

A Catholic Community in Keaukaha for
75 Years

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Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a King that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

Over the coming Gospels in September we will hear Jesus instructing his disciples on the proper relationship with the Church and on the Sunday following that instruction, Jesus tells us to forgive one another from the heart. The last Sunday of the month has the workers, those who worked all day as well as those who only worked a short period, in the vineyard being paid the same wage.

Stewardship of Treasure for the Month of August 2017

			Attendance		Koa Bowl	Food Pantry	Repair & Maintenance Fund	School Supply	Misc	Gifts/ Donations
			Adults	Children						
Week 1	Aug 5	Sat	34	4	332.50		2,115.00 (Roof Repair)	190.00		
	Aug 6	Sun	62	7	1,305.00					
Week 2	Aug 12	Sat	50	1	1,418.50		455.00	60.00	1,250.00	
	Aug 13	Sun	69	14	823.00					
Week 3	Aug 19	Sat	75	1	631.38	30.00	300.00		203.00 (Feast Day) 20.00 (Swap Meet)	150.00
	Aug 20	Sun	74	10	891.00					
Week 4	Aug 26	Sat	35	2	344.00				908.17 413.00 (2 nd Collection)	300.00
	Aug 27	Sun	79	17	790.86					

DEEPEST SYMPATHY: We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Donald Swain. Donald is the brother of our parishioner, Laverne Costa. Services at Malia will be on September 15th, with visitation from 8:00am followed by mass at 10:30.

BAPTISM: Patty Grube has decided to step down as coordinator of our baptism program. Mahalo nui loa to Patty for her many years of service. We welcome and thank Sharen Chaves for agreeing to be our new baptism coordinator.

MAHALO: The operation of the food pantry has recently been turned over to the Knights of Columbus. We thank Roberta Gacutan for running the food pantry for many years. Roberta continues to be the Chairperson of our Social Outreach Ministry Committee. Following is her thank-you message on the recently completed school supply drive:

On behalf of the Social Outreach Ministry Committee, I would like to say mahalo to all those who supported our school supplies drive – either by donating supplies or by making a monetary donation. Your generosity was greatly appreciated. Thanks to your giving we were not only able to supply some school items to over 30 children, but we were also able to donate a small amount to Keaukaha School. Mahalo nui loa. We are truly grateful. – Roberta Gacutan

PARISH SWAP MEET: This is a fundraising event and vendor tables are still available! The swap meet has been extended to include Saturday, September 16th, as well as Sunday, September 17th. For a donation of \$20 per table, you can earn money for yourself and for our parish to repair our kitchen roof. See the back page of this bulletin for the revised Parish Swap Meet flyer for complete details. Any questions or to reserve a table, call Mary Freitas at 989-3455.

PARISH HALL NEWS: *Ka `Umeke Ka`eo* preschool is back in session following its summer break. The preschool operates Monday through Friday during normal school hours and occupies the large classroom, the adjacent office and the fenced-in yard space. Welcome back keiki and staff.

Hui Malama Ola Na `Oiwī, a non-profit community health education services organization, will be offering exercise classes in our hall Monday through Thursday. The sessions will start September 5th, free of charge and open to the public. Class offerings are: Zumba Monday and Wednesday at 5:30pm; Basic Stretch/Strengthening Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30am; Therapeutic Basic Flow Yoga Tuesday and Thursday at 5:00pm. Register at the door. Call Laverne Costa at 959-9219 for further information.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Coming soon...Shoebboxes!! It's almost time for Operation Christmas Child. Stay tuned for more information and shoeboxes later this month. Mahalo.

Fr. Lane Akiona, Pastor of St. Augustine Church on Oahu, along with priests and parishioners from various parishes in the Diocese of Marquesas Islands, French Polynesia joined us in celebrating mass on Saturday, August 19th. Our visitors filled the church with their beautiful voices.

Fr. Mike with Fr. Lane, Fr. Gerard, Dcn. Jacques and Fr. David



Parish Events for September

September 4th, LABOR DAY HOLIDAY. There is no 5:15pm Mass

September 6th, 10:30am WEDNESDAY MASS AT LIFE CARE CENTER. There is no 5:15 Mass.

September 9th and 10th, SECOND COLLECTION for the Catholic University of America. This is our national university of the Catholic Church. Your support helps to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Catholic Church.

September 10th, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN. Registration for RE is ongoing throughout September. To register, see Billie Baclig or Karen Gerkey.

September 10th, 10:30am, PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING in the Sacristy Room.

September 11th, 6:30 pm, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING in the parish hall.

❖ **September 16th and 17th, PARISH SWAP MEET.** See flyer on the back page.

September 20th, 11:30am to 12:30pm, FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN.

September 24th, 10:30am-1:00pm, HEALTH SCREENINGS in the parish hall. Testing is for high blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes and is provided by pharmacy students of the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy Mobile Screening Clinic. The students work under the supervision of a faculty pharmacist.

September 29th, MOVIE NIGHT. Our Youth & Young Adult group will sponsor the showing of *The Young Messiah* in our parish hall. Exact time will be announced later.

CHOIR PRACTICE CHANGED from every Tuesday to every WEDNESDAY at 6:00pm in the church. All are welcome.

PARISH SWAP MEET

Malia Puka O Kalani Parish Fundraising Project

What: Swap Meet “do-it-yourself” rummage sale

When: Saturday, September 16, 8:30 AM to noon

Sunday, September 17, 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: In the Parish Hall

Why: Finance urgently needed repairs to the kitchen roof

Who: All parishioners and the public are invited to this event.

The Concept: Bring your “garage sale items, your “white elephants”, your merchandise, crafts, etc., price each item and sell them yourself. The parish will provide a table for a donation of \$20 (each table). If you wish, you may also donate a portion of your cash proceeds from the sales.



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To reserve a table, fill in the form below and submit to Mary Freitas or call Mary at 989-3455.

Name _____ Phone _____

Number of Tables: _____