfully tasty December potluck of special dishes for the year's end. And, community conversation.

### MESSAGE from DECEMBER GUEST SPEAKER: Jodi Miles

Jodi recounted the conversation with Rev Adams about the different



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names of the Buddha. Many of the names refer to the same prince, Siddhartha Gautama of the Shakya clan. After seeking many different paths, he “realized that one could not think clearly and have a healthy mind without [a] healthy body”<sup>1</sup>. At 35 yrs old, he attained enlightenment while meditating under a Bodhi tree.

Jodi noted that nearly all Buddhist temples have a Bodhi tree, *Ficus religiosa*, and a ginkgo tree *Ginkgo biloba*. The ginkgo tree would have gone extinct, but it remains available because Buddhist monks saved this primitive tree when the only population started declining in central China. The monks cultivated it in monasteries in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century. Without their efforts, we would not be able to enjoy the ginkgo tree today.

Jodi showed everyone our Bodhi tree and ginkgo tree. Such a lively message!

**Treasurer’s Report: Sets Furuike**

**Correction to November Total Donations: \$3242**

**December Total Donations: \$2145**

The temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations (Orei 御礼)

<u>Memorial Service</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Eitakyo</u>
M/M Dennis Furuike (Hiroko Morihisa) Joyce Shelley (Kenny Aoi, Yoshio Aoi) M/M Ted Muneno (Steve Hirata) Tamako Nishimura (Takiyo Nishimura)	Monday Qigong Dennis Ito	David Tabata

<sup>1</sup> Kodani Masao & Russell Hamada. 1995. Traditions of Jodoshinshu Hongwanji-Ha. Pureland Publications Senshin Buddhist Temple Hanamatsuri. 84 pp.



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Susie Okada Nakata (Chohachiro and Tei Nakamura)		
<b><u>Bodhi Day</u></b>	<b>Oseibo</b>	
M/M Dennis Furuike JJ Uyehara M/M Ted Muneno Junko Torigoe Lonny Ishihara Terri Yamada	M/M Dennis Furuike David Tabata Susie Okada Nakata	

**CORRECTION to December newsletter** Dennis Furuike has **TWO** Qigong classes at BCSB on Monday mornings at **9 -10 am and 10:30 to 11:30**. Contact Dennis at (805)969-4691. I apologize for the confusion the error may have caused. JJ Uyehara

### Church News

**Congratulations** to our new 20-member Board of Trustees!

**Proposed Change in By-laws** – The acting officers would like to propose a change in the structure of leadership. Instead of having 4 officers and 3 Department heads, we are proposing a Temple Cabinet of # Executive Members. This year has highlighted how a little more effort by a larger core team is the path to sustainability and growth, without overburdening a few people. The acting board will present this proposal to the BOT.

**New Guest Speaker** The BCA is actively supporting our request for a minister! **Rev Jean-Paul deGuzman** will conduct the January service. Rev. deGuzman recently wrote about his experience as a Minister's

Assistant, <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/post/from-pacoima-to-kyoto-and-back> .

In addition to his Buddhist training, he has a PhD from UCLA with a thesis on the multiethnic activism and neighborhoods in the San Fernando Valley; He has received teaching awards and has participated in the faculty-student improv match at Windward School where he teaches. He has combined comedy and Buddhism <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFbW423QHIY>, so he is sure to be a dynamic and knowledgeable speaker.