



I am a link in the Buddha's golden chain of love that stretches around the world. I must keep my link bright and strong. I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than myself. I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words, and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also that of others. May every link in the Buddha's golden chain of love become bright and strong, and may we all attain perfect peace.

My Family is Bad

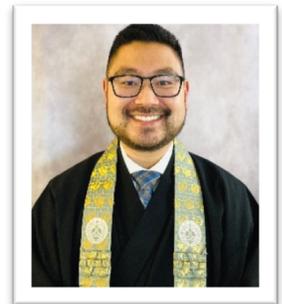
An elementary school student wrote the following essay:

“Everyone in My Family is a Bad Person.”

One day, my goldfish bowl fell and broke. It was my father who broke it. He said, “I am the one who broke the fish bowl. My hand hit the goldfish bowl and I broke it. I am sorry.” Then my mother said, “No Papa, I was vacuuming the living room and bumped into you. It was my fault, I’m sorry.” Soon after, my older brother said, “No, actually, it’s because I left the room messy and went out to play without doing anything about it. Mom, I was the one who made you start cleaning, so I’m sorry. It’s really my fault.” And then I said to my brother, “I wanted to play outside, so I asked you to come with me. I’m sorry, it’s all my fault. I made you leave the room messy to go out and play. This made mom clean up the messy room. I wanted to play outside right away, so I asked you to come with me... I’m sorry brother, but thank you.”

Then we all cleaned up the broken goldfish bowl and put the goldfish back in a new bowl.

Everyone in my family is a bad person. But we are very close.



When something bad happens to us, we tend to blame others rather than ourselves. No one wants to admit that one is at fault. But the more we listen to the Jodo Shinshu teachings, the more we learn that when something bad happens, it is important to first look into the self.

When we do this, we will realize how self-centered and arrogant this self is. However, no one can abandon his or her own attachment to the self. But what we can do is have the strength to face our true selves without having a defiant attitude or giving up.

For me, there is no teaching more universal and equal for all people in the world, regardless of race, culture, language, or gender other than Jodo Shinshu. The family of the elementary school student who wrote this essay is teaching me the fundamental principle of Buddhism: the importance of mutual respect and support among all beings of life.

私の家族はみんな悪者

ある小学生が、こんな作文を書きました。その題名は「私の家族はみんな悪者」。

『ある日、私の金魚鉢が割れてしまいました。割ったのは、私のお父さんです。お父さんは言いました。『お父さんの手が金魚鉢にぶつかって割ってしまったよ。悪かったね。ごめんなさい。』そしたら、お母さんがこう言いました。『いいえ、お父さん。私が掃除機をかけていて、お父さんにぶつかってしまったから。私が悪いのよ、ごめんなさい。』そこに、お兄ちゃんが言いました。『ううん。僕が部屋を散らかしたまま遊びに行っちゃたから、お母さんが掃除をしてくれたんだよね。ごめんね、僕のせいだ。』そして、私が言いました。『私がすぐに外で遊びたくて、お兄ちゃんについて来てもらったから・・・。お兄ちゃん、ごめんね、ありがとう。』それから、みんなで金魚鉢を片付けて、新しい金魚鉢に金魚を戻しました。私の家族はみんな悪者。でも、とても仲良しです。』

私たちは何か悪いことが起きると、その責任は自分以外にあると思いがちです。誰でも自分に非があることを認めたくありません。

浄土真宗の教え（法話）を聞けば聞くほど、何か嫌なことが起こった時、他を責める前に、先ず「私」はどうであるかと自問し内省することの大切さを学びます。そして自己中心的で傲慢な「私」の姿に気づかされるでしょう。ただ、誰でも自分自身のとらわれを捨てることはできません。だからといって、開き直ったり諦めたりせずに、本当の自分自身に向き合える強さを持つことができるのです。

私は浄土真宗ほど、人種、文化、言語、性別を超え世界の全ての人々に対して普遍的で平等な教えはないと信じて止みません。

この作文を書いた小学生の家族は、仏教の根本である「いのちあるものが互いに尊重し合い、支え合うことの大切さ」を教えてくれているように思います。

Donations for Kids Game Prize Booth @ Bazaar

We need your help! The Kids Prize Booth for the Bazaar is asking for donations for the following:

- New Kids toys (Ages 1-16 years)
- Unused Birthday/Christmas gifts
- Small Business or Corporate donations
- Monetary donations
- Toy donations must be NEW

Please drop off or send donations to the SACBC office. Monetary donations can be made on the sacbcoffice@gmail.com. Please provide your name or donor's name and address on all donations for recognition. Thank you! Reina Fujii



Services for June 2023

California Department of Public Health: Starting April 3.

Based on the CDC COVID-19 Community Levels, our area is Low.

People can wear a mask based on personal preference, informed by their own personal level of risk.

June 4, 2023 – Shotsuki Hoyo

10 A.M.

At this monthly memorial service, we will honor those loved ones who passed away in the month of June.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this **Hybrid** service.

There will be a Dharma School graduate/attendance recognition. This will be the last Dharma school event for 2022-2023.

June & July Birthdays will be celebrated.

Japanese Dharma message follows the English service.

June 11, 2023 – Eshinni and Kakushinni Memorial Service

10 A.M.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this **Hybrid** service. BWA will host this service.



Eshinni was Shinran Shonin's wife. She wrote many letters that became crucial in understanding life at the time they lived. She was also a devout Shin follower.

Kakushinni was Eshinni and Shinran's daughter. She was instrumental in establishing the initial stages of Shinran's mausoleum and the foundations

June 18, 2023 – Family Service (Father's Day)

10 A.M.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this **Hybrid** service.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!**

June 25, 2023 – Family Service

10 A.M.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this **Hybrid** service.

Board meeting Wednesday, June 14, 7:30 pm - Zoom



Welcome New Members!
Nate, Dottie and Aidan Tanabe joined SACBC in February 2023.
Please give the Tanabe family your warm hello the next time you see any one
of them in the temple or Sangha Hall.

Blake Honda – Guest on May 7 and 14, 2023

While Rev. Takashi Miyaji took a group on a tour to Japan, Blake Honda came to SACBC to lead Sunday services. He is from Fowler, California and is studying at the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley. His goal is to become a minister for the Buddhist Churches of America.

We thoroughly enjoyed Blake’s time with us. He brought us thought-provoking Dharma talks that he found in stories in children’s books. Thank you, Blake, for showing us the Dharma is like the lyrics in the gatha, “The Bodhi Tree”: ...the Dharma is not like a tree. It can grow anywhere...”



Seated from left to right: Karen Fujii, Tayako Honda, Blake Honda, Craig Honda, Kaori Miyaji

On Mother’s Day, Blake brought his parents with him. Mrs. Tayoko Honda (his mother), Mrs. Kaori Miyaji, and I were joined by Blake and Craig Honda (his father) for lunch after service. It was a wonderful Mother’s Day!



For the convenience of our Sangha, we have ojuzu's, incense, and a large assortment of books. Books include "Collected Works of" for purchase in the SACBC office. We gladly accept donated and suggested items:



12TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION JULY 15-16, 2023

- Tickets/gift cards to Sporting events or amusement parks
- Electronics (tablets, headphones, speakers, etc.)
- Theme baskets for sports fans, gift cards, food and wine aficionados, pet lovers
- Small kitchen appliances

Please bring in your donations to the office by July 1, 2023.
Thank you for your participation!



FIREWORKS SALE

SACBC will once again be selling Fireworks from July 1st – July 4th. There will be four shifts each day:

9 am – noon
Noon- 3 pm
3pm – 6 pm
6pm – 9 pm

There are multiple slots for each shift. It will be filled on a first come-first serve basis. The profits from the Fireworks sales will be split in half. Half of the profits will go to the church. The other half will go to the organizations providing help. Volunteers can designate any SACBC organization to receive their proceeds. This includes: Dharma School, Jr. YBA, BWA, Scouts, AA, Taiko, Kendo or JLS. You can also designate your proceeds to go to Umenoki or SACBC.

Please let me know if there are any questions or if you would like to sign up for a shift. My email address is johnmarai1428@gmail.com

Thanks
John Arai
415-706-7490 (cell)



Clean Up Day • June 10th (Saturday)

We will start at 9 am to finished. Even if you can only spare a couple of hours your time is very much appreciated. The weeds all over the property have grown thick, tall, and lush. Please wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants, closed toe shoes (no sandals), sunscreen, dark glasses, water bottle and hat. Please bring gloves if you have them.

Tools needed: If you have, please bring a hoe, rake, pruning loppers, mask (optional).
Thank you!

JUNE 2023 • SACBC ACTIVITES CALENDAR (Subject to change)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11am JLS 7pm Kendo	2	3 8:30am-4pm JLS classes & teachers' meeting
4 9am BWA meeting 10 am Shotsuki Hoyo (hybrid)	5 8:30am Qi-gong class 7pm Kendo	6 6:30 pm Scout s	7 7pm Taiko	8 7pm Kendo	9	10 9am CLEAN UP DAY
11 10 am Eshinni & Kakushinni Mem'l Service (hybrid)	12 8:30am Qi-gong class 7pm Kendo	13 6:30 pm Scout s	14 7pm Taiko 7:30 pm BOAR D MEETI NG	15 7pm Kendo	16	17
18 10 am Family Service (hybrid) Father's Day	19 8:30am Qi-gong class OFFICE CLOSED 7pm Kendo	20 6:30p m Scout s	21 7pm Taiko	22 7pm Kendo	23	24
25 10 am Family Service(hybri d)	26 8:30am Qi-gong class	27 6:30p m Scout s	28 7pm Taiko	29	30	



SACBC's 57th Annual
Japanese Bazaar

Sat. July 15 11:00am – 7:00pm
& Sun. July 16 11:00am – 3:00pm

Free Admission!

**FOOD • GAMES • ENTERTAINMENT
RAFFLE • SILENT AUCTION & MORE!**

FUN for the whole family!

Children's Games!

FOOD – Chicken Teri & Burgers, Sushi, Shave Ice...

ENTERTAINMENT – Taiko Demonstrations, Kendo,
Ikebana & Bonsai Exhibits, Intro to Buddhism 2pm,
Boutique & Crafts, Bookstore & More!

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JUNE EVENTS

4th / SUN	SHOTSUKI HOYO (HYBRID SERVICE) DHARMA SCHOOL GRADUATION / RECOGNITION
10th / SAT	CLEAN UP DAY
11th / SUN	ESHINNI AND KAKUSHINNI (HYBRID SERVICE) <i>BWA WILL HOST THIS SERVICE</i>
14th / WED	BOARD MEETING (7:30 PM VIA ZOOM)
18th / SUN	FAMILY SERVICE (HYBRID SERVICE) <i>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!</i>
19th / MON	JUNETEENTH / EMANCIPATION DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)
21st / WED	SUMMER SOLSTICE
25st / SUN	FAMILY SERVICE (HYBRID SERVICE)
SUNDAY SERVICES START AT 10:00am Zoom Meeting ID: 818 7869 6300 PASSCODE: 549504	