

A Catholic Community in  
Keaukaha for 75 Years  
**Malia Puka O Kalani**

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**Weekend Mass Schedule**  
**Sat. 5:15 pm; Sun. 9:00 am**

**Weekday Mass 5:15 pm**  
**Mon. Wed. Fri.**

**Confession 4:30 Saturday**

**DECEMBER 12 & 13, 2015**



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**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 Administrator**

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**Readings for Next Week, Dec. 19 & 20, 2015, 4th Sunday of Advent – Cycle C** ([www.scborromeo.org/biblestudies.htm](http://www.scborromeo.org/biblestudies.htm))

**Introduction:** Anticipation and preparedness are the watchwords for Advent. Anticipation of the celebration of the birth of our Lord some 2000 years ago and the festivities, gifts, parties and family get-togethers which accompany that celebration. Preparedness because we are reminded that Jesus will come at the end of the world (the parousia) and all will be judged – not just on whether they believed or not, but how they have lived out their belief. Are the end times near? No one knows but the Father. We must always be ready because our personal parousia can come at any time.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Micah 5:1-4a:** In today’s reading we hear words of hope that focus on one who is to be born in Bethlehem and who will bring in the day of peace when all nations will look to Jerusalem.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Hebrews 10:5-10:** The sacrifices by the priest in the temple did not restore the people and bring them into oneness with God. Rather, it is the perfect offering of Christ that restores us. Jesus came to do the will of God perfectly. In that perfect obedience and in His suffering and death, He overcame the power of evil that separates us from God. Though we will still fall into evil, we now have a bridge back to God.

**Gospel – Luke 1:39-45:** On the Sunday before Christmas we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus by noting the coming birth of His forerunner, John the Baptist. In this pre-birth story, Mary visits Elizabeth (the visitation).



## The Special Intentions of Pope Francis

Dear Heavenly Father,

During this season of Advent, we pray that all Christians may experience your infinite mercy. Thank you that you never grow weary of forgiving us. Father, we also lift up every family. May each family, especially those who suffer, find real hope in the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ.

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*If you want to review today's readings, see 3rd Sunday of Advent-Cycle C*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – **Zephaniah 3:14-18a**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – **Philippians 4:4-7**

Gospel - **Luke 3:10-18**

**SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES:** Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm.

Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am. Both Masses will be celebrated in the parish hall.

**SECOND COLLECTION, DECEMBER 12 & 13:** Show your appreciation to the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS (Revised):** The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month, after the RE classes, we will have a staff meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend. No RE class on December 27. Have a blessed week!

Aloha! - *Karen Gerkey, RE Coordinator*

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR, FINANCE COUNCIL:** The Parish Finance Council will hold its next quarterly meeting on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> after Mass. We will start the meeting no later than 10:45 AM. Parish members are welcomed to attend. - *Gary Gallahan*

**MALASADA FUNDRAISER, FEBRUARY 9, 2016:** It's not too early to begin planning for Malia's annual Malasada Fundraiser. Donations of butter, sugar, flour and evaporated milk are being accepted. See Luana Leite for information. Mahalo.

**NA MAKUA CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR:** Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising project!



Gail, Shirley and Laverne enjoying fellowship while selling food products at the Fair

### Stewardship of Treasure ~ December 5 & 6, 2015

	Attendees		Koa Bowl Donations
	Adults	Children	
Saturday, Dec 5	40	1	\$880.00
Sunday, Dec 6	91	14	\$1,028.70
<b>Other Donations/Income</b>			
Food Pantry			\$120.00
Fundraiser-Na Makua Craft Fair			\$2,963.00
Miscellaneous			\$750.00