# **Catholic Community of** Malia Puka O Kalani

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**Telephone:** 808-935-9338 Email: maliapastor@gmail.com **Weekend Mass Schedule** Sat. 5:15 pm Sun. 9:00 am

Weekday Masses 5:15 pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday

August 23 and 24, 2014



## 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'

## Administrator

Fr. Oliver J. Ortega

#### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Robert Stark, SSS

#### **Baptisms:**

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# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**

RE registration will be on Saturday and Sunday, August 30 and 31, in the patio after each Mass. It is important that you register your child/grandchild as soon as possible so we will have enough books and supplies for everyone.

Come to the RE open house on Sunday, September 7 after the 9:00 am Mass to meet the teachers and see the classrooms where the students will be meeting.

RE classes for grades kindergarten through high school starts on September 14, 2014. The last day of class will be April 26, 2015 and Holy Communion is scheduled for May 3, 2015.

Please contact Karen Gerkey, RE Coordinator, at 345-1222 for further information on Malia's RE program or if you are interested in being a RE teacher.

# **DIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE 2014**

Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus. As Catholics, realizing all that we have is a gift from God, we are encouraged to reflect on our blessings, enhance them and share them with others. By giving of ourselves and helping those around us, we are practicing Christian stewardship.

In 1992, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops brought attention to this principal when they published Stewardship: A Disciple's Response (U.S. Bishop's Pastoral Letter). Looking beyond financial contributions alone, this document encourages Catholics to live their lives as disciples of Jesus and to share their gifts of time, talent and treasure, more out of gratitude than obligation (Source: Diocese of Honolulu Witness to Jesus Web site).

More information regarding Stewardship will be presented to us on the Masses of this weekend, August 23 and 24, by Mark Clark, the Diocesan Chairperson on this Initiative. The following weekend, August 30 and 31, Allan Deehr, the Big Island Representative on Stewardship will also shed more light on us within our Mass celebrations.

# **Sunday Reflection**

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

<u>1st Reading, Isaiah 22:19-23</u>: At various times we have reviewed the three author theory for the Book of Isaiah, the last time being the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time for this cycle. The first reading for this week comes from the first portion, that which has been attributed to Isaiah himself by all scholars. But are there really three authors? Aside from scholarly interests, Jewish-Christian tradition has always recognized Isaiah as the human author of the entire 66 chapters.

After the Psalms, Isaiah is the Old Testament book most quoted in the New Testament: 22 quotations and 13 references (six to the first part of the book and seven to the second) and all the references refer to Isaiah by name.

Three documents testify to the Book of Isaiah having its present form between the second and third centuries B.C. These are the complete Hebrew text discovered in 1947 (the Dead Sea Scrolls), the Greek translations of the Septuagint, and the praise of Isaiah in the Book of Sirach which refers to chapters 40, 51, and 66.

Our reading for today is important in understanding how the king's household (and kingdom) were operated. It goes without saying that we all understand that when the king died, he was replaced by his eldest son (the firstborn, the blessed). But what about all the other positions in the kingdom? What if some official died or wasn't performing up to expectations?

<u>2nd Reading, Romans 11:33-36</u>: Today's second reading continues from where the second reading for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time left off. Saint Paul is pointing out how the Jews will attain salvation through the example provided by the Gentiles.

Gospel, Matthew 16:13-20: While Shebna may have proven not to be a worthy steward of the Davidic kingdom, Simon the fisherman has shown himself worthy of a new mission of stewardship in the Davidic kingdom; a kingdom which now has Jesus as its sovereign. As signs of this new mission of stewardship, Simon is given a new name and the symbol of his office as master of the palace. (www.scborromeo.org)

**LECTORS MEETING:** An important meeting for all Lectors will be held on Saturday, August 30, 2014, from 9:00-10:00 am at the church. The purpose of the meeting is to review basic training and to discuss the next three months schedule (October, November and December). Those interested in being a Lector are encouraged to attend this meeting as well. Contact Kathleen Yamamoto at 961-3994 with any questions.

<u>MAHALO!</u> We give our sincere thanks to Cyndi Herron who was the Religious Education Coordinator this past school year as well as a teacher for the past two years. Cyndi has moved to HPP but promises to drop by often to celebrate Mass with us here at Malia. We also give thanks to Karen Gerkey for accepting the role of

Religious Education Coordinator. Cyndi and Karen worked together on the RE program this past year so we can look forward to another rewarding year of religious education for our keiki.

CHURCH CLEANERS: If you are able to spare one Saturday every month and want to become involved in your parish, consider keeping the house of God in good order by becoming a church cleaner. If this is something you think you might be interested in please contact Hale Pekelo at 968-1382 for more information.

**PARKING:** This is a reminder to always be courteous to our neighbors who graciously allow us to park on their property. Do not block entrance and exit pathways. Not only is that inconsiderate, it is illegal. Emergency vehicles must always have access.

STEWARDSHIP		
August 16 and 17, 2014		
KOA OFFERING BOWL:		\$1,455.27
Fundraising		40.00
Food Pantry		30.00
Misc.		55.11
TOTAL		\$1,580.38