

Catholic Community of Malia Puka O Kalani

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Mass Schedule

Sat. 5:15 pm

Sun. 9:00 am

No Weekday Masses from

Nov. 29—Feb. 10

DEC 21-22, 2013



JOY ONLY FOR CHRISTMAS?

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

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Fr. Robert Stark, SSS

Baptisms:

Patty Grube 747-6273

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778-8058

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At this time of the year we hear carols of joy; we send each other cards wishing the receiver “the joy of Christmas”; we witness the wonder and awe in the eyes of the keiki as they visit Santa Claus; we see the mysterious accumulation of various shaped decorated boxes under the tree wondering, “Which one is mine?” and “What could be in there?”. The parents and na kupuna take vicarious joy in the childlike “wondering” as we too experience that once-in-a-year feeling of joyful contentment. Many of the troubles of our world, our community, our ohana seem to melt away for a brief period of time as we experience that ever-fleeting emotion of joy. Our priorities seem to be right at this time of the year and we break out in song, “Joy to the World”.

Pope Francis talked about the emotion of joy. “What is joy? Is it having fun? No, it is not the same. Having fun is good. But joy is more, it is something else. It is a gift. Joy is a gift from God that fills us from within. It is like an anointing of the Spirit. AND THIS JOY IS THE CERTAINTY THAT JESUS IS WITH US”. On another occasion Pope Francis said, “If we keep this joy to ourselves, it will make us sick, our hearts will grow old and wrinkled and our faces will no longer transmit that great joy—only nostalgia and melancholy, which is not healthy”. Then he says what I think is one of the funniest and truest statements ever made by a recent pope. “Sometimes these melancholy Christian faces have more in common with pickled peppers than the joy of having a beautiful life”! Don’t you love it?!!!!

The experience of joy does not originate from the outside—triggered by bright lights, colorfully wrapped packages, and a kupuna we name, “Santa Claus”. It comes from within. This was once true in the Hawaiian culture and history. There was a time when all the doors were unlocked and open, when the streams of water freely flowed unblocked in the Waipio Valley so that there was as much water for the taro farmer in the lower valley as there was for the one on the top; when every neighbor was ohana and not just a person living next door. This was a tradition and a value of trust, honesty, and love. The fruit of trust, honesty, and love is JOY. It originates from the inside and is a way of life.

We are surrounded and have been taken over by a cult which is directly contrary to the Hawaiian experience. It is a cult of competition, suspicion, and selfishness. Our contemporary culture is all too often a dog-eat-dog world where the definition of good is what pleases me regardless of how it affects anyone else. It permeates our community, our church and our ohana. The effect of this inner spirit is jealousy, anger, and possessiveness. Far from joy!

Pope Francis also stated, “Truth is a relationship. As such, each of us receives the truth and expresses it from within, that is to say, according to one’s own circumstances, culture, and situation in life”. Malia’s roots are in the Hawaiian culture. We, Hawaiians and Haoles, Filipinos, and Asians, Latins and Blacks who worship at Malia will experience JOY throughout the year if we live our Christian life rooted in the Hawaiian values which we constantly celebrate.

A JOYFUL LIFE TO ALL!

Fr. Joe

MAHALO: The Craft Fair/Garage Sale last weekend was a great success. As you can see from the Stewardship Report below, the Fair brought in over \$1200.00—and no expense. We are very grateful to Laverne Costa and her team not only for the Craft Fair but for the Fund Raisers Year To Date. There are still parishioners who verbalize that we have too many Fund Raisers but the reality is that Malia needs the money to be able to continue the programs and progress that is being made. Also, we need to show the bishop that we have the capability of raising \$16,000.00 above our present budget in order to support a non-retired fulltime priest. Because of the fundraising this year we can show the bishop that Malia has the capability of standing on our own. This is critical because otherwise the reality of again being clustered would loom large when Fr. Joe leaves. Our next fund raiser is the Mardi Gras Malasada sale. Hopefully we can count on everyone’s participation in making and selling these Malia-famous delights.

THE RED MASS: Every year the Bishop celebrates a Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace in Honolulu to coincide with the opening of the Hawaii State Legislature. It is a Mass of the Holy Spirit, traditionally called, “The Red Mass”. This year, the homilist will be Fr. Bob Stark. The topic of his homily will be “Faith, Affordable Housing and Public/Private Partnerships”. The Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 14 at 9:00AM. If you happen to be in Honolulu or wish to travel specially for this, know that you are welcome.

A RIDE NEEDED: A lady visiting Hilo for six months from Canada is staying at The Hilo Tropical Gardens Guesthouse, 1477 Kalanianaʻole Ave. She would love to come to weekend mass but has no ride. Her preference is to come to the 9:00 Sunday mass but will come to the 5:15 Saturday mass. Her name is Rose and her phone number is 937-0304. If you are able and willing to give her a lift, please call her.

CHRISTMAS EVE SOCIAL: Following our tradition, we will have a soup and bread social after the 5:00PM Christmas Eve Mass. We need your wonderful talents to share as our Na’Ohana (Family Mass) with pots of soup of all types and bread of all types. Please let Natalie know (937-7264) if you can help. A reminder to those who have already said, “Yes”, please bring your soup/bread by 4:30PM so that we can plug in your soup and cut your bread. Mahalo! We will also have hot beverages for all.

KEIKI PRACTICE: There will be a practice for all the young people singing at the Christmas Eve Mass. The practice will be in the church immediately after the 9:00 Mass this Sunday. All the little and not-so-little angels of the parish are invited and encouraged to participate. Parents, please note that we are requesting that all young people involved in any way during the Christmas Eve Mass are requested to be here by 4:30.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS: Our Christmas celebrations will take place in the hall. We need as many white antheriums as possible. If you have some for the church, please bring them no later than 12:00 Monday, Dec 23.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY: Pope Francis has asked us to focus on world hunger during the Christmas Holidays—a time when we will have plenty of food. We will be praying his prayer and will bring food for the Food Pantry on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning. Please remember that Malia feeds those in need the last two Wednesdays of every month. Let’s fill our storage room so that we have plenty to give those who come to us.

PARKING: Parking for Christmas Eve Mass can be a nightmare. Please feel free to take a few minutes before Mass to help direct parking. We are especially sensitive to the disabled and na Kupuna.

MASS CHRISTMAS EVE: DEC 24 5:00PM

-This is a Family Mass with the youth of our parish as the lay ministers

MASS CHRISTMAS DAY: DEC 25 9:00AM

-A regular Mass with traditional carols

STEWARDSHIP	
<u>DEC 14-15</u>	
KOA OFFERING BOWL:	\$2145.00
CHRISTMAS:	\$525.00
Craft Fair	\$1247.12
Cook Book	\$236.00
Mass Intention	\$50.00
Donations	\$100.00
Other	\$28.00
TOTAL	\$4462,12