

Catholic Community of Malia Puka O Kalani

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Mass Schedule

Sat. 5:15 pm

Sun. 9:00 am

Weekday Mass M,W,F 5:15

Spanish 7:00PM, 1st Sat. of
of the month



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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.

PASTOR:

Fr. Joe Hennen

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Robert Stark, SSS

Baptisms:

Samantha Naipo-Arsiga
966-6350

Building Maintenance:

Moke Moses 937-9783

Business Manager:

David Watson
935-1465

Finance: Jeannette Lesko

808-778-8058

Liturgy: Joe Farias 982-5919

Faith Formation: Billie Baclig

315-9844

Social Awareness:

Richard MacKenzie 896-0390

Spanish Coordinator:

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WEBSITE:

www.maliapukaokalani.com

VOLUNTEERISM

Having finished the summary of the 2013-2014 Malia Pastoral Plan and this being the weekend when we celebrate our feast day as a parish, it is a good opportunity to reflect on what makes our parish "tick". Considering all the activity described in the Pastoral Plan and all the activities that actually happen at Malia, it is noteworthy that the parish functions with no paid staff other than the pastor and a three-hour-a-week finance person. Just to make the Parish Committees and the Pastoral Council function, there are over fifty volunteers. Add to that the Religious Education Program, the choir and music program, the liturgical ministers (including the Malia Visitors), the maintenance workers, the money counters, etc., we have nearly seventy five people who are donating their time to make this parish function. This is OWNERSHIP at its best. Many larger parishes would be envious to have such a volunteer commitment.

While the entire functioning of the parish is based on volunteers, it is important to note that, in the structure of our parish, the only individuals who share in the authority of the pastor are the chairpersons of the Standing Committees. The pastor has given Joe Farias authority to make decisions regarding liturgy; Billie Baclig and Cyndi Herron authority regarding Faith Formation and Religious Education, Richard MacKenzie authority regarding Social Awareness (and Roberta Gacutan regarding the Food Pantry and Laverne Costa regarding facility use), Moke Moses regarding Maintenance. Church law does not permit the pastor to delegate authority over finances but Jeannette Lesko is the facilitator of the Finance Committee and is the go-to person regarding financial concerns. Samantha Naipo-Arsiga is in charge of the Pastoral Council but the Pastoral Council has no authority other than to facilitate the working together of the various Committees. Each of these individuals are directly responsible to the Pastor and receive their authority directly from the pastor. **NO OTHER AUTHORITY HAS BEEN DELEGATED TO ANYONE.**

There are always well intentioned individuals in a parish who like to speak loudly and pretend that they have authority. The reality is that these individuals do have authority IF people give them authority by seeking their permission and/or following their directives. Collegiality and shared leadership only functions in a parish when there is clarity regarding who has authority and who does not have authority and everyone works within those parameters.

Malia is a strong parish with strong lay leadership. We can be even stronger if each person functions within the limits of the parish structure and demand that others function within that same structure. We have worked very hard to build a structure where shared leadership is the model. Today, our feast day, we celebrate who we are as Emmanuel, God-with-us. We are all reminded that this is OUR parish. It belongs to no one individual nor any clique which would like to believe that they can run things. We call on all parishioners to recommit ourselves to the structure of the parish which we have chosen for ourselves. Only by such a recommitment can and will we be fully alive as a parish. **Fr. Joe**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: There will be registration for Religious Education - Sacramental Preparation during the Pot-Luck after Mass this Sunday. This year there is a \$15.00 charge per student to defray part of the cost for materials. If any family finds the charge burdensome, please just tell the person registering, “We are exempt”. No questions asked! Any family with more than two children, pays only for the first two. Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 15 from 10:30-11:30AM. The religious education of our children and youth is a top priority for the parish. We hope that it is also a top priority for all parents/grandparents/guardians. We cannot expect our young people to “grow in wisdom and knowledge” like Jesus Christ if they know nothing about Jesus and His Church. Please make the Religious Education registration and the faithful attendance of your child a top parental priority.

FOOD POVERTY WORKSHOP: The Diocesan Office of Social Ministry under the leadership of Carol Ignacio is sponsoring a workshop on how to Fight Food Poverty in the parishes. This workshop is for all the parishes in the East Vicariate. The workshop is at Malia from 9:00AM—1:00PM on Saturday, Sept 28. Roberta Gacutan is our parish coordinator for this event. Everyone is invited to participate. There is a special outreach to the youth of the parish. There is no cost. We’ll get registration info as the conference gets closer.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT DINNER: A dinner with the bishop will be on Friday, August 30 from 5:00PM –8:00PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Papaikou for single men 18 years and older who might have an interest in becoming a Permanent Deacon, a Male or Female religious, or a Priest. We need to know if anyone intends to go to the dinner by Friday, August 23. If interested, call Fr. Joe 935-9338.

MALIA VISITORS: There will be a meeting on Sunday, Sept. 1 at 10:30 of all individuals who signed up to be a “Malia Visitor”. If you did not sign up but would still like to become a “Malia Visitor” to bring the Eucharist/visit with the homebound of our parish please come to the meeting. We will have the commissioning of the “Malia Visitors” at the weekend Masses on Sept 14 and 15.

BAPTISM CLASS: There will be a required class for all parents/grandparents/guardians of children who will be baptized within the next four months (Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec.). Many parishes require the parents and/or legal guardians to present their children for baptism. While this still remains highly desirable, we are aware of the powerful and influential role grandparents play in the Hawaiian culture. Therefore, at Malia we have made an exception and will accept grandparents as the individuals who will both present their grandchildren and will make a commitment to do everything in their power to assure that the child is raised in the Christian faith. By the way, this same principle is also applicable to the other sacraments (First Penance, First Communion, Confirmation). Hence, registration in the Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation program can also happen at the hands of grandparents.

SYMPATHY: We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of German Henry Kaialu Wessel who died this past October. German and his family grew up in Keaukaha. German went to school with some of our parishioners and was also a parishioner of Malia. The family brought him “home” for a funeral Mass on Saturday and burial at sea. We offer our prayers for German and for his family.

CALENDAR:

Fri., Sept 6: 6:00-9:00 Luau - a few tickets have been returned by individuals. If you want a ticket, please check at the table at the entrance to the church. There may still be some available. Everyone else is asked to turn in the ticket money ASAP.

Sat.; Sept 7: 9:30AM Baptism Class; call Samantha to register 966-6350

Sun.; Sept. 8: We will commission the Religious Education Teachers at the 9:00 Mass followed by a Religious Education Open House

Sun., Sept 15: 10:30AM Pastoral Council Meeting

Mon., Sept 16: Fr Joe leaves for month for medical check-ups

STEWARDSHIP	August 10-11 2013
KOA BOWL	\$1623.00
LUAU FUND RAISER	\$740.00
BUILDING APPEAL	\$60.00
GIFT/DONATION	\$200.00
FOOD PANTRY	\$100.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$2723.00