

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 9-10, 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.

Administrator:

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Fr. Joe Hennen

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World Marriage Day

The second Sunday of February has been designated, "World Marriage Day" because it is the closest Sunday to Valentine's Day. The purpose of the designated day is to emphasize and strengthen the bond of a marriage between a man and a woman. This is the traditional definition of marriage. We will celebrate that union in our parish this weekend by inviting married people to renew their vows and receive a special blessing. While we do this, we thank them and congratulate them for going through times of "better or worse, richer or poorer, in sickness and health" and remaining faithfully together. Only the individuals themselves know the road they travelled and are travelling. But, we all know that the bond of marriage was, is, and will always be the foundation of our society. We pray that God will shower His blessings on all married people in our parish and in our community.

While we celebrate the bond of marriage, we cannot hide from the reality that there is now a bill before our State Legislature to extend the definition of the bond of marriage to two people of the same sex. Before anything else is said, we need to realize that regardless of what our civil society says, the Catholic Church will not define marriage as a bond between two people of the same sex. Something legal in a democracy does not necessarily mean that the Catholic Church or any other religious group accepts it as moral. There are many Social Justice issues that are examples of this dichotomy along with the obvious examples of divorce and remarriage, abortion, etc. While we can "ring our hands" and regret this, the only other choice is to have a Theocracy where all civil laws are identical to the moral laws of the prevailing religion. The bold example of this is what exists in many Muslim countries where the punishment for breaking a civil law dictated by the religious leaders is often cruel and may extend to death by stoning. In the Middle Ages, many theocracies were run by the church. The Inquisitions (both Catholic and Protestant) were a result of this. I don't think we ever want a theocracy in the United States.

Where does this leave us in regards to Hawaii's latest effort to permit same sex marriages? The major question is, "Does the civil society have the RIGHT to change the long-held definition of marriage?" As of yet, this is an unanswered question. This question can only be answered by our civil courts. As members of the civil society as well as the religious society we have the RIGHT and the RESPONSIBILITY to make our voices heard regarding this question. As we pray and exercise these God-given rights and responsibilities in our civil society, Jesus Christ is our model. Hatred, discrimination, prejudice is not part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and everyone is welcome in His Church at Malia.

What we do know is what we celebrate today: the bond of marriage. That bond is in need of being strengthened in our society. It is easy to condemn lifestyles to which we are not attracted. However, we seem to be evermore accepting of the lifestyle of male and female living together, having children together, and never entering into either a civil or church marriage. This, quite possibly, is the greater threat to the bond of marriage and the foundation of our society. Yet, at Malia, while we hold marriage as the ideal, we accept and love all. *Fr. Joe*

LENT

The forty days of fasting, penance, and almsgiving begins this Wednesday with the distribution of ashes. Ashes are the traditional sign that we wear to accept the reality that our bodies are temporary and will ultimately return to dust. The reverse side of this reality is that our spiritual life is immortal and, during the season of Lent we attempt to say, “No” to our bodily desires while saying, “Yes” to following Jesus. The church asks everyone over 14 to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent and everyone from age 19 to 58 to fast (not eat between meals) on all days except Sunday. With the money saved from not going out to eat, buying expensive foods, giving up some desires of the palate, we are asked to do almsgiving and charitable works. (Lent is a good time to consider a gift to the Parish Building Repair appeal if you have not yet done so)

Lent is also a special time of more intense prayer and study. We will have Lenten Mass every Monday and Wednesday at 5:15PM and Stations of the Cross with a Communion Service every Friday at 5:15. In addition, we will have Bible Study/Sharing every Monday from 5:45—6:45 PM in the Church Hall.

BIBLE STUDY/SHARING

The Lenten Bible Study/Sharing will consist of 30—45 minutes of studying the chosen text from the Old Testament reading for the following Sunday and 15—30 minutes of personal sharing on what the text means in our life and age. We will begin promptly at 5:45PM and end promptly at 6:45PM. You are invited to come to one, two, or all the sessions. (Each session will be a new Book from the Bible and a new scripture reading). The Book of the Bible and the Old Testament Scripture reading for the first two sessions are:

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

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

MALASADAS: Please turn in the proceeds of your Malasada tickets to day; Malasadas are available this Tuesday. Malasadas can be picked up on Tuesday from 6:00AM—1:00PM.

SCHOLARSHIPS: 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 Keikis. Deadline to apply is 2/28/13. Kamehameha Schools Pauahi Keiki Scholarships (PKS) is now accepting applications for pre-school aged keikis. The deadline to apply is 4/30/13. Visit: www.ksbe.edu/finaid download applications

THE FOOD BANK NEEDS NON-PERISHABLE FOODS TO DISTRIBUTE TO THOSE IN NEED. FOOD FOR THIS GREAT LENTEN PROJECT CAN BE BROUGHT TO WEEKEND MASSES.

Pepeluali 13 5:15PM	ASH WEDNESDAY Mass and Distribution of Ashes
Pepeluali 15 5:15PM	STATIONS WITH COMMUNION SERVICE
Pepeluali 18 5:45-6:45	1st LENTEN BIBLE STUDY/SHARING
Pepeluali 24	Pastoral Council Mtg 10:15AM
Pepeluali 25	2nd BIBLE STUDY/SHARING

STEWARDSHIP	Feb.2-3, 2013
KOA BOWL	2240.00
FUND RAISING MALASADAS	1290.00
FUND RAISING BAGS	131.00
BUILDING APPEAL (RESTRICTED)	950.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	4611.00
<i>Building Appeal Pledges not yet paid</i>	<i>1620.00</i>
Total income and pledges to date	5470.00

Prayers For:

Mercy Abeleye
Lawrence Balberde
Ramon Figueroa-Centeno
Pete Factora
Tim Fitzpatrick
Destry Gaucutan
Patty Grube
Susana Hernandez de Cen

Vanessa Hulilee
Dorren Johnson
Pauline Keala Lee Loy
Melodee Hulihee La
Kathy McBroom
Kehukai Konanui
Richard MacKenzie, Sr.
Carleen Mederios
Ulu Morales
Uncle Moses Moke

Uncle Tony Moniz
David Mosidlak
Vivian Rapoza
Shirley Rizzo
Josefina Santini
Aunty Mabel Silva
Gerard Stuyk
Aunty Susan
Terry Tardino

Rupert Tripp Jr
Aunty Babes Viverios
Sharon Wagakuwa
Dee Dee Wana
Keala Wong
Julian Quiocho
Graciela Lam
Winona Kekela
Merasol Ho'opi'i
Mildred Vereze