

Catholic Community of Malia Puka O Kalani

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Mass Schedule
Sat. 5:15 pm
Sun. 9:00 am

Weekday Masses Mon, Wed,
and Fri at 5:15



FEB. 8-9, 2014

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

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:
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Twenty-eight years ago Worldwide Marriage Encounter encouraged the celebration of marriage on the second Sunday of February. During this Year Of The Family we have been speaking about the broad concept of Ohana which is a Hawaiian gift to the church and society. We need to keep our focus on Ohana and keep searching for ways to proclaim this reality to our church. At the same time, we want to give traditional marriage the honor, respect, and dignity which it deserves. The marriage of a man and a woman has been the bedrock of society and it will always remain as such. The honored ideal is for children to grow up in the secure and loving setting of a traditional family. This weekend we honor those couples who are living within this sacred tradition.

It is obvious that the reality of a marriage lasting "until death" is becoming less and less common on our contemporary culture. Our pop Hollywood and TV shows and stars proclaim to our children that marriage cannot be forever. It lasts only as long as the "fire" remains hot. The fire is rekindled, not by commitment and sacrifice but by finding another partner and another bed. It is not only that the marriage bond is experienced as temporary but, our recent societal conviction is that the bond of marriage is seen as outdated and meaningless. Pope Francis recently addressed this when, in response to a mother who told him that she has a 30 year old son who is living with his girlfriend and isn't married. The Pope, in his typical humor and candor said, "Madam, don't iron his shirts anymore!"

In Europe, everyone needs to be married by a civil authority. After this civil marriage, they have the choice to present themselves to the church to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony. There is something to be said for this. People who want to enter into a contractual arrangement with another person can do so with the realization that the contract, like all contracts, can be broken at anytime by the mutual agreement of both parties. However, those who also present themselves to the church to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony are entering into, not just a contract, but a covenant. A covenant, by its very nature, is permanent and "until death". A marriage covenant, in the words of St. Paul, is a sign of the covenant that God has with His people. It is loving, sacrificial, and permanent. In the United States we blur the difference between a civil contract and the sacramental covenant of marriage because the priest acts as the civil magistrate as well as the witness to the Sacrament of Matrimony. The sacredness of the Sacrament of Marriage would be much more clear and poignant if couples needed to make a conscious decision to request the Sacrament of Marriage after entering into the civil contract of marriage.

Pope Francis stated that COURAGE is necessary for marriage. He stated that, especially in our society, courage is needed to take "the risk of marriage". Continuing on, he said that marriage is "risky" because of our own egoism and the provisional nature of our times. Yet, Pope Francis urged young people to take the risk of marriage. "Don't be afraid to take definitive steps, such as that of marriage: deepen your love, respecting the times and the expressions, (over)

pray, prepare yourselves well, but then trust that the Lord doesn't leave you alone. Make Him come into your home as one of the family. He will always support you".

We congratulate and thank all of our parish ohana who have and are providing a living witness of the covenant of Matrimony. At the same time, our hearts and our hands go out to those in our parish ohana who have or are experiencing a troubled marriage, who are living happily in a second marriage, or are struggling as a divorced person. Pope Francis gave a talk this past Monday on marriage and annulments. He stated that the church needs to always be like the Good Shepherd; the church must be pastoral when dealing with people who are in any relationship. At Malia we honor and thank our members who are a living witness to us of the love, care, and sacrifice which goes into any permanent relationship. At the same time, we welcome everyone with pastoral love. *Fr. Joe*

SOCIAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE: A reminder that there will be a committee meeting after this Sunday's Mass starting at 10:30 in the Rectory meeting room.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: Starting next Sunday, February 16, the Religious Education classes will start in the church with a group opening prayer and song. Families are encouraged to participate with their child(ren). The students will proceed to their individual classrooms directly after.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY: This will be our first fundraiser for fiscal year 2014-2015. We need your support to make this a successful event. Please think of crafts and food items that you can donate to the fundraiser. We will be opening booths for vendors, so let your family and friends know about our Christmas in July event. Please contact me at 959-9219 with any questions. Thank you, Laverne Costa.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: As of February 1, 2014, the Hilo Roundtable has recruited 24 members, which now allows us to become our own Council. New Malia members are Dr. Joe D'Angelo, Norman Arancon, Walter Leite and Vernon Freitas. The potluck social for all our Knights and their families is scheduled for Valentine's Day beginning at 6:00PM in the Malia church hall. Also invited to attend are prospective Knights and their families. Potluck sign-ups and participant count are being coordinated by Andrew Langtry (557-8795).

MALASADA TICKETS: Thank you to everyone who have already purchased tickets and to those who have donated money and /or ingredients for our Malasada fundraiser. Tickets are still available and can be purchased after Mass at the entrance to the church. Also, monetary donations and donations of flour, sugar, butter and evaporated milk are also welcomed. So that we know what we need to purchase, please make your donations by February 18. Mahalo.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Our Music Director, Norman, invites anyone interested in being in the choir either with your voice or your musical instrument to join in practice any and every Wednesday at 6:00PM. At Malia, the choir is the leaders of song. We are not pretending to be the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. We are ordinary people singing joyful songs to the Lord. Stop in any Wednesday at 6:00PM.....no preregistration needed.

STEWARDSHIP	
February 1-2, 2014	
KOA OFFERING BOWL:	\$1,316.22
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Fund Raising	\$570.00
Misc.	\$420.00
TOTAL	\$2,356.22