



## HISTORY MALIA PUKA O KALANI

The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, passed by the U.S. Congress in 1921, dedicated a portion of the former crown lands of Hawaii for use by Native Hawaiians. In 1928, the Hawaiian Homes Commission authorized the establishment of a Roman Catholic Church in the Keaukaha Homestead area. The church became Malia Puka O Kalani (Mary, Gate of Heaven).

Keaukaha is a section of Hilo, bordered on one side by the Hilo Bay and on the other side by Hilo International Airport. The area covers 600 acres.

In 1934, the parish, under the care of the Sacred Hearts Fathers, built a large hall on the property. This was used as a place of worship as well as a community center. In 1940 the existing church which seats 120 people was constructed.

In 1954, the Maryknoll Fathers assigned the first resident pastor to the parish. Today, the parish is under the care of the Diocese of Honolulu as the ministry on the Hawaiian Homelands continues.



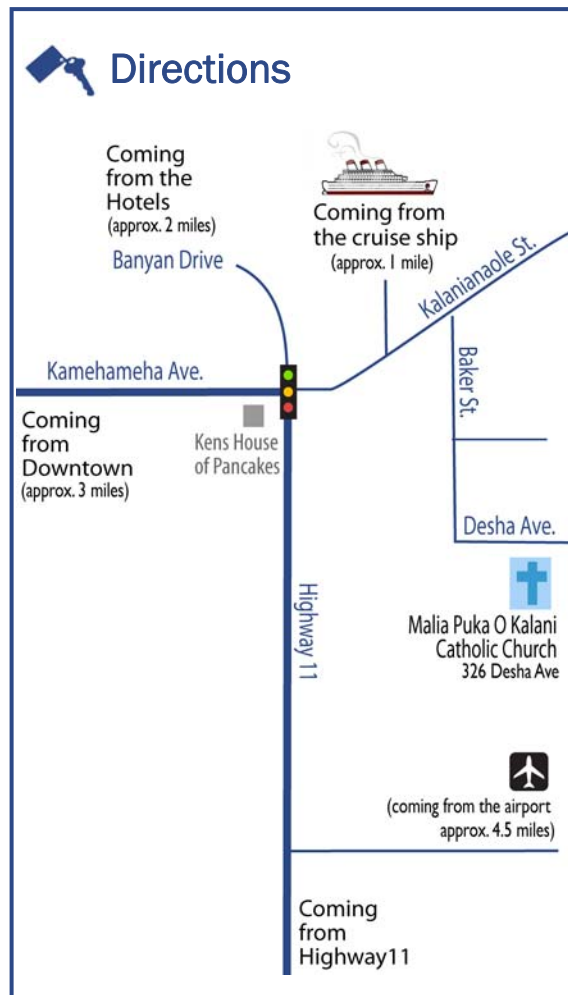
## Weekend Mass Schedule

The Church is open  
8:00AM—5:00PM daily.

**5:15PM Saturday** (with Hawaiian music)

**7:00PM Saturday** (Spanish)

**9:00AM Sunday** (with Hawaiian music)



# Malia Puka O Kalani

## Hilo, Hawaii



Malia Puka O Kalani is a Roman Catholic parish 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.

*MISSION STATEMENT*

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# Sanctuary Art

Malia Puka O Kalani  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



The sanctuary furniture is all handcrafted from Koa Wood.

Koa is the largest endemic tree in Hawaii-- the species exists nowhere else in the world and is recognized for its remarkable variety of grain.



**Original works of artist Ken Charon**  
(Charon can be contacted by phone at 808-966-7343  
or on the web at [www.charon-artfarm.com](http://www.charon-artfarm.com))



## Ho Mai Ke Ola Hou

(Source of Life Renew us)

The mural above the altar illustrates the creative process of God which continues today. The evolution from lava to flowers at the base of the painting are continued in the stained glass windows which surround us. We are part of God's creative process.



## Aia ho'ie e Mauna Kea

(Journey to Mauna Kea)

The mural hangs over the entrance/exit of the church. It depicts the journey of the Christian through the waters to God's Holy Mountain. We are in the canoe journeying to God with the gifts He has given us.

## Epipanai Hawai'i

(Hawaiian Epiphany)

The Hawaiian Epiphany painting shows that the magi come from the three corners of the Polynesian Triangle: Hawaii, New Zealand, and Tahiti.



## Original work of artist: Julianna Ziegler

(Ziegler can be contacted at 808-345-7345  
or [juliannaziegler@yahoo.com](mailto:juliannaziegler@yahoo.com))



## Father Damien and Mother Marianne, Servants of the Lepers

The artist depicts Mother Marianne joining Fr. Damien at the end of his life. Damien holds the mango he accepted from the leper's hand when he first arrived.

## The Steps

Gift from  
New Zealand:



The art is hand woven straw depicting the steps leading to the harmony and light of Christ.