

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 pm

Monday and Friday

Wednesday at Life Care Center, 11:00 am

September 27 and 28, 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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

1st Reading, Ezekiel 18:25-28

The name “Ezekiel” means “may El(God) strengthen.” He grew up in a priestly family, in Jerusalem. He was familiar with the Temple, and must have known Jeremiah.

During the second deportation to Babylon in 597 B.C., he was taken with others to Tel-Abib (near Nippur). He was married and had his own house, but his wife died about 587, some five years after the beginning of his prophetic mission. His ministry covered the period of 592-571 B.C. He never returned to Jerusalem except in visions.

The book of Ezekiel falls into three sections: Chapters 1 through 24 contain his call and prophecies of doom against Judah and Jerusalem. These were given prior to 586 when the Temple was destroyed. Chapters 25 through 32 are oracles against foreign nations, arranged, with the exception of Egypt, in geographical and chronological order. Chapters 33 through 48 contain prophecies in restoration.

In our reading today, which predates the destruction of the Temple, Ezekiel while lamenting Judah’s abandonment of the covenant as a nation, points out that each person is responsible for himself and his actions.

2nd Reading, Philippians 2:1-11

Last week we began our study of Saint Paul’s letter to the Philippians. In that reading, we heard Saint Paul describe his own situation. After this reflection on his situation, we now hear Paul exhort the Philippians to steadfastness, harmony, humility, and obedient selflessness. In their witness to Christ they should strive to conform themselves to Him.

Gospel, Matthew 21:28-32

Last week we heard the parable of the workmen and the vineyard: a story of discipleship and the Jewish people. Jesus has taught that His followers will be first in the kingdom and that God’s first possession, Israel, will be the last. Jesus is now about one week away from His passion, death, and resurrection. As we join Him today, He has made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem accompanied by shouts of “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest!”

SUNDAY REFLECTION (continued)

Gospel, Matthew 21:28-32

He continues His teaching of the disciples, now in the Temple courts. While He is teaching, He has been approached by the chief priests and the elders (representatives of the Sanhedrin) who question where He gets His authority. He has replied that His authority comes from John’s baptism; then asks them if this authority is from heaven (in which case, why didn’t they believe Him) or from man (in which case, they will offend the many followers of John)? Those questioning Him refuse to answer so Jesus illustrates His point with a parable.

(www.scborromeo.org/biblestudies.htm)

MAHALO AND ALOHA, FR. TEDDY: Fr. Teddy’s stay at Malia will end on October 9th, when Fr. Oliver returns. Let’s all come together for a potluck affair after the 9 am Mass on October 5th to express our gratitude to Fr. Teddy for his service to Malia and to bid him a warm aloha. Please bring a dish to share at the potluck...thank you. Point of contact is Roberta Gacutan.

LIFE CARE CENTER MASS: Join Fr. Teddy and your fellow parishioners as Mass is celebrated at Life Care Center on Wednesday, October 1st. It is heartwarming to witness the joy on the faces of the residents of Life Care Center as they participate in the Mass . The celebration starts at 11:00 am in the 1st Floor dining room.

HALL AND KITCHEN RENTAL: The University of Hawaii, Hilo in collaboration with Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers will be using the hall and kitchen to teach a class on making preserves. Class attendees are young entrepreneurs. Laverne Costa, who is in charge of the hall and kitchen, has obtained the necessary clearance from the Dept. of Health to use the kitchen for this purpose. Classes will be held on September 29 and 30, October 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT, OCTOBER 17-19, 2014: Are you or a friend hurting from a past abortion? There is hope and healing for you. Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat offers a supportive, confidential, non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the healing process. Retreats are 3 days and 2 nights at a private retreat center on Oahu. \$125 donation covers meals, materials and accommodations. Need-based scholarships are available. For information call Lisa Shorba at (808)349-5071, email rvinhawaii@gmail.com. Registrations are strictly confidential. Space is limited. Sponsored by a Ministry of Priests for Life and the Hawaii Respect Life Office.

OCTOBER EVENTS AND MEETINGS:

October 1-Mass at Life Care Center, 11:00 am
October 5—Youth Mass , followed by Fr. Teddy’s Mahalo & Aloha Potluck
October 9-Fr. Oliver returns
October 12—*Social Outreach Committee* Meeting
October 19—*Liturgy Committee* Meeting
October 26-*Finance Committee* Meeting
Committee meetings are open to all parishioners. Please submit any items you want raised in the meeting to the Committee Chair at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. All meetings will begin at 10:30 am in the parish hall.

STEWARDSHIP	
September 20 & 21, 2014	
KOA OFFERING BOWL:	\$1,470.50
Rental	1,000.00
Food Pantry	30.00
Catholic Charities HI	125.00
Religious Education	45.00
Seminary Education	5.00
TOTAL	\$2,675.50