

# Catholic Community of Malia Puka O Kalani

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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:  
9:00-12:00 & 2:00 -5:00  
daily except. Thurs.



February 26, 2012

## 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.

**Administrator:** Fr. Wilson Buitrago

**Pastor Emeritus:** Fr. Joe Hennen

**Baptisms:** Samantha Naipo-Arsiga  
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**Building Maintenance:**  
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**Business Manager:** David Watson  
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**Social Awareness:** Richard MacKenzie  
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## BUILDING A COMMUNITY:

My Dear Ohana,

In the Bible the book of the Acts of the Apostles shows us how the lives of the Early Christian Communities were. They met for prayer, Breaking of the Bread, Study of the Word, Spiritual Edification, Social Action, sharing with the needy. And Lord Jesus kept adding believers to the community.

Aloha my friends! That is the community model that I am seeing at Malia in many activities, like our recent Mardi Gras Malasada Fundraiser.

No matter how tired or sleepy many of our brothers and sisters were, they met to prepare those delicious malasadas, that received a magic touch, based on love, giving and caring, from each of them.

Thanks to Luana and Walter Leite (Chairpersons) and all the volunteers that accepted the invitation to come work with so much love remembering our song "Na Lima Hana", as said by Aunty Luana.

Let us continue building our Ohana as God wants us to by taking on more challenges for the benefit of our Malia community, making it stronger every day. I know that we will not only make malasadas, but even miracles for our faith in God and our love of our brothers and sisters.

May God bless you and reward you for the work you have done.

*Fr. Wilson*



**BLESSED MOTHER MARIANNE:**

Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, the Vatican announced that Blessed Mother Marianne Cope of Molokai will be elevated to sainthood on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012, in Rome. Let us give thanks to God for this gift and let us feel blessed by God by having two models of sainthood so close to us. Could it be possible that we can organize a group to go to Rome for this great celebration? Are there people willing in our community?

**THE SYMBOLS THAT WE ARE GOING TO USE DURING OUR LENT:**

On Ash Wednesday we handed out a Kukui Nut, symbol of light in our Hawaiian culture, to each of you as a symbol of the process of conversion and transformation that we are going to have this Lent to then celebrate Easter Eve when the light of Jesus will illuminate the darkness in our hearts. Please clean, shine and keep the nut you received as a symbol of your commitment to personal and community conversion. Additionally each of us painted a cross on a stone that I will wear during Lent signifying that we are not alone, that we have a community that supports us. The stone signifies that Christ carries the burden of all our sins and He helps us reach the goal of resurrection.

**What Is a Kukui Nut?**

Kukui nuts come from the kukui tree, the state tree of Hawaii. It is actually native to Southeast Asia. There is evidence that early Polynesian settlers brought kukui trees with them to Hawaii because the nuts were useful.

**Significance:** The kukui tree is the symbol of the Aha Kupuna, the council of elders of the nation of Hawaii. The tree is said to represent enlightenment, protection and peace. The kukui and kukui nuts are important in Hawaiian mythology, as they are said to represent Kamapua'a, the pig god. More to come!

**UPDATE TO THE PARISH OHANA:**

The Maintenance Committee met on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, and updated their five (5) year Pastoral Plan. The updated plan will now go to the Finance Committee for review. Copies will be available for interested parishioners. Moses Moke, Chairperson.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO THE YEAR OF FAITH (Oct. 11, 2012 - Nov. 24, 2013):**

Bishop Larry Silva will lead a retreat on the neighbor islands for all parish leaders and interested parishioners. The retreat theme, **Rooted in Jesus**, will focus on the Year of Faith announced by Pope Benedict. The Year of Faith begins on October 11, 2012 and concludes on November 23, 2013.

Retreat begins at 8:30am and ends at 12:30pm. March 24 at Annunciation Church, Big Island. Participants are asked to register through our parish.

**RITE OF ELECTION:** We will have no candidate for the **Rite of Election**

**DATES:**

Social Awareness Committee, Feb. 26 at 10:30 am.  
Feb. 29 Food Pantry 12:30 pm-2:30 pm.  
All Meetings are open meetings!

Pictures From Mason Michael  
Koamalu Lee Baptism  
Our Newest Parishioner!



***Please Keep in Prayer***

- Fr. Joseph Hennen*
- Ernest Matsumoto*
- Aunty Patty Grube*
- Uncle Tony Moniz*
- Aunty Dora Costa*
- Aunty Nita Kua*
- Aunty Elizabeth Dulatre*
- Aunty Mabel Silva*
- Aunty Irene Kondo*
- Aunty Linda Farias*
- Grace Carter*
- Rupert Tripp Jr.*
- Daniel Richards*
- Uncle Warren Curtis*
- Aunty Babes Viverios*
- Terry Tardino*
- Donald Swain*
- Samson Wana Sr.*
- Elsa DeMello*
- Paul Etchverry*
- Sandi Claveria*
- Jerry Moniz*
- Merasol Hoopii*
- Douglas Ferreira*
- Doreen Johnson*
- Roger Fritts*
- Wayne Anderson*
- Bernice McCartin*
- Quintin Aiona*
- Addie Strunck*
- Janet Luiz*
- Naeda Pearl Wardwell*
- William Birney*
- Kathy McBroon*
- Ellen Kashiwabara*
- Mercy Abeleye*
- Jimmy Aiona*
- Christian Staszko*
- Melodee Hulihee Lani*
- Salcido Family*
- Carleen Haunani Mederios*
- Kyron Horman*
- Robin Bob*
- Shirley Rizzo*
- Beverly Oka Chu*
- William Farias Victorino*
- Billie Baclig*
- Destry Gacutan*
- Dannick Gacutan*
- Kathleen Yamamoto*
- Ansyn Royston*
- Shannon Quevedo*
- Hale Pekelo Jr.*
- And for all who are sick*

<b>STEWARDSHIP REPORT</b>	
KOA BOWL	1915.00
FOOD PANTRY	30.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT</b>	<b>1945.00</b>

**R.E. SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY:**  
26 R.E. CLASS  
26 YOUTH CLASS CONFIRMATION