

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



September 18, 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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FROM FR. WILSON:

My dear parishioners,

By the time that you read this I will be back in Colombia. It was necessary for me to return to my home because of a medical condition that I only became aware of last week. I felt it best for me to return home so that I would have the support of my family while I undergo further testing and for whatever treatment method is deemed necessary.

It is my intention to return to Malia as soon as is medically possible. Please pray for me and know that my thoughts and prayers remain with you.

Fr. Wilson

MASS CHANGES:

The weekday Masses at Malia will be canceled until further notice.

In case of emergency please contact St. Joseph Parish at 935-1465 or the after hours emergency number 769-7792

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

[Is 55:6-9](#)
[Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18](#)
[Phil 1:20c-24, 27a](#)
[Mt 20:1-16a](#)

I once heard a quotation, and I'm sorry I don't remember its source. It went: "To believe in God is to know that all the rules will be fair, and that there will be wonderful surprises." Today's Scripture readings seem to turn such a saying upside down, or at least make us re-think "what's fair."

The prophet Isaiah quotes God: "My thoughts are not your thoughts...your ways are not my ways." In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a boss who insisted on paying everyone a full day's wage, including those who didn't work a full day. The response from some of the

workers: "It's not fair!" In terms of Jesus' story, God's fairness is different from theirs.

Life often isn't fair, and people frequently blame God for that. The death of loved ones; God's seeming silence in response to prayers; the flaws in nature that give rise to disasters—all raise questions about God's "fairness." And yet there is also the amazing surprise ending to the parable, the generosity of the employer. Is Jesus trying to tell us something about *God's* fairness?

Today's responsorial psalm hints at it: It speaks of God's graciousness, mercy and kindness. Perhaps we're meant to delve deeper into what "fairness" means in human terms, so that we can understand it in God's terms—and to be open to God's "wonderful surprises."

I'm Father Greg Friedman with the "Sunday Soundbite," from St. Anthony Messenger Press on the Web at FranciscanRadio.org.



Please Keep in Prayer

*Fr. Joseph Hennen
Fr. Wilson Buitrago
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 Abeley
Jimmy Aiona
Christian Staszko
Melodee Hulihee Lani
Salcido Family
Charles Konanui
Carleen Haunani Mederios
Samuel Borges
Kyron Horman
Robin Bob
And for all who are sick*

INTRODUCTION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF OUR PARISH

Every Sunday we will introduce you each of five standing committees of our Parish, in order that you may know the members, goals, objectives and services that they will do in our "Ohana", and everyone can support them and strengthen the structure of our parish.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Finance Committee consist of 7 members: Jeannette Lesko (Chair), Janice Pekelo (Secretary), Billie Baclig, Laverne Costa, Peggy Farias, Natalie McKeen and Shirley Perreira.

The goals of the Finance Committee are:

- 1) To reviews the YTD financial report, which is submitted by the Business Manager, David Watson.
- 2) To review all requested budget items.
- 3) To develop and approve the annual operating budget, which is submitted by our Business Manager
- 4) To review the status of the physical facilities of the parish.
- 5) To review the Five Year Maintenance Plan submitted by the Maintenance/Repair Committee.
- 6) Make written recommendations to the Maintenance/Repair Committee for the next fiscal year.
- 7) To oversee and approve all fundraising projects for the parish.
- 8) The Finance Committee will assure that a proper system of checks and balances is operative regarding the handling of all money and valuables.

The Finance Committee meets four times a year; the dates will be published in the Bulletin, and is opened to all.



The financial report was not available before the bulletin went to print. The report will be printed in next week's bulletin.

MALIA BULLETIN:

For now please make all submissions for the bulletin to David Watson at dwatson@stjohilo.com