

Catholic Community of Malia Puka O Kalani

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Mass Schedule

Sat. 5:15 pm

Sun. 9:00 am

No Weekday Masses from

Nov. 29—Feb. 10

JAN. 25-26 2014



IT IS COLD IN THE MINNESOTA PRAIRIES

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

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WEBSITE:

www.maliapukaokalani.com

When driving to the Mayo Clinic at 7:00 this morning, I noticed the time and temperature sign by a small town bank. The time didn't draw my attention; it was the temperature that made me realize I was no longer in Hawaii. It was -18° below. The snow was drifting across the road making driving hazardous. The last thing I wanted to do was slide into a ditch, stalled in the bitter cold. You see, even though it was cold outside it didn't much bother me. I had slept in a warm bed, had a hot shower, drank a hot cup of coffee, got into a car warmed by a heated garage, and was driving in warm comfort. At the end of my journey there would be another heated garage, with a heated skywalk to a clinic renowned around the world as one of the most prestigious.

Not everyone is so privileged. There are thousands of people in the cities of Minneapolis and St Paul just forty-five miles north of me who, in this bitter cold, did not sleep in a warm bed, who needed to stand in line for a warm cup of coffee, who would move from one point to another not in a warm car but walk on the slippery sidewalks in the bitter cold, who would search for warmth during the day by finding a vent emitting heat from the subways, and who would need to beg for emergency health care because they have no money and no insurance. They are human beings just like me. But I have all the comforts of life. And I, and people like me in the church, in business, and in government, not only have the comfort, we also have the power. And we can either use the power to reach out to the powerless or, we can blind ourselves to the sight of them and make ourselves deaf to their cries. And we do this by shrugging our shoulders and saying, "The problem is so gigantic; our little efforts will mean nothing."

On Tuesday, January 14th Fr Bob Stark gave the homily at the Red Mass—the Mass celebrated by the Bishop for the legislators and business leaders of Hawaii. It was an impressive message about what us "little people" can do and are doing when we join together the power within each of us. While the entire talk deserves to be read by all, let me quote one striking paragraph. "Saints Damien and Marianne of Molokai prayed in this cathedral more than a century ago, as we do today. They responded to the same scriptural challenges. We know their stories. The people to whom they shared their lives were considered even more outcast than the souls who today sleep on our sidewalks. But Damien and Marianne's compassion inspired the cooperation of government, the medical establishment, the business community, and religious congregations to do the impossible for those whom society wished invisible. We are invited to follow their footsteps on a mission of mercy, living a faith in service with the vulnerable that is healing for all of us as sinners struggling to become saints. Likewise, Pope Francis, the once invisible Argentine bishop, has been doing an impossible task of transforming the church into a hospital of healing right before our eyes and TV cameras, and recently on the cover of TIME magazine's Person of the Year issue. Why are people paying attention to him, even those who are not Catholic? Perhaps it is because, like his namesake St. Francis of Assisi, he lives (over)

by a phrase, 'Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words'."

I am writing this on Wednesday, January 22. It is the anniversary of Rowe vs Wade. Pope Francis recently commented that we have become accustomed to living in a "throw away" society. More tragically, we have taken on the mentality that whatever is not useful to us, we throw away. The victims of this mentality are the homeless, the prisoner, the drug using veteran, the mentally and physically disabled, the unborn, and the refugee. It is the center of our faith to ask ourselves as individuals and as the parish of Malia Puka O Kalani if we have surrendered to the "throw away" mentality. Can we and should we spend more time reflecting on how we can relate to the "thrown aways" as our sisters and brothers in Christ? *Fr. Joe*

PS. As of today, I have seen 11 different doctors. The final report, including prognosis and recommended treatment, will not be available until Jan 28. Thanks for your continued prayers.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: There will be an Engaged Encounter in Hilo on February 8 & 9 at St. Joseph Church. If you are interested in being a Prayer Couple for that weekend, please contact Gary and Deborah Callahan at (808)937-7058 or via email at gcall52@gmail.com. Being a prayer couple means praying for the engaged couple on their weekend as they prepare for their marriage.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Our Parish Pastoral Council met on January 19, 2014. The following items were discussed:

- a. The Chairperson of the Finance Committee reported that the Committee is on track to meet their 2013-2014 goals and objectives as outlined in the Pastoral Plan. The Plan can be found at our website, www.maliapukaokalani.com.
- b. Billie Baclig, Chairperson of the Faith Formation Committee, announced that she will be out of State for the next 2½ months and that the Youth Ministry Coordinator (Rose Bautista) will be acting in her place during this time.
- c. The Pastoral Council finalized the report documenting Malia's Witness to Jesus achievements for presentation to the Bishop. The purpose of the document was addressed by Fr. Joe in the January 18-19, 2014 bulletin.

MALASADA DAY TICKETS: Get your tickets at the entrance to the church. Cost is \$10 per ticket for a dozen malasadas. Pick-up date for this mouth-watering Shrove Tuesday delite is March 4. Monetary donations are welcomed to defray the cost of eggs and cooking oil. Donations of flour, sugar, evaporated milk and butter are also appreciated. Please contact Luana Leite at 959-7853 with any questions. Mahalo!

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY "MALIA VISITOR": If you know anyone who is not able to make it to church and would like the Eucharist brought to them, please contact Hale Pekelo at 968-1382. Hale will arrange for a "Malia Visitor" to take the Eucharist to the homebound.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

The Hilo Roundtable will be conducting a 1st Degree exemplification on February 1st at 10:00AM at St. Joseph High School. All current Knights, those practical Catholic gentlemen who have already expressed an interest in becoming a Knight, and any other Catholic gentlemen who would like to become Knights are requested to attend. The ceremony should last about an hour. Point of contact is Dennis McCartin at 430-5440.

Also, The Knights of Columbus is planning a Valentine's Day Potluck Social for Friday, February 14 from 6PM to 9PM. The social will be at Malia Puka O Kalani Parish Hall, 326 Desha in Keaukaha. Sir Knight Andrew Langtry is coordinating the list of potluck foods. He can be contacted at 557-8795 or 933-2490.

| Stewardship Report January 18-19/2014 | |
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| Koa Bowl | \$1,438.50 |
| Food Pantry | \$100.00 |
| Mass Offering | \$10.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,548.50 |