

# 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 and  
Friday



September 6 and 7, 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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#### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Robert Stark, SSS

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### SUNDAY REFLECTION

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time-Cycle A

1st Reading-Ezekiel 33:7-9

There is no Old Testament writer who has received more varied, even diametrically opposed, interpretations of his person and his writings than Ezekiel. He has been psychoanalyzed and found to be a victim of catatonic schizophrenia, unconscious sexual regression, schizophrenic withdrawal, and having delusions of persecution and grandeur. He has been called “one of the greatest spiritual figures of all time, in spite of his tendency to abnormality.” In fact, no Hebrew prophet would be considered “normal” as they spoke God’s words against the actions of the people. Ezekiel has been described as a mystic—all prophets are mystics.

In Ezekiel we find blended the priest and the prophet, the poet and the theologian, and an organizer of religion as an institution and a preacher of religion of morality and even mysticism, with the sense of deep consciousness of the presence and transcendence of God.

Ezekiel is thought to have been deported to Babylon in 597 B.C., where he received his call and worked all his life among the exiles.

In our reading today we hear Ezekiel tell of his role as watchman for the Israelites, the one who is to initiate correction.

2nd Reading-Romans 13:8-10

Today we hear Saint Paul tell us that the Christian is a fulfilled Israelite and as such still has the obligation of love that sums up the entire Mosaic law.

Gospel-Matthew 18:15-20

Today we hear Jesus’ teaching on fraternal correction. This is one of the ways in which the members of the Church must seek out the sheep that has wandered. This is loving correction.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** This organization provides vital services to the State of Hawaii. Two examples that have been featured in our bulletins in the past are the Punawai Program and the Immigration Resource Center. One component of the Punawai Program is emergency financial assistance to individuals and families who have been facing hardship due to an unexpected emergency situation. The Immigration Resource Center is available to help all immigrants, legal or illegal,

September 14, 2014 is Catholic Charities Sunday. This year is a particularly important time of need because of the recent storm that devastated many communities on Hawaii Island. Catholic Charities has been very involved in the identification and assessment of needs of those who came to the disaster centers and to their office. There are still people without electricity, water, food and basic necessities. There are some families who have lost everything and are homeless. "Long Term Recovery" has begun and Catholic Charities will continue to be active in reaching out to those still in need, helping them to put their lives back together. As in any disaster, it will be a lengthy recovery with a need for financial and material resources. Catholic Charities Hawaii must also continue to support its many programs such as foster care and immigration services. Please give what you can on September 13 and 14, your gift will help the neediest of our Island. Envelopes will be provided at both Masses next weekend. Mahalo.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** *RE registration* will continue until the end of this month. Please look for Karen Gerkey in the patio after Mass to sign-up or to return your registration form. The \$15.00 charge per student is to defray part of the cost for materials. If any family finds the charge burdensome, please just tell the person registering "we are exempt." No questions asked! Any family with more than two children pays only for the first two.

*RE open house* is this Sunday, September 7, after the 9:00 am Mass. Parents, grandparents, and in fact, the entire parish are invited and encouraged to take a tour and spend a minute meeting and talking with the teachers of our keiki. Mahalo to the teachers!

*RE classes* will begin next Sunday, September 14. Students and teachers will meet in church promptly at 10:45 to have a music session with Norman. At 11:00 everyone will proceed to their classrooms for instruction. RE classes will end at 12 noon.

**ALOHA YAW:** Our parishioner, Yaw Owusu, will be returning to his home in Africa. Join us in bidding him a fond farewell after the 9:00 am Mass on September 14. Everyone please bring a potluck item to share.

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MASS:** After a summer hiatus, we are pleased that Malia's Youth and Young Adult Mass will resume on Sunday, October 5! We look forward to celebrating Mass with this vibrant group every first Sunday of the month.

*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, IS NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY. A VERY HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY TO ALL OUR GRANDMAS AND GRANDPAS !*

<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>	
<b>August 30 and 31, 2014</b>	
<b>KOA OFFERING BOWL:</b>	<b>\$1,612.00</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>24.00</b>
<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Misc.</b>	<b>60.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,696.00</b>