

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 26 & 27, 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”

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Readings for Next Week, January 2 & 3, 2016, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord – Cycle C

www.scborromeo.org/biblestudies.htm

Introduction: Epiphany means revelation or manifestation. Epiphany was originally an Eastern Church celebration. It was originally and primarily a celebration for baptism, the first Epiphany or manifestation. As the celebration moved westward, it took on the meaning of the revelation of Jesus to the Gentiles. The central point of this celebration is that God’s salvation is intended not only for the people of Israel, but for all people. Tradition also celebrates the arrival of the wise men at this time.

1st Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6: Today’s Old Testament reading is one of Isaiah’s “Songs of the First Return” which are a lyrical description of the new Jerusalem as Israel is gathered from different places and restored.

2nd Reading – Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6: Our second reading was written while Paul was in prison (verses 4:1; 6:20). “Prisoner” is a title of honor, a distinction that the preacher has gained for having borne witness to the truth. It is the mark of a true apostle (2 Corinthians 11:23; 6:4-5; Luke 21:12).

Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12: Today’s Gospel reading has been called “The Worship of the Magi”. Matthew and Luke both have accounts of the conception and birth of Jesus and some of the incidents that followed the birth. Neither Mark nor John address this period in Jesus’ life. Matthew’s version is greatly affected by the use of Old Testament texts. The magi seek a king, and Herod consults the religious experts of Judaism to find out where they should look. Of this there is no doubt, they should look not in Jerusalem, but in Bethlehem – the city of David.

To review today’s readings, see Feast of the Holy Family, Cycle C:

1st Reading – Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14

2nd Reading – Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel – Luke 2:41-52

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: The 1st 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

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.

All This Talk About Family

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 Adult Faith Formation Coordinator
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We've been hearing a lot lately from Pope Francis and our Catholic leaders about the importance and the need for family.

Yes, part of this emphasis is because of the current political battles taking place in Western countries over same sex marriage and abortion. But, there is more going on than this.

Both the Old and New Testaments emphasize that we have an obligation to care for our weakest and most vulnerable. Today, as in Biblical days, this means children, elderly and refugees. The fact is that children the world over are suffering greatly these days. And parents (i.e., a loving, caring adult) is absolutely, without a doubt, the best bet a child has of flourishing into adulthood. Heck - of even surviving to adulthood. Orphanages cannot and will not replace homes. In the end, no matter our age, we all need "home."

That said, (today's) Scriptures and our church leaders are NOT trying to tell us that family life is meant to look "perfect." Family life is messy! Just look at today's Gospel for a reminder of this. We need family – we need love – we do not need "perfection."

Stewardship of Treasure December 19 & 20, 2015

	Attendees		Koa Bowl Donations
	Adults	Children	
Saturday, Dec 19	46	5	\$1,000.56
Sunday, Dec 20	88	16	\$3,508.50
Other Donations			
Religious Retirement Fund (2 nd Collection)			\$30.00
CCHD (2 nd Collection)			\$40.00
Food Pantry			\$30.00
Donation for sewer project			\$10,000.00