

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

NOVEMBER 28 & 29, 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, Dec. 5 & 6, 2015, 2nd Sunday in Advent – Cycle C (www.scborromeo.org/biblestudies.htm)

Introduction: Advent is really a season in two parts, with the first two weeks concerned with the Lord’s coming as Judge of all at the end of time and the second two weeks serving as the proximate preparation for His coming in the flesh. Our activities, like the Church’s readings, should reflect this dual character.

1st Reading – Baruch 5:1-9 This reading from the book of Baruch (which constitutes the entire fifth chapter) is similar to last week’s reading from Zechariah. All the valleys will be raised and the mountains lowered “so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God” (Baruch 5:7).

2nd Reading – Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Saint Paul writes to the people of Philippi with the same concern that we heard expressed in last week’s second reading. The people must always be ready for “the Day of Christ” which can come at any time. If we are to be true to the Advent season we must emphasize the second coming of Christ before we move to the first coming in Bethlehem.

Gospel – Luke 3:1-6 John the Baptist is a key symbol of Advent preparation. The prophet Isaiah is quoted to show how John is preparing the people for Christ’s coming. When the Jews were held captive in Babylon, they built roads for their captors. A day would come, Isaiah wrote, when they would build a highway for their God to prepare the way for His coming. Valleys would be filled in, and hills would be lowered for the “king’s highway.” In a similar fashion, the Church says today, John the Baptist is calling on us to prepare a road so that Christ can come.

If you want to review today’s readings, see:

1st Sunday in Advent-Cycle C

1st Reading – Jeremiah 33:14-16

2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel – Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

MASS AT LIFE CARE CENTER, WED., DEC. 2, 11:00 AM (Takes the place of the regular 5:15 pm Mass at Malia)



November 21 & 22 Stewardship	
Koa Bowl	\$1,677.96
Food Pantry	\$71.00
Sweetbread Fundraiser	\$72.00
Garage Sale Fundraiser	\$1,845.07
2 nd Collection (CCHD)	\$231.00

WITH GRATEFULNESS: Once again, Malia parishioners were generous in giving of their time, talent and treasure: the recent garage sale was outstanding because of your donations, both in giving of merchandise for the sale and by shopping during the days of the sale; the sweetbread fundraiser was also very successful...all loaves of sweetbread were sold within the first weekend; the Knights of Columbus food drive provided 220 lbs of food donations to our food pantry; and finally, the Social Outreach Ministry received six food gift certificates for distribution to families towards Thanksgiving dinners. Mahalo nui loa!

NA MAKUA CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR, DEC. 4 & 5, AFOOK-CHINEN AUDITORIUM: Malia will have a table at the fair and Laverne Costa is seeking volunteers to sell packaged goods from Rainbow Falls Connection. As with all our fundraising events, all proceeds go toward meeting Malia's financial goals and expenses. Volunteers are needed to man Malia's table during the following days and shifts. Please see or call Laverne Costa at 959-9219 to volunteer your time and talent.

Friday, December 4: 1st Shift 3:30 – 6:00 pm
(Fair hours 4:00-9:00 pm) 2nd Shift 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Saturday, December 5: 1st Shift 8:30 – 11:30 am
(Fair hours 9 am-5:00 pm) 2nd Shift 11:30 am – 2:30 pm
3rd Shift 2:30 – 5:00 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS (Revised): The 1st 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*

DECEMBER (KEKEMAPA) COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Meetings are open to all parishioners. If you have item(s) to be raised, submit your topic/issue to the Committee Chair at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

- Liturgy Commission, Saturday, December 12 at 3:00 pm. Meet in the patio.
- Finance Council, Sunday, December 13, no later than 10:45 am. Meet in the Sacristy meeting area.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, DECEMBER 8: 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 9, at 5:15 pm. This will be followed by Penitential Service (Confessions) at 6 pm for the entire community. Please join us.

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.