

# Catholic Community of Malia Puka O Kalani

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## Mass Schedule

Sat. 5:15 pm

Sun. 9:00 am

Weekday Mass M,W,F.5:15PM

November 9-10, 2013



### MISSION STATEMENT

*“Malia Puka O Kalani is a Roman Catholic parish on Hawaiian Home Lands 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

778-8058

#### Liturgy: Joe Farias 982-5919

#### Faith Formation: Billie Baclig

315-9844

#### Social Awareness:

Richard MacKenzie 896-0390  
Roberta Gacutan 339-2915

#### Homebound Ministry “Malia

Visitor”: Hale Pekelo 968-1382

#### Facility Use: Laverne Costa 959-9219

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#### WEBSITE:

www.maliapukaokalani.com

## THE HUB OF THE PARISH STRUCTURE

The Pastoral Council of our parish was started after the five Standing Committees and the Inculturation Team were formed and functioning. It was started for the sole purpose of being the “Hub” of the separate and distinct committees. When the Pastoral Council was formed, it was defined first of all by what it was NOT to do. It was NOT:

1. to be a equal power to balance the power and authority of the pastor
2. to be the sounding board for every gripe in the parish
3. to be in control of the money or any area of parish responsibility
4. to exercise control over the Standing Committees

There are horror stories of many Pastoral Councils in other parishes. Many pastors would love to do away with them because the Councils pretend that they have authority equal to the pastor and can be a “balance” to his authority. Other Pastoral Councils are a magnet for every dissatisfied person in the parish. Other Councils try to control the money and the budget stating that nothing can be done in the parish unless it has the approval of the Pastoral Council. Because of these abuses in other parishes, there was a healthy debate on whether Malia should have a Pastoral Council. We debated and we voted as a parish. The vote to have a Pastoral Council was affirmative. (I will confess that I saw a role for a Pastoral Council. While I attempted to stay neutral, I was rather transparent. Because I had the “bully pulpit”, I am sure votes were swayed!!). No matter how it happened, we do have a Pastoral Council and it has been functioning extremely well.

The purpose of the Pastoral Council at Malia is simply to elicit the goals and objectives (the “projects”) from the five Standing Committees and the Inculturation Team for the following year (the year starts July 1 and runs to June 30 of the following year). These are compiled into what is known as the Pastoral Plan. The continued purpose of the Pastoral Council is to make sure that the Committees are doing what they said they would be doing and to make sure that the terms of office for the chairs and members of the Committees is being adhered to. In other words, the only and extremely important role of the Pastoral Council at Malia is to safeguard the established structure of the parish.

We again emphasize that pastors come and go. Some pastors are young, some are old; some are Filipino, some Hispanic, some Caucasian; some are liberal and some are conservative; some are great homilists, some are so boring that sleep hits as soon as his mouth opens. We can petition the bishop for a certain kind of pastor but, as long as the priesthood is limited to unmarried men, there will be a shortage of priests/pastors.

However, the structure of the parish should not be dependent on what kind of person is pastor. The structure of the parish is dependent on lay leadership. The Pastoral Council is at the “Hub” of this form of lay leadership. **Fr. Joe**

**FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** The Parish Facilities and Maintenance Committee met on Sunday, November 3, 2013. A month ago, Pete Costa was appointed the Acting Chair while Uncle Moke is recuperating. The quonset hut at the back of the Parish Hall has become a hangout for drug use. It needs to be removed. The Committee decided the quonset hut is “free for the taking as is” to any parishioner or someone in the area that is interested. Please contact Pete Costa at 959-9219 if you are interested. The Committee is also asking for volunteer help to sand paper and to paint the pews. This project will be completed in two weeks and is scheduled for Monday, December 2 through Friday, December 13. This work will be done on weekdays only – Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 3:00. The carpet in the church will also be shampooed at that time. The weekend Masses for December 7 and 8 will be held in the Parish Hall. Once again, please contact Pete Costa at 959-9219 regarding any of the above. We are counting on parishioner participation. Mahalo.

**A MESSAGE FROM MALIA’S “PANTRY LADY”:** Needed food list for our pantry:

Vienna sausage	Spam	Canned Vegetables	Rice
Tuna	Canned Pasta	Canned Fruits	Jell-O
Pasta Sauces	Pork N Beans	Canned Soups	Saimin

All foods are welcome. You may also give monetary donations for the Food Pantry or gift certificates. Pantry days are the last two Wednesdays of each month. Mahalo for all you give...Roberta Gacutan, “The Pantry Lady”, and all her helpers.

**IMMIGRATION RESOURCE CENTER:** The grand opening of an Immigration Resource Center in Hilo took place on October 24, 2013. Catholic Charities has been granted the contract to run the Center. We all may know immigrants in our local area. It can be a very frightening experience for them. If you know of an immigrant (legal or illegal) in need, please refer them to the Center located in Hilo at 62 Kinoole Street, telephone no. 961-7030.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT CERTIFICATE:** A reminder that if you are working with youth ages 18 and below you must have a Safe Environment Certificate. Obtain the Certificate at the Diocese of Honolulu website, [www.catholichawaii.org](http://www.catholichawaii.org), Safe Environment-Child and Youth Protection.

**YEAR OF FAITH CONCERT OF CHOIRS:** Our Malia choir is participating in `Aha Mele, a concert which will mark the end of the Year of Faith. Along with nine choirs from various East Hawaii Vicariate parishes and St. Joseph Elementary School, the concert will take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Papaikou on Sunday, November 24, 2013 from 2:30PM to 4:00PM. Everyone is invited to celebrate this special event.

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:** Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 27, at 5:30PM. You are invited to bring either a bottle of wine or a loaf of bread for blessings. Also, please bring food or food gift certificates for distribution to those in need. All will be placed around the Thanksgiving altar; at the end of Mass please take home your loaf of bread or bottle of wine for your Thanksgiving Day feast.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Teach your children about giving by participating in Operation Christmas Child (OCC). Some suggestions: Talk to your child about needs in the world. Tell them what Jesus says about giving. (You may want to share scripture verses with them.) Take them shopping to buy items for the shoebox they will pack. Have them write a personal note to the child or add a photo to your box. Pray with your child for each shoebox recipient. Share with them about missionaries & how they are becoming missionaries by sending a shoe box gift to a child overseas. When you learn the destination country for your shoebox, share the facts about this country with your child. Brochures about OCC are available at the entrance to church. Mahalo.

<b>Stewardship Report NOVEMBER 2-3</b>	
<b>KOA BOWL</b>	<b>\$6,843.00</b>
<b>Funeral Stipend</b>	<b>\$ 530.00</b>
<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>
<b>Facility Use</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>Building / Maint</b>	<b>\$5052.00</b>
<b>Cook Book</b>	<b>\$672.00</b>
<b>Sweetbread</b>	<b>\$238.00</b>
<b>ALL Souls</b>	<b>\$218.00</b>
<b>Misc.</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$13,660.00</b>