

Catholic Community of Malia Puka O Kalani

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Sat. 5:15 pm

Sun. 9:00 am

Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed at
5:15

STATIONS: Fri 6:00



March 8-9, 2014

THE MATERIAL AND SPIRITUAL HOMELESS

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

Building Maintenance:

Moke Moses 937-9783

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778-8058

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As our Lenten Journey focuses on assisting the veterans who are homeless and/or moving into an unfurnished apartment, it is worth our time to reflect that in a very real sense we are all homeless and we all need assistance in finding a center to call, “Home”. Last weekend, Alvin spoke to us of his own experience of having no place other than the sidewalk and his car to lay his head. After he served our country, we forgot about him as his life fell on hard times. He looked at us and said, “I need help”.

All too often our church has become a comfortable and warm setting where many of us have found a “home”. And we walk by the unchurched in the same way that we walk by the veteran sleeping on the street. And we even dare make a judgment on their worth. We send young people off to the unspeakable horrors of war where, after their service to our country, they come home with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Their lives fall apart, they live on the streets. And we judge them. The same thing happens in our spiritual home. Often, our brothers and sisters are without a spiritual home because we are the ones who have excluded them. Some of us have experienced this homelessness personally. Many of our parishioners have related horror stories of how the church in the person of a priest, a bishop, or a fellow “Catholic Parishioner” has abused and threatened them and/or their children, making them feel unwelcome in their spiritual home. All too many of our brothers and sisters have left their Catholic Home because they have been excluded and then, judged. There is a reason that the largest “religion” in the United States is ex-Catholics!

Many of us have returned home to our church after being hurt and as a result had left home. Many of our Ohana remain away from our Catholic home. Some of us have left our spiritual home simply because we wanted to experience “excitement” and “freedom” without exposing ourselves to the condemnation of our brothers and sisters at home. Some of us left home because we didn’t find the nourishment for which we were rightfully looking. Some of us left home because we were excluded from eating at the table due to our married status or our sexual orientation. And some of us keep coming into the building out of habit but never really feel at home.

We keep bringing household articles and placing them in the sanctuary to give Alvin and other veterans like him assistance in making a material home. We pray that this ministry will continue after Lent and that individual parishioners will contact Hope Services to offer ongoing involvement. We also pray that each of us realize that there is a spiritual homelessness in and around us. Just as the Faithful Father in the Gospel welcomed his son home with a feast and celebration, we pray that each of us will know the honor and the responsibility of welcoming home our brothers and sisters who have been left without a spiritual home. They don’t need our judgements and condemnations. They seek our invitation and our welcoming celebration. **Let’s make a home at Malia where everyone will know that they are welcome! Fr. Joe**

FUNERAL FOR JERRY MONIZ: We will celebrate Jerry's life at 10:30, Monday, March 10 with a Memorial Mass. Burial will be private. Other than his son in Hilo, Malia was Jerry's family. We are encouraged to participate if possible. There will be a potluck in the patio after the Mass.

MALASADA SALE: The parish extends its gratitude to all who worked on the annual malasada sale. It took many hands to sell the tickets, make the dough, fry and sugar and box the malasadas, etc. Beginning at midnight Tuesday morning, intensifying at 4:00AM and continuing through noon, there was a willing and festive atmosphere. The biggest gratitude goes to Luanna and Walter Leite who headed the project and worked side by side with everyone. The end result was the sale of over 4,500 malasadas, exceeding the goal of raising \$4,000.00. MAHALO.

THE MALIA COMMUNITY GARDEN: The Garden behind the pre-school is a cooperative venture between Malia and the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Our parishioner and a University of Hawaii, Hilo professor, Norman Arancon, is the coordinator and is in charge of the entire venture. He will report to the Maintenance Committee regarding land use, tools, etc.. It is a project of the Social Awareness Committee. Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to join in this venture but all activity must be coordinated and approved by Norman. This project is one of the more exciting projects happening at Malia. All produce from the garden will go to the Food Pantry to be given to those in need. Norman has a greater and wider vision regarding this project.

MEETING TO COORDINATE FEEDING THE HOMELESS: The Lenten project to feed the homeless on Sunday March 23 and March 30 is still seeking volunteers. Call Patty Grube at 747-6273 or email malia-pastor@gmail.com to volunteer. We will have a coordination meeting Sunday, March 16 at 10:30. The meals on the 23rd and the 30th will be served at 4:00PM rather than 6:00, which was mistakenly mentioned in last week's bulletin.

FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY: The Facilities and Maintenance Committee met on Sunday, March 1. Two new members were introduced: Patrick Kahawaiola`a and Larry Balberde. The progress of the new fire doors in the Hall was reviewed. The doors are being shipped from the mainland and should be here and installed within two or three weeks. The re-keying of the entire facility including the church, the hall, the rectory and all other buildings was reviewed. The goal is to have one master key and assorted other keys which will be distributed on an as-needed basis. Hopefully this will be completed this fiscal year. The maintenance budget for the next year (2014-2015) of the five-year plan was reviewed and approved. It includes modifications in the food pantry and the kitchen as well as materials for the Malia Community Garden. The removal of the quonset hut was discussed and approved. Hopefully, it can be removed free of charge. The area will be made suitable for additional parking.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The Pastoral Council will meet this Sunday, March 9, at 10:30AM in the Rectory Meeting Room. On the agenda are presentations by the Enculturation Team Leader and Chairs of the Social Awareness and Facilities Maintenance Committees on their respective 2014-2015 Goals and Objectives.

MALIA'S FUND RAISING PROGRAM: Everyone interested in Malia's fund raising program is welcome to a meeting on Saturday, April 5, at 1:00PM in the Rectory meeting room. Laverne Costa, Malia's Fund Raising Coordinator, is looking for any and all suggestions for fund raising. Please come with your ideas, and be assured that you will not be expected to head your fund raiser unless you want to. Parishioners who are interested in helping at the fund raising events are also welcomed to the meeting. Fr. Joe has often stated that we need to fund raise \$16,000 each year in order to pay for a full-time pastor. We can only meet this amount with a robust fund raising program. We hope to see you at the meeting!

STEWARDSHIP	
March 1-2, 2014	
KOA OFFERING BOWL:	\$2,155.80
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Malasadas	\$510.00
Facility Use	\$50.00
Misc.	\$441.00
TOTAL	\$3206.80

MALIA LENTEN PROGRAM

Sat., March 8 -- Fri., March 14

Monday, March 10, 6:00PM: *Formation Series*

This is the first of our Lenten Formation Series, an adult education program sponsored by the Faith Formation Committee. The series is an effort at "Rediscovering Catholicism". It will focus on a spirituality of daily living which fulfills the deepest hungers of every 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: *Continuation of Assisting the Homeless*

We continue to fill our sanctuary with items to furnish the apartment of Alvin, a homeless veteran, and others like him. The last weekend to bring items is the weekend of March 15-16. The items will be stored in the office of our pre-school building. They will be used to furnish apartments as HOPE SERVICES is able to find housing for homeless veterans.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, March 14, 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.

NEXT SERVICE PROJECT: *Feeding the Hungry*

There will be a coordinating meeting at 10:30 next Sunday, March 16. Volunteers are needed to cook and serve the food on March 23 and March 30. Volunteers are also needed to pass out fliers to the Keaukaha neighbors announcing the expanded Food Pantry at Malia. Please call Patty Grube (747-6273) or email: maliapastor@gmail.com or just come to the meeting. The parish will buy the food for the meals. Anyone wishing to donate toward these dinners for the homeless please mark your donation clearly and place it in the offering bowl.