

Catholic Community of Malia Puka O Kalani

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Mass Schedule Weekends

Sat. 5:15 pm

Sun. 9:00 am

Weekday: M. W. F. @ 5:15 pm



May 18-19, 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

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Robert Stark, SSS

Baptisms:

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PENTECOST/CONFIRMATION: This weekend is the Birthday of the Church, the Feast of Pentecost. In actual fact, this feast is more important than the Feast of Christmas or Easter. This is true even though, in popular culture, it is not celebrated with anywhere near the festivities surrounding the other two holidays. Whoever heard of a Pentecost exchange of gifts or a Pentecost Brunch?! The good thing is that we don't need to sit through homilies condemning the commercialism of Pentecost! (this is humor, please laugh!) The reason this weekend's feast is the most important feast in the church is that if Christ had never sent His Spirit "to remain with us until the end of time" Christmas and Easter would merely be historical events. Jesus Christ would be a wonderful historical wonderworker who had great effect on history. However, He would be no more important than Abraham or Moses or John the Baptist. By sending His Spirit to remain with us, He continues to live and work His marvels in us, His Church. All the healing and forgiving and caring that we read about in the Bible continues today because The Spirit of the Lord continues to live in our midst. He sent that Spirit on the Feast of Pentecost, this weekend's feast.

We are thrilled that three of our young parishioners will receive this Holy Spirit this Sunday at St. Joseph's at the 6:00PM Confirmation Mass celebrated by Bishop Larry. We congratulate Samantha Simmons, Cassandra Fonseca, and Christian Ganal-Keopuhiwa. They invite all of us to be present for their confirmation. On Sunday, June 2nd these three young people will join me in being ministers of the 9:00AM First Communion Mass. After that Mass we will have a potluck in honor of both the newly confirmed and the eleven young people making First Communion. **Fr. Joe**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR WEEKEND OF May 11-12, 2013

KOA BOWL	\$1,695.64
BIG ISLAND YOUTH DAY (exchange)	\$60.00
BAPTISM	\$25.00
GIFT	\$1,000.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$2,780.64

MEETING/SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Sunday, May 19, 1:00PM: Pastoral Council Meeting to finalize the 2013-2014 Pastoral Plan

Tuesday, May 21, 9:30AM: Meeting of the ad-hoc committee to develop a plan suitable to the Hawaiian Homelands in renting the Malia Facilities

Friday, May 31, 5:45PM: Baptism Class for all parents/guardians presenting children for Baptism in the months of June, July, August, and September.

POT LUCK: We are looking to have a Five Star Potluck Buffet after the First Communion Mass (which will be at 9:00 in the Hall) honoring our three newly confirmed and eleven First Communicants. Mike Tallett is coordinating this. Please sign up to bring a salad, entree, or dessert. The sign-up sheet is in the area next to the rectory. You can also call Mike at 959-0871. Mahalo

MAHALO: We owe a great debt of gratitude to all the Religious Education teachers who have taken the responsibility each Sunday morning to let the Spirit of Christ shine through them. They unselfishly were the messengers and the instructors of the life of Jesus, the life of the Church, and the love of God to our young and vulnerable. The knowledge that God walks with us on our life's journey is the greatest gift we can give to our children. Our Religious Education teachers were wonderful and effective partners with the parents in imparting this gift. May the Spirit of God's love shine on each of you. You walked with our young people in leading them to God's love expressed in the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: This past year we got a late start in our Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation Program due to the transition of pastors. Billie Baclig, chairperson of the Faith Formation Committee and Fr. Joe asked Mary Freitas to assume the responsibility of putting together an accelerated program. She willingly accepted the request and surrounded herself with an outstanding group of teachers. She guided and strengthened the program to the point where it is now a well established ministry of our parish in conformity to the guidelines of the diocese. We are very grateful to her. For personal reasons, Mary has found it necessary to step down from her role as Coordinator of Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation after First Communion on June 2nd. We accept her decision and extend to her our deepest and prayerful MAHALO.

After much discussion and discernment Billie and Fr. Joe asked Cyndi Herron to assume the role of Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation Coordinator. Cyndi is a teacher by profession. She and Karen Gerky have team taught the middle grades in the Religious Ed program. Cyndi has proven to be an organized, creative, and engaging teacher. She will immediately begin the task of organizing the Religious Education program for next year which begins on the second Sunday in September. We thank Cyndi for accepting this awesome responsibility and we pledge to her our prayers and support.

We also extend a mighty Mahalo to Rose Bautista for accepting the responsibility of putting together and guiding a program for our youth, ages 12 – 18. It is so often stated, "We need something for our youth". While Rose will be directing this program as part of the Faith Formation Committee, she is open and eager to get the suggestions and help from everyone, young and old. Mahalo, Rose!

FIRST COMMUNION/FIRST PENANCE SCHEDULE: The next two weeks, the older children who will be receiving First Communion will have separate and special classes during the Religious Education session. It is very important that they be present for these classes.

All those scheduled for First Communion must be at the church on Saturday, June 1 by 9:00. The individual interviews with Fr. Joe will begin promptly at 9:00 and will continue until all eleven are completed. At 10:00AM there will be First Confession. At 11:00 there will be First Communion practice. The children will be ready to go home at 11:30AM. The parents/guardians are invited to be present but it is not required. HOWEVER, the child must be present from 9:00 until 11:30. The First Communion will be Sunday, June 2nd at 9:00. The children making First Communion must meet in the church no later than 8:45AM. First Communion Mass will be in the Hall.