

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 7:00 pm
Saturday

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



July 10, 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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A REFLECTION:

We have all been praying for a miracle. We, of course, had in our minds what we wanted. The Lord got what He wanted. Our prayers are being answered! Maybe it's not what we immediately want but it is obvious that the Lord is giving us something much more important than that for which we are asking.

Malia was a languishing parish with a wonderful history. I was a man retiring from treating adolescent drug abusers. My request to Bishop Silva was for a "little parish where I could relate with the people and grow a few flowers as I slowly passed into the sunset". He mentioned Malia. I said, "YES", having no idea about the wonders, the glories, the hurts, the pains of the past. I simply came to Malia with a welcome from a people who have lived the experience of ALOHA. Over time, it became clear that there was a lot of hurt and hope forged together. The past was present; the future was blurred by the past; the present was painful and, yet, hopeful.

Let me be very honest. I did nothing except to let the goodness and the passion of you, the people, come forth. The statement of a parishioner, when I thanked the individuals who were painting the church, is imbedded in my memory, "Father, this is OUR church. Thanks for letting us maintain OUR church".

This is the story of the past three years. We are part of the Roman Catholic Church and part of the Diocese of Honolulu. However, we have a unique charism (gift) in the Diocese of Hawaii. It is our charism to assure that the Hawaiian culture and tradition is an integral part of the Catholic culture in Hawaii. The Bishop, in his letter approving our Pastoral Plan, confirmed this gift and mission of Malia.

It is necessary for me to leave Malia due to medical reasons. Emotionally and spiritually I will be with Malia until I take my last breath. My doctors insist that I be at a leukemia research center to be monitored and treated. The prognosis is uncertain. My health is not as important as the health of this parish. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, Malia has been restored to a vital and healthy parish, worshipping and serving Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Wilson Buitrago will assume pastoral leadership of Malia on September 1st. He will be the Administrator and resident parish priest, when I leave. Fr Wilson is a young priest from Colombia. He recently moved to the Big Island from St. Theresa in Kehei and presently celebrates the 7:00PM Spanish Mass here at Malia. Fr. Wilson has studied the Malia Pastoral Plan and enthusiastically endorses it. He is eager to learn the Hawaiian history and culture and incorporate it into the Roman Catholic liturgy here at Malia.

The availability of Fr. Wilson at this time is yet another sign of God watching over our wonderful parish. The doctor told me in May that I needed to return to the mainland regardless of whether there was a replacement available for me at Malia. I met with the bishop on June 10th. After expressing our mutual sadness, we looked to the future for my replacement. We jointly agreed that God gave us Fr. Wilson.

The bishop has decided to decluster Malia from St. Joseph's effective Saturday, July 9. He has appointed me pastor effective July 9, 2011. On August 31 I will resign as pastor. Fr. Wilson becomes Administrator of Malia on Sept. 1. ("Administrator" is the term used when the individual is not yet a priest of the Diocese. It is virtually the same as Pastor.) If my health permits, I will return to Malia to fill-in when Fr. Wilson needs to be gone. (Hence, I will officially become "Fr. Joe, the older"!)

Fr. Wilson and I will both be present at the meetings of the various parish committees in July and August. The date of each meeting is as follows.

Maintenance/Repair: Sunday, July 31, 10:30AM

Religious Education: Sunday, August 7, 10:30AM

Liturgy: Friday, Aug 12, 5:30PM

Social Awareness: Sunday, August 14, 10:30AM

Finance: Saturday, August 27, 9:00AM

All members are urged to make a note of the times and dates so that we can have full attendance at each meeting.

The membership on the Cultural Resource Team will be announced next week. This Team will be a great resource to Fr. Wilson. Also, the details of the Transition Team will be announced next week. It will be the responsibility of this group to assure a smooth transition from the old guard to the new guard. My last Mass at Malia will be the 9:00AM Mass on Sunday morning, August 28th.

There is grieving. I personally feel very sad. I wish I could stay with you for another 10 to 20 years! There is also rejoicing. Malia is in good hands. The Spirit is alive. Malia will continue to grow and be a vibrant witness to the Presence of God within the Hawaiian culture, on the Hawaiian Homelands. God is listening and responding to our prayers. MAHALO! **Fr. Joe**

REMINDERS & NEWS:

1. No 5:15 Mass Friday
2. If you can help with the Food distribution on one Wednesday a month, call or email the parish office. We still need more help.
3. The Deacons and their spouses will be here next weekend. Bishop Silva will celebrate the 5:15 parish Mass Sat. evening.
4. We need all types of flowers and greens to decorate the hall and the church. Please bring them no later than Tuesday.
5. This week is your last opportunity to give input regarding your preference about a parish council. The decision will be made next week.
6. Baptism Class for parents is scheduled for Saturday, July 23 at 10:00. First Reconciliation/First Communion class for the young person and a parent is scheduled the same day at 11:15. Please call Samantha for details and to register (966-6350).
7. More letters of support are needed for the Parish Grant we are writing.

Offering Bowl	\$2164.00
Spanish Mass	\$56.00
Kitchen	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$2270.00



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.
 Daniel Richards
 Uncle Warren Curtis
 Aunty Babes Viverios
 Terry Tardino
 Donald Swain
 Samson Wana Sr.
 Else DeMello
 Paul Etchverry
 Sandi Claveria
 Andrea Alaniz
 Jerry Moniz
 Merasol Hoopii
 Douglas Ferreira
 Doreen Johnson
 Janice Shimizu
 Roger Fritts
 Wayne Anderson
 Bernice McCartin
 Quintin Aiona
 Addie Strunck
 Ken Yamamoto
 Janet Luiz
 Naeda Pearl Wardwell
 William Birney
 Kathy McBroon
 Ellen Kashiwabara
 Mercy Abeleye
 Jimmy Aiona
 Christian Staszkow
 The people of Japan
 and those on the
 mainland suffering from
 floods and fires.