

Catholic Community of  
**Malia Puka O  
Kalani**

326 Desha Ave  
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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 28, 2011

**Some Thoughts.....**

On the night of the tsunami evacuation I slept four hours in my car parked in the parking lot of Prince Kuhio Shopping Center. I had plenty of invitations to go to people's homes but I decided to go to the rectory of St. Joseph's. The priests were already in bed so I laid on the couch in the library. After hours of sleeplessness due to the proximity of the sirens emanating from the tsunami warning system and the emergency vehicles I made the decision at 3:00AM to sleep in my car.

I mention this because this is my only memory of sleeping in a car. Some people and families do this night after night. They have no choice. It is either a car, if they are fortunate enough to own a car, or a bench in one of Hawaii's many parks or a public sponsored shelter. The challenge of the lack of affordable housing is being addressed by many public and private agencies. Yet these efforts, as valiant as they are, are simply not keeping up with the demands.

When Saint Damien and Blessed Marianne began their work in Molokai, one of their first priorities was to assure suitable housing for all the people they served. We honor these two giants of Christian service but we also look to them as mentors of our Christian service. The Bishop has asked all Catholics in the Diocese of Honolulu to focus attention on the plight of the homeless and those families crowded in small apartments/houses because they can't afford decent housing.

I would be less than honest if I told you that I have a clear idea what our little parish can do to put a dent in this sub-human living situation. But I do know that as a Christian ministering parish we cannot pretend that some of our brothers and sisters in Hilo and Keaukaha do not have the basic life needs.

Our Pastoral Plan calls us to establish a Social Awareness Committee. This committee will help us reach beyond our own little concerns to the cries of our brothers and sisters in need. We are looking for some volunteers to help put this committee together. Will you consider being one of them to work with me on the formation of this committee? **Fr. Joe**

**CHRISM MASS:**

On Thursday, March 31 Bishop Larry Silva will celebrate the Chrism Mass for the Island of Hawaii at 6:00PM. This is the Mass at which the Bishop consecrates the Holy Oils used for Baptism, Confirmation, and the Anointing of the Sick in all the parishes. All Catholics are invited to participate. There will be no 5:15PM Mass at Malia on that day.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:**

This is the last opportunity to volunteer to be part of the ministry to the sick, elderly, and hospitalized. To date, we have three volunteers. Please email the parish office [ma-liapastor@gmail.com](mailto:ma-liapastor@gmail.com) or call the parish office 935-9338 by April 1.

**RCIA AND ADULT EDUCATION:**

Classes begin Sunday at 10:15 in the parish hall. The subject is "The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism and Confirmation". The following Sunday, April 3 there will be an hour session in the church entitled, "Why we do what we do at Mass."

**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. These are needed no later than Sunday, April 10.

**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. To date we have \$2,230.00 in pledges/cash. \$10,000.00 is our goal. Mahalo!

**SWEET BREADS:**

There are only 220 tickets left. (This is from a total of 700!) Let's get them all out this weekend. The Sweetbreads will be able to be picked up on Holy Saturday.

**MAHALO:**

The hand carved wood box on the altar containing the ashes from Ash Wednesday is a gift from Fr Joe's sister and brother-in-law, Jeannie and Ken Saffert in memory of mother, Emma Hennen. It was purchased at Volcano Art Gallery.

**THE WALK IN REFRIGERATOR:**

April 1 is the deadline for bids on the walk-in refrigerator. Minimum bid is \$1,000.00 plus cost to take it off property. While it is in working condition, it will be sold as-is. To date we have one bid.

**FORMING THE SOCIAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE:**

This commitment is solely to work with Fr. Joe in developing the purpose and goal of the committee. A number of people already did some work regarding this. Those who already did some work are especially encouraged to sign up:

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place in KOA Bowl or call/email the parish office.**

Koa Bowl:	\$ 2004.00
Sweet Bd. Fundraiser:	\$ 312.00
Lenten Project	\$ 480.00
Rent:	\$ 1562.50
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 4358.50</b>

**FUNERAL OF GERRY CULLEN:**

There will be a viewing from 9:30-10:30 and the funeral Mass at 10:30AM. Sat. April 2. The family invites the parish.



***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*