

Catholic Community of
**Malia Puka O
Kalani**

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

Weekday Masses:
5:15 pm Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri
Stations of the Cross: 5:15 Wed
Office Hours: 9:00-- 5:00 daily
except Thurs.



March 13, 2011

Some Thoughts On "The Old Rugged Cross"

The Cross hanging on the side white wall is an original artwork on loan to Malia by Anita Politano. The Suffering Crucified Christ was created by a Haitian artist who was dying from AIDS. It depicts the horror and ugliness of the death He endured for us. During this Lenten Season, this cross will be an instrument to help us reflect on the reality that the suffering of Jesus Christ continues in our world. He suffers whenever we inflict pain or ignore the pain of "the least of His brothers and sisters". Maybe we can be a "Veronica" to a suffering Christ of today.

Hawaii is rated the number one Crystal Meth (ICE) abusing state in the United States by teenagers. A more and more powerful marijuana is routinely used and abused with 46% of Hawaii's 12th graders reporting that they regularly smoke "pot". As a church community we need to reach out and provide guidance and care for our youth. We have started a Youth Program. We can touch Christ by offering a supportive hand to this wonderful ministry.

Sickness, hospitalization and old age are times of fear and loneliness. Our homebound ohana hunger for a smile, a visit, an offer to drive them to an appointment, etc. We are initiating a Ministry to the hospitalized and homebound. We can sign up to make ourselves available for this ministry giving a moment of care to this suffering Christ.

Homelessness is a chronic problem in Hawaii. Our Diocese has asked us to focus on the suffering Christ in the growing number of families who are being evicted from their homes and being forced to live on the streets and in the parks. Our parish has just accepted a Pastoral Plan. One aspect of our Pastoral Plan is to start a Social Action/Community Awareness Committee which will have equal status with our already existing four Standing Committees. We can volunteer to be part of that committee when it is formed.

The Old Rugged Cross depicts a Suffering Christ. We can be a Veronica to today's suffering Christ. We won't stop the crucifixion but, like Veronica, we can give a moment of comfort. **Fr. Joe**

OUR LENTEN KITCHEN ALMSGIVING PROJECT:

As mentioned before, the Finance Committee recommended that we encourage the parishioners to use our Lenten Almsgiving to fix up our kitchen. If the kitchen is fixed and certified it will serve a number of purposes:

1. Can be used for parish events
2. Can be used by parishioners for special ohana celebrations
3. Can be used for fund raisers
4. Can be rented out to community and not-for-profit groups
5. Can be used for the social service ministry

We are all encouraged to participate in this project to the extent of our ability. Our wonderful Maintenance/Repair Committee will be doing much of the actual work. The kitchen project is under the direction of Walter Leite. We thank him and the Committee members for the work they will be doing. The estimate is that the project will cost a maximum of \$20,000.00. Our hope is that \$10,000.00 of this will be raised through the Lenten Almsgiving Project. There are envelopes stapled to this bulletin. There are "Giving Categories" ranging from \$5.00 to \$1000.00. Hopefully, everyone, young and old, will be able to participate. Please remember that in Lent, "Giving Up" something is related to "Giving To" something. The money saved by not eating candy, drinking alcohol, or going out to dinner is money given to a worthy project. Hopefully, we will all see **Our Lenten Kitchen Almsgiving Project** as a worthy project.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:

Those interested in being part of the ministry to the sick, elderly, and hospitalized please email the parish office maliapastor@gmail.com or call the parish office 935-9338. We will schedule a meeting in a couple weeks of all who are interested.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Wendy Cortez has been in charge of our Youth Education and Youth Program. We are very grateful for her energetic creativeness. Anyone interested in joining her in this valuable ministry please call her at 896-7224.

RCIA AND ADULT EDUCATION:

Classes begin today at 10:30 in the parish hall. The subject for today is "Back To The Basics; The Creed". All who are preparing for Baptism and Confirmation on Holy Saturday and all youth preparing for Confirmation are required to attend. Certification credit will be given to any Religious Education teacher. All adults are invited.

BASKETS AND EASTER STRAW:

If you have any used small straw baskets and/or Easter straw laying around your house, please bring them to Malia. The Youth Group is working on a creative Easter project. They need old baskets to decorate.

MAHALO FOR THE MALASADA PROJECT:

It was site to behold on Mardi Gras morning. There were 25-30 parishioners, young and old, present and former, acting like "worker bees" in making the Malasada which would be sold

to hungry Hilo residents looking for a final sugar high before the Lenten Fast. It was said over and over again, "This is the old Malia!" Mahalo to Luanna, Laverne and all who made this project such a wonderful success.

Koa Bowl:	\$ 2273.00
Malasada Fundraiser:	\$ 1010.00
Rent:	\$ 25.00
Total:	\$ 3308.00



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.*
- Shirley Tripp*
- Daniel Richards*
- Uncle Warren Curtis*
- Aunty Babes Viverios*
- Terry Tardino*
- Patricia Rigg*
- 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*
- Geraldine Cullen*
- And for all who are sick*