

# Catholic Community of Malia Puka O Kalani

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## Mass Schedule

Sat. 5:15 pm

Sun. 9:00 am

Weekday Masses Mon, Wed,  
and Fri at 5:15



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### 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:

Patty Grube 747-6273

#### Building Maintenance:

Moke Moses 937-9783

#### Business Manager:

David Watson 935-1465

#### Finance: Jeannette Lesko

778-8058

#### Liturgy: Kip Kauka 968-8890

#### Faith Formation: Billie Baclig

315-9844

#### Social Awareness:

Richard MacKenzie 896-0390

Roberta Gacutan 339-1295

#### Homebound Ministry “Malia

Visitor”: Hale Pekelo 968-1382

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

#### Pastoral Council & Bulletin:

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## A TIME OF RENEWAL

In a mere two and a half weeks we will enter into the Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is March 5th. The Church has its traditional Lenten regulations which are usually published the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Only then do some of us start questioning, “What am I going to give up this year?” And Suisan Fish Market in Hilo starts stocking more fish because us Catholics will usually eat fish at least once a week during the Lenten season! In his Lenten message, Pope Francis said, “I pray that each individual member of the faithful and every Church community will undertake a fruitful Lenten journey.” He went on to say, “I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt”.

In this spirit, Malia will take an approach to Lent, 2014 which is a bit different than that to which we have become accustomed. We want Lent to be a journey of faith which will deepen our awareness that “in every generation, we are reborn to the new life of grace and called to be witnesses of the Gospel to the world...There is a close bond between our responsibility to live this new life within the Church, in our families and our parishes, and our mission to bring the Gospel to others as channels of God’s grace” (from Pope Francis at a General Audience).

This Lent, Malia will not focus on “giving up”, “fasting and abstaining” and “self denial”. As individuals we are free to do any of these customary practices but we need to face the reality that abstaining from meat on Friday in Hawaii might be a badge to all that we are Catholics and this makes us feel good but eating fresh mahi-mahi or ono is certainly not an act of penance; giving up something we like might be proof to ourselves of strong will-power but saying “No” to something without saying, “Yes” to something else is short lived. (I learned long ago when treating adolescent drug abusers that if they merely said “No” to drugs while in treatment and never said, “Yes” to something else, they would relapse as soon as they left treatment). We can go through Lent *denying* ourselves of some favorite things only to “overdose” as soon as Lent is finished.

We are beginning the discussion of Lent two and a half weeks before Ash Wednesday so that we can acquaint ourselves with a new positive approach to the Lenten journey. We will spell out in greater and clearer detail the specifics of Malia’s Lenten journey over the next two weeks. The Faith Formation Committee, the Liturgy Committee, and the Social Awareness/Outreach Committee have cooperated in mapping out this journey. Our Lenten journey this year will be threefold: Prayer, Adult Religious Formation, and Service to Others. As we spell out the details of this journey in the next two bulletins and in fliers, we hope and pray that our entire parish and each of the members will find the road map enticing enough to say, “I think I want to go on this journey!” More to come..... *Fr. Joe*

**MASS FOR JOHN O’CONNELL:** We will celebrate a Mass for John O’Connell, Joseph O’Connell’s grandfather, on Tuesday at 11:30AM. The family invites all the parish to join them in this celebration.

**YOUNG ADULT SPEAKER SERIES:** On Tuesday, Feb 25 there will be a presentation and discussion at St. Joseph School, Room 409 from 6:30—8:45PM. The theme of the presentation and discussion will come from the writings of Pope Francis, “the joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness, and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew.”

**LITURGY COMMITTEE:** There are still a couple openings on the Liturgy Committee. This committee oversees the liturgical and prayer life of the parish in conjunction with the pastor. There are no special qualifications other than the desire to be involved in developing the prayer life of the parish. To get more information and/or express interest please contact Kip Kauka (808-968-8890). The next Committee meeting is February 23 at 10:30 in the Rectory meeting room.

**A MESSAGE FROM PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR, KEHAULANI KUEWA:** In January, Fr. Joe announced that members of Malia would be meeting with Bishop Larry Silva to make him aware of the many positive steps taken and the accomplishments by parishioners of Malia since the *Witness to Jesus* initiative in 2008. On Friday, February 7, Laverne and Pete Costa, long-time parishioners of Malia, and I met with the Bishop and Fr. Bob Stark in the Chancery. The Pastoral Council had previously provided the Bishop a read-ahead of the exceptional progress Malia has made on the three initiatives that the parish selected in 2008. They were Repair and Maintenance of our facilities; the establishment of the Youth and Young Adult program; and the formation of and the work performed by the Pastoral Council (Lay Leadership). In addition, our presentation to the Bishop included the many accomplishments of our Liturgy, Social Awareness, and Finance (with emphasis on our fundraising program) Committees and the Enculturation Team. We spoke of our Pastoral Plan and how it is our parish roadmap, much as the *Witness to Jesus* initiative was the Bishop’s roadmap in 2008. The Bishop was told that the Pastoral Plan is providing our parish with structure and that through the participation of parishioners serving on our committees/team and the involvement of parishioners in various parish activities, we have a great momentum going and we hope to keep the same momentum with our new pastor. In regards to a new pastor, the Bishop was made aware that Malia has the most recent Diocese guidance on the transition between the old and new pastors and that transition will be a topic of discussion at the next Pastoral Council meeting. We shared with the Bishop that we have hope our new pastor will embrace our Pastoral Plan, work with the Pastoral Council in meeting our Plan’s goals and objectives and provide not only spiritual leadership but parish leadership as well. The Bishop was attentive to our desires and we have hopeful expectation he will continue to support our Malia parish community as best as he is able.

**MALASADA FUNDRAISER:** Monetary donations and donations of flour, sugar, butter and evaporated milk are needed by this Tuesday, February 18. Please contact Luana Leite at 959-7853 with any questions. Mahalo nui loa for supporting our fundraising program.

<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>	
February 8-9, 2014	
<b>KOA OFFERING BOWL:</b>	<b>\$2,281.50</b>
<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Fund Raising</b>	<b>\$253.00</b>
<b>Gifts</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>Special Collections</b>	<b>\$260.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,324.50</b>