

# 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 16-17, 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

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## TIME FOR HEALING

Same-Sex Marriage has become the law of the land in Hawaii. It was a bitter and hard fought fight. There remains a great deal of rancor on both sides of the issue. While we may or may not like either the process or the conclusion, we have a result with which we will live. There are Catholics on both sides of this issue. One can expect this in a democracy. However, we are all aware that the officials of our diocese took a very public and vocal stance against the bill which would permit same-sex marriage. Now, having lost the fight, how are we to respond to this new law? Maybe we need to step back for a moment and put the whole process and the issue in proper perspective.

The Southern Baptists are adamantly opposed to the consumption of alcohol. The official position in the nineteenth century was that consumption of alcohol was the cardinal sin of the land. Total prohibition for everyone was their goal. They had deep seated moral grounds for this stance. Prohibition became the law of the land in 1920 through the political power of many Fundamentalist Protestant churches. It was a total failure. Those who did not subscribe to the Baptist’s moral position cried foul. They said that their individual rights were being denied. Irish, Italian, and other Western Europe Catholics were at the forefront of the fight against prohibition. (My great uncle, a very good Catholic, was a boot legger and ran a secret bar—at that time called a “Speak Easy”—in defiance of the Prohibition law). The law was repealed in 1933. The Southern Baptists and many other Fundamentalist Protestant churches still view the consumption of alcohol as a moral depravity. They discovered, however, that they couldn’t force their beliefs onto others in a Democracy.

Many of the Methodist Churches view dancing as immoral. The Jehovah Witnesses view gambling as a fundamental moral depravity. The Amish and the Mennonites view any form of war as contrary to the scriptures. We could go on and on and on. The wisdom of our country is that while NO religion has the right to impose its moral positions on anyone, the government has the obligation to defend the freedom of all religions and all individuals. (That is why, even in the heyday of the military draft, the Amish and the Mennonites were granted conscientious objector status).

Simply because our democracy permits alcohol consumption, dancing, gambling, war, and now, same-sex marriage does NOT mean that people of any specific religion are forced to engage in the permitted behavior. Freedom of religion also means freedom from the imposition of certain religious beliefs on others. A great deal of anti-catholicism rose as a result of the strong moral stance by Baptists and others against alcohol. Catholics were judged as immoral drunkards. An integral aspect of the “Healing Process” is to make sure we don’t repeat what was done to us.

It is very strange that right now Russia and China—which we often call Godless societies are the strongest opponents of the same - sex marriage movement. You can bet that their position is not based on any deep spritual/moral stance. My bet is that it is based on a deeply rooted bias and prejudice. For healing to take place, you and I need to look at what is a deeply rooted belief and what is a deeply rooted prejudice inside each of us. Only then will we treat each other with Christian love and respect. *Fr. Joe*

**SWEETBREAD FUNDRAISER: Please turn in all monies and unsold tickets by Saturday, Nov. 23.**

**SOCIAL AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** The Committee met on Saturday, November 9, 2013. The members of the Committee are: Richard MacKenzie (Chair), Roberta Gacutan, Maile Mauhili, Shirley Rizzo, Brandee Menino, Andres Salvador and Tony Tousoon. Roberta Gacutan accepted the position of co-Chair due to Richard's work schedule which finds him out of state for some meetings and for decisions that must be made. The Committee reviewed the Pastoral Plan to make sure all the objectives for social outreach are being met. A recommendation was made that a relationship with Malia's Food Pantry and the Food Basket be re-established. The Community Garden is in need of a "Gardener" and "Helping Hands" to control the weeds so the bounty of vegetables increase. Please contact Richard at 896-0390 if you are interested. Mahalo.

**TYPHOON HAIYAN SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Bishop Larry Silva has authorized all parishes in the Diocese of Honolulu to conduct a special collection for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan. In this regard, Malia's entire Thanksgiving collection will be designated for this purpose. If anyone wants to give to this special collection but will not be at the Thanksgiving Mass, please put your donation in a regular envelope and place it in the Koa Offering Bowl anytime between now and Thanksgiving. Make sure your envelope is marked for Typhoon Haiyan. Let us continue to pray for all those who have died and those who continue to suffer in the wake of this tragedy.

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

**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 and then take it home to enjoy during your Thanksgiving Day feast. Also, please bring food or food gift certificates for distribution to those in need. All will be placed around the Thanksgiving altar.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** If you haven't started packing your shoe box, now is the time to begin! You can bring your shoe box gift to an Operation Christmas Child collection point during National Collection Week, November 18-25. Collection points are Hilo Missionary Church (1044 Komohana Street, Hilo) Monday-Friday 3-5PM, Saturday 10AM-1PM, Sunday 1-5PM and also at Big Island Toyota (811 Kanoelehua Avenue, Hilo) Monday-Friday 8AM-6PM and Saturday 8AM-4PM.

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:** Next weekend's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty throughout America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Defend human dignity. Take poverty off the map. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL:**

St. Joseph's Social Ministry, members of the San Lorenzo choir and the Filipino Catholic Club will be serving lunch on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, to the homeless. Lunch will be served from 11:00AM to 2:00PM at St. Joseph Church. Volunteers are needed to serve, set-up and clean-up. Please contact Mario Miguel at the Social Ministry office (935-1153) if you can help in any way. Mahalo

<b>Stewardship Report NOVEMBER 9-10</b>	
<b>KOA BOWL</b>	<b>\$1389.00</b>
<b>Funeral Stipend</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>
<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
<b>Cook Book</b>	<b>\$574.00</b>
<b>Sweetbread</b>	<b>\$146.00</b>
<b>ALL Souls</b>	<b>\$195.00</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$4104.00</b>