

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

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:

Fr. Robert Stark SSS

Pastor Emeritus:

Fr. Joe Hennen

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

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Hauoli Makahiki Hou

The Feast of the Epiphany (Feast of the Three Kings) signals the end of the Christmas Season. And what a wonderful season it was at Malia. Our celebrations included Christmas caroling by young and old, celebrations of Reconciliation and Baptism and Eucharist, bountiful food and pot lucks, the joy of flowers and music, and an untold amount of time preparing, cleaning, putting up, and taking down. All of this happened because of who we are as a parish community. The SPIRIT OF ALOHA shone as the bright star leading us to the Prince of Peace within us and around us.

As we celebrate The Feast of the Epiphany we focus, not so much, on the joyful celebrations but on the fact that the Magi brought *gifts* to the newborn child. We ask the question, "What are the gifts that I can bring?" The answer is usually found in one of three categories or in a combination of the three: *time, talent, offerings*.

TIME

Malia is blessed with a tradition of people volunteering their time in caring for the church and the church property. We are all aware that visitors marvel at the beauty and cleanliness and the general aloha of Malia Puka O Kalani. We spend hardly any money on making this a reality. Whether it is the painting, the cleaning, the decorating, the ministries, the money counting, serving on committees, teaching the youth, practicing music, and a host of other activities, all happens because we give the gift of *time* to our church ohana.

TALENT

Talent is a gift from God that we give back to God through the growth and enrichment of His Church. The art work inside our church is a very good example of a gift given back. The music which enriches our liturgies, the seasonal uplifting banners hanging on the hall walls, the flower bouquets around the altar, the flavourful foods at our potlucks and after liturgies, the plumbing, painting, electrical and construction expertise that maintain our facilities are all examples of God-given *Talents* given back to God.

OFFERINGS

We purposely bring the basket of donated food and the KOA Bowl of money offerings to the altar with the bread and wine. They all represent the *offerings* which will both become His Body and Blood and assist our parish community to be His body and blood, His Church, in Keaukaha. We are a (continued next page)

a community that not only celebrates the presence of Christ but we bring Christ to our community especially through the Food Pantry and the Social Service Committee. Your *offerings* keep them alive. We also need a minimum of \$1700.00 in the KOA Bowl per weekend and a minimum of \$10,000.00 in fundraising profit per fiscal year to meet our bare-boned budget. We are in the process of meeting both. The availability of mala-sada tickets begins this weekend. No need to buy them yourself; sell them! (the gifts of *Time and Offerings* in one activity!)

While our regular *offerings* cover ordinary expenses, it does not cover emergencies and extra-ordinary expenses. We are now faced with four such items: the ice machine died, the sound system in our church is on its last leg, we need a handicapped bathroom (it will be located in the Hall) and there is a major water leak in the pipes located in the floor/ceiling of the rectory. We are planning to have a special pledge drive to cover these four items (app. \$12,000.00). Every registered parishioner and this past year's visitors will receive a letter this week regarding this pledge drive. If you are financially capable of giving a little extra to cover these extra-ordinary expenses, please consider this extra *offering*.

And so, on this Feast of the Epiphany, we are asked what are the gifts we can bring to the Prince of Peace. There is a need for an increase in all the gifts. Please think about it, discuss it with your ohana, and decide whether it is *time, talent, offering* or a combination of all three. The parish has a need for an increase in all the gifts. If you are uncertain what to do or how to do it, call the parish office and discuss it with Fr. Bob or Fr. Joe. **MAHALO**

TRAINING FOR ALTAR SERVERS: Any person who has made First Communion (from age 8 to 100, male or female) can be an altar server. All are welcome. There will be a training for all potential servers on Tuesday, January 22 at 5:15PM.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: We will have a communal anointing of the sick at both Masses on the weekend of Jan 26-27. This sacrament was formerly called The Last Rites. It has been restored to the original meaning and is not just for the dying but anyone with a serious illness or advanced age. We will talk about this sacrament and give a further catechesis in the weeks ahead.

Ianuali 6	Faith Formation/Religious Education Mtg 10:15AM
Ianuali 13	Pastoral Council Mtg 10:15AM
Ianuali 19	Finance Committee 9:00AM
Ianuali 20	Social Awareness Mtg 10:15AM
Ianuali 22	Altar Servers Training 5:15
Ianuali 26-27	Anointing of the Sick
Ianuali 27	Maintenance Committee Mtg 10:15AM

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	Jan 6, 2012
KOA BOWL (Weekend 29-30)	1576.00
CHRISTMAS	1953.00
STIPEND	50.00
FUND RAISING SHOPPING BAGS	555.00
TOTAL	3634.00

Please Keep in your Prayers:

Mercy Abeleye
Lawrence Balberde
.Fr. Wilson Buitrago
Else DeMello
Linda Farias
Ramon Figueroa-Centeno
Pete Factora

Tim Fitzpatrick
Destry Gaucutan
Patty Grube
Fr. Joseph Hennen
Merasol Ho'opi'i
Vanessa Hulilee
Dorren Johnson
Melodee Hulihee Lani
Kathy McBroom

Carleen Haunani Mederios
Ulu Morales
Uncle Moses Moke
Uncle Tony Moniz
Vivian Rapoza
Shirley Rizzo
Aunty Mabel Silva
Aunty Susan
Terry Tardino

Shirley Rizzo
Rupert Tripp Jr
Aunty Babes Viverios
Sharon Wagakuwa
Dee Dee Wana
Julian Quiocho