

A Catholic Community in Keaukaha for

75 Years

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Welcome Father Mike Scully

The Sunday Gospels for the 14th through 17th Sundays of the year are all from Matthew. Today's Gospel has Jesus questioning people who have seen his mighty deeds but still lack belief. In this context, the Gospel speaks about belief and unbelief as well as what is necessary for faith. After praying in thanksgiving to God who made Himself known to Jesus' disciples, Jesus also praises God who made Himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. The Gospel also calls attention to the unity between the Father and the Son. God made Himself known through Jesus and, in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. God reveals Himself through Jesus.

On the 15th Sunday of the year, the Gospel begins the third long discourse given by Jesus and over the next few weeks the Gospels will all come from chapters 13 of Matthew. Jesus, throughout the discourse, will teach through the use of parables and the parable of the sower appears to be pretty straightforward – seeds grow better in good soil. Maybe, though, parables are not as straightforward as they appear to be. Jesus, in explaining the use of parables, seems to suggest that the meanings of the parables are not self evident. The person listening must engage in some degree of reflection to comprehend the message of the parable. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

In an unusual turn, Jesus helps those who heard the parable by interpreting it for them. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teachings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Some will be easily swayed from the Kingdom; others will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulty and some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. It's important to remember, though, that many will receive it well and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

As we continue Matthew's Gospel, there are more parables used to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. All three parables place experiences to describe that Kingdom. The beginning of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in the world but the Kingdom will not be realized until the final judgment.

We're at the end of the month of July and we conclude the three weeks of readings from Matthew's Gospel.

During the last few weeks, we have heard Jesus teaching his listeners about the Kingdom of Heaven and we have heard as Jesus interpreted some of his teachings for the Kingdom of Heaven. This week, Jesus offers three more parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the Kingdom of Heaven. In the first parable, we are told that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth having even if it means giving up everything else. The second parable reiterates that theme; the Kingdom is like a great pearl for which one will sell everything else to own. These parables teach us that we are to place everything of value in the service to God. – Fr. Mike

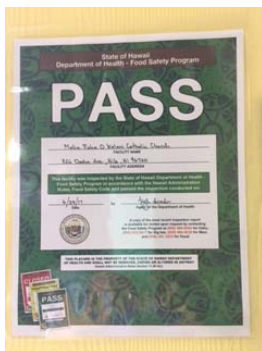
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Stewardship of Treasure for the Month of June 2017

			Attendance		Koa Bowl	Food Pantry	Repair & Maintenance Fund	2 nd Collection	Misc	Gifts/ Donations
			Adults	Children						
Week 1	June 3	Sat	39	1	\$435.					
	June 4	Sun	54	6	\$1,480.		\$286.			
Week 2	June 10	Sat	39	2	\$683.				\$2,575.	
	June 11	Sun	62	11	\$470.		\$100.			
Week 3	June 17	Sat	38	0	\$530.				\$450.	
	June 18	Sun	69	11	\$596.35					
Week 4	June 24	Sat	39	3	\$364.50	\$30.		\$415.		\$184.
	June 25	Sun	65	8	\$738.00					

WELCOME FATHER MIKE SCULLY: We will have a potluck after mass on July 9th to welcome Father Mike to Malia. Please bring your favorite dish to share. At the same time, we will observe the 190th anniversary of the introduction of Catholicism in Hawaii. It was on this day that the first Catholic missionaries, members of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, stepped foot in Hawaii. Everyone is welcome to celebrate these two wonderful occasions.

SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING: This committee will meet after mass on Sunday, July 16th, in the sacristy meeting room. Committee members are urged to attend as discussion and plans for upcoming community outreach projects will be discussed.

2nd COLLECTION, DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND: The 2nd collection on July 22/23 will be for the Seminarian Education Fund. Your donation will help pay tuition costs, room and board, insurance and other expenses during the seminarians' formation. Mahalo for your prayers and financial support.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MALIA PUKA O KALANI
Our parish's kitchen passed a recent Department of Health inspection with flying colors.
Thank you to everyone who maintains our kitchen in good condition.
Please keep up the great work!

We are in need of the following donated items for our kitchen: small soup bowls, plastic forks and spoons.