

Catholic Community of Malia Puka O Kalani

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Mass Schedule

Sat. 5:15 pm

Sun. 9:00 am

Weekday Mass this week TBD

Spanish 7:00PM, next Saurday,

Sept. 7

AUG. 24-25, 2013



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

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Fr. Robert Stark, SSS

Baptisms:

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OUR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

In 2008 we were asked by Bishop Larry to identify our top three priorities as a parish. Malia's top priority was "Youth and Young Adults". Many of us older people remember that in 2008 there were only a couple young families in our parish. The sound and the sight of young kids crying and running up and down the aisle and leading us in the Lord's Prayer was a rarity because, very simply, they weren't in church. We had no religious education program and no sacramental preparation program because none was needed. The very few kids that were here went to St. Joe's for religious education. The vast majority went nowhere, including Malia.

Over the past few years, we have witnessed a dramatic change. Last year alone, we had thirteen First Communions. We have an active religious education program with great enrollment. Babies and toddlers are constantly making their wonderful presence known during the weekend liturgies as they compete with the priest for attention. The sight and sounds of children have come back to Malia. We welcome many more children as young families again discover the value of religion. (The sight of a little kid filled with excitement, running down the aisle is, many times, the most inspiring aspect of the worship service!). To our young parents we say, "Don't ever stay away because you think your child will be a disturbance! Far from a disturbance, your child is an inspiration".

However, a great concern is our teens and young adults. What are we doing to make them feel welcome in our parish and worshipping community? In Rio De Janeiro, Pope Francis said to the youth, "If you want to have real meaning and fulfillment, as you deserve, put on faith". So many youth are turned off by religion because religion, to them, is constantly telling them what they CANNOT do. Seldom do we tell them what they CAN do. Again, Pope Francis said, "the youth are indispensable to the reinvigoration of the church". If this is true of the church universal, it is even more true of our little church at Malia.

As a parish, we need to commit ourselves to inviting and listening to our teens and young adults. Rose Bautista is our new youth minister. Support her; feed your ideas; youth, tell her what you want and need. Rose and Joe Farias have been working together to have a youth mass on the first Sunday of every month where, at the 9:00 Mass, our teens and young adults will be the greeters, the servers, the lectors, the eucharistic and music ministers, etc. Our Confirmation Class will become a two year program which will involve all teens from 8th grade through 12th grade including those who have little or no religious education background. During the two years, the young participants will be able to be baptized (if needed), make their First Communion and be Confirmed. This will be part of the regular religious education program from 10:30 - 11:30 on Sundays. They will be with youth in their own age range.

Our invitation and "welcome mat" to our teens and young adults is not limited to the above activities. It is a start. As our youth feel welcome and begin to find meaning in "putting on faith" they will tell us what they need and want. **Fr. Joe**

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION: What can one say about the celebration last Sunday? It was Malia at our best! We express our deep gratitude to all who made this wonderful celebration possible. There were so many aspects to the celebration: the liturgy, the crowning, the pot-luck. Each was a celebration in itself and each involved the dedicated work of a number of individuals. Mahalo to all!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: Registration for Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation will continue this weekend. There will be people at the entrance to the church after both the Saturday and the Sunday Masses where you can return the registration forms you took last Sunday or register for the coming year. The teachers will have a meeting next Sunday, Sept 1 after the 9:00 Mass. They would like to know the approximate number of students in each age group so that they can plan accordingly. Therefore, registration this weekend is a priority. 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.

EXPANDED 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 ANY AND ALL individuals over the age of 18 who might have a slight interest in the lay diaconate (wives are invited to participate), the Religious Life (male and female) and/or the priesthood. Monday, August 26th is the deadline to sign up. If interested, call Fr. Joe: 935-9338.

THE LUAU: Scheduled for Friday, Sept 6, 6:00-9:00. All tickets are gone. If you took tickets and cannot sell them, please return them ASAP. There are people on the waiting list. Also, there will be an assortment of door prizes. If you wish to donate a door prize (judge the quality of the door prize by something that you would like to receive) bring it to the church with the food items and/or call Frieda Lee at 960-3116. This promises to be great fun with wonderful food, uplifting entertainment, and a great boost to the parish.

NEEDS FOR THE LUAU: Some stronger backs and arms (men and youth!) are needed to help set up for the Luau on Wednesday, Sept 4 at 1:00pm. Some people with decorative capabilities and/or willing to help with flowers etc. are needed on Thursday, Sept 5 at 4:00. Individuals with cake baking capabilities are invited to bake a cake (regular or sheet) and deliver it anytime before the Luau so that we can have a great desert.

MAKE A FLIER: I am sure there is a volunteer who is capable of making an attractive flier which can be used to let the people of Keaukaha and the people of Hawaiian origin aware of the availability of our facilities. If you have such internet capability and are willing to volunteer to do this, please call Fr. Joe (935-9338) or give him a note—please don't "just mention" it to him because his memory isn't so hot!

FUND-RAISING SUB-COMMITTEE: The Fund-Raising subcommittee met this past Sunday. Involvement is not limited to the ten people who participated in the meeting. The purpose of the subcommittee is to get ideas on fund-raising events, ideas on how to advertise the events so that we can get word out beyond our parish. The Fund-Raising events scheduled for this year are: 1. **Luau**, Friday, Sept. 6; 2. **Sale of the Cookbook**, starting 10/5/13. **Sweet Bread Sale** Wed. 11/27/13.

4. **Craft Fair** 12/14-15/13. 5. **Malasada Sale** 3/2/14. 6. **Chili Cookout** 5/9/14. We are looking for volunteers to chair any of these events. Please step forward and call Laverne (959-9219) or Jeannette (969-3013). Fund raising is an important necessity for the life of our parish.

MALIA VISITORS: If you are interested in joining the parishioners who have volunteered to take the Eucharist and/or visit with those who are homebound OR know a person who would like a Malia Visitor please call Hale Pekelo at 968-1382. All the Malia Visitors will meet Sun. Sept 1. The commissioning will be at all the Masses Sept 15.

CALENDAR:

Sat. Sept 7, 9:30: Baptism Class **Sun. Sept 8:** Commissioning of RE Teachers at the 9:00 Mass and Religious Ed. Open House after Mass **Sun. Sept 15:** Pastoral Council Meeting at 10:30

STEWARDSHIP 8/ 17-18	
KOA BOWL	\$1615.00
LUAU FUND RAISER	\$1010.00
BUILDING APPEAL	\$100.00
FOOD PANTRY	\$30.00
FACILITY USE	\$25.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$2780.00