

# Catholic Community of Malia Puka O Kalani

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## Mass Schedule Weekends

Sat. 5:15 pm

Sun. 9:00 am

Spanish 12:15 pm



Weekday: M. W. F. @ 5:15 pm

February 16-17, 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

### **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

### **Social Awareness:**

Richard MacKenzie 896-0390

### **Spanish Coordinator:**

Laura Abad-Huilca 989-4234

### **WEBSITE:**

www.maliapukaokalani.com

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE**

This past Sunday I visited the classrooms of all the young people who are presently enrolled in our sacramental/religious education program. I was tremendously impressed by the dedication and creativity of the teachers as well as the behavior and attentiveness of the young people. It is not only the "business" of the parents and teachers to assure that the younger generation is learning to know and love Jesus and commit themselves to the Church of Jesus Christ. It is the "business" of the entire parish. We can moan and groan about the value system, the morals, the dress, the drugs, etc. prevalent in today's youth but moaning and groaning doesn't help. No one ever says, "No" to a prevailing way of living unless they also say, "Yes" to some alternative. The best alternative we can give to our young people is a knowledge of the person of Jesus Christ and a commitment to follow in a lifestyle of honesty, integrity, and care for each other. While this alternative life-style begins at birth under the guidance of loving parents, it continues, with the help of the church, from kindergarten through the teenage years in sacramental preparation and religious education.

I know that I speak for the entire parish of Malia Puka O Kalani when I express our deepest gratitude to Mary Freitas, director of our young people's program, to Billie Baclig, the chair of our Faith Formation Committee, and all the teachers. They are in the forefront of giving our young people the tools by which our youth can grow into strong members of the church and society. But, they can't do it alone. The parents need to believe that the sacramental preparation/religious education program is a priority—not to be lightly skipped. We will have a mandatory parent meeting in the parish hall on Sunday, March 3rd from 10:30—11:15. Please make this a priority. We cannot give religious formation to your children without you!

Lastly, the entire parish is concerned and involved in this vital ministry. From now on, we will offer a prayer during the intercessory prayers for the young people enrolled in the program. In the not-too-distant future, the Young People preparing for Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation will stand before you asking for volunteers to support her/him individually by your prayers. This is a parish effort. Also, please remember that you are already supporting the religious education program by your monetary donations. We do not ask the parents for any fee. Everyone, rich or poor, can equally participate in this vital parish program. Mahalo.....*Fr. Joe*

## **SNACKS FOR THE KIDS**

There will be special "kids snacks" in the parish hall every Sunday after the 9:00 Mass and before the Religious Education Program. These are only for the young people attending the Sacramental/Religious Education Programs. If you would like to bring something for the "kids snacks" please mark it appropriately or put it in the parish hall. (Remember, we have kids from Kindergarten through Confirmation). It's another great way to support our youth!

## **BIBLE STUDY/SHARING**

The Lenten Bible Study/Sharing begins this Monday, Feb 18 from 5:45PM—6:45 You are invited to come to one, two, or all the sessions. (Each session will be a new Book of the Bible and a new scripture reading taken from the first reading of the following Sunday). The Book of the Bible and the Old Testament Scripture reading for Lent will be:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18: The Book of Genesis, especially Gn. 15: 5-18

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25: The Book of Exodus, especially Ex 3: 1-15

MONDAY, MARCH 4: The Book of Exodus (cont.), especially Ex. 17 3-7

MONDAY, MARCH 11: The Book of Joshua, especially Js. 9—12

MONDAY, MARCH 18: The Book of Isaiah, especially Is. 43: 16—21

If you have your own Bible, please bring it. There is a limited number that the parish has available.

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

The Catholic School system has been an integral part of the Church's ministry in the United States since the inception of the nation. Many of us owe our educational and religious foundation to those who taught us in the Catholic School. It is no secret that the whole system is in great danger of falling apart as school after school closes its doors. St. Joseph's School is "hanging on". Many of our young parishioner attend St. Joseph's School. Today is the Augustine Foundation Collection. The proceeds go directly to the Catholic Schools in Hawaii, including St. Joseph's.

The Kamehameha Schools have formed a partnership with St. Joseph's. There are scholarships available. For those who attend St. Joseph School, qualify, or would like to qualify, now is the time to apply for the following scholarships: Kamehameha Schools Kipona Scholarship is now accepting applications for Kindergarten-aged Keiki's. Deadline to apply is 2/28/13. Kamehameha Schools Pauahi Keiki Scholarships (PKS) is now accepting applications for pre-school aged keiki's. The deadline to apply is 4/30/13. Visit: [www.ksbe.edu/finaid](http://www.ksbe.edu/finaid) download applications

**MALASADAS:** The malasada fund raiser this past Tuesday (Mardi-Gras) was a phenomenal success. The proceeds will greatly help Malia support its ministries. We extend our gratitude to Luanna Leite, Patty Grube, and all who sold and bought tickets, made donations, helped cook, sugar, box, and manage the sale.

**FOOD PANTRY:** We have a great ministry with the Food Pantry. During this Season of Lent we can make an even greater effort to feed the hungry. Please bring non-perishable canned and dried food to the weekend Masses for distribution to the local Keaukaha community. Mahalo

Pepeluali 18 5:45—6:45PM	1st Lenten Bible Study
Pepeluali 24 10:15AM	Pastoral Council Meeting
Pepeluali 25 5:45-6:45	2nd Lenten Bible Study
Pepeluali 26	Dr. D'Ambrosio speaking in parish hall in the evening
Malaki 3 10:20 –11:20	Religious Ed. Parent Meeting

STEWARDSHIP	Feb.9-10, 2013
KOA BOWL	1535.00
FUND RAISING MALASADAS	2160.00
RENT	25.00
BUILDING APPEAL (RESTRICTED)	2160.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT</b>	<b>4900.00</b>
<i>Building Appeal Pledges not yet paid</i>	<i>2480.00</i>
<b>Total income and pledges to-date</b>	<b>9480.00</b>

### ***Prayers For:***

Mercy Abeleye	Vanessa Hulilee
Lawrence Balberde	Doreen Johnson
Ramon Figueroa-Centeno	Pauline Keala Lee Loy
Pete Factora	Melodee Hulihee La
Tim Fitzpatrick	Kathy McBroom
Destry Gaucutan	Richard MacKenzie, Sr.
Patty Grube	Carleen Mederios
Susana Hernandez de Cen	Ulu Morales
Merasol Ho'opi'i	Uncle Moses Moke
	Uncle Tony Moniz

David Mosidlak	Mildred Vereze
Vivian Rapoza	Aunty Babes Viverios
Shirley Rizzo	Sharon Wagakuwa
Josefina Santini	Dee Dee Wana
Aunty Mabel Silva	Keala Wong
Gerard Stuyk	Julian Quiocho
Kehukai Konanui	Graciela Lam
Terry Tardino	Winona Kekela
Rupert Tripp Jr	Erika Mendoza
	And for all who are sick