

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



May 11-12, 2013

ASCENSION DAY/ MOTHER'S DAY

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

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This weekend, two seemingly unrelated feasts of remembrance and thanksgiving are celebrated. **Ascension Day** is the day on which we remember that the Lord said to his disciples that He would not always be with them in the same way that He had been with them. But He also promised that He would never leave them and would continue to be present to them by sending His Spirit of Love. Through His Spirit they would always know He continues to love them and is present to them. In response, confident of His continued presence, His disciples went back to their home filled with joy and praise. **Mother's Day** is the day on which we remember that our mothers have instilled and are instilling in us the strength and the values by which we live. Our mothers are not always present to us in the same way. She was present to us in one way when we were in her womb, a different way when we were children, a different way when we left home, and a different way when she died. In the midst of all these changes, she never left us and continues to be present to us. Even though she may live thousands of miles away or may have died, each of us knows that she is present to us and loves us. In response, we celebrate her presence filled with joy and praise. **Ascension Day** and **Mother's Day** are similar.

Both Masses this weekend will be offered in thanksgiving for the wonderful woman who continues to love each of us no matter how she is present to us, in life or in death.

On this **Ascension Day** and **Mother's Day**, we especially remember the women who, I believe, are the best mentors of the love of Christ: the single mother. This is the person who, made single either by the death or the abandonment of the father of her children, continues to love, nourish, protect, and care for her children. This is the woman who works day and night to put food on the table, get her children ready for school, feed them, discipline them and, in short, parent them alone. When the kids act out, society says, "That woman can't control her kids". The blame goes to her, not to the absent father.

The single mother is the best example of Christ's love because hers is the story of Christ. He continued to love, nourish, protect, and care for those He called "my children" even though society, including his "children", mocked Him and blamed Him, and ultimately abandoned Him. In spite of the blame and the hurt and the curses, neither Jesus Christ nor the single mother stop loving.

Malia Puka O Kalani reaches out to all mothers and especially our single mothers in a very special way. We pray that we will be a Christ-community, an Ohana, for you. To you we say, "Mahalo" for being one of the greatest witnesses of the love that Christ showed to us. It is our prayer that every mother will find the support, the encouragement and the love at Malia which you need to carry out your precious role. To paraphrase today's Gospel, "we do you homage and are filled with great joy as we continually praise God for you". *Fr. Joe*

CONFIRMATION: Next Sunday, May 19, three of our young parishioners will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the hands of Bishop Larry. The Confirmation Mass is at 6:00 PM at St. Joseph's. All are invited to participate. The three young people receiving Confirmation are: Christian Ganal, Cassandra Fonseca, and Samantha Simmons. We congratulate them and will celebrate with them at the 9:00 Mass on Sunday, May 26. Fr. Joe will individually interview the three candidates after the 9:00 Mass this Sunday.

FIRST PENANCE/FIRST COMMUNION: Our small parish is blessed to have 11 young people who will make First Penance and First Communion on the weekend of June 1 and 2. On Saturday, June 1, Fr. Joe will have an individual interview with each of the children. This will be followed by a Penance Service with individual Confession for the 11 children. After the Penance Service there will be practice for First Communion. Parents/Guardians are asked to take note of this schedule. Parents/Guardians do not need to be present but please make sure your child is here. The 9:00 Mass on Sunday, June 2 will be in the church hall. Feel free to invite relatives and friends of the First Communicants to the Mass. There will be room!

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, May 19 at 1:00 to complete the Pastoral Plan for the year 2013-2014. This has been a labor of love for many people in the parish. Members of each of the Standing Committees and the Inculturation Team have met to determine the parish goals and projects for the year starting in July 1, 2013. The Pastoral Council members have been reviewing the goals of each of the Committee/Team and will put them into a document. This will become our guide from July 1, 2013—June 30, 2014. This process involves over 45 parishioners meeting, discussing, praying, and deciding. This is Lay Leadership at its best and is indicative of a parish alive and active. Mahalo to all who are giving of their time and effort.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee met on Saturday, May 11 to attempt the very difficult task of developing a budget for the time period that coincides with the Pastoral Plan (July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014). This task has proven to be extremely difficult because the parish desires to enhance existing programs (such as religious education, sacramental preparation and social service) and start new programs (such as a youth program, Bible study/sharing, adult enrichment). This all takes money. The price of everything we do & have continues to go up. While our revenue was excellent last week, we are still about \$10,000.00 behind the projected KOA BOWL income year-to-date. These are tough times for all of us but if those who do not give would start to give and the rest of us who do give could see our way in giving a bit more, we'll make it!

FUND RAISERS: We need to find a way to bring in about \$5,000 more in fundraisers next year. Any ideas and willing hands?

FACILITY RENTAL: We have a committee that will meet on Tuesday, May 21 at 9:30AM that is developing a proposal to take to the Hawaiian Homelands which will permit us to rent our wonderful facilities. Members of the committee, please note the day and time.

BUILDING APPEAL: Our goal for the Special Appeal for Building Repair was \$12,000.00. To date we have collected \$11,655.00. We are on the edge of meeting the goal. There is still \$3,470.00 which has been pledged and remains to be paid. Anyone who made a pledge and has discovered that your financial situation has changed making payment on the pledge impossible or very difficult, please see, call, or give a note to Fr. Joe. Pledges are only intentions, not legal commitments.

Mahalo to all for your overwhelming generosity in keeping you church facilities in good condition.

| STEWARDSHIP | May 4&5, 2013 |
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| KOA BOWL TOTAL: | \$2,310.35 |
| Envelopes/checks: | \$2,112.00 |
| Cash: | \$198.35 |
| USE OF FACILITY: | \$25.00 |
| BUILDING APPEAL (RESTRICTED) | \$250.00 |
| BAPTISM STIPEND: | \$100.00 |
| RESTITUTION: | \$1,600.00 |
| GIFT: | \$500.00 |
| REFUND: | \$23.45 |
| MASS INTENTION: | \$50.00 |
| TOTAL DEPOSIT: | \$4,858.80 |