

# 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 27 and 28, 2014

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Cycle B)

### 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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1st Reading-Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3: After the fall of our first parents, God announced that a savior would redeem mankind from the power of Satan. One of the first steps toward the fulfillment of this promise was God's choice of Abram (later renamed Abraham), whose faith would make him the father of a great people. God told Abram "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you" (Genesis 12:1-3). This is a three-fold promise of blessing: 1) Nationhood; 2) Name (which is dynasty or kingdom); and 3) Worldwide blessing. Our reading of today is the actions immediately preceding the formation of a covenant with God concerning the first promise, a covenant which is fulfilled in Moses; the second promise is sealed by covenant in Genesis 17:1-19, a covenant which is fulfilled in David; and the third promise is sealed by covenant in Genesis 22, a covenant which finds fulfillment in Jesus the Christ.

2nd Reading-Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19: The date of composition of the letter to the Hebrews is not known but we can deduce that it was written prior to A.D. 70 because it warns the Christian against the temptation of returning to the ancient Levitical form of worship; a form of worship which disappeared with the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. It is obviously written to a people who are steeped in the Old Testament, people who in all probability are converts from Judaism, and who may previously have even been priests or Levites. After becoming Christians, because of the persecutions of the time, they had to abandon Jerusalem, the holy city, and seek refuge in some coastal city such as Caesarea or Antioch. In their exile they look back with nostalgia on the splendor of the cult they had played a part in prior to their conversion. They feel discouraged and are tempted to give up their new faith, in which they are not yet well grounded.

To bolster their sagging faith, the sacred writer reminds them that final salvation, to which their faith leads them (and us), can only happen after death, when man sees God face-to-face, to the degree which God's charity allows-in other words, to the extent that the Christian has put his faith in practice. Chapter 11, from which our reading for today comes gives an impressive

account of the saints of the Old Testament, who were men of heroic faith, confident of the day when the divine promises would be fulfilled. Through the suffering, difficulties and obstacles they experienced in this life, and which they accepted with an unshakeable faith, they eventually attained the reward which God had promised them. Our reading for today concentrates on the faith of Abraham.

Gospel-Luke 2:22-40: Our gospel reading stresses the holy family’s strict obedience to the Law of Moses. Luke 2-21 says “When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.” The requirement for circumcision is found in Genesis 17-12. Circumcision is the sign of the covenant between Abraham and God, a mark which designates that they belong to God’s chosen people.

(for the entire Sunday Reflection gospel reading please go to [www.scborromeo.org/biblestudies.htm](http://www.scborromeo.org/biblestudies.htm))



**MAHALO:** The Christmas liturgies were inspirational, devout, and filled with the joy of Emmanuel, “God With Us.” We were all lifted up by the celebrations. This could not have happened without the dedicated involvement of so many parishioners. Thank you to everyone who made our Christmas liturgy truly glorious celebrations.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We welcome our keiki back to RE classes on Sunday, January 4th.

**FEAST DAY, JANUARY 1, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD:** Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 31, at 5:15 p.m. for this Holy Day of Obligation.

<i>STEWARDSHIP</i>	
December 20 and 21, 2014	
<b>KOA OFFERING BOWL:   \$1,481.06</b>	
<b>Fundraising</b>	N/A
<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>80.00</b>
<b>Retirement Fund</b>	<b>65.00</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,626.06</b>