

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 20 and 21, 2014

4th Sunday of Advent

(Cycle 1)

1st Reading-Isaiah 7:10-14 The attack of Syria and Israel on Judah was an attempt to force Judah into an anti-Assyrian coalition. Ahaz, king of Judah, resolved his difficulty, against the urging of Isaiah, by submitting as vassal to Assyria, whose king moved against Syria and Israel. The time is around 721 B.C. Judah is about to succumb politically and spiritually to the Assyrians and Isaiah has been warning Ahaz against this; while Ahaz's advisors have been urging him to give in. The Lord has been speaking to Ahaz through Isaiah and has said: *"This shall not stand, it shall not be! Damascus is the capital of Aram, and Rezin the head of Damascus; Samaria is the capital of Ephraim, and Remaliah's son the head of Samaria. But within sixty years and five, Ephraim shall be crushed, no longer a nation. Unless your faith is firm you shall not be firm!"*

2nd Reading-Romans 1:1-7 Paul wrote the Letter to the Romans to a congregation which he did not establish-he hadn't even visited it yet. Paul was conscious that his apostolate in the Mediterranean area was over. Having preached "all the way from Jerusalem to Illyricum" (Romans 15-19), he looked westward to Spain. He planned to visit the Roman church en route, to fulfill a longstanding desire. Before heading west, he had to attend to one last matter: to carry personally to Jerusalem the collection taken up in Gentile churches that he had founded (Romans 15:25; 1 Corinthians 16:1) in order to manifest to the Jewish Christian mother church the solidarity existing between the "poor" of that community and the Gentile Christians of Galatia, Macedonia and Achaia. These Gentile Christians contributed to that collection, realizing that they had "shared in the spiritual blessings" of the mother church (Romans 15:27). So before he departed from Corinth for Jerusalem, Paul wrote to the Roman church to announce his coming visit. In Saint Paul's letters the greeting follows a standard form, though he does use some variations. The three basic components are: name of sender, name of addressee; greeting. In identifying himself, Paul often adds phrases to describe his apostolic mission and our reading today contains one of the most eloquent of these descriptions.

Gospel-Matthew 1:18-24 Having heard of the Annunciation as the gospel reading for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we now hear about Joseph and his reaction to the news.

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"

Administrator

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Fr. Robert Stark, SSS

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SERVICES FOR LOUIS FUKA: Our parishioner, Dr. Louis Fuka, passed away on December 1. Our loving thoughts and prayers go to Mary and the entire Fuka ohana. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 22. This will be preceded by visitation in the church at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be at Hale Kahakai after mass.

FOOD PANTRY: Our Social Outreach Committee, through its Food Pantry, will be providing food to those in need on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The Food Pantry welcomes your canned foods and monetary donations. All food is welcome, but these are especially desired:

Vienna Sausage	Pork n Beans
Spam	Canned Vegetables
Canned Tuna	Corned Beef
Canned Fruits	Ramen Noodles
Pasta Sauces	Corned Beef Hash

REMINDER: Training for new Altar Servers this Sunday. Please meet Fr. Oliver in the church after mass.

MAHALO: Thank you to everyone who supported the garage sale this past Sunday. Parishioners took advantage of terrific bargains and equally important...their purchases helped boost Malia's fundraising account.

MASS CHRISTMAS EVE: DECEMBER 24 6:00 P.M.

This is the Family Mass with the youth of our parish participating as lay ministers

MASS CHRISTMAS DAY: DECEMBER 25 9:00 A.M.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: The newly formed committee met on December 14. The discussion centered on understanding stewardship and the committee's responsibilities, as set forth by the Diocese. The committee decided to meet on a monthly basis after Sunday mass. In January, it will begin developing an annual plan which will also be its goals and objectives for the next Pastoral Plan; work on the Diocese's stewardship checklist, and draft up a survey of Malia's parishioners. Patrick Kahawaiola`a is the Chair; Jube Kuewa is Secretary.

<i>STEWARDSHIP</i>	
December 13and 14, 2014	
KOA OFFERING BOWL: (Includes December 8, Immaculate Conception)	\$ 4,025.50
Fundraising (Garage Sale)	218.75
Food Pantry	300.00
2nd Collection Memorial Gift	399.94 3,000.00
TOTAL	\$7,944.19