

Catholic Community of Malia Puka O Kalani

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Sat. 5:15 pm

Sun. 9:00 am

Weekday Masses 5:15

Mon Wed and Fri

Confession at 4:30 on Saturday



December 13 and 14, 2014

3rd Sunday of Advent

(Cycle 1)

1st Reading-Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 In last week's introduction to the first reading we heard that Isaiah was convinced that all Palestine would be laid waste by Yahweh because of the sinfulness of the people. Yet, there would be a remnant who will be the inheritors of the promises made to David.

Undergirding the doctrine of the remnant was Isaiah's faith in the divine control of history. Even in her greatest hour of trial, with Sennacherib (king of Assyria 705-681 B.C.) encamped under her walls, Jerusalem was promised deliverance if only she would place her trust in God. Isaiah's faith coupled salvation with repentance and conversion to Yahweh. From this faith stemmed Isaiah's conviction of Yahweh, faithful to His promises, would raise up a king from David's line whose rule of peace and justice would replace the faithless and vacillating service of the kings who had ruled from David's throne.

2nd Reading-James 5:7-10 St. James is called "the younger" or "the less" to distinguish him from James the brother of John. He was the son of Alphaeus (Cleophas) and Mary (a close relative of Mary, mother of Jesus). On account of his close kinship with Jesus he is known as the "brother of the Lord."

Some years after the Ascension, he was appointed Bishop of Jerusalem by his fellow apostles. St. Paul numbers him, along with Peter and John, among the Pillars of the Church (part of the inner circle). He was called "the just" by his countrymen on account of the austerity of his life and his strict adherence to the Law of Moses. Josephus reports that he was stoned to death by order of the High Priest Ananus in A.D. 62 or 63 (*Antiquities of the Jews* 20.9.1:197-203).

Sometime between A.D. 50 and his death, Jesus wrote his epistle to the Jewish Christians dwelling in Palestine and adjacent countries. Its immediate destination was probably Antioch, with its strong Jewish population. It was no doubt written from Jerusalem as it doesn't seem that James ever left it. The main object of this letter is not to teach doctrine, but to improve morals. In the reading for today, these Jewish Christians are reminded of the need for patience, both in bearing the sufferings of human life and in their expectation of the coming of the Lord. When the Lord comes, it is then that they will receive their reward.

Gospel-Matthew 11:2-11 Last week we heard John the Baptist announce the coming of the messiah. This week we hear Jesus affirm that announcement.

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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2nd COLLECTON: This weekend's second collection will be for the National Retirement Fund for Religious. Some 35,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests benefit from the Fund. Your gift helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: This Sunday, December 14, will be the last RE class for the month of December. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 4. A very Merry Christmas to all our keiki and we hope you enjoy your winter break.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS: Our Christmas celebrations will take place in the hall. We need as many poinsettias as possible...6 inch pots or larger preferred and all colors but particularly white are welcomed. If you have some for the church, please bring the poinsettias next weekend (December 20/21) and leave them on the table in the pavilion or give them to Frieda. Thank you.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER: The Catholic Engaged Encounter will be presented in Hilo on February 7 & 8, 2015 and again on October 3 & 4, 2015. Please share the dates with couples thinking about getting married in the upcoming year. Detailed information can be found at www.hawaiiicee.org, the website for Hawaii Catholic Engaged Encounter, or please call Fred and Patti Basilio at 961-2442.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP COMMISSION: The following were decided at its December 7, 2014 meeting: 1) Vanessa Hulihee is in charge of Altar Servers and Joanne Peralta heads Collectors/Money Counters; 2) Christmas Eve mass will be a Children's Liturgy, 6 p.m. in the parish hall. Cantors/lectors were identified and the parish hall art and environment décor were discussed for this special celebration; 3) second collection information will be announced in the bulletin as well as before mass; 4) mass in Celebration of Mary Mother of God will be on December 31 at 5:15 p.m. (to fulfill January 1st obligation); and 5) the next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2015 immediately following the 9 a.m. mass.

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Serving Training, December 21: Any person who has made First Communion can become an altar server. Our youth and young adults are especially encouraged to attend training. Please meet Father Oliver in the church after the 9 a.m. mass.

This weekend's events:

- ◆ Stewardship meeting in the parish hall immediately following the 9 a.m. mass.
- ◆ "NAME YOUR PRICE" garage sale will be held in the parish pavilion after the 9 a.m. mass.
- ◆ "A Body You Have Prepared for Me: An Advent Mini-Retreat", St. Joseph Parish, December 13, 7-9 p.m. or December 14, 1:30-3:30 p.m. We know that Advent prepares us for Christmas, but how? Come join us at one of these two times. It's free and no reservations are required. Facilitated by Kristina DeNeve, Ph.D., Adult Faith Formation and Evangelization Coordinator, Diocese of Honolulu.

Malasada Fund Raiser: Luana Leite is asking for your donations of evaporated milk, butter, sugar and flour to make her delicious malasadas. Please give your ingredients to Roberta Gacutan. Shrove Tuesday will be here before we know it!

STEWARDSHIP	
December 6 and 7, 2014	
KOA OFFERING BOWL:	\$1,929.50
Fundraising	N/A
Food Pantry	350.00
Misc.	200.00
All Souls Day	50.00
Retirement Fund	27.00
Mass Intention	20.00
TOTAL	\$2,576.50