

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

FEB. 1—2 2014



THE YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

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

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David Watson 935-1465

Finance: Jeannette Lesko

778-8058

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315-9844

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Roberta Gacutan 339-1295

Homebound Ministry "Malia

Visitor": Hale Pekelo 968-1382

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I will miss something this Sunday at the 9:00 Mass that I have come to love: our youth and young adults doing the various liturgical ministries. The Faith Formation Committee and the Youth Activities sub-committee came up with the idea of involving our young people in the celebration of the Eucharist once a month. The older people (except for the priest!) take a back seat and/or assume a supportive role while our young people do the liturgical ministries. I will miss being part of this on Sunday because in the short time that this has been happening at Malia, we have all seen the smiles of satisfaction on the faces of the youth, the parents, and na kupuna as the young people pick up the mantle by involving themselves in the very heart of our religion.

Research has shown that the values youth have today will be with them throughout their life. The greatest void in any person's life is the void of not realizing that we are all created and live for something/someone beyond ourselves. It is the void of God in our values and our behavior. To live a life totally centered on the here-and-now might be fun for a short period of time but it inevitably becomes a prison. It is like drug use; it seems so exciting and venturesome at the beginning but, as time goes on, it becomes dull and boring. We are left with nothing more than "to chase the high" in search of something more exciting. And when we can't find that which will bring us to a new high, we get lost in aimlessness, depression and a sense of worthlessness.

In his talk to youth and young adults in Brazil, Pope Francis pleaded with them not to let the excitement of the moment "rob you of hope". Hope is a quality that is essential for a productive and happy life. It is that which gives our lives a sense of purpose. When we lose a sense of hope, we lose the purpose of living. Everything becomes "boring".

It is wonderful that our lay adult leaders have brought our young people to the ministries at Mass. We are formed more by what we do than by what is said to us. In plain English, our young people get much more out of the Sunday Mass when they are actively involved in DOING ministries in the Mass. Us older people are helping form the values of our young people when we step aside and encourage them to step forward. When this happens, us older people are not just spectators. We are the "teachers" who will go out of our way to compliment them, to tell them that we are happy that they are present and involved, and that we are proud that they are picking up the values and the activities we hold so sacred. To just observe or, God forbid, be critical of our young people who are venturing into a new activity in our cherished religion would be the height of spiritual irresponsibility. One of the most precious Hawaiian concepts is *kuleana*. It is the duty, the responsibility that springs up from within us simply because of who we are and what our relationship is to others. We adults are the mentors of our youth. It is our kuleana to support them, encourage them, be patient with them as they step out of themselves into something that is sacred and precious. This is evangelization close to home and very effective. In the words of Pope Francis, "Do not be afraid to live the faith!" **Fr. Joe**

FR. JOE'S STATUS: I will begin my trip home on Tuesday, Feb. 4 and arrive in Hilo on Thursday, Feb 6. It will be good to be home in WARM Keaukaha. I have undergone a complete physical exam in order to determine if the leukemia has triggered secondary infections. The doctor has asked that I return to the mainland for the treatment of the leukemia which continues to grow as well as some secondary infections that have been caused by the leukemia. Before rumors begin to fly, I want everyone to know that I will leave Malia at the end of April. Sunday, April 27th will be my final Mass at Malia. By the time you receive this bulletin, I will have written to the Bishop and to Fr. Bob Stark informing them of this reality. I rejoice in the fact that we will be together through Lent and through the celebration of the Resurrection, Easter Sunday

MAHALO, FR. BOB: We are all deeply grateful to Fr. Bob for continuing to serve our parish even as he carries the heavy responsibilities as Director of Social Ministries for the diocese of Honolulu. It is not only that he makes the trip to Hilo each weekend and celebrates the liturgies with us but, he becomes one-with-us. His presence, his love, his compassion, and his dedication is felt by all. He remains in our grateful hearts and our prayers. Mahalo, Fr. Bob

A MESSAGE FROM PETE AND LAVERNE COSTA: To Fr. Bob and our Parish Ohana: We, the Costa Ohana, wish to express our warmest love and aloha for the support given to us at our Mother's funeral. Much mahalo to those who helped us and to those who bought the delicious desserts. Love, Pete and Laverne.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: 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 church hall. Sir Knight Andrew Langtry is coordinating the list of potluck foods. He can be contacted at 557-8795 or 933-2490.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL, FEBRUARY 2nd: Everyone is invited to the Youth and Young Adult Ice Cream Social after the 9:00AM Mass in the church hall. A reminder that all Religious Education students must go to class once finished with eating your ice cream. Also, there will be a brief meeting for youth, grades 8-12, immediately after your Religious Education Class. Please meet Rose Bautista in the church hall for the meeting.



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ST. AUGUSTINE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION: Our Catholic schools provide a quality education to students from all ethnic, religious and financial backgrounds. The Augustine Educational Foundation provides tuition scholarships to financially needy students in our Hawaii Catholic Schools in grades K-12. Please take a moment and help make a difference in a student's life-your gift goes directly to support tuition scholarships in your parish and/or vicariate for the 2014-2015 school year. Donations to the Foundation will take place next weekend (**February 8th and 9th**). For more information, call (808) 203-6748 or visit www.augustinefoundation.org.

MALASADA TICKETS: Everyone looks forward to Malia's delicious malasadas to start the Lenten Season. Tickets are still available for purchase at the entrance to the church. Cost is \$10 per ticket for a dozen malasadas; pick-up date is March 4, the day before Ash Wednesday. 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.



Please remember our Food Pantry project as we are always in need of donations to help feed the hungry.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
January 25-26 2014	
KOA OFFERING BOWL	\$1,609.50
Fund Raising	\$575.00
Other	\$50.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$2,234.50