

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. & Fri.
Wed. at Life Care Center
Confession 4:30 Saturday



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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

Fr. Oliver Ortega

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Robert Stark, SSS

Baptisms:

Patty Grube 238-2200

Facilities & Maintenance:

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B (www.scborromeo.org/biblestudies.htm)

1st Reading – Genesis 2:18-24 Some modern scripture scholars speculate that the Pentateuch (the first 5 books of the Bible, The Law/Torah) is a collection of writings from different sources; primarily J (for Yahwehist, 9th century B.C.); E (for Elohist, 8th century B.C.); D (for Deuteronomist, 7th century B.C.); and P (for Priestly, post-exilic) and that this collection was combined in the post exile period under the guiding hand of the Priestly tradition.

2nd Reading – Hebrews 2:9b-11 Last week we finished our study of the Epistle of James; the epistle which Martin Luther called “the epistle of straw” because it does not support his theory of salvation by faith alone. In leaving this epistle, we now proceed to the Book of Hebrews; another book which Martin Luther tried to eliminate from the Bible.

Gospel – Mark 10:2-16 We continue, for the third week to study Jesus’ second instruction to His apostles on His mission and their discipleship. Having revealed Himself as the Messiah, He is now giving them a crash course in Christology and Discipleship. This teaching is yet another challenge to those who wish to follow Him. Verse 1 tells us that Jesus has now left Galilee and is in Judea.

October 2015 is Respect Life Month

“Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift. At every state and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God’s love . . . God invites us to embrace the lives we have been given, for as long as they are given. Every life is worth living.”

- *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops,*
Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
(www.goo.gl/8He3OQ)



September 26&27 Stewardship	
Koa Bowl	\$1,675.25
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Miscellaneous	\$130.00

Stewardship Moment for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s Gospel Jesus teaches us about the sacredness of marriage; a covenant that is a gift from God. Our relationships with our spouses, family, friends, coworkers, and those in our community of faith are all gifts from God. Jesus reminds us today that it is the hardened heart that damages or breaks up relationships. Good stewards understand the holiness of relationships and pray for the love, patience, and understanding and kindness necessary to sustain those relationships this week. Is your stewardship of these relationships as God intended? What relationships need to be healed and reconciled? <http://catholicstewardship.com/>

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING: The Finance Council held its quarterly meeting on Sunday, September 27th at 10:45 AM. The Year to Date Report for the first two months of our current fiscal year was reviewed and discussed. The Council will be reviewing and approving the final budget for the fiscal year in our next meeting to be held in November. – Submitted by Gary Callahan, Chair Finance Council

LIFE CARE CENTER: All parishioners are welcome to celebrate Mass with the residents of Life Care Center on Wednesday, October 7th, at 11:00 AM. Join Fr. Oliver and your parish ohana and help sing some of our familiar songs.

GARAGE SALE: Malia’s annual garage sale will take place on Saturday, November 7th, in our parish hall. We welcome your donations and will be accepting your items on Sunday, October 18th and October 25th. You may also call Laverne Costa (her phone number is on the front page of the bulletin) to arrange for pick-up.

MISSING VACUUMS: Our two upright vacuum cleaners were borrowed from the kitchen and not returned. Please return the vacuums to the kitchen as soon as possible. Mahalo.

Guest Reflection on Marriage, Nullity and the Gospels

By: Very Rev. Mark J. Gantley, JCL, Judicial Vicar, Diocese of Honolulu

If someone makes cookies and forgets the sugar, the result might look like cookies, but upon tasting them, it is obvious that something is missing. Compare this to a marriage declared null by a tribunal. It looked like a marriage, but from the start, something was missing so that a valid marriage never took place.

If a marriage is declared null, it does not mean that the relationship was “void.” There was often genuine love and affection. Frequently there was the gift of children. Often lasting friendships developed between families. After divorce, it’s easy to focus on the negative and forget the positive.

In today’s gospel from Mark, Jesus teaches that anyone who divorces one’s spouse and marries another commits adultery. Matthew’s gospel, however, adds the phrase, “unless the marriage is unlawful.” Catholic scholars interpret this as referring to marriages between blood relatives. The church understands that other causes can render a marriage unlawful or invalid.

Recently Pope Francis simplified the process to petition for a declaration of nullity. It will be quicker, but it still must be proven that something was lacking in the marriage from the beginning.

KNOW ANYONE SICK? Our Ministers of the Homebound could bring Communion to them and Father Oliver could anoint them and hear their confession. Complete this form and drop it in the Koa Offering Bowl. Someone will contact you.

Name of sick person:

Your Name and Phone No.

PARISH REGISTRATION. If you wish to be a registered parishioner, please complete and place this form in the Koa Offering Bowl. Mahalo.

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone: