

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**



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**September 26 & 27, 2015**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B** ([www.scborromeo.org/biblestudies.htm](http://www.scborromeo.org/biblestudies.htm))

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Numbers 11:25-29** The book of Numbers is a narrative account running from the 2<sup>nd</sup> year after the Israelites left Egypt up to almost the end of Moses' life: a total of about 39 years wandering in the wilderness. It takes its name in the Hebrew Bible from *bammidbar* (which means "in the wilderness"). The Greek translation (the Septuagint) however, calls it "Numbers," and the Latin follows suit. The title "Numbers" is really less than satisfactory, because the counting of the people doesn't take up much of the book.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – James 5:1-6** This week we complete our study of the Epistle of James in this cycle. In fact, the Sunday readings won't contain James again until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent in Cycle A. The main purpose of this epistle is the teaching of morality and self-discipline. The sacred writer speaks with great severity, not mincing his words, in order to make people see that actions of the kind he condemns are incompatible with the profession of the Christian faith.

**Gospel – Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48** The 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (2 weeks ago) Gospel reading contained the first of three instructions to the apostles: "If you are to be a follower of Jesus you must deny yourself, take up your cross and follow in his footsteps." Last week we heard of the second instruction: "If you wish to be a leader, you must remain humble and be the servant of all." This week we continue with this second instruction.

**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

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Malia Puka O Kalani extends a warm ALOHA to Pastor Devon Rachae of Grenada. Mahalo for visiting our Malia ohana and sharing your story about how a shoe box from Operation Christmas Child changed your life.



September 19&20 Stewardship	
Koa Bowl	\$1,308.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$116.00
Miscellaneous	\$250.00

**Stewardship Moment for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. James warns against accepting the standards of the world and assuming that what is normative in society needs no counterculture challenge. The temptation to hoard riches and make sharp bargains at the expense of the powerless is pervasive because these things are generally done and look respectable enough. St. James points to God’s judgment on these attitudes and actions of amassing wealth and comfort at the expense of others. How might we be better stewards of the material blessings we have been given? How might we use our wealth with compassion toward others? <http://catholicstewardship.com/>

**MAHALO** to everyone for your valuable contribution to Catholic Charities Hawaii. Your donations help those in need on the Big Island.

**OCTOBER (Okakopa) MEETINGS:** Parishioners are invited to attend any of the following Malia committee meetings in October. Parishioners are also welcome to submit agenda item(s) to the committee chairs two weeks prior to the meeting date.

- October 17, Saturday. The Liturgy Commission will meet at 3:00 pm in the patio.
- October 18, Sunday. The Social Outreach Ministry will meet at 10:45 am in the Sacristy meeting room.

Our meetings are open to all parishioners.

**Actions Based on Faith?**

*By Kristina M. DeNeve, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator for the Diocese of Honolulu*

Lately I’ve been noticing more and more public figures, politicians and “ordinary” citizens claim their actions are based on their faith. As soon as they do, others jump in and counter-argue that if they really were acting on faith, they’d be doing X, Y or Z instead. I find neither side of the argument compelling, especially in light of today’s Gospel.

According to Jesus, we cannot speak ill of him and also perform mighty deeds in his name. Similarly, if we do harm to others, we obviously are nowhere close to Jesus, regardless of our words. In this case, harming others puts us as far away from Jesus as heaven is from hell.

Ultimately, I can know you are Christian not just by how you love and act but also by how you impact others around you to love and to act. Are the people around you better people after encountering you? Are they more loving, more truthful, more at peace?

Based on these criteria, virtually every public figure has room for improvement in putting their faith into action. Indeed, each of us has room for improvement.

**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: