

Catholic Community of Malia Puka O Kalani

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Mass Schedule

Sat. 5:15 pm

Sun. 9:00 am

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Spanish 7:00PM, Saturday,

Oct 5, 2013

Sept., 14-15, 2013



THE CHURCH: ONE GREAT OHANA

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 339-1295

Spanish Coordinator:

Laura Abad-Huilca 989-4234

Homebound Ministry “Malia

Visitor”: Hale Pekelo 968-1382

Facility Use: Laverne Costa 959-9219

WEBSITE:

www.maliapukaokalani.com

It is a great blessing that we can say, “Malia will be without a resident priest for one month and the life of our parish will continue to flourish”. This past weekend, Fr. Bob and I spent many hours talking about parish life. We were united in the belief that a strong parish will continue to function and thrive regardless of whether or not there is a resident pastor. We both believe that Malia is such a parish—or, at least, very close to being such a parish.

In a recent talk, Pope Francis said that all Catholics must ask themselves what they personally have done to build up the church and ensure people feel welcomed and loved in it. The church exists in the parish. The Pope is saying that every member of Malia needs to ask him/herself this same question. None of us is a mere spectator. The priest can come into the parish and preside over the weekend liturgies. But, community, ownership of the parish, will only be built by the dedication and commitment of the members. Without a loving supportive community, the parish church becomes nothing more than a spiritual gas station where people stop “to get their fill” and then move on. Our young people have rejected this type of parish church. They are hungry for a community where, regardless of their faults, struggles, lifestyles, aspirations, they are loved, forgiven and accepted. The Pope said about our gay brothers and sisters, “If they are searching for the Lord and have good will, who am I to judge”? A parish community radiates this openness not only to our gay brothers and sisters but to all people “who are searching for the Lord and have good will”. This type of welcoming community is built not by the priest, but by the parishioners. It is this welcoming community that is rooted in the Hawaiian tradition of Aloha. Hopefully our teenagers and young adults will begin to feel more and more at home in our welcoming Malia community. This will happen as each of us extends a hand and heart of acceptance. Starting the first Sunday of November, the 9:00 Mass on Sundays will be a Mass where our young people are the liturgical, eucharistic, and music ministers. We will remain faithful to our mission statement of being “enriched by our Hawaiian culture” as our youth and young adults take a more active role in our liturgies.

In his talk on the parish church, the Pope went on to state, “In the parish community, the members have defects, imperfections, sins. Even the pope has them—and he has many— (an editorial comment: replace the word pope with pastor) but what is beautiful is that when we become aware that we are sinners, we find the mercy of God. God always forgives. Don’t forget this. “God always forgives”. Yes, we have many defects and imperfections at Malia. We can focus on them and rip down each other and the parish or we can do as God does: forgive each other. This too is indicative of the strength of the parish community.

So, Malia will be without a resident priest for the next month. Fr. Bob will come in for the weekends to lead the parish community in liturgy. But the strength of the community will come from you, the parishioners. In your openness to the Lord and to those seeking the Lord, the Malia community will continue to grow and flourish. *Fr. Joe*

LUAU: What can one say about the luau? It was a fabulous parish ohana experience. The Finance Committee projected the luau would bring in \$3,000. It brought in a profit of \$5,000. Our mahalo to all those who took responsibility for this great experience and to all those who supported it by participating. It was a great experience of cooperation and respect between those who organized, solicited materials, sold tickets, cooked, set up tables and chairs, decorated, provided entertainment and lastly, who cleaned up. It was Malia at its best!

COMMUNITY GARDEN: The Malia Community Garden needs help! Come any Tuesday or Thursday, 3:30-6:00 to help weed, hoe, etc. so the plants can produce more food. Suzie has been getting some volunteers. You will see the weeds disappearing and the vegetables bursting forth.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS: We are proud to announce that Curt Beck is a new member to the Finance Committee. Welcome aboard Curt! Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2013 at Malia.

COVERAGE FOR UNCLE MOKE: Uncle Moke remains in the hospital and is very grateful for all the love, support and prayers of the Malia Ohana. In his absence, he has asked his brother, Herman Moke, to hold the keys to the church and facilities. Contact Herman if you need something opened. Further, he has asked Pete Costa to assume responsibility as overseer of the maintenance and repair of the church and facilities. Mahalo to both of these dedicated parishioners for taking on this responsibility until Uncle Moke can return to his beloved parish in good health.

MAHALO: Our sincere mahalo to Hale and Janice Pekelo and their son, Sheldon, for the donation of two silver chalices and a silver ciborium to Malia. These donations greatly add to the reverence and dignity due the Eucharist. Please remember the Pekelo's in your prayers when you see the two chalices on the altar and/or receive the Body of Christ from one of these chalices.

INVENTORY: In an effort to keep tabs on moveable parish property, nothing can be taken from the kitchen without the explicit approval of Laverne Costa; from the Pantry without the explicit approval of Roberta Gacutan or Patty Grube; from the Religious Education rooms without the explicit approval of Cyndi Herron or Karen Gerkey; and nothing from the Liturgical Storage room without the explicit approval of Joe Farias or Natalie McKeen.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights of Columbus is an international fraternity of Catholic men organized in 1882 by Fr. Michael McGivney. The Knights of Columbus will hold a first degree exemplification at St. Joseph Church Hall to accept men 18 years of age or older into the Knights of Columbus Council. The Council will start in Hilo once there are 20 members. Fr. Sam will be joining the Knights of Columbus on Sept. 21, 2013 at 10 a.m. Please consider joining Fr. Sam to start a new Council in Hilo. Annual dues for the Fraternity are \$40 per year, but only \$10 dues and \$10 initiation fee are required at the time of joining. If you have any questions, please contact Rod Imming at 326-1269 or Andrew Langtry at 933-2490.

FR. JOE'S ABSENCE: Fr. Joe will be gone for one month for his bi-annual medical check-up. Fr. Bob will be at Malia for the weekend masses. Fr. Bob has the full authority of Pastor. In case of emergency, call St. Joseph's as there will be no priest in the rectory. Do not leave a message on the parish phone. David Watson takes care of ONLY financial matters. Please do not bother him with other matters. Kehau Kuewa will do the Bulletin. Please submit bulletin material to her no later than Wednesday before the next weekend. Kehau's contact information is email jkkuewa@gmail.com; phone 258-0041. David's phone number is on the front page. Fr. Joe will regularly view the emails to maliapastor@gmail.com in case you need to reach him. The church will be open for prayer visits in accord with the regular schedule.

STEWARDSHIP 9-7-8	
KOA BOWL	\$1843.50
LUAU FUND RAISER	\$834.00
FOOD PANTRY:	\$10.00
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:	\$60.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$2750.00