



# ONENESS

***Buddhist Church of Florin***



May 2025

Volume 5



Hello May! In May, we are having Memorial Day and Gotanye services, which is Shinran Shonin's birthday and classes such as cooking, discussion and Japanese language classes. This might be a good chance to learn travel-friendly Japanese for our group trip to Japan in 2026. In the cooking class, we will be making sushi bake. To explain sushi bake simply, it is crab sticks (imitation crab meat) chopped and mixed with sour cream, mayonnaise, sriracha sauce, sesame oil, etc., then placed on top of furikake rice, baked, and wrapped in Korean nori seaweed. Please join us in our service, classes and annual visit to the cemetery.

The picture above is of Shinran Shonin receiving the Tokudo ceremony as a child. He received his Tokudo ceremony and became a monk when he was 9 years old. I received my Tokudo ceremony when I was 23 years old, so I can appreciate how young Shinran was. I am not sure how Tokudo today differs from that of Shinran Shonin's time, but even in my time it was hard. I had a friend who chanted sutras for a long time while seiza (sitting on the floor with legs folded), and lost consciousness.

At this time, Shinran Shonin had the Yomei (childhood name), Matsuwaka Maru. "Yomei" refers to the childhood name that children use until they reach adulthood. When they became adults, they were given their adult names. During the Warring States period, many young children lost their lives to illness, so childhood names were given to children with the hope that they would reach adulthood safely. We will hold Gotanye service on his birthday to express our gratitude to Shinran Shonin, who survived difficult times and spread the teachings of Nembutsu.

## **Last month's quiz answer**

In Japanese, words are often shortened, such as Starbucks becoming "Sutaba" and McDonald's becoming "Makku or Makudo." So how would you shorten Seven-Eleven?

1. Seven 2. Sebu 3. Sebu-Ire 4. Seleven

Answer: 1 and 3

Interestingly, in the Kansai area, such as Kyoto and Osaka, Seven-Eleven is called Sebu-ire, but in the Kanto area, such as Tokyo, it is called Seven.

### The next quiz



At a restaurant, how do you say "Can I have the check, please?" in Japanese?

1. Oishii 2. Irasshaimase 3. Okaikei 4. Ocha

In Gassho,

Rev. Noritaka Imada

If you need to contact Rev. Imada, you can email him at: [imadabca@gmail.com](mailto:imadabca@gmail.com)

(916) 383-1831



## May Monthly Memorial (Shotsuki Hoyo) Service

The monthly memorial service for those who passed away during the month of May will be held on **Sunday, May 11, 2025 beginning at 10:00 am**. The persons who are noted in the Buddhist Church of Florin's (BCF) memorial records as having passed away in the month of May are listed below. If you have a homyo (Buddhist name) on a card, please bring it with you for placement on the onaijin (altar) before the service. If the year 2025 is a special service year (see table) for a dearly departed loved one, please contact Reverend Noritaka Imada, Buddhist Church of Florin at 916-383-1831 or email [imadabca@gmail.com](mailto:imadabca@gmail.com) to make special memorial arrangements. Please inform Lois Kashiwase of any corrections or additions to the list.

Fujii, Fusaye	05-21-1988	Okamoto, Heisaburo	05-03-1946
Fujii, Masao	05-13-1913	Omachi, Hisayo	05-19-2001
Fujii, Umeno	05-18-1968	Onodera, Tatsue	05-04-1957
Furukawa, Randy Masami	05-09-2023	Oyama, Ayako	05-04-1997
Fuwa, Kan	05-10-1974	Sakakibara, Hisaye	05-31-1918
Harada, Mitsuko	05-29-1918	Shiizaki, Sumako	05-23-1922
Hayashi, Saya	05-04-1920	Tahara, Shiro Albert	05-17-2012
Imahara, Minezo	05-11-1941	Tahara, Tsune	05-03-1997
Ito, Shigeharu	05-21-1931	Takeda, Baby Girl	05-28-2002
Ito, Shika	05-20-1952	Takehara, Kikuyo	05-28-1937
Kanenaga, Takashi	05-13-2019	Takehara, Shika	05-04-1906
Kawanishi, Fusa	05-08-1985	Takemoto, Takeo	05-18-1924
Kodama, Hidemo	05-15-1983	Takeoka, Masako	05-23-2000
Kohagura, Kano	05-14-1928	Takeoka, Yoshio	05-03-1942
Koyama, Sankichi	05-21-1918	Tamura, Shinjiro	05-01-1939
Kurata, Shizuka	05-03-1920	Tanaka, Wilbert Toshio	05-06-1996
Kurima, James Hayami	05-12-1977	Tange, Masato	05-16-1927
Lopez, Jeffrey	05-30-2015	Taniguchi,	05-29-1913
Matsumoto, Kikujiro	05-16-1942	Taniguchi, Baby	05-30-1938
Matsuoka, Iwakichi	05-09-1927	Tashima, Kihachi	05-30-1913
Mitsuyoshi, Yoshio	05-25-1993	Tonai, Raymond Hideharu	05-13-2016
Mizusaka, Teri Sumako	05-02-2014	Tsukamoto, Trisha	05-17-2005
Morioka, Fumiye	05-29-2002	Umemoto, Ryosuke	05-08-1931
Mukai, Sueno	05-07-1952	Yamada, Tamaki	05- -1945
Nakamura, Hoichi	05-10-1963	Yamada, Yotsuo	05-27-1928
Nakano, Itsu	05-03-1914	Yamamoto, Tokuzo	05-29-1915
Nakao, Jack	05-18-2015	Yamanaka, Fusaye	05-25-1958
Nakashima, Infant	05-30-1919	Yoshida, Bungo	05-14-1974
Oda, Matsumi	05-09-1988	Yoshihara, Iwa	05-26-1976
Oda, Tsune	05-10-1951	Yoshinaga, Kajiro	05-15-1966

### 2025 Memorial Service Schedule

Please schedule a service if your loved ones passed away in the following years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Service</u>
2024	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	2001	25 <sup>th</sup> Year
2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	1993	33 <sup>rd</sup> Year
2019	7 <sup>th</sup> Year	1976	50 <sup>th</sup> Year
2013	13 <sup>th</sup> Year	1926	100 <sup>th</sup> Year
2009	17 <sup>th</sup> Year		



**Thank you, thank you, thank you...for attending our Hanamatsuri service, to our special guest speaker, Rev. Motoyoshi, and everyone who helped decorating the Hanamido Saturday night!!!**



# ***Join us for Sunday Service***

**GOTANYE; May Shotsuki  
Family Service and Mother's Day  
Sunday, May 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Memorial Day and Family Service  
Sunday, May 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Memorial Day Cemetery Visitations  
Monday, May 26, 2025  
Elder Creek at 9:00 a.m.  
Sacramento Memorial at 9:30 a.m.  
East Lawn at 10:30 a.m.**

***Officiant: Rev. Noritaka Imada***

*There will be a light luncheon following the **May 11<sup>th</sup>** church service and in order to prepare enough for everyone, we ask that you please rsvp to ***florinbuddhist@gmail.com*** by **May 7<sup>th</sup>**. Thank You!!*

**\*\* The front gates may be locked 15 minutes after the start of scheduled services and/or activities. Thank you.**

In the event of a change, we will post the updates on our website, Facebook page and send out a message to our email list.



# Buddhist Church of Florin

## OBON *Festival*



**Saturday, July 19, 2025**

Hatsubon/Nokotsudo Service	3 pm
Exhibits & Demonstrations	4 pm – 7 pm
Snack Bar	4 pm – 7 pm
Sacramento Taiko Dan	6:30 pm
Obon Odori	7:30 pm

**Obon Odori Practice: July 8 – 10 & 15 – 17 at 7 pm**

### *Florin Obon Workshop*

*July 17 from 5:30 pm*

*Sponsored by Florin JACL and Buddhist Church of Florin*

*Limited space so please RSVP if you are planning to attend.*

*Please email Jenny Takahashi [jmtakahashi@me.com](mailto:jmtakahashi@me.com).*

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Visit Website at <https://www.buddhistchurchofflorin.org>





## **HATSUBON AND OBON SERVICE OBON FESTIVITIES AND ODORI JULY 19, 2025, SATURDAY**

### **Hatsubon/Obon Service 3:00 PM**

Please attend the Hatsubon/Obon Service, Guest Speaker Rev. Henry Adams from San Mateo Buddhist Temple at 3 PM, followed by the Obon festivities.

### **Obon Festivities 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**Food:** Snack bar in the temple's courtyard serving delicious food, drinks and shave ice and more. **50/50 Raffle Prize**

#### **Cultural Exhibits in the Multi-Purpose Room:**

Mataro Kimekomi Dolls      BWA Boutique      Paper Crafts      Florin JACL  
Sacramento Hiroshima Nikkeijin Kai      Ikebana International

#### **Cultural Demonstrations in the YBA Hall:**

Florin Kyudo Kai - Japanese Archery  
Sacramento Kendo Club - Japanese swordsmanship  
Sakura Minyo Doo Koo Kai, Henry Mizushima (fue) with Sacramento Taiko Dan-world renowned Japanese drumming performers.

### **Obon Odori Dancing 7:30 PM**

Everyone is invited to dance-Grandparents, parents, children and friends. Fun, fun for everyone!

### **Obon Odori Workshop-July 17, Thursday, 5:30 PM in the Multi-purpose Rm**

This workshop is co-sponsored by the Florin JACL and Buddhist Church of Florin. Learn about dance background, hand/dance movements, clothing, accessories, and obi tying. Everyone is invited to this educational workshop on the tradition of Obon Odori dancing. Dinner will be served. Limited space so please RSVP to Jenny Takahashi [jmtakahashi@me.com](mailto:jmtakahashi@me.com).

### **Obon Odori Dancing Practices-7 PM**

Dust off your kachi kachis, uchiwa (fan), getas and attend the Obon Odori practices on July 8-10 & 15-17.

## 2025 Membership Dues

Thank you to the following members for their 2025 membership dues received in March/April:

***2025 membership dues are due January 31, 2025.***

Greg Crandall  
Juline Fujii & Dave Sisler  
Kelvin & Kathy Kishaba  
Sharon Yamamoto

Tyson & Denise Fong  
Randell Iwasaki(semi-annual)  
Bette Okamoto  
Burt & Carol Yoshioka (monthly)

Glenn & Jennifer Fujii  
Lon & Ann Tsukamoto

Please direct membership questions to Susan Takeda at (916) 837-5699 or [s.takeda@comcast.net](mailto:s.takeda@comcast.net).

### Directory Changes:

Tyson & Denise Fong – remove home phone number

Glenn & Jennifer Fujii – remove home phone number

Add Jennifer phone number (916) 479-0357 and email [jenfujii16@gmail.com](mailto:jenfujii16@gmail.com)

Randell Iwasaki – add cell phone number (916) 416-8602

Tom & Nancy Oda – remove email address

Sharon Yamamoto – remove home phone number

New member:

Debra Sasamoto: 95 Greenway Cir., Sacramento, CA 95831

Cell number: (916) 207-8333

Email: [sassytchr3@gmail.com](mailto:sassytchr3@gmail.com)







**Buddhist Church of Florin Dharma School**  
**News & Events- May 2025**  
**"B.R.A.I.D." – Building Respectful Awareness**

Hanamatsuri is not just the celebration of the birth of the Shakyamuni Buddha, but also the acknowledgement of the circumstances that were just right in order for us all to exist. As proposed by Reverend Yukiko Motoyoshi, our guest speaker, all of us that are reading this text are only here because of some incrementally tiny statistic that hit the jackpot and was thus, just right for us to exist. If anything else had been just a *tiny* bit different, we would not be standing here and now. To think that such a small detail in our ancestors lives could have been altered to cause such a huge difference in the world that we live in today really puts into perspective how reliant we are to the ever-changing flow of time and the uncontrollable events that shape our lives and the lives of those around us.

- Skylar Lam



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**Upcoming Dharma Lesson/Activity**

May 11, 2025	Dharma School will present Mother's Day gifts
May 25, 2025	White Elephant
June 8, 2025	Graduation and Father's Day presentation
July 19, 2025	Obon/Hatsubon
August 24, 2025	Basketball Instructional Clinic (ages 4-8 years old) 10:00-11:30am
Sept. 14, 2025	Basketball Instructional Clinic (ages 4-8 years old) 10:00-11:30am
Sept. 28, 2025	Basketball Instructional Clinic (ages 4-8 years old) 11:00am-12:30pm
Oct. 26, 2025	Halloween Party 11:00am-1:00pm
	Basketball Instructional Clinic (ages 4-8 years old) 1:00-2:30pm





**SAVE THE DATES!**

## *Basketball Clinic*

*Ages 4 to 8 years old*

**Bring your kids out for 1.5 hours to learn basic skills of basketball. No experience needed. Bring a water bottle, dress appropriately, and wear appropriate shoes.**

**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**

**Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**

**Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>: after service (11:00 AM to 12:30 PM)**

**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>: after the Halloween get together (1:00 PM to 2:30 PM)**

For more information, please contact Kimiko Yamamoto Hayashida ([kimikoyamamoto11@yahoo.com](mailto:kimikoyamamoto11@yahoo.com))





Annual Camping weekend!!

Come join us for a fun  
weekend!!!



Camping dates:

Thursday, July 24 – Sunday, July 27, 2025



RSVP to Kenny Teranishi 916-717-0297;  
Craig Shijo 916-206-8508; or  
Sharon Arase 916-549-0040





# May '25 BWA Dana Project



**GIVING MORE THAN SHELTER  
TO ANIMALS IN NEED**

**REQUESTING FINANCIAL  
DONATIONS TO BE  
PROVIDED TO THE  
SACRAMENTO SPCA**

**maryhouse**  
A PROGRAM OF LOAVES & FISHES

April '25 BWA  
Dana Project



**Maryhouse**



**BWA Board members were scheduled to serve breakfast  
on April 28 starting at 7 am.**



# LOTUS News

May '25 issue  
[April 2025]



Annual LOTUS  
Club cherry tree  
blossoms photo  
shoots.



LOTUS members have enjoyed restaurant lunches during the last couple of months at Osaka and Yum Buffet courtesy of Super Bowl pool winners who donated their winnings. Thanks winners (Gary O & the Kusakas, Harvey K & Mike K). Another lunch was provided by BCF who approved the purchase of lunch for LOTUS members twice a year. Thanks to Lon T who proposed the idea.



Yum Buffet  
March 20

**JoAnn Kusaka**

*Head food preparer, preparing lunch  
at home during kitchen remodeling*

**Sharon Okamoto**

*Lunch prep; dessert*

**Tomio Ito**

*Morning treats*

**Ann Tsukamoto**

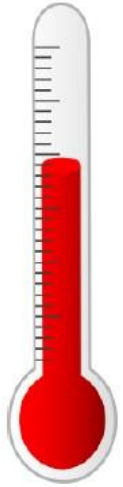
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# KITCHEN REMODEL PROJECT



## Goal



\$100,000

\$50,000

\$25,000

Thank you to our generous members, affiliate organizations and friends in getting us closer to meeting our goal. If you would like to donate, any amount is appreciated. Donations of \$2,500 or more will receive a brick paver with your personalized message to be inlaid with the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary bricks in front of the Hondo. The donation/order form is on our webpage: [www.buddhistchurchofflorin.org](http://www.buddhistchurchofflorin.org). Brick order forms accepted through May 31, 2025. **Become a part of our Buddhist Church of Florin legacy!**

The order form is also on the next page of this newsletter.







Thank you for your support!

# Cooking Class

## SUSHI BAKE

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 1PM @BCF



**REGISTER NOW**

[imadabca@gmail.com](mailto:imadabca@gmail.com)

To prepare enough ingredients, please RSVP.

All you need to bring is an apron

Charging a fee of \$5 for non members





JOIN OUR

# JAPANESE STUDY CLASS

Every 4th Thursday  
7PM - 8PM  
at Buddhist Church of Florin

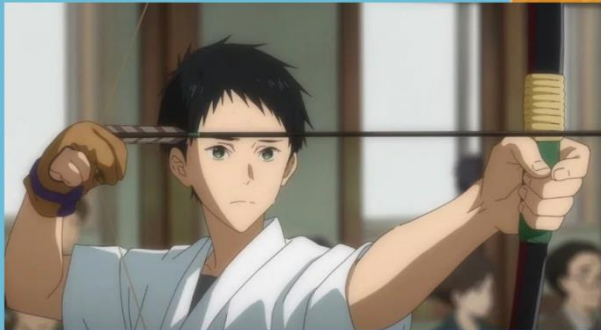


# Kyudo Summer Camp

Learn Kyudo this summer June 6 - July 18, 2025. Every Friday 5 -6:30 pm. Ages 13-16

What will be covered

- History of Kyudo
- Hassetsu, form fundamentals
- Safety in the dojo



Buddhist Church of Florin  
gymnasium

7235 Pritchard Road  
Sacramento, CA

Contact Paula Yoshioka  
808-489-1116 or email  
[kyudokaiflorin@yahoo.com](mailto:kyudokaiflorin@yahoo.com)

Adults are invited to attend  
with the kids.

\$30 participation fee for  
adults, kids are free.



Deadline to register May 23, 2025