

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 the month



May 25—26, 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

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Fr. Robert Stark, SSS

Baptisms:

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This weekend is Memorial Day weekend, a time of remembering those on whose shoulders we stand. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it originated after the American Civil War to honor all those who died while in military service. By the early 20th century, Memorial Day became an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as people visited the graves of the deceased members of their ohano whether or not they served in the military. It also became a long weekend which typically marks the start of summer while Labor Day in September marks the end.

I am sure nearly all of us have some plans for this weekend or for Memorial Day itself. It may include shopping, a day off from work/school, a family gathering, a day at the beach, a barbeque or luau in the back yard or other special activities. Events such as these help build times and occasions which will become the object of memory in the future. While, ten years from now, we more than likely will not remember what we did on Memorial Day, 2013, we will remember the ohana who was part of special gatherings and activities. It is this remembering which is the heart and soul of Memorial Day - the memory of our ohana, especially those who are now gone.

It is only when we "remember", that we can give thanks. We never forget people who have been significant in our lives. Hawaiian people remember Queen Lili'uokalani even though she died over a hundred years ago and none of us knew her personally. She is remembered with great tenderness because she was so significant to the people of Hawaii. And because she is remembered with such tenderness, we give thanks to her for her life, her strength, and her commitment to the Hawaiian people. The same reality is true in each of our ohana. Grandma, Great-Grandpa, and even ohana members we never met but who continue to be part of our ohana legacy are remembered with tenderness. And when we remember, we give thanks; we are grateful to them for being the strong shoulders on which we stand.

So, this weekend lets remember as we celebrate at the beach or where-ever. And as we remember, we say thanks. We will have a Mass of gratitude this Monday, Memorial Day, May 27 at 8:00AM. What a great way to start a day of remembering! The intention of the Mass is for all the great people who have gone before us.

Remembering and Giving Thanks is the very heart of the Eucharist. "We REMEMBER that on the night before he died, He took bread and GIVING THANKS.....". Next Sunday, twelve of our young people will remember what Jesus did for us, will give thanks, and will receive the Body of Christ in First Communion, First Eucharist. Eucharist is a Greek word meaning, "to give thanks". Every time we participate in Mass we remember and give thanks. This is the ultimate Memorial Day. So, to all of us celebrating the civil Holiday this coming Monday and to the twelve young people making their First Communion next Sunday, we say, "Happy Memorial Day". *Fr. Joe*

REPORTS ON MEETINGS:

FINANCE MEETING: Met on Saturday, May 11 to develop a operational budget for 2013-14. The total projected expenses for the next fiscal year are \$125,400.00. The total projected income is \$118,500.00. There is a \$6,900 discrepancy. To achieve this outcome, the finance committee requested that some of the Standing Committees lower their projected expenses. The projected income was based on keeping the expected weekend KOA Bowl Offering the same as the past year (\$1700.00 per weekend) and keeping the expected income from the fundraisers the same as last year (\$15,000) and projecting no income from the rental of the facilities. Anyone of these can change, for the good, we hope. The Finance Committee will meet again on Saturday, June 29 to finalize the 2013-14 budget.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Met on Sunday, May 19 to continue the development of a Pastoral Plan for July, 2013—June, 2014. Over the past four months the Pastoral Council heard reports from each of the five Standing Committees (Maintenance/Building Repair, Social Awareness, Liturgy, Faith Formation, and Finance) as well as the Enculturation Team. The reports contained the goals and objectives of each committee for the next year. The Pastoral Plan will be completed, published and made available to the parish no later than July, 2013.

EDITORIAL COMMENT: The process of developing a budget and a Pastoral Plan involved over fifty individual parishioners meeting in committees. This is outstanding and something of which our parish needs to be extremely proud. Four years ago we set LAY LEADERSHIP as one of our priorities so that the continuity of our parish did not totally depend on pastors/administrators who come and go. Our thanks and congratulations on meeting our goal in establishing a parish that takes active leadership in determining who we are. Let’s not rest on our laurels but continue to perfect our ongoing goal of LAY LEADERSHIP *Fr. Joe*

SPANISH MASS: You may or may not be aware that we have celebrated a Mass in Spanish every Sunday at 12:15. This will change. Starting this coming Saturday, June 1, the Spanish Mass will be celebrated once a month on the first Saturday of the month at 7:00PM.

FIRST COMMUNION: The parents/guardians are reminded that all the youth making First Communion must meet in the church on Saturday, June 1 at 9:00AM. The children will each have a personal interview with Fr. Joe. This will be followed by the celebration of First Penance at 10:00. Following First Penance, there will be a practice for First Communion. The parents/guardians do not need to be present for any of this (however, you are invited and encouraged to participate). The children will be ready to leave no later than 11:30AM. On Sunday, June 2nd the First Communicants are asked to meet in the church no later than 8:30AM. The Mass will be in the Church Hall. There will be reserved seating for no more than 6 ohana for each child making First Communion. This will allow the child to be seated with his/her ohana. Other ohana members, guests, and parishioners will have “open seating”.

FIRST COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION POT LUCK: We will honor our Confirmandi and our First Communicants at a pot-luck after the First Communion Mass on June 2nd. Mike Tallett is coordinating this.

You can sign up to bring a salad, entree, or dessert. The sign-up sheet is hanging on the wall going thru the door leading to the bathroom under the rectory. Mike’s telephone number is 959-0871.

PRAYER LIST: Please remember all the people and ohana on our prayer list which hangs on the bulletin board at the entrance to the church. We add Kelly Marjarum to the list. If there are people you wish to add to the prayer list please write the name and drop it in the KOA Bowl.

BUILDING APPEAL: To date we have collected \$11,780.00. There remains \$3,345.00 in pledges yet to be paid. MAHALO!

STEWARDSHIP	May 18-19, 2013
KOA BOWL	\$2093.01
BAPTISM STIPEND	\$150.00
BUILDING APPEAL (RESTRICTED)	\$125.00
FOOD PANTRY REBATE	\$350.00 \$44.45
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$2762.46