

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 and Friday

Wed 10:15 Life Care Center
Confession at 4:30 on Saturday



January 31-February 1, 2015

SUNDAY REFLECTION

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B

1st Reading-Deuteronomy 18:15-20: To better understand today's first reading, we will start at verse 9 and continue through the reading. It is Moses who is speaking. The question at issue here is the all-important one of the vital link between the people and God. The fundamental opposition between a nature religion, the aim of which was control and leverage on the deity (such as practiced by the pagans who occupy the Promised Land), and that of the Hebrew; who is to live by obedience to God's saving word. Ecstatic prophecy was common to Israel and Canaan, but the end that it served was in each case profoundly different.

This is a key text regarding the institution of the office of prophet in Israel. Together with the king and the priest, the prophet is one of the great institutions of Israel; the prophet has a very important religious position and special moral authority. In the history of the Jewish people Moses is seen not only as the one who delivered Israel from slavery in Egypt, not only as the one who gave them God's laws, but also as the first prophet and the model for all future prophets.

The role of the prophet is to monitor the status of the people's covenantal relationship with God; to speak in the name of the Lord and proclaim the meaning and scope of past, present and future events: to remind them of the blessings and curses associated with their covenant. As Peter Kreeft says in his book *The God Who Loves You*, "Prophets are like fingers, not like faces. We are not meant to look at them but to the reality to which they point."

2nd Reading-1 Corinthians 7:32-35: Last week we heard Saint Paul begin to answer various questions which have been asked of him. The one addressed last week and again today concerns marriage and virginity. We continue with his remarks from where we left off last week.

Gospel-Mark 1:21-28: Jesus has just started His public ministry. For the past two weeks we have heard of Him going out and recruiting disciples. Now He begins to teach.

(Sunday Reflection is taken from www.scborromeo.org/biblestudies.htm)

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

Fr. Oliver J. Ortega

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Fr. Robert Stark, SSS

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MASS AT LIFE CARE CENTER: It is special to celebrate mass with the residents of Life Care Center. Please join Father Oliver and your fellow parishioners this Wednesday, February 4th, at 10:15 in the 3rd Floor Dining Room.

MALASADA FUNDRAISER, PLEASE READ: Luana will be shopping for her malasada ingredients this week so please see or call her at 959-7853 if you plan on donating any ingredients. Mahalo. Believe it or not, there are only two more weekends before Shrove Tuesday will be upon us! Please do not delay...purchase your tickets today to enjoy the best malasadas in Hilo and to support Malia's fundraising program.

COMMISSIONING: Father Oliver will conduct a commissioning service during the 9 a.m. mass on Sunday, February 15th. This is intended for members of the six Standing Committees and the Inculturation/ Enculturation Team who were unable to attend Father Oliver's commissioning service this past November and December. To ensure that an adequate number of folders is available, please contact Kehau Kuewa if you will be commissioned. Her contact information is on the front page of this bulletin.

MAHALO: After many years serving as head of the Eucharistic Ministers, Joanne Peralta has decided to step down to concentrate on other parish duties. Deborah Callahan has volunteered to take Joanne's place. We express our deep gratitude to both Joanne and Deborah for the contributions they provide to Malia.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: There are only three months of classes left in this session. Preparations are underway for First Communion on Sunday, May 3rd, and First Reconciliation on Saturday, May 2nd. The RE teachers hope that all Malia parishioners will join in the celebration of this joyous occasion with our keiki. More details to come on First Communion as time gets closer.

2nd COLLECTION, FEBRUARY 7th AND 8th: The 2nd collection next weekend is for the Augustine Educational Foundation. The Foundation provides tuition scholarships to financial needy students in our Hawaii Catholic Schools in grades K-12. Your gift goes directly to support tuition scholarships in our vicariate for the 2015-2016 school year.

FEBRUARY MEETINGS: The meetings are scheduled immediately after the 9 a.m. mass in the Liturgical Commissions' Office and are open to all parishioners:
February 1st, Liturgy Commission
February 8th, Stewardship Committee
February 15th, Pastoral Council

| STEWARDSHIP | |
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| January 24 & 25, 2015 | |
| KOA OFFERING BOWL: \$2,281.50 | |
| Fundraising | 150.00 |
| Food Pantry | 40.00 |
| 2nd Collection | 356.38 |
| TOTAL: | \$2,827.88 |