

# 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

May 31 & June 1, 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

7th Sunday of Easter ~ Cycle A

### 1st Reading ~ Acts 1:12-14

Our first reading for today occurs immediately after the account of the Ascension which we hear on Ascension Thursday.

### 2nd Reading ~ 1 Peter 4:13-16

Today completes our study of Peter. After our Lord’s ascension, Peter, without any debate or bickering, is the leading apostle; it is he who proposes and presides over the election of Matthias to take the office (“bishopric,” as the King James Version calls it) of the traitorous Judas, specifying the requirements for candidacy; he who delivers the first address to evangelize the people on the day of Pentecost; he who speaks out before the Sanhedrin to justify the apostles’ preachings; he who condemns Ananias and Sapphira and also Simon the magician. Instructed by the Lord in a vision, he receives the first pagan family into the Church (that of Cornelius). And Saint Paul, after his conversion and despite having received the gospel in a revelation from Jesus, went up to Jerusalem around the year 39 to see Cephas (as he usually called him), and stayed with him for two weeks, a clear sign of the respect Saint Paul had for the man chosen by the Lord to be the visible head of His Church on earth.

The Jewish authorities, too, were aware of the leading place Peter had in the early Church, as can be seen from the fact that, around the year 43, Herod Agrippa I had him imprisoned with the intention of putting him to death. On that occasion the Church “made earnest prayer” to God for him (Acts 12:5), after which he was miraculously released from prison and “departed to another place”, probably Rome or Antioch. We do know that he presided at the Council of Jerusalem in the year 49 and was martyred in Rome under Nero (tradition is that he was crucified, head down) most probably in 67, which is when Saint Paul also died.

A very ancient tradition, supported by archaeological excavations, says that Saint Peter’s tomb is under the altar of Saint Peter’s Basilica.

In our final reading from this letter, we hear Saint Peter speak about the spiritual value of suffering unjust persecution.

### Gospel ~ John 17:1-11a

Again, our gospel reading occurs at the Last Supper. What we hear today is Jesus’ prayer for himself (versus 1 through 5) and for His disciples. Since the sixteenth century this has been called the “High Priestly Prayer”.



Congratulations to our young parishioners, from left, Chloe, Kapono, Kiara, Wyatt and Bryanna, who received their First Holy Communion during the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, May 18, 2014. The First Communicants went through First Reconciliation with Fr. Oliver the Saturday before. After Mass, a wonderful brunch was enjoyed by the entire parish community to celebrate the special occasion.

**FR. OLIVER CELEBRATES HIS 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY AS A PRIEST!** On Tuesday, June 10, 2014, a Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered by our Malia community alongside Fr. Oliver in celebration of the ten wonderful, grace-filled years of priestly ministry which our good God has blessed our new priest. The Mass of Thanksgiving will be at 5:15 pm. Fr. Oliver is inviting all of you to partake of the meal in the Holy Eucharist. This is what he says is important, and not so much of the food after Mass, which in this case he requests us not to have at all. Father wishes just a simple celebration, offering of prayers and thanksgiving. After the final blessing we will have a grand group picture-taking to remember this day! (Note: the June 10 Mass at 5:15 takes the place of the regular Monday Mass of June 9.)

**UPCOMING CONFIRMATION:** Our parishioner, Dorian Gonzalez, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on June 8, 2014 during the 6:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph Church. Dorian is the son of Martin and Judith Gonzalez. Congratulations, Dorian.

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| <b><i>STEWARDSHIP</i></b>            |                   |
| <b>May 24 &amp; 25, 2014</b>         |                   |
| <b>KOA OFFERING BOWL: \$1,163.50</b> |                   |
| <b>Fund-raising</b>                  | <b>\$90.00</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>\$1,253.50</b> |