

Catholic Community of Malia Puka O Kalani

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Mass Schedule Weekends

Sat. 5:15 pm

Sun. 9:00 am

Spanish 7:00PM, 1st Sat. of
of the month
Mass M, W, and F. at 5:15;



June 1 -2
No 5:15 Mass Monday, June 3

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:

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966-6350

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CONGRATULATIONS, FIRST COMMUNICANTS

The ohana is always excited when the child smiles for the first time, says his/her first word, takes that precarious first step. Today, the parish ohana joins together with a sense of excitement when eleven of our young and precious children take the solid food of the Church, the Body of Christ, for the first time. (There are eleven celebrating with us today; one young person received her first communion three weeks ago due to special reasons; another will receive his first communion with his ohana at the Spanish Mass on July 6). I requested that each of our communicants write a letter telling why he/she wished to receive the Body of Christ. Out of the mouths of children comes the honest motivation that is part of each of our lives. Some motivation is very human (and shows the effect that other people have on our lives); some is very spiritual; some is inquisitive. But, this is exactly the way people approached Jesus Christ two thousand years ago. Regardless of the motivation, Jesus said, "Let them come to me" and "Tell them to be seated and feed them". I think if you read the children's statement of their motivation, we will all find that each carries a segment of our own motivation in being at "the Banquet of the Lord" each weekend: The letters appear exactly as they were written.

"I want to have first communion because I want to have Jesus with me"

"I want to get my first communion because I want to have God with me. And give my tutu her wish."

"I want to take holy communion because I want to taste the bread. Us taking the body is to remember Jesus dying for us"

"I would like to receive my first Holy Communion because the Scriptures says that Jesus is the bread of life, and eternal life given to those who eat it. To receive this bread of life I must confess my sins and ask the Lord for forgiveness and repent."

"I want to get my first communion because its my tutus wish. And because I want Jesus in my body."

"I want the bread and the wine because it represents Jesus and I can have Jesus in my heart. I want the bread and wine so I can be part of the church."

"I would like to get my first Holy Communion because I would love to be a part of Malia church officially. I was also baptised in Malia and from then on I also went to the preschool here. This is why I really wanna complete my sacraments and eventually get confirmed, This church has been with me in Body and Soul spiritually, And this is why I would like to get my first communion."

"I want to take my first communion because I want to be more in touch with God. I want to be more holy."

"Receiving my first communion is important to me because I want (cont.)"

to have Jesus in my heart. I believe in Him. Because He makes me happy I can help others be happy.”

“I want to have my first holy communion because it helps me become a bigger part of the church. It helps me say to Jesus, ‘I believe’. Because when you go up in front of the church the priest hands you the bread and you say, ‘amen’. When you say, ‘amen’ that means ‘I believe’. When the priest hands you the bread that means Jesus is giving himself to you. You do not take the bread. When the priest blesses the bread and it turns into the body and blood of Christ. And that is why I want to have my first holy communion.”

“I would like to have my first holy communion for three reasons. First reason I want to share the Last Supper of Jesus with everyone else. Second reason I want God and Jesus to forgive me for all the bad things I did. Third reason I want to belong to the church.”

Fr. Bob called me this week stating that he wished he could be here for this wonderful day. He asked me to congratulate the eleven who are making First Communion this weekend and the young girl, Melodee, who made her First Communion two weeks ago and Sergio who will make his first communion in July at the Spanish Mass. It is wonderful to belong to a parish where there is such enthusiasm for the sacraments among both the young and old. God has abundantly blessed our little parish. We all need to remember, however, that we are nourished by the sacraments so that we can nourish others. We receive the strength from the Body and Blood of Christ so that we can “leave the upper room” and preach the gospel by being peacemakers, healers, feeding the hungry, freeing the prisoners, and clothing the naked. The Eucharist is a call to ministry. **Fr. Joe STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** A project of one of the Religious Education classes is displayed in the church. The students reflected on each of the stations and wrote a prayer on what the station meant to him/her. Please take some time to view and reflect on these prayers. Again, from the mouths of children.... The project will remain in the church for two weeks.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: Religious Education classes for the youth will take a break during the summer months. They will begin again in September on the first Sunday after Labor Day. We are all reminded that the best religious education happens at home in the midst of ohana. From this, we never take a break! The Mass schedule, the ministries of Liturgy and Social Service and projects for our youth continue. We hope that we all participate in the ongoing ministry of the parish and the church.

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS: Next week’s bulletin will have the schedule for the fund raisers projected for July, 2013 until June, 2014. Someone from the Finance Committee will speak about the need for fund raising in our parish and solicit the cooperation and participation of each of us. Fund raising in the parish is seen not as a necessary evil but as “the work” which allows us to be a parish full of spiritual, educational, and material services to each other and to all those who are our concern in ministry. (Are we aware that through our Social Service Committee we feed around 20 families twice a month, for example?).

BUILDING APPEAL PROJECT: To date we have collected \$11,930.00. There remains \$3195.00 in outstanding pledges. One of the projects, the handicapped bathroom in the church hall, is nearing completion. It is located under the balcony in the hallway leading to the ladies’ bathroom. The other two projects, the leak in the rectory and the wiring in the church, is completed. These projects were completed under budget because of the outstanding work of the Maintenance/Building Committee, especially Walter Leite and Herman Moke. We extend to all of them our deepest gratitude.

STEWARDSHIP	May 25-26,2013
KOA BOWL	\$1302.00
BAPTISM STIPEND	\$20.00
BUILDING APPEAL (RESTRICTED)	\$150.00
FOOD PANTRY MASS INTENTION	\$50.00 \$10.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$1532.00