

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 5 & 6, 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. 12 & 13, 2015, 3rd Sunday of Advent – Cycle C** ([www.scborromeo.org/biblestudies.htm](http://www.scborromeo.org/biblestudies.htm))

**Introduction:** For the past two weeks we have heard of the Lord’s coming as judge of all at the end of time. The Priest wears penitential purple during this season to help us realize our part in turning from God’s covenant and participating in acts of darkness (sin), although pink may be worn on this, *Gaudete*, Sunday. *Gaudete* Sunday, in the pre-conciliar delineation of the liturgical year, was regarded as a day of particular joy with Advent half over and Christmas soon to follow. The term *Gaudete* refers to the first word of the Introit (Entrance Antiphon) “Rejoice”, taken from Philippians 4:4-5.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Zephaniah 3:14-18a** The theme of the first two weeks is carried on with this week’s selection from Zephaniah. “On that day” the people of God will be restored. “The Lord, your God, is in your midst.”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Philippians 4:4-7** Last week we heard from the beginning of the letter to the Philippians, today we move to the ending of this letter. Saint Paul concludes his letter with instructions for the people living in expectation of Christ’s coming.

**Gospel – Luke 3:10-18** The story of John the Baptist is continued from last week. John gives directions to those who come to him and tells them that he is not the Messiah. He points beyond himself to Jesus, who is to come. In this reading we find that it is not the religious leaders who are willing to repent, but the ordinary Jewish people and those who, at best, are on the fringes of Jewish society: tax collectors and soldiers. These are the same people who respond positively to Jesus’ preaching.

*If you want to review today’s readings, see 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent-Cycle C*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading - **Baruch 5:1-9**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - **Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11**

Gospel - **Luke 3:1-6**



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month, after the RE classes, we will have a staff meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our next children’s mass is Sunday, 12/6. No RE class on December 27. Have a blessed week! Aloha! - *Karen Gerkey, RE Coordinator*

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, DECEMBER 8th:** This is a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 pm. Also at the Mass, Fr. Oliver will commission all the members of the different committees, councils and ministries.

**JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY:** On April 10, 2015, Pope Francis announced an extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy, saying he wants to make it evident that the Church’s mission is to be a witness of compassion. “Let us not forget that God forgives and God forgives always,” Pope Francis said. “Let us never tire of asking for forgiveness.” The Pope continued, “I am convinced that the whole Church—which has much need to receive mercy, because we are sinners – will find in this jubilee the joy to rediscover and render fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time.” ***Malia will open and welcome the Year of Mercy with a Mass of Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 9th, at 5:15 pm. This will be followed by Penitential Service (Confessions) at 6 pm for the entire community.*** Please join us.

**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*

**SECOND COLLECTION, DECEMBER 12 & 13:** The Retirement Fund for Religious provides support for thousands of elderly catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to the retirement fund helps provide prescription medications, nursing care and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

**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.

Stewardship of Treasure ~ November 28-29, 2015

	Attendees		Koa Bowl Donations
	Adults	Children	
Saturday, Nov 28	40	0	\$687.50
Sunday, Nov 29	75	17	\$698.35
<b>Other Donations/Income</b>			
Food Pantry			\$50.00
Sweetbread Fundraiser			\$12.00
Miscellaneous			\$10.27