

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

Mon, Wed, & Fri.

Wednesday, May 21 at 11:00AM Life Care Center

May 3-4, 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

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Robert Stark, SSS

Baptisms:

Patty Grube 747-6273

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WELCOME FATHER OLIVER ORTEGA

Fr. Oliver entered the seminary after his 6th grade. He was just 12 years old. He finished high school there and advanced into the college seminary where he graduated Bachelor of Arts in AB Classical Philosophy.

He went out of the seminary after graduating from college and worked for United Airlines and for Commodities, Currencies and Stocks Exchange for 5 years. All of those years outside the seminary were filled with fun and material gain but his life felt empty and incomplete for there was a big vacuum in his heart.

The good Lord called him back to the seminary after five years and summoned him, hounded him, to help Him help His people. Fr. Oliver's heart was filled with delight and love on this renewed call and wholeheartedly told the Lord, "Yes". He finished his seminary formation and graduated with Double Masters of Arts in Religious Studies and in Dogmatic Theology.

Now he knows that he has finally found his place under the sun, his heart has been filled in, emptiness has been vanquished, and is now constantly reminded of God's loving hands working on him every single moment of his priestly ministry which turns 10 years this June 10, 2014.

After his ordination he was assigned for about 2 years in a local parish and was pulled out and re-assigned to the Seminary to serve as a Professor at the Graduate School of Theology and at the Philosophy department. He taught Christology, Social Doctrine and Latin. He also served as the Spiritual Director of the Seminarians in the Theologate and Philosophy Departments.

Later on in the years that followed he was assigned as the Parochial Vicar for these parishes: St. Anthony Church at El Segundo, California; St. Andrew Church at Pasadena, California; St. Patrick Church at North Hollywood, California and finally at St. Elizabeth Church at Aiea, Oahu, Hawaii just right before he was assigned here to us at Malia Puka O Kalani

MAHALO FROM FATHER JOE

Dear Malia Ohana,

It is impossible for me to express the depth of gratitude I have toward you. Your aloha over the past five years has left me a different man. As I stated this past weekend, I am filled with a sense of peace as I leave Malia and head into an uncertain future. The Mass, the program outside and inside, the incredible food, the very thoughtful cards and gifts, and the verbal “a hui hou” and promise of prayers came close to overwhelming me. While I was touched by everything, the expressions of the children, youth, and young adults in dance, song, gesture, cards, and, yes, the inflated tire, was especially impressive. The youth are the hope of the church. Their faith, trust, and love humbles me and excites me.

I will always love you and remember you. I promise to keep you informed of my health status via an occasional note in the bulletin. In a final word, I leave with the confidence that God continues to watch over the Malia ohana with the spiritual care of Fr. Oliver and the continuation of Fr. Bob.

A HUI HOU! MAHALO! *Fr. Joe*

MEETING IS POSTPONED: Because of the grotto blessing, the Maintenance Committee meeting which was scheduled for this Sunday, May 4th, is postponed. The new meeting date will be announced in a future bulletin.

PRIESTS' CONVOCATION, MAY 5-9: Each year all the priests of the Honolulu Diocese meet with Bishop Larry for prayer, encouragement, talking story, rest and to learn how to better serve their parishioners. This year the focus will be on how to improve homilies and sermons. Fr. Oliver will be attending the convocation so there will be no weekday Masses during his absence. In case of an emergency, call St. Joseph Church, 935-1465.

LIFE CARE CENTER MASS: For this month only, the Mass at Life Care Center will be on the third Wednesday, May 21. All who are able to participate are encouraged to be present and help sing some of our familiar hymns. Mass begins at 11:00AM. in the first floor dining room.

MAHALO FROM OUR FUND RAISING CHAIR: Laverne Costa extends a mahalo nui loa to all the volunteers who manned the booth at the Merrie Monarch Festival. Products from Rainbow Falls Connection were sold and we look forward to collaborating with this company on future fund raising projects.

SUMMARY OF THE FAITH FORMATION COM-

MITTEE MEETING: The Faith Formation Committee met on April 9. The Committee finalized their 2014-2015 goals and objectives for presentation to the Pastoral Council. The goals and objectives emphasize enhancements and monitoring of the religious education, baptism, confirmation and adult education programs.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY: Malia parish will be providing a hot meal to the hungry on Sunday, May 11th. Help is needed to cook, transport the food to Mooheau Bandstand, serve the food and clean-up. If you can assist in any of these tasks or just want more information, please call Vinel Sugino at 938-2359.. Mahalo.

STEWARDSHIP	
April 26-27	
KOA OFFERING BOWL: \$2,453.93	
Fund Raising	\$200.00
Food Pantry	\$130.00
Funeral	\$300.00
Other	\$528.42
TOTAL	\$3,594.35