

Catholic Community of Malia Puka O Kalani

326 Desha Ave

PO Box 222

Hilo, HI 96721

Telephone: 808-935-9338

Email: maliapastor@gmail.com

Mass Schedule Weekends

Sat. 5:15 pm

Sun. 9:00 am

Spanish 7:00PM, 1st Sat. of
of the month

5:15 Weekday Masses M, W, & F

June 8-9, 2013



A PARISH

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

315-9844

Social Awareness:

Richard MacKenzie 896-0390

Spanish Coordinator:

Laura Abad-Huilca 989-4234

WEBSITE:

www.maliapukaokalani.com

For the vast majority of Catholic people, the local parish is the "door" to a community where "two or three gather in the Lord's name and He is present".

Whether that door is open or closed is dependent on the hospitality of the people who are members of that parish. This past week, on my way to Honolulu, I was in my seat, minding my own business, reading The National Catholic Reporter. The young woman seated next to me took note and said, "That paper has always been and is still my parents favorite newspaper". The comment raised my curiosity because readers of The National Catholic Reporter are a rare breed! In the course of our conversation (I never did read any more of the paper on that trip) she told me how involved her family was in the local church and in the liturgy and social ministry of the church. Then, she added, "But for me, I am a 'recovering catholic'. (A 'recovering catholic is like a 'recovering alcoholic' or a 'recovering cancer patient': it once dominated the person's life but now the person wants nothing to do with it). She stated her lifestyle was contrary to the church. Her pastor and her parents told her that she brought shame on her "good catholic" family. The woman left the church, never to return.

I recall a couple recent comments made by Pope Francis, "Think about a single mother who goes to church in the parish and to the secretary says, "I want my child baptized". And then this Christian says, "No, you cannot because you are not married"! But look, this girl had the courage to carry her pregnancy and not return her son to the sender. What is it? A closed door! This is not zeal! It is far from the Lord!"

In another statement, the Pope said, "We all have some inner weakness and we like people to compliment us....But do we speak in truth, with love, or do we speak in a 'sociable language': we are polite, we even say and do nice things but do we not feel them? Let our language be evangelical, brothers and sisters". The Pope goes on to comment that, "Hypocrisy is the very language of corruption". It is the opposite of evangelical.

All of this means absolutely nothing unless we bring it back to ourselves. Our parish of Malia is a very unique and special community. We represent the best of the wonderful Hawaiian culture: the spirit of welcoming. We are small and special and need to be watchful about speaking a language of love and acceptance while engaging in activities of exclusion, betrayal and hypocrisy. It is easy to become the very people and parish about whom the Pope is speaking. We do this when we seek to control rather than invite, to form cliques of exclusion rather than a community of acceptance and understanding. Malia's call is to be unique and special because it is Christ-like and is the best of ALOHA!

Every parish ministers to a larger community: to the homeless, the youth, the elderly, the homebound, the returning prisoner, most especially, for Malia, to the people of Keaukaha. We minister from the heart of who we are. Pray God, our ministry stems from a loving, forgiving, non-judgmental and non-controlling people who speak an evangelical language. *Fr. Joe*



Eleven young parishioners received their First Communion at the 9:00AM Mass on Sunday, June 2nd. One other person, Melodee, received her First Communion previously due to a health situation and one other person, Sergio, will receive his First Communion on Saturday, July 6 at the 7:00PM Spanish Mass. Also pictured above are three of the four Malia parishioners who received Confirmation on Sunday, May 19. We extend our congratulations and promise of prayers to all of them. (photo by Brandee Manino)

FUND RAISING PROJECTS: Our parish needs fund raisers to support the wonderful ministries (such as sacramental preparation, pictured above) which by the grace of God continue to expand. The goal of a fund raiser is to get financial support from *outside* the parish. For this, we need parishioners to work on specific projects. Please consider volunteering to help on one or more of the following:

1. **Luau** Saturday, 9/6/13 starting at 6:00
2. **Sale of Cookbooks** Starting Saturday, 10/5/13 and continuing through the Holidays
3. **Sweet Bread Sale** Wednesday 11/27/13
4. **Craft Fair** Saturday and Sunday 12/14 & 12/15
5. **Malasada Sale** Tuesday 3/4/14
6. **Chili Cookout** Friday, 5/9/14 6:00PM

The Fund Raising Projects are spaced so that they aren't all bunched at the same time of the year. The vast majority of them will involve ticket sales ahead of the event. A member of the Finance Committee will speak after all the Masses this weekend to detail how each of us can get involved. Mahalo!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation program for the youth of our parish completed a very, very successful school year. The above picture is but one evidence of the hard and dedicated work of many parishioners who donated their time and energy. Also, please take a look at the Station of the Cross prayers which were done as a class project. They show that our youth are not only learning about Jesus but also learning to speak and pray to Jesus. This is a life-long gift! The teachers and the administrators of our Religious Ed program are meeting Saturday, June 15 to begin the planning process for the next series, starting in September. Please assist this planning by completing the Questionnaire regarding the needs and desires of your ohana. Mahalo

STEWARDSHIP	June 1-2, 2013
KOA BOWL	\$1890.00
1ST COMMUNION DONATION	\$120.00
MASS INTENTION	\$20.00
FOOD PANTRY GIFT	\$50.00 \$100.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$2180.00