

# 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

Mon Wed and Fri

Confession at 4:30 on Saturday



January 10 and 11, 2015

## FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - CYCLE B

### 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

### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Robert Stark, SSS

### Baptisms:

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1st Reading, Isaiah 55:1-11: The book of Isaiah is not the kind of book which was written all at one time; different parts of it were written at different times over the 50-odd years of Isaiah’s ministry. When the different parts were brought together to form the one book as we know it today is unknown, but we do know from historical evidence that it was in its present form at least as early the 3rd century B.C.

As far as authorship is concerned, Jewish-Christian tradition has always recognized Isaiah as the human author of the entire book. Some modern critics have divided Isaiah into three sections and attempted to ascribe authorship of each section to a different, and later, author. This theory is based on historical and sociological arguments, on the fact that the book refers to events which occurred after Isaiah’s lifetime, which in effect means questioning his prophetic abilities.

After the Psalms, Isaiah is the Old Testament book which is most quoted in the New Testament: 22 quotations and 13 references, and all referring to Isaiah by name.

The section of Isaiah from which our reading for today comes is the beginning of the conclusion to what has been called the Book of Consolation.

2nd Reading, 1 John 5:1-9: The essence of the 1st letter of John is that of the love of God, and the love of the brethren which is the hallmark of the Christian. For “If anyone says ‘I love God’, and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, that he who loves God should love his brother also (1 John 4:20-21). As we see in many places, the commandment of fraternal love is an old commandment: God always wanted us to love others and he made this a basic commandment for the people of the Old Covenant (Leviticus 19:18). It is also a “new” commandment because it finds its fullest meaning in Christ’s life and teaching. Saint Jerome tells us that when John was a very old man his only message was “little children, love one another.” When his disciples asked him why he was always saying the same thing he always replied, “My children, this is what the Lord commands; if we do this, nothing else is necessary.” Our reading for today is a reaffirmation of love in action.

Gospel, Mark 1:7-11: The fact of Jesus' baptism has been a Christological and theological issue to be reckoned with almost since it happened. After all, why would Jesus, who was sinless, participate in a rite of sinners? Also, why would Jesus, the Messiah and clearly superior to John the Baptist, submit to the authority of John? Jesus identifies Himself with sinful humanity by undergoing John's purificatory rite. Saint Mark reports the matter quite frankly with no protestations of unworthiness on the part of John the Baptist, unlike Matthew's account (Matthew 3:14-15). It is Jesus who sees the heavens opened and to Him alone that the heavenly voice is addressed. It is as though Jesus is being called to fulfill His vocation as son by being the well-beloved son after the pattern of Isaac who was prepared to sacrifice his life to ensure the blessings of God for mankind (Genesis 22:2, 12,16)

**MALASADAS FUNDRAISER**: Tickets go on sale this weekend for Luana's delicious malasadas! Tickets are \$10 for a dozen malasadas and can be purchased at the entrance to the church after both masses. Malasadas pick-up day is Shrove Tuesday, February 17, between 6:30 and 11:30 a.m. in the church pavilion.

**DEACON FORMATION**: If you are discerning a call to the permanent diaconate or interested in learning more about the diaconate, please visit [www.catholichawaii.org/formation](http://www.catholichawaii.org/formation) or contact Deacon John Coughlin at (808)203-6729. Interested parties must attend the Deacon Formation Inquiry Weekend on either March 13-15, 2015 or June 12-14, 2015. Contact Deacon John for a reservation form for the Inquiry Weekend.

**SEEKING CHOIR MEMBERS**: The Malia Puka O Kalani choir has resumed practice every Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. New choir vocalists and instrumentalists are cordially invited to join. Contact Norman Arancon at [normanq@hawaii.edu](mailto:normanq@hawaii.edu) for more information. Mahalo!

**E HO`OLA HOU I KA HO`OLA`A PONI—LET US RENEW OUR CONSECRATION**: November 2014 through February 2016 has been dedicated by Pope Francis as the Year of the Consecrated Life. On January 24-25, Malia Puka O Kalani Church will host a Diocese travelling exhibit based on the founding of the Catholic Church in Hawaii. The exhibit shares the story of the history of the church in Hawaii and seeks to promote vocations to the clergy and religious life. The visit also hopes that parishioners will reflect on their own consecration by baptism and how we can more fully participate in God's plan for us. Please welcome our visitors from the Diocese Office of Vocations.

<b><i>STEWARDSHIP</i></b>	
January 3 and 4, 2015	
<b>KOA OFFERING BOWL: \$2,972.85</b>	
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>118.00</b>
<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,190.85</b>