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Weekend Mass Schedule

Sat. 5:15 pm

Sun. 9:00 am

Weekday Masses 5:15
Monday, Wednesday, Friday

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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”

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Sunday Reflection

(www.scborromeo.org/biblestudies.htm)

1st Reading ~ Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Our first reading for today describes our Three-in-One God as “a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity,” who pardons our wickedness and sins and receives us as their own. This is what the Trinity does for us.

The events leading up to today’s first reading are as follows: Moses has led the people out of Egypt and through the desert to Mount Sinai. This journey took about three months during which time they have encountered bad water which Moses, at God’s command, sweetened by casting a tree into it; they have run out of food and God has provided manna and quail; they have no water and Moses, at God’s command, strikes a rock with his staff and water flows forth.

Upon arriving at Mount Sinai they set up camp and Moses receives from God the words to speak to the Israelites: “Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation. That is what you must tell the Israelites.” (Exodus 19:5-6). Moses told the people, through their elders, all that God had told him and the people replied “Everything the LORD has said, we will do.” (Exodus 19:8) Moses told this to God who further instructed Moses who then consecrated the people and they washed their clothes (purified them) and they were instructed to abstain from sexual relations for three days at which time God would come down upon the mountain and they will hear Him speaking to Moses.

Three days later, God comes down upon the mountain in thunder, lightning, and a thick cloud and the people are afraid to approach (the inference is that they have not abstained from sexual relations). God then gives Moses the ten commandments orally along with other instructions and then summons Moses alone to ascend the mountain. Moses ascends and remains on the mountain for forty days during which time he receives the ten commandments in stone.

Toward the end of his stay on the mountain, the people prevailed upon Aaron (Moses’ elder brother) to fashion the golden calf. God became angry and was set to destroy the people and raise from Moses a great nation but Moses reminded God of his covenant with Abraham and God relented. Moses then descended the mountain, caught the people in their revelry, and smashed

the stone tablets. The Levites then ordained themselves by slaying three thousand of their kinsmen and neighbors (those who had been partaking in the revelry before the statue). God then commands Moses to make two new tablets and bring them up the mountain.

2nd Reading ~ 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Our reading today comes from the final three verses of Saint Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. These final words form a greeting and an exhortation to the hearers.

Gospel ~ John 3:16-18

Our reading for today comes from the much larger story of Jesus’ encounter with Nicodemus. Nicodemus is mentioned only in John’s gospel (in chapter 3 and also in 7:50 and 19:39); however, the name was a common one. Although the Sanhedrin (the Jewish governing body that was recognized by the Romans), was composed mainly by Sadducees, it also contained Pharisees among its members (Acts 5:34). John 3:1 calls him a “ruler of the Jews” which probably means he was a member of the Sanhedrin. John 19:39 says he accompanied Joseph of Arimathea (also a member of the Sanhedrin according to Mark 15:43) to claim and bury Jesus’ body. As a Pharisee, a member of the Sanhedrin, and a rabbi (John 3:10 calls him a “teacher of Israel”), he represents the quintessential Jew. Jesus is addressing Nicodemus in our gospel reading for today as we hear Saint John give us the essence of the Trinity’s work for us: “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him may not die but may have eternal life. God sent the Son into the world that it might be saved through Him.” This is how much the Trinity loves us!

SYMPATHY: It is with a very heavy heart that I heard and live with the news that Uncle Moke has left life as we know it and has entered into an eternal life of peace of love. While I believe that he lives in a state which is incomprehensibly more wonderful than life as we know it, I still grieve with the awareness that life, as we know it, is ended. I extend my deepest sympathy to Uncle Moke’s ohana. First and foremost to his siblings and their children. While at Malia, I was constantly impressed with the love and care you showed your brother and uncle. Secondly, my sympathy goes to the ohana with whom he ate and talked and shared stories at K’s Drive Inn, at Coqui’s Hideaway, and other of his favorite eateries. Last but not least, my sympathy goes to the Malia ohana. Uncle Moke was a pillar of the parish ohana long before I came on the scene. When “the new kid on the block” came in 2008 and began to restructure the parish community, Uncle Moke not only accepted the changes but embraced them. My greatest wish is to be with you when you celebrate the life of Uncle Moke in prayer that our Heavenly Father will hold him in the palm of His hands. Sadly, that is not physically possible. However, I will be with you, as I celebrate the Eucharist for him and for you. I hope the kahili will surround his remains and the altar at his farewell Mass. To me, Uncle Moke was royalty.

STEWARDSHIP	
June 7 & 8, 2014	
KOA OFFERING BOWL:	\$1,423.00
Fundraising	16.00
Food Pantry	30.00
Misc.	10.00
TOTAL	\$1,479.00

Fr. Joe Hennen