

Catholic Community of
**Malia Puka O
Kalani**

326 Desha Ave
Hilo, HI 96720

Weekend Masses:
5:15 pm Saturday
9:00 am Sunday
Spanish Mass 4:00 pm
Sunday

Weekday Masses:
5:15 pm Mon, Wed, Fri
**Office Hours: 9:00-- 5:00 daily
except Thurs.**



February 20, 2011

Mission Statement

Malia Puka O Kalani is a Roman Catholic parish in Keaukaha, Hawaii dedicated to building a church community filled with the Holy Spirit, guided by God's word, and enriched by the Hawaiian Culture

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SOME THOUGHTS WITH A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE:

The Same-Sex Union Bill has been on fast track through the Hawaii Legislature. The Governor has stated that he will sign the Bill when it reaches his desk. It is no secret that the Officials of the Diocese of Honolulu have joined many other churches in lobbying against this Bill. Does the fact that the State of Hawaii officially recognizes same-sex unions signal a rebuke of the Catholic Church by the State of Hawaii? The answer is, "No".

We live in democracy, not a theocracy. A theocracy is when a specific religion/church is in charge of the government. Such an example is Iran. The Islamic religion dictates the laws in Iran. This form of government was popular in the Middle Ages. Then, it was the Catholic Church and/or the Protestant Church that was in charge. A theocracy always leads to punishment and cruelty toward those who do not hold the same religious beliefs. Recall the Catholic and Protestant Inquisitions! The same intolerance exists today in Iran and other Islamic States. They stone women caught in adultery and let the men go free. And we look on in horror. Thank God we live in a democracy.

In a democracy, we uphold and defend the right of all people to live, to love, to speak and to behave in any manner they wish, so long as harm is not done to the common good. The State of Hawaii has determined that same-sex unions do not harm the common good. Some Catholics agree with this; some Catholics disagree with this. We are free to be on either side of this issue. We do not necessarily need to agree with same-sex unions in order to defend the right of people to live in same-sex unions in a democracy.

The Catholic Church does not condone same-sex unions. You will not see a same-sex couple being united together in a Catholic Church! (Unless the priest or deacon wants to be suspended!!).

There are extremists in every religion. It is great to be firm and committed to our specific religion. However, we always need to make sure that our religion is the source by which we love, accept and forgive others. In extremists and theocracies, religion too often becomes the source of self righteous condemnation. Fr. Joe

MALASADA TICKETS ARE ON SALE:

We had a great first week sale last weekend. Let's keep it going! You can take tickets (\$10.00 for a dozen malasadas), sell them to your families, friends, co-workers, and bring back the money. Nearly everyone will feast on sugar and butter on Mardi Gras. They may as well do it on malasadas from Malia! We are restoring the reputation in Hilo that Malia has the best malasadas on Mardi Gras!

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR MALASADAS:

We need the following supplies to make the Malasadas: Margarine and/or Butter, eggs, and canned cream. We have enough floor and sugar. Monetary donations are welcome for the purchase of needed item. All must be in by Feb 28th MAHALO!

R.E. Schedule for February:

20 R.E. CLASS
27 R.E. CLASS

HOME BOUND MINISTRY

We are considering forming a ministry to the home bound. If you are interested in discussing this/further information, please call Fr. Joe at 935-9338.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Young Adult/Religious Education Committee Meeting will be held at 9:30AM on Saturday, Feb 26th. We will evaluate the 1st Youth Dance sponsored by Malia Youth Group, will revised the RE Schedule, and will approve a RCIA/Adult Education Program for Lent. Other agenda items are welcome. It is an open meeting.

ST JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN:

Some have requested that we have St. Joseph Parish Bulletin available. There will be about 25 regularly on the table at the entrance to the church. You can pick up one if you so desire. They will not be handed out.

CHILD CARE:

The sign outside the church states that we provide child care. The truth be told, this is false advertizing! The question is, "Do we change the sign or do we start offering child care?" If we want to start offering child care, we need volunteers to organize and staff the child care. If you want child care and/or if you want to volunteer call the parish office. If there is no interest expressed by the 1st Sunday in March, we'll change the sign!

PARISH REGISTRATION.

We welcome new members to the parish ohana. Please join us by filling in the form and placng it in the Offering Bowl or giving it to Mary Alice at the entrance to the church.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

MALIA COLLECTIONS	
KOA BOWL	\$ 2,084.00
RENT:	\$ 677.04
MALASADA FUND RAISER	\$ 670.00
MASS INT:	
AUG. ED. FN:	\$ 75.00
TOTAL:	\$ 3,506.04

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY:

Please remember to continue to bring food for those who are hungry.. Our parish helps supply the Food Kitchen and food is distributed to the needy at Malia every Wednesday.

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Please Keep in Prayer

- Fr. Joseph Hennen
- Ernest Matsumoto
- Aunty Patty Grube
- Uncle Tony Moniz
- Aunty Dora Costa
- Aunty Mamo Otineru
- Aunty Nita Kua
- Aunty Elizabeth Dulatre
- Aunty Mabel Silva
- Aunty Irene Kondo
- Shirley Rizzo
- Grace Carter
- Rupert Tripp Jr.
- Shirley Tripp
- Daniel Richards
- Uncle Warren Curtis
- Aunty Babes Viverios
- Terry Tardino
- Patricia Riggi
- Donald Swain
- Samson Wana Sr.
- Steve Densmore
- Joey Lee
- Kathleen Yamamoto
- Pearl Wong
- Susie Anguay
- Shannon Quevedo
- Else DeMello
- Paul Etchverry
- Frank DeLuz
- Sandi Claveria
- Benny Rosete
- Nellie O'Neill
- Raylynn Alaniz
- Quintin Aiona
- Jerry Moniz
- Kookie DeMello
- Dave Davis
- Merafol Hoopii
- Douglas Ferreira
- Hogan Rosehill
- Doreen Johnson
- Katie Hyde
- Janice Shimizu
- Aunty Laurie
- Roger Fritts