



Buddha's Birthday 2023

Friday, May 26

Morning

5:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Following Jukai

Temple Night/Jukai

Formal sitting at 6:00. Work as usual at 8:00 a.m.

Children's Jukai (in the Buddha Hall)

Refreshments for children immediately after the ceremony (in the dining room)

Temple Night concluding with **Jukai (*Taking-the-Precepts*) Ceremony** at about 9:00. An unstructured time for zazen, offerings, and individual devotions at the main altar in the Buddha Hall (children welcome until 7:30). Will also be broadcast on Zoom.

Buddha Hall remains open for informal sitting

Saturday, May 27

Morning

10:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m. (approx.)

1:15 (approx.)

1:30 (approx.)

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No formal sitting. Breakfast at 7:30, work at 8:00 a.m.

Rakusu Ceremony (for those who have sewn rakusus)

Pouring Sweet Tea over the Baby Buddha (drop your vegetarian potluck dish off in the dining room and then go out to the Buddha Hall)

Chanting and **Story of the Buddha's Birth**, followed by **Sleeping Sage** and **Parade**

Potluck Lunch

Bring a hearty vegetarian picnic salad or casserole to share (no desserts, please – cake & beverages provided by ZC)

Buddha's Birthday cupcake tower

Dokusan with John-sensei

Sunday, May 28

Center closed

Monday, May 29

Center closed for Memorial Day. No formal in-person sittings. Zoom sitting at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 30

Center reopens with morning in-person sitting (6:00)