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Weekend Mass Schedule

Sat. 5:15 pm

Sun. 9:00 am

Weekday Masses 5:15

Monday and Wednesday

STATIONS: Fri 6:00

March 15-16, 2014



FEED THE HUNGRY

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:

Fr. Joe Hennen

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Robert Stark, SSS

Baptisms:

Patty Grube 747-6273

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This week we begin our two week Lenten Project of “Feeding the Hungry”. The details of our project are included in the attachment to this bulletin. This project, like our other lenten projects, is not so much about helping others. After all, Kuhio Chapel gives the homeless a hot meal every Sunday. We merely asked them if we could take over doing this for two Sundays. If we had not made the request, the homeless would still have gotten food from the regular Christian ministry of Kuhio Chapel. So, why are we doing this? *It is for us, not them. We pray that our hearts and minds will be transformed by reaching out to others.*

There is a prominent and growing “Christian” movement in the United States, including Hawaii, called **Prosperity Gospel**. This is a religion that uses the name “Christian” and is becoming very popular among young college students and wealthier Americans. This religion claims that Jesus wants us to live in big houses and drive expensive cars and, in general, flaunt our wealth. The central doctrine is that financial blessings are a gift from God in response to our good deeds. Parishioners are encouraged to give generous donations to the church (including the poor) so that God will increase their own material wealth. Donations are seen as “seed money” which will be returned one hundred-fold to the donor in the form of material wealth. Hence, the purpose of giving is not primarily to help those in need but to reap the harvest of the “seeds” they planted. This message is usually accompanied by wonderful music, great instrumental performances in a lively and highly decorated “church”. Joel Olsteen, the millionaire megachurch pastor, is one of the more prominent preachers of this theology. These type of churches are very attractive because the people can feel good when going to church and never need to sacrifice anything. In fact, the more they accumulate, the more God has blessed them, they believe!

This is directly contrary to the Catholic Church’s understanding of the message of Jesus Christ. We believe that the message of Jesus Christ is to follow in His footsteps by being selfless in our love and concern for our brothers and sisters. Pope Francis stated, “We are in front of a global scandal of around one billion—one billion people who still suffer from hunger today. We cannot look the other way and pretend this does not exist. The food available in the world is enough to feed everyone”.

Our Lenten Project of feeding the homeless and passing out fliers in the Keaukaha community is not going to make a dent in the scandal of global hunger. However, it may make a dent in each of us. In one of his homilies, Pope Francis stated, “We must not be afraid of goodness and of tenderness. Let us never forget that authentic power is service”. Hopefully, our attention to the hungry in our midst during the next two weeks will help transform us so that we are not afraid of goodness and tenderness and will become conscious that authentic power is service. If this becomes a reality, we have then accepted the Gospel of Service rather than the Gospel of Prosperity. Only then, do we walk in His footsteps. **Fr. Joe**



A FUN NIGHT AT MALIA by Patty

Grube: We had a karaoke night with our youth and young adults and some of our adults. A fun night was had by all! Our hall was decorated with signs and record album jackets depicting music from the 50's to the present. It was simple but decorative with lights, balloons and streamers. We had Portuguese bean soup, chili and rice, chips, cookies and a great cake with chocolate pudding and cool whip. It was called a dump cake and it was out of this world. A number of parishioners performed. It was great watching everyone get up and dance and sing. It was all fun just to get up and do your thing. We have many talented youth and young adults that had themselves a great time! The youth and young adults of Malia say Mahalo

to everyone who contributed to this event.

CHRISM MASS: The annual Chrism Mass for the Big Island will be celebrated by the bishop at Annunciation Church in Waimea at 6:00PM on Thursday, March 27. It is at this Mass that the bishop blesses and consecrates the oil which will be used in each parish for Baptism, Confirmation, and Anointing of the Sick/Infirm. Crys and Kip Kauka will accept the oils from the bishop on behalf of Malia. These oils will be presented at the Holy Thursday service. All parishioners are invited to attend and participate in the Chrism Mass at Waimea.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: A Finance Committee meeting was held Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 9AM in the church facility. After reviewing the year-to-date budget, it has been noted that in order to employ a full time pastor, our budget will be very tight, and the committee is exploring new ways for fund raising to keep up with the high cost to operate. The committee chairs have all submitted their budget request, which will be carefully examined and most likely may have to be cut in order to come up with a balanced budget. We will be making application to the Food Basket, which will benefit us to some extent. There will be two vacancies on the Board of the Finance Committee, effective June, 2014. The meeting adjourned at 10:15AM.

From your RELIGIOUS EDUCATION teachers: Our RE program has joined our parish in doing Service Projects during Lent. One class is bringing bathroom items for Alvin, the homeless veteran. Another class will be making turtles out of river rocks. The turtles will be put in the bags of food for those in need and the students will pass them out to our visitors during Holy Week. Every turtle will have a bible verse on its back. Finally, students will be making bracelets out of those colorful small rubber bands. These bracelets will be sent to Oahu, where each month a firefighter on Oahu

passes out the bracelets to the children at Kapiolani Children's Cancer Research Center. The RE teachers can use your help by your donations of flat river rocks and small colorful rubber bands. God bless you! Karen & Cyndi

FOOD PANTRY: Malia's food pantry needs a few more volunteers to help on our Wednesday give out. If you are interested in assisting, or just want more information, please see Roberta Gacutan or call her at 339-1295. Mahalo.

STEWARDSHIP	
March 8-9, 2014	
KOA OFFERING BOWL:	\$1825.51
Ash Wednesday	\$259.00
Malasada Fund Raiser	\$1225.00
TOTAL	\$3309.51

MALIA LENTEN PROGRAM

Sat., March 15 -- Fri., March 21

Monday, March 17, 6:00PM: *Formation Series*

This is the second in our Lenten Formation Series, an adult education program sponsored by the Faith Formation Committee. The series is an effort at “Rediscovering Catholicism”. This week we will focus on what it means to live an “authentic Christian Life” in our everyday world of multiple activities. It will focus on a spirituality for the ordinary person. The series will be in the Parish Hall. It will begin at 6:00PM and end promptly at 7:00PM. The presenter is Fr. Joe

SERVICE PROJECT: *FEED THE HUNGRY*

We switch our emphasis during the next two weeks to Feeding the Hungry. Our service project will be twofold: feeding the homeless and providing food for the needy ohana in Keaukaha. We will provide the Sunday dinner for the homeless at the Hilo bandstand on Sunday, March 23 and 30. This is usually provided by Kuhio Chapel. Volunteers are needed to cook, deliver the food and serve the food. We will also make an effort to notify all the keaukaha ohana of the availability of food at the Malia Food Pantry the last two Wednesdays of each month. Volunteers are needed to put fliers in the mailboxes. There will be an organizational meeting in the church hall on Sunday, March 16 at 10:30 focusing on both projects. Please volunteer and come to the meeting. If you are curious but don't know if you can commit yourself, still come to the meeting.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, March 21, 6:00PM

As we walk our journey of life, we walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. We are reminded that He walked the journey before us and that He walks the journey with us.

