

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 31, 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

A PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The parish had a meeting about establishing a Parish Council two weeks ago. It was an open meeting. Individuals had some very strong feelings on both sides of the issue. It is obvious that Malia has had some very negative experiences centering around a Pastoral Council. Once a parish has a bad experience with a Pastoral Council, it becomes very difficult to see any good that can come from such a group.

A bad experience of a Pastoral Council usually stems from an experience that the Council and, most especially the Chairperson of the Council, represents a power and authority derived from the parish and stands in opposition to the pastor. This usually begins with the method used to select Pastoral Council members. The mistake is frequently made in having a parish-wide election to select council members. During the election process there are usually different groups and/or cliques that form together to "get behind" one candidate or another. As soon as this happens, we replicate a system utilized in our civil society where one member feels obliged to stand "opposed" to another because he/she was elected by a certain segment of the parish. Witness Washington today! A Council that begins with this way soon sees itself as deriving its authority from the parishioners to offset the authority of the pastor. They also wrongly believe that they have authority over parish committees.

Father Wilson and I have discussed the pros and cons of establishing a Parish Pastoral Council at Malia. Not all experiences of a Pastoral Council are negative. There are many very good experiences. I think it is safe to say that the best Pastoral Councils are the ones that function quietly and behind the scenes. A Pastoral Council is good only if all members recognize that they are "advisory and consultative to the pastor". Their role is to prayerfully discern WITH the pastor.

Why have a Pastoral Council? My guess is that the vast majority of Malia parishioners are aware that a group of Malia representatives got together a year and a half ago and worked very hard with the pastor in developing a Pastoral Plan. This is a twenty some

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Document which we have been using for the past year as a “blue-print” in helping Malia develop into a thriving parish. Granted, the vast majority of parishioners don’t realize or even care that there is such a document. That’s OK. However, to me, as pastor, that document has been an extremely valuable “guide” as the parish structured itself, grew, and developed into maturity.

This, the development and the constant updating of the Pastoral Plan, is the primary responsibility of the Parish Pastoral Council. “*Pastoral Planning is the primary role of the Pastoral Council*” (from Diocesan Pastoral Council Guidelines, Oct 2010). “*The work of the Council is rooted in prayer, faith sharing and study of pertinent documents*” (from the same document). It is safe to say that 99% of the work of an effective Pastoral Council is done quietly and behind the scenes.

Fr. Wilson and I have decided to establish a Malia Pastoral Council. We both agree that we NEED a body to constantly review, renew, and rewrite the Pastoral Plan to keep it a vibrant document as a guide to parish development. This can only happen if we have an established Pastoral Council. All five Standing Committees (Liturgy, Religious Education, Maintenance/Repair, Social Awareness, and Finance) will continue to stand with the same authority, job description, and scope of ministry as has been existent. The chairs of these committees will continue to report to the Pastor. They will NEVER report to the Chair of the Pastoral Council or to the Pastoral Council. The Council has no authority over them. The Pastoral Council will consist of the five chairs of the Standing Committees (named above) and four parishioners selected “at large” from the parish by the Pastor. The Pastor will appoint one of the four “at large” members to be chairperson.

SELECTION OF FOUR AT-LARGE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:

Any parishioner can nominate him/herself to be a member. Or, a parishioner can nominate another parishioner to be a member. (In this case the nominating person or the pastor will ask the individual if he/she is open to serving.) This process will go on for two weeks (until August 14). The nominating forms are at the entrance to the church. During the week of August 14th Fr. Wilson and I will select four members from those nominated. One of these four will then be selected by the Pastor to be the chair

The Diocesan Pastoral Planning Facilitator, Sharon Chairucci, will be scheduled for a one day workshop/retreat for the members of the Pastoral Council sometime in October. The availability of all members will be confirmed before the date of the workshop is finalized. This meeting will be mandatory for all Council Members.

It is our greatest prayer and hope that the bad experiences of a Pastoral Council will not be repeated at Malia. Rather, we pray, that it will be a grace-filled group that will help our parish thrive.

FOOD PANTRY:

Offering Bowl	\$1547.31
Spanish Mass	\$160.00
TOTAL	\$1707.31

Malia starts its own Food Pantry this Wednesday. Please bring non perishable food each week and all your old plastic bags.

MEETINGS:

Maintenance/Repair Committee Sunday, July 31 at 10:30
 Religious Education Committee Sunday, Aug 7 at 10:30



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 Staszko
- Melodee Hulihee Lani
- Salcido Family
- Charles Konanui
- Carleen Haunani Medeiros
- Samuel Borges
- The people of Japan
- and those on the mainland suffering from floods and fires.