

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 pm
Monday, Wednesday, Friday



July 19 and 20, 2014

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

Fr. Oliver J. Ortega

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Sunday Reflection

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

1st Reading - Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

The Book of Wisdom, also called the Wisdom of Solomon, is believed to have been written in the first century before Christ by a Greek-speaking Jew of Alexandria in Egypt. The Egyptian rulers from Ptolemy VIII (116 B.C.) to Cleopatra (30 B.C.) were not well-disposed toward their Jewish subjects. The Jewish religion was despised by the powerful, the wealthy, and the learned. The faith of the Jews was in constant danger of corruption from idolatry and false philosophy. To strengthen the faith of his co-religionists, to console them in their afflictions, to raise their hearts above the sordidness and immorality by which they were surrounded – this was the main purpose of the writer of the Book of Wisdom. But he also had another purpose in view. Many Jews, anxious to gain the good will of the Egyptians, had faltered in their allegiance to Yahweh and gone over to the camp of the enemy. To these unfortunates the sacred writer addresses himself time and again, warning them of the impending judgment of God and conjuring them to return to the path of true Wisdom which alone leads to perfect happiness.

The Book of Wisdom was not written merely for the Jews sojourning in Egypt, but for all men of all times. Every Jew who read it must have been filled with the joyous conviction that God would never forsake His people, and that Israel’s religious ideals were bound to gain the final victory over the pagan world. The Christian finds in it the highest religious and moral lessons – lessons which are of paramount importance today, just as they were over two thousand years ago. The frivolity of the ungodly, the trials and consolations of the pious, the utter discomfiture of the wicked and the serene confidence of the just in the day of judgment, the glorious origin and the supreme excellence of Wisdom, the humble dependence on God of the true seeker after Wisdom – all this is described with a warmth and vividness that cannot but move the heart to its depths and attract it irresistibly to the love and service of God.

In our first reading today the sacred author speaks of God’s merciful discipline of sinners.

2nd Reading - Romans 8:26-27

Today we continue with Saint Paul’s description of the future glory that awaits those who live the Christian life empowered by the Spirit.

Gospel - Matthew 13:24-43

Our reading today takes over from where last week’s reading ended. Recall that Jesus had just begun teaching in parables and that last week we heard the Parable of the Sower. Today we hear the Parables of the Weeds Among the Wheat, the Mustard Seed, and the Leaven.

(www.scborromeo.org/biblestudies.htm)



MALIA’S FEEDING THE HUNGRY

PROJECT: Approximately 90 plates of beef stew, rice, macaroni salad and brownies were served on a rainy afternoon at the Mooheau Bandstand. Sincere mahalo to all the parishioners who cooked, cleaned, transported and served the food to those who needed a hot meal this past Sunday. Mahalo to Fr. Oliver for saying the prayer before the meals were served and also for serving punch to our guests.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, PLEASE! Our parish’s fund raising committee has planned a “Christmas in July” event for July 26 and 27 in the parish hall. This is our main fund raising event for the summer and everyone’s kokua is needed for its success. Everyone, to include our parish’s young adults, is encouraged to become involved. Whatever time you can commit to help, whether it’s an hour or half a day, would be greatly appreciated. There are sign-up sheets on a board at the entrance of the church after each Mass and you may contact Laverne Costa at 959-9219 with any questions. Areas where volunteers are needed:

1. On Monday, July 21 at 4 PM, in the parish hall kitchen, help is needed to shred and bag kalua bag.
2. On both July 26 and 27, more volunteers are needed for food preparation, food concession sales and parking assistants.

Finally, please tell your friends and family to come to our Christmas in July event. There will be many vendors, a food concession with ono food, garage sale bargains, door prizes and silent auction. Thank you.

KALUA PIG TICKETS: Tickets are still available for sale at \$8 for a pound. See Patty or her helpers after Mass to purchase your tickets and then pick-up your kalua pig on Saturday, July 26 at the church.

STEWARDSHIP	
July 12 & 13, 2014	
KOA OFFERING BOWL:	\$1,102.00
Fundraising	1,014.00
Food Pantry	40.00
Misc.	300.00
Seminary	348.81
TOTAL	\$2,804.81

