

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.



March 4, 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

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THEY SHARED WHAT THEY HAD AND NO ONE WAS LEFT WANTING:

In the book of the Acts of the Apostles a model of a community where no one was wanting because they shared what they had is proposed (Read Acts 2:4-47). How great would it be that this Lent we increase what we are already living in our community of Malia: solidarity, sharing, fraternity, and communion.

I invite you to use the money you are saving with the Lenten fast to support our parish's Food Bank, in order to feed our brother and sisters in need. I propose that every weekend **each family** brings a **can of food**.

I have been told that long ago Hawaiian families came together to help each other build houses; I invite you to start a "**mutual help**" program, where we can ask for help if we need to fix something in our homes and we can offer our help according to our skills.

Let us continue celebrating mass with joy and after mass let us resume the "**soup night/morning social**", starting on **Saturday March 10** and **Sunday March 11**.

Let us continue strengthening our Ohana. *Fr. Wilson*

Dear Fr. Wilson, Parishioners and Friends:

The doctor gave me another good health report when I had my monthly assessment on Monday, Feb 27. There are still no signs of leukemia in my blood. All the swollen leukemia glands have shrunk to their normal size and the spleen is again normal. I can skip the March chemo treatment. There is, however, a small growth that remains under my chin. The doctor is not certain if it is a stubborn leukemia gland or if it is something I have always had. At the end of March, he will surgically remove it. At the same time he will tap my spine for bone marrow. If there are no leukemia cells in either, he will declare me in remission. If, however, there is any sign of leukemia in either, I will need to undergo the three remaining monthly series of chemo. In the meantime, I feel great!

I told the doctor that wonderful things happen when we have the combination of a great doctor and a lot of prayers. He, sober-faced, said, "It's the prayers"! Thank you for your prayers, concern, and love.....*Fr. Joe*

FROM SOCIAL AWARENESS AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

The Social Awareness and Outreach committee met on Sunday, February 26. The Food Bank continues to provide food to 30-40 people a month, thanks to the kind food donations from the parish and all of the volunteers who bag the food and distribute it on the last two Wednesdays of the month. Donations of canned foods are welcome ANY time of the month. We are organizing an Easter celebration to follow Easter Sunday’s mass. This will be a potluck with music, hula, and lamb cakes decorated by the youth group and will be open to our neighbors of Keaukaha, especially those less fortunate during this time of year. We are going to start a “Help Needs” program. Parishioners in need of yardwork, simple painting, or other “handy-man” work can contact Father Wilson or Richard. We will then post these needs on the bulletin board and any parishioners interested in volunteering to help can contact Father Wilson or Richard. The committee also discussed getting the parish involved with Habitat for Humanity in Keaukaha, distributing a welcome brochure for visitors staying at hotels or arriving on cruise ships, and starting “Soup Saturdays” as it was a great form of fellowship after mass (and Father really likes soup....).

Richard, Social Awareness and Outreach Chair

THE KUKUI NUT STORY CONTINUES...

This week we are on a road as a part of the transfiguration of who we are and the kukui nut we hold that represents “me”. All of you have had some time with your kukui nut by now. How much has it changed? Has its color changed? How shiny has it become? WOW ! Lots of changes as you are touching the nut itself with your hands. The patience and time reflects the transfiguration of our kukui nut. Your kuleana of the kukui nut transfiguration glistens as we take the road of change during lent. Where is the light? More to come . . .

WE NEED VACUUM CLEANERS:

If you have a vacuum cleaner that works well and which you do not use, you can donate it to the parish, because we need several to clean the church and other facilities. MAHALO!

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD:

Canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned pasta, spaghetti noodles, macaroni, pasta sauce, spam, vienna sausage, tuna, saimin, pork ‘n beans. Other foods are welcome too. MAHALO!

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH:

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| 4: R.E. Class/ Youth Class Confirmation | 25: R.E. Class/ Youth Class Confirmation |
| 10: “Soup Night Social” after 5:15 pm Mass | 26: Prince Kuhio Day |
| 11: R.E. Class/ Youth Class Confirmation | 28: Food Pantry 12:30pm-2:30pm |
| 12: Spring Break 3/12-3/16 | 31: Lenten Penance Service. 9:00 am |
| 17: Reconciliation Class 9am-10am | 31: “Soup Night Social” after 5:15 Mass. |
| 17: Reconciliation 10:30am-11:30am | |
| 17: “Soup Night Social” after 5:15 pm Mass | |
| 18: R.E. Class/ Youth Class Confirmation | |
| 21: Food Pantry 12:30pm-2:30pm | |
| 22: Chrism Mass in Honokaa 7:00 pm. | |
| 23: Vocations dinner with Bishop 5:00 pm. at Malia | |
| 24: First Holy Communion Class 8am-12pm | |
| 24: “Soup Night Social” after 5:15 pm Mass | |



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
Merazol 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 Staszkow
Melodee Hulihee Lani
Salcido Family
Carleen Haunani Mederios
Kyrone 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*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
KOA BOWL	1973.00
MALASADAS	2194.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	4167.00