

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 20, 2011

**Some Thoughts.....**

The tragedy of the earthquake and resulting tsunami in Japan has shaken a world which has become all-too-familiar with tragedy. This natural event leaves us silent as we ask the question, "**Why? Why does an all loving God permit such terrible pain?**" Many of the parishioners in our little Hawaiian parish have Japanese blood. We all have Japanese friends who belong to our ohana. Japanese tourists frequent our island. The question, "**Why?**" is not just a general question but, for us, it is a very personal question.

The same waters that inflicted such devastating destruction on Japan, threatened to inflict similar destruction on us two days later. The sirens blew mobilizing us to evacuate. Everyone who has lived in Hawaii for more than a few months knows the Hawaiian tsunami history of death and destruction. The question, "**Why?**" is not just a general and personal question but, for us, it is also a frightening question. We live with the daily reality that this same tsunami destruction could happen to us.

We can answer the "**Why**" question when death and destruction is inflicted by human beings in murder and war and brawls and abuse and neglect. Here, the answer is simple: sin! But, the answer remains hidden when death and destruction is a result of an earthquake or a tsunami or childhood cancer or a heart attach of a young parent or the still-birth of a couple struggling to have a family. **Why** does God permit such terrible evil to happen to innocent people?

The truth is, the cross and the crucifixion of Jesus elicits the same "**Why**" question. Jesus was so loving and caring. His healing and His acceptance and His forgiveness knew no end. Yet, His Father permitted Jesus to suffer so much that He Himself asked, "**Why** have you abandoned me?"

We know now that the glorious resurrection was the result of the horror of the cross. But the apostles did not know that when the crucifixion was happening. They only discovered that later. Our Lenten Journey is our effort to embrace the cross in our world with full faith that our God remains all good and all loving. **Fr. Joe**

**ALU LIKE IS FINDING A NEW HOME:**

We have been notified that the kapuna, Alu Like, who have rented our parish hall since 2005 will be moving to a different location as of April 1. They have found a location that has not only a hall but a certified kitchen. We are sad to see them go for a number of reasons. They are a group of seniors who enjoys and preserves the Hawaiian culture in art, food, music and dance. There was something wonderful about having the Kapuna using one section of the building while the pre-schoolers being immersed in Hawaiian language, customs, and music were using another section. This fit Malia’s mission. Losing Alu Like from Malia only underscores the importance of our Lenten Project: Get our kitchen certified!

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:**

Those interested in being part of the ministry to the sick, elderly, and hospitalized please email the parish office [maliapastor@gmail.com](mailto:maliapastor@gmail.com) or call the parish office 935-9338 by April 1. We will schedule a meeting in a couple weeks of all who are interested.

**RCIA AND ADULT EDUCATION:**

Classes begin Sunday at 10:30 in the parish hall. The subject for today is “Back To The Basics; The Creed and the Church”. We will squeeze five classes into four because the first one was cancelled.

**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.

**LENTEN PROJECT:**

If you did not pick up an envelop for our Lenten Almsgiving Project (*Get the Kitchen Certified*), there are some available with an explanation attached. They are at the entrance to the church. Please pick one up and return it by Easter.

**SWEET BREADS FOR EASTER:**

The tickets for Easter Sweet Breads are available after Mass this weekend. This is an annual Malia fundraising project which is managed by Shirley Tripp, Joanne Peralta, and Maybelle Kumali. Our goal is to sell 700 tickets for Sweet Breads that will be available on Holy Saturday. We know that nearly everyone eats Sweet Breads on Easter. They may as well buy them from us!! Tickets are \$6.00. If everyone were to take at least 10 tickets and sell them to our non-Malia family and friends, we would achieve our goal very quickly. Mahalo!

**LENTEN PRAYER:**

We received 40 more “The Way of the Cross; Scriptural Stations Used in Rome”. These are short and wonderful Lenten prayers which can be used by a family or by an individual. They are available at the entrance to the church. Also, remember, we have daily Mass on Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri. at 5:15. On Wed. we have Stations of the Cross followed by a Communion Service at 5:15.

**MEETINGS:**

Liturgy Committee Meeting: Sat. March 26 9:30AM

**RITE OF ELECTION:**

We congratulate and pray for Samantha, Wendy Lynn, and Dakota Simmons and Je’anie Sioloa who were received in the Rite of Election on Sunday, March 13th by Bishop Silva’s delegate, Fr. Mike Scully. These four young parishioners will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. We congratulate and pray for them.

**TOTAL MALASADA PROFIT: \$4115.42 MAHALO**



**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
- Wayne Anderson
- The people of Japan
- And for all who are sick

Koa Bowl:	\$ 1626.05
Malasada Fundraiser:	\$ 2016.27
Lenten Project	\$ 250.00
Ash Wed.	\$ 195.38
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 4089.70</b>