

# 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  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday



June 21 & 22, 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

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### Sunday Reflection

([www.scborromeo.org/biblestudies.htm](http://www.scborromeo.org/biblestudies.htm))

1st Reading ~ Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16a

On the plains of Moab, God charges Moses, now close to death, once more to proclaim the Law which he received through the revelation of Mount Sinai. This proclamation is contained in the 5th and last book of the Pentateuch called in Hebrew had-deb harim (the words) and by the Septuagint deuteronomion (second law). Moses is addressing a new generation of Israelites, all those who would have been under the age of 20 when the exodus began. By having the Law read again, Yahweh is saying that His covenant with Israel is made with all generations (Deuteronomy 29:13), past, present, and future: it is an everlasting covenant. We will read all of Deuteronomy chapter 8 in order to appreciate the context of today’s reading.

2nd Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Saint Paul established the Christian community at Corinth during his second missionary journey (A.D. 50-52). He preached the gospel there for a year and a half, aided by Silas and Timothy. After he left Corinth, the city had a series of apostolic visitors. Apollos, a brilliant preacher (Acts 18:24-26) arrived about a year after Paul left. It is likely that around this time Peter also paid a short visit to Corinth, although it is not recorded. This letter was written shortly before Easter 57 and offers the Corinthians guidance on some areas that they have found problematic. One of the problems which Paul addresses is the significance of social gestures. The idea of unity and fellowship with God through eating a sacrifice was strong in Judaism and Christianity as well as in paganism. In Old Testament days, when a Jew offered a sacrifice, he ate a part of that sacrifice as a way of restoring his unity with God, against whom he had sinned (Deuteronomy 12:17-18). By participating in temple banquets (there were temples dedicated to the cult of the emperor, to various Greek deities, and to Egyptian gods in Corinth), Christians had no intention of worshiping idols, but Paul believed that such social gestures had an objective significance independent of the intentions of those who made them; they gave the appearance of acceptance and worship, even when it was not intended. He makes his point by using the Eucharist as an example of a banquet of unity. Catholic Christians participate in Christ’s once-for-all sacrifice when they eat and drink the Body and Blood of Our Lord in Holy Communion.

Gospel ~ John 6:51-58

The time is about one year before Jesus' death and resurrection. There are three Passover periods mentioned in Holy Scripture; all of which appear in the Gospel of John: Jn 2:13-23 The cleansing of the temple immediately after the marriage feast at Cana. Jn 6:4 The feeding of the 5,000 which, along with Jesus' walking on water, immediately precede this bread of life discourse. Jn 11:55 Jesus' passion and death. The Gospels of Matthew and Mark also include miraculous healings, the casting out of demons, and the feeding of the 4,000 prior to this event.

*My Dear Brothers and Sisters:* Here is a bit of the homily from last Sunday on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity that we could learn by heart and make part of our night prayer three minutes before we close our eyes to sleep: God the Father, I thank you for the good deeds that we have done together today for the people that we both love. God the Son, pardon me for all the things that I was not able to do with you for other people today either out of my own fear or selfishness. God the Holy Spirit, if by grace I still be given the chance to live another day, bless my actions and plans for tomorrow.

*Fr. Oliver*

**SYMPATHY:** On this Sunday Eucharist, let us pray dearly for the repose of the souls of Uncle Moke and Peter Keegan.

**VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE—TODAY:** Bishop Larry Silva has sent all parishes a letter regarding Voter Registration. In his letter, Bishop Larry said:

"I am writing about a very important issue for our community: voting. With all the hype about "separation of church and state" we can be deceived into thinking that our participation in the political life of our community has nothing to do with our Catholic faith. But here is what the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" says:

#2240: Submission to authority and co-responsibility for the common good make it **morally obligatory** to pay taxes, **to exercise the right to vote**, and to defend one's country...

#2255: It is the **duty of citizens** to work with civil authority for building up society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom...

While the Catholic Church in the United States cannot endorse any particular candidate for public office, the people we elect are very important in embodying the values that we hold dear as Catholics, not only for the good of our own Church, but for the common good. Therefore reflecting on the values that each candidate is likely to embody is essential to our faithful citizenship...

Hawaii has the lowest voter participation in the country, and in order to exercise our moral duty, we want to encourage every eligible voter to vote in the upcoming primary and general elections. Knowing the candidates and the issues is an essential exercise of our responsibility; but unless we vote, our voices will not be heard...

We ask all those who are not already registered to fill out a voter registration application, which will be made available to you at Mass the weekend of June 21/22. We will guide you through the process. We encourage you to select the permanent absentee voter option, so that you will always receive the ballot in the mail and will have more time to study it and to fill it out. We also urge prayers during this election time so that all Hawaii's citizens may be guided by the Spirit of Truth and may exercise a right for which many have given their lives. Blessings!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Larry Silva  
Bishop of Honolulu

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** The Finance Committee will meet on Sunday, June 29 at 10:30 am in the Rectory Meeting Room.

<i>STEWARDSHIP</i>	
June 14 and 15, 2014	
<b>KOA OFFERING BOWL:</b>	<b>\$1,621.50</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>104.00</b>
<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>30.00</b>
<b>Misc.</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,765.50</b>