

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, Fri

Confession Saturday at 4:30



January 24-25, 2015

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Cycle B)

1st Reading-Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Commentators who have interpreted this book as a historical narrative identify Jonah with the 8th century B.C. prophet mentioned in 2 Kings 14:25. However, a majority of scholars today date the book between 200 and 400 B.C. based on the language used and the fact that a number of words used in the book are not found elsewhere in the Old Testament but only in later Hebrew literature.

The book is not regarded by most scholars as historical, but rather as a parable with elements of allegory; with the chief concern of the author being the teaching of a religious message. There is a striking contrast between the character of Jonah and that portrayed as Elijah in the historical writings (1 Kings).

Our reading for today occurs after Jonah's encounter with the great fish.

2nd Reading-1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Last week we heard St. Paul address the last of the scandals of the church at Corinth. Now he begins to answer various questions which have been asked of him. The one addressed today concerns marriage and virginity. We hear from his concluding remarks to this question. I tell you, brothers, the time is running out. Saint Paul expresses his conviction that the last period in salvation history is running its course. The parousia of the Lord may come at any time. The Christian must live as the Lord has commanded: in prayer and watchfulness awaiting the return of his Lord. He must keep himself detached from this world which is passing away.

Gospel-Mark 1:14-20 Last week we heard Jesus begin to gather His disciples around Him. This event takes place in Mark's gospel just after the account of Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan, the event which signaled the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, and by His temptation in the desert. Again this week we hear of Him gathering followers.

(Sunday Reflections are provided at <http://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 Ortega

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Fr. Robert Stark

Baptisms:

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MALASADA DONATIONS: Are you dieting, gluten sensitive or have some other reason you can't partake of Malia's delicious malasadas? You can still support our fundraiser by buying malasada tickets and donating them to the Social Outreach Ministry Committee. Two very generous donors (who wish to remain anonymous) have already donated a total of \$200 worth of malasada tickets to the Committee. These malasadas will be distributed to those in need. For information or questions, please contact Roberta Gacutan at 339-1295. Mahalo!

NA MAKUA CRAFT FAIR: Thank you to everyone who purchased products and who prepared baskets and worked in Malia's booth at the Na Makua Craft Fair this past December. As a result of our collaboration with Rainbow Falls Connection, \$1,225 was made at the fair. A special mahalo to Laverne Costa for spearheading Malia's fundraising program. Fundraising is an important necessity for the continuation of our parish.

LITURGY COMMISSION MEETING: The Liturgy Commission and sub-commissions met on January 11, 2015. Discussions included: (1) the theme for the upcoming Lenten season with corresponding arts and environment; (2) First Communion will be held on the 1st Sunday in May and Confirmation will be at St. Joseph Church on May 24th; (3) an SOP for youth altar servers will be developed and distributed to children and their parents; (4) a schedule of the altar servers will be posted in the Liturgical Commission Office; and (5) Mary Freitas is Malia's Wedding Coordinator. The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2015.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The Finance Committee was pleased to welcome Fr. Bob Stark to its meeting held on January 18, 2015. The finances of the parish as of the end of the first half of the fiscal year on December 31 are still sound. However, offertory collections are off by \$4,764 (9%) from the budget. This deficit has been temporarily offset by a pending \$7,125 property & liability insurance expense not invoiced by our insurer yet. Business Manager Andrew Langtry commented that "We cannot rely solely on favorable timing, and I am hopeful that the collections will pick up pace again in the coming months."

EXPERIENCE KALAUPAPA WITH BISHOP SILVA: Kalaupapa is only accessible to invited guests and Bishop Larry Silva has made special arrangements, through Seawind Tours & Travel, for a limited number of visitors to accompany him as he visits this spiritual place. Available tour dates are:

Sunday, March 8, 2015 (registration deadline January 23)

Saturday, July 18, 2015 (registration deadline June 5)

Sunday, October 4, 2015 (registration deadline August 21)

Call Seawind Tours at (808)949-4144 for further information and to reserve your spot.

MALASADA FUNDRAISER: Tickets are \$10 for a dozen of Luana's mouth-watering malasadas! Purchase your tickets at the entrance to the church after both masses. Monetary donations are also welcomed to buy the ingredients needed to make the malasadas. Mahalo!

<i>STEWARDSHIP</i>	
January 17 and 18, 2015	
KOA BOWL OFFERING: \$2,367.50	
Fundraising (Malasada)	540.00
N/A	N/A
TOTAL	\$2,907.50