

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.5:15PM

Spanish: Sat. 7:00PM, Nov 2

November 2-3, 2013



MISSION STATEMENT

“Malia Puka O Kalani is a Roman Catholic parish on Hawaiian Home Lands 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

778-8058

Liturgy: Joe Farias 982-5919

Faith Formation: Billie Baclig

315-9844

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Richard MacKenzie 896-0390
Roberta Gacutan 339-1295

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MALIA WILL REMAIN A THRIVING PARISH

I have no intention of continually giving “updates” on my medical status. However, I will give one (and hopefully, last) update because this will be the context in my manner of being pastor for the next few months. I received a lab test this past week. It was sent to my leukemia oncologist in New York. His evaluation and prognosis is that I will definitely need another round of chemo in the not-too-distant future. He recommends a trip to the mainland in February for a more complete evaluation. His recommendation is that I plan to return to the mainland for treatment in April or May. I have informed the bishop of this along with the statement that I would resign as pastor of Malia at that time. He should expect to find a new pastor.

I mention this to both inform the parish and to ask that we work together in the next six or seven months to solidify the structure that we have built together. In last week’s bulletin, we talked about Faith and Structure. A Faith Community cannot exist without structure. Without structure the parish will surely fall apart.

Many of you are well aware of the turbulent history of Malia. Fr. George was a strong and vibrant pastor. Malia thrived while he was here. However, in the eight years of his absence and the coming and going of various pastors and the clustering with St Joe’s, Malia fell on hard times and came very close to extinction. I firmly believe that this happened because the parish was too dependent on a strong pastor. There was no one else to assume and/or be given authority to maintain a living structure necessary for continuity in a parish. “Turf warfare” broke out; control fights filled the vacuum; people got disgusted and left. This sad story cannot be allowed to repeat itself. However, it will repeat itself if the structure we built together falls apart.

We have five standing committees and one standing team. And we have a Pastoral Council with a specific and limited responsibility. Each committee, team, and council has a chairperson. (Note the list at the side of the bulletin). These chairpersons and their committees have specific responsibilities. They are in charge of their area of responsibility. **THE PARISH NEEDS TO SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN AND FORTIFY THESE CHAIRPEOPLE AND THEIR COMMITTEES.** The involvement of the parishioners of Malia is wonderful. However, an involvement of doing good that does not respect the boundaries of the committees and the authority of the chairperson is harmful and will lead to the destruction of the structure. The chairpersons meet with the pastor regularly and, behind closed doors, we discuss what is and is not possible within the framework of the church, the diocese, and the resources of the parish. It undermines their authority when parishioners by-pass the committee chairs and “shoot a curve” to the pastor so that they can say, “Father said...”.

I am saying all of this now so that everyone will understand that the focus of my energy as pastor for the next six-seven months will be to fortify the structure of the parish so that both the structure and Malia will long outlive all of us. Let’s work together and remind each other of this important goal. **Fr. Joe**

NOVEMBER: ALL SOULS MONTH: Please remember to write the names of your loved ones in the Book of Life or on the offering envelopes. All those inscribed in the Book of Life and on the offering cards will be remembered at all the Masses during November. We especially remember Norma Kema, whose funeral will be at Malia on Monday, November 4 at 12:00 noon. We also especially remember Kazu (Richard) Fukui who's funeral will be at Malia on Wednesday, November 6 at 10:00AM (visitation 9:00AM – 10:00AM).

CHURCH PROPERTY AND MONEY: Everyone is reminded that no church property is permitted to be removed from the parish grounds without the explicit and written permission of the Pastor. This includes, but is not limited to, tables, chairs, tools, supplies, liturgical articles, etc. Too many things have come up missing and damaged. Until a better system can be up in place, the authority to remove anything from church property is limited to the Pastor, and then only in writing. The same is true of parish money (fundraising money, etc.). All church money must be deposited in the safe at the church and can never be taken to someone's home--- even overnight.

A MESSAGE FROM MALIA'S CHOIR DIRECTOR, JOSEPH FARIAS III: Your Malia choir strives each week to provide you with music selections that are appropriate to the readings each weekend. We have dedicated ourselves to providing the best possible music based on content, appropriateness and how familiar you are with the music. It is my feeling that we should celebrate with pieces of music you already know! Our choir does commit time during the week making sure we start, stop and do the piece as best we can to enhance the liturgy. We do have a policy, "If you do not attend practice, do not expect to play at the weekend Mass". Although we have competent musicians, practice allows all members to "synchronize" when we execute a piece. We have had this policy in place for over 2 years with remarkable results. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our choir policies, please feel free to contact me at 345-9606 or at home 982-5919 (I do have young kids at home so please, no late calls).

ROSARIES: Walter and Luana Leite have lovingly made rosaries and are offering them to Malia parishioners. If you take a rosary, their only request is to include prayers for healing of the sick and for peace in the world. Please see Luana after the 9:00AM Sunday Mass if you would like one of their handmade rosaries.

SOCIAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE MEETING: The committee will meet Saturday, November 9, 2013 at 9:30AM in the Rectory's meeting room. All members are requested to take note and please be present. As usual, all Parish meetings are open meetings.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The Council will meet Sunday, November 10, 2013 at 10:30AM in the Rectory's meeting room. All Standing Committee Chairs, Inculturation Team Chair and Council Ad-Hoc Members are requested to be present.

UPCOMING PARISH PROJECT: Helping hands are needed to make malasadas for sale on Shrove Tuesday (the day before Ash Wednesday). Everyone looks forward to Malia's delicious malasadas to start off the Lenten Season so come to a meeting in December to learn how to make malasadas. The meeting date will be provided in a future bulletin. Contact Luana Leite at 959-7853 for further information.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The Finance Committee met on Saturday, October 26, 2013. David Watson provided a Year-To-Date financial report which showed that the Parish had approximately \$5,000 less in expenses and approximately \$5,000 more in income, for a positive net result of \$10,000 Year-to-Date. Father Joe instructed the committee on procedures to follow when handling Parish money to ensure adequate safeguards against theft/embezzlement. The committee was directed to perform periodic audits to ensure compliance. The committee authorized a petty cash fund in the amount not to exceed \$200. for Fr. Joe, for the sole purpose of having change for Malia's fundraising program.

Stewardship Report October 26-27, 2013	
Koa Bowl	\$1,272.00
Cook Book	\$350.00
Sweetbread	\$280.00
Luau Donation	\$350.00
Misc.	\$92.00
Total Deposit	\$2344.00