

HILO ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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Malia Puka O Kalani
Church
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Office Hours:
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Mass Schedule

St. Joseph Church
Weekdays:
Mon. - Fri.
6:00 am & 12:15 pm
Legal Holidays:
7:00 am
Saturday: 7:00 am
Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm
Spanish Mass: 7:00
pm
Sunday:
St. Joseph Church
7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:30 am & 6:00 pm

Malia Puka O Kalani
Church
Sunday: 9:00 am

Confession:

Saturday
10:00 am - 11:00 am
St. Joseph Church
or by appointment

*Please note:
confession schedule
does not apply
during some
liturgical seasons.



Blessed Mother Marianne Cope

Special Issue:

125th Anniversary of the Arrival of
the Sisters of St. Francis in Hawaii

Lighting the Way: 125 Year of Service “on the Islands”

This weekend U.S. Catholic schools mark the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, a national observance highlighting these institutions which “Light the Way” within the Church’s ministry of education. Here in Hilo we also celebrate the 125th anniversary of the arrival of Blessed (Mother) Marianne Cope and her sister-companions in Hawai`i in 1883 as well as the school’s annual Homecoming festivities.

The Sisters of St. Francis, Syracuse NY, were a fledgling community in May 1883 when a letter from Fr. Leonor Fouesnel, SS.CC., arrived, begging the Reverend Mother Superior on behalf of Bishop Hermann Koeckemann as requested by the King [Kalākaua], “to look for Sisters, who would take charge of our Hospitals, and even of our schools, if it were possible....”

On June 5th, Mother Marianne Cope responded, “Shall I regard your kind invitation to join you in your missionary labors, as coming from God? This is a question that has been constantly on my mind... My interest is awakened and I feel an irresistible force drawing me to follow this call.” In his next letter, Fr. Fouesnel’s appealed even more emotionally, “Oh would to God you would help us in our distress! The government supports the hospitals...The Sisters [will] direct the hospitals, the government will not interfere with their way of doing....”, but nowhere was there a mention of leprosy. It was not until a month later when Fr. Fouesnel arrived in Syracuse did he reveal the truth that had closed the doors of the 47 religious congregations he had previously contacted.

Having received approval to consider the request, Mother Marianne wrote to Fr. Leonor, “I am hungry for the work and I wish with all my heart to be one of the chosen Ones, whose privilege it will be to sacrifice themselves for the salvation of the souls of the poor Islanders...I am not afraid of any disease, hence it would be my greatest delight even to minister to the abandoned lepers....Waking and sleeping, I am on the Islands....”

At a special meeting the Sisters decided to undertake the mission in the Hawaiian Islands. It was “deemed necessary...that either [Mother Marianne] or another older member accompany the Sisters to the Island to see them established.” And so on October 22, 1883, Mother Marianne Cope and Sisters M. Bonaventure Caraher, M. Crescentia Eilers, M. Renata Nash, M. Rosalia McLaughlin, M. Ludovica Gibbons and M. Antonella Murphy, departed Syracuse by train to travel to San Francisco to board the steamship *Mariposa* for an arduous voyage to Honolulu. Upon their arrival on November 8th, the Sisters were greeted by Queen Kapi`olani’s lady-in-waiting, Fr. Leonor and Prime Minister Walter Murray Gibson. These “Sisters of Charity” were transported by carriage to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace where a tearfully grateful Bishop Koeckemann welcomed them. Both King Kalākaua and Queen Kapi`olani paid a call to the Sisters shortly thereafter. Sr. Leopoldina’s journal relates that tears streamed from the Queen’s eyes as she said, “You have left Your home and country to come to these far away Islands to cair [sic] for my poor afflicted children...and you are my Sisters...”

And so, 125 years later, one could easily say, “And the rest is history,” and indeed it is, a history fraught with the full range of experiences that could characterize any human endeavor and one graced with the blessings that accompany any undertaking in God’s name. The Church’s Beatification of Mother Marianne Cope acknowledges

her virtuous life as a Franciscan woman of the Church and raises her up as a role model whose vision and legacy live on in the Sisters, Associates and their colleagues in ministry who continue to serve in Hawai`i, across the continental United States and in Kenya and Peru.

It has been the privilege of the Franciscan Sisters to minister in Hilo since 1900, and St. Joseph School has the distinction of being the school having the longest continued presence of Sisters from the Syracuse/Hawai`i Region today. The Big Island has gifted the Church and the Franciscans with vocations, and it is with joy and gratitude that we welcome some of them and others of our Sisters to Sunday evening’s celebration. Let us pray for continued blessings on our parish, and our school and for all who are or have been a part of its almost 140-year history as well as for vocations to the Church’s ministries and for the grace to “Light the Way” as did Blessed Marianne and her companions. Together may we embrace and embody the school’s motto as we “seek first the Kingdom of God!”

Information on Blessed Marianne taken from Mary Cabrini Durkin, OSU. *Mother Marianne of Moloka`i., Valiant Woman of Hawai`i.* Editions du Signe, 1999.

Written by
Sr. Marion F. Kikukawa,

Sunday Reflection

Fr. John M. Mbinda

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Readings: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17;
Matthew 4:12-23

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The context of this prophecy relates to a significant event promising a new era after a disastrous period of misery resulting from war or a foreign invasion. Tradition has always related the prophecy to the coming of the Messiah who comes as a great light for a people who had been walking in darkness. The Messiah reverses the situation of gloom and distress into one of abundant joy and great rejoicing.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

These verses of psalm 27 offer further poetic reflections on the theme of light. The psalmist hopes and trusts that the Lord who is the light and salvation will bring rescue and protection from all enemies. To be in the presence of the Lord in his goodness is a proof of his love as well as the reward of fidelity.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

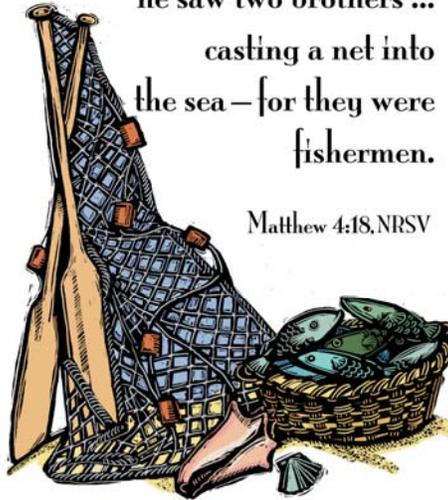
There is no doubt that there were serious divisions within the Corinthian congregation. In this passage, Paul addresses these factions by calling on all who are quarrelling to remember that they belong to Christ, not to any particular apostle who may have baptized them. It is the death and resurrection of Christ, symbolized in their baptism, which brings them together and is the secret of their salvation.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

The relationship between the ministry of John the Baptist and that of Jesus is the focus of this reading. At first, Jesus preached a message quite similar to that of John the Baptist: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." The difference was that in Jesus, this gospel was to be fulfilled. The calling of his first disciples, four ordinary fishermen from Galilee, was the beginning of this fulfillment - the creation of a community of those who would follow him. His healing ministry was also a sign that the reign of God had already begun.

As he walked by the
Sea of Galilee,
he saw two brothers ...
casting a net into
the sea – for they were
fishermen.

Matthew 4:18, NRSV



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, Jan. 27

Is 8:23-9:3

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday, Jan. 28

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10

Ps 89:20-22, 25-26

Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, Jan. 29

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19

Ps 24:7-10

Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, Jan. 30

2 Sm 7:4-17

Ps 89:4-5, 27-30

Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, Jan. 31

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29

Ps 132:1-5, 11-14

Mk 4:21-25

Friday, Feb. 1

2 Sm 11; 1-4a, 5-10a,
13-17

Ps 51:3-7, 10-11

Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, Feb. 2

Mal 3:1-4

Ps 24:7-10

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Sunday, Feb. 3

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

Ps 146:6-10

1 Cor 1:26-31

Mt 5:1-12a



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

Raymund Ducusin, Raquel Ducusin
& Raychelle Ducusin



Three Minute Liturgical Catechesis

Article 18: **Sharing Christ's Sacrifice**

Most Catholics are familiar with our tradition of calling the Mass a sacrifice. It is less clear whether most Catholics understand how the Mass is a sacrifice and what it means for us to make that claim.

Let's begin with Christ's own sacrifice. His sacrifice has both historical and eternal aspects. The core of his sacrifice was expressed in his prayer in the garden of Gethsemane: "Not my will but yours be done." His sacrifice was his surrender to the Father's will in all things, no matter what that might cost. This commitment led to his death and resurrection, historical events that are not repeated. But his surrender to the Father's will is eternal, and it is that aspect of his sacrifice that we are invited to share.

The Eucharistic Prayer is based on Jewish prayer forms. It begins with praise of God and then recalls many reasons we have to be thankful to God. Then it asks God to continue to work wonders in our own time and concludes with a final acclamation of praise. In the Christian versions of this prayer, what God has done for us culminates in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We recall what Jesus did so that we might unite ourselves with his sacrifice. The First Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation prays: "Father, look with love on those you have called to share in the one sacrifice of Christ."

To do that means to surrender our wills to the Father's will just as he did. It means being willing to give ourselves for others as he did. It means being willing to accept whatever comes as a result of our faithfulness to the Father's will. For Jesus, that meant death on the cross and resurrection to new life. Most of us will not hang

from a wooden cross, but all of us have to embrace the crosses that life brings us. We share in Christ's sacrifice to the extent that we embrace his attitude, his act of will, his relationship with the Father.

In this process, we become one with Christ and are caught up in his offering of himself to the Father. Listen to the words of the Second Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation: "We celebrate the memory of his death and resurrection and bring you the gift you have given us, the sacrifice of reconciliation. Therefore, we ask you, Father, to accept us, together with your Son." There is only one acceptable sacrifice in the New Covenant, but by uniting ourselves to Christ we become part of that one sacrifice.

Of course, sharing in Christ's sacrificial act here at Mass is not enough. If we join him in his surrender to the Father's will here, then we have to live that out all through the week. The Fourth Eucharistic Prayer asks God to "gather all who share this one bread and one cup into the one body of Christ, a living sacrifice of praise." We are to live as members of Christ, giving constant praise to God by our daily lives. That is the way that we truly share Christ's sacrifice, and it is that kind of faithful living that makes what we do here true and authentic worship.

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2008 Memorial Mass of Remembrance

A Memorial Mass of Remembrance was held on Saturday, January 19, 2008 at St. Joseph Church for all those who have died this past year. Following the Mass there was fellowship and refreshments in the rectory meeting room.



Confirmation Retreat 2008

Malia Puka O Kalani Church



“Catch the Fire and Make a Difference!” That was the theme of this year’s Confirmation retreat, held at Malia Puka O Kalani Church on Monday, January 21, 2008. The retreat was attended by sixty five Confirmation candidates, fifteen youth leaders and fifteen adult coordinators. All parishes in the East Hawaii Vicariate and St. Joseph School participated in this amazing, day long event.

Deacon Leroy Andrews set the tone of this Martin Luther King Day retreat by his opening remarks during the morning prayer service. He mentioned the “sense of justice we all should have today” because of the federal holiday in honor of Martin Luther King. Deacon Leroy asked the candidates to “empty themselves out” so that they could “consume God’s Love.” He challenged them to get all that they could out of what was going to be an inspiring day.

Chrislyn Villena, the St. Joseph youth minister, was the retreat leader and she explained what a retreat was to the young adults:

- It is a time-out to evaluate and deepen your relationship with God, with others and with yourself.
- It is a time to stop, to reflect, take stock, and make decisions about the rest of your life.
- It is a time to be challenged, to open yourself and check on your values and lifestyle.
- It is a time of intense listening: listen to God speaking to you and showing you the special plan He has for you.
- It is a time of spiritual renewal and celebration, a real opportunity to be reconciled with God and others.

The entire day of the retreat was filled with fun activities, spiritual reflection and communal celebrations. The confirmation candidates participated in various hands-on activities with their peers from other churches and also listened to serious testimonies about the sacrament of Confirmation from Kristen Panem and Bianca Soriano. Both girls incorporated their personal experiences with Confirmation into inspiring stories of life with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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More confirmation retreat photos can be seen on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.

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“Catch the Fire and Make a Difference!”

Following the testimonies, the table leaders facilitated discussions on questions brought forward from the testimonies they had heard. “How do you plan your friendship with Jesus? What are some things that you could give back to the church for all It has given to you?” and “What do you think will happen after you are filled with the Spirit of God’s Love?” are just a few of the questions put forth to the candidates for discussion.

Following the discussions our Confirmation candidates celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Father Thomas Purayidathil, Father Eduardo Bonghonoy, and Father Mike Scully.

An early evening mass with all of the candidates was celebrated by Father Mike Scully. Malia Puka O Kalani church was filled to capacity and everyone listened as Father Scully’s homily spoke about the day’s Gospel reading (Mark 2: 18-22). Father Scully encouraged all of us to become new. Just as the Gospel reading spoke about new wine being poured into old wineskins, so the candidates should become new in their faith before receiving Confirmation.

The events of the day wrapped up with a “conversion skit” performed by the youth leaders. The central message of the skit was for the Confirmation candidates to actually live their faith on a daily basis and not to just claim to be a Catholic. They were encouraged to stay focused on their faith and to avoid the distractions that will be around them. The skit had the attention of every person in the “Ohana room.”

The closing prayer service was led by Deacon Leroy Andrews. The music reflected the mood of the retreat day as the participants sang “Here I am Lord” and “Consuming Fire.” The Scripture reading from Matthew 28: 18-20 encouraged all of the Confirmation candidates to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” The candidates were exhausted after a full day, but filled with inspiration.

Our community now sends these candidates forth to continue their preparation for Confirmation in their individual parishes and programs. Their Confirmation retreat day was a day that they will not soon forget. It definitely lived up to expectations we had.

It was a day of spiritual renewal and recovery. We hope that they “caught the fire” and that they will now go forward to “make a difference.” *By: Joyce Saenz*

Confirmation Retreat Mass





Many thanks to our confirmation retreat volunteers.

GOD BE PRAISED
THRU OUR
WORKING HANDS



O KAHAKU O KA PU'U WAI

Malia Puka O Kalani Church

Our Volunteers

1st Sunday

February 3, 2008



Church Cleaning – Youth Group
 Flowers – Maybelle / Shirley
 Sacristan – Moke
 Altar Servers – Kalauao / Kayla / Namele
 Lectors – Maybelle / Shirley
 Money Counters – Natalie / Moke
 Eucharistic Ministers – Patty / Kathy
 Bell Ringers – Pete / Melody

Alu Like Schedule at Malia Puka O Kalani Church
 Mon. – Fri. 8:00 am – 1:00 pm (CLOSED WEDNESDAY)

Please keep in your prayers.

Aunty Irene Kondo	Aunty Minnie Alidon
Kahele Ohana	Bret Hoffman
Aunty Patty Grube	Aunty Dorothy Gouveia
Aunty Becky Reis	& Uncle Tommy Gouveia
Aunty Ginger Moniz	Aunty Dora Costa

Financial Notes: Jan. 20, 2008

Attendance: 51 Adults, 8 Children

Koa Bowl:	\$ 613.00
Fr. Appeal:	\$ 10.00
Seminary Fund:	\$ 10.00
Restricted Fund:	\$ 300.00

Mahalo Nui for all your Kokua!



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Interested in Becoming an Altar Server?

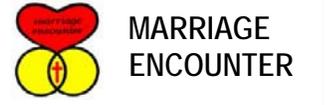
St. Joseph / Malia Puka O Kalani parishes are looking for youth who are interested in becoming altar servers. Requirements include the server should be a participating member of our assembly, and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. Youth who have not been confirmed may act as servers. For those already serving in this position, a new altar server schedule will be forthcoming. Please contact Joyce Saenz, the R.E. coordinator, for more information at 935-1202.



Very Rev. Marc Alexander (Vicar General)
at St. Joseph Church

Sunday Collection Jan. 20, 2008	
5:00 pm	\$1,372.00
7:00 am	\$2,383.00
9:00 am	\$1,924.00
11:30 am	\$976.00
6:00 pm	\$1,674.00
Sunday Total Collection	\$8,329.00
Candles	\$434.50
Blessings	\$55.00
Funeral	\$140.00
Mass Intentions	\$380.00
Baptism	\$91.00
Thrift Shop	\$839.53
Social Ministry/Food Pantry	\$5.00
Memorial Mass	\$90.00
Spanish Mass	\$59.00
Other donations	\$378.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$2,472.03
School Fund	\$276.00
Building Fund	\$564.00
Parish Hall	\$1,015.00
Water/Sewer loan	\$10.00
Seminarian Fund	\$35.00
Church in Latin America	\$6.00
Confirmation Retreat	\$60.00
Total	\$1,966.00
Total Weekly Deposit	\$12,767.03
Donations for the Parish Hall Fund: \$47,235.00	
Water/Sewer Installation: Loan balance paid in full on Friday, January 18, 2008	

This Week's Calendar	
SUNDAY, January 27	
10:15 am	•Religious Ed Class/SJHS
6:00 pm	•Youth & 125th Anniversary Mass/Church
MONDAY, January 28	
6:00 pm	•RCIA Class/Library
6:00 pm	•Young Adult Ministry/YMI
TUESDAY, January 29	
10:00 am	•Marriage Annulment Workshop for Clergy/Conference Room
7:00 pm	•Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/Church
7:00 pm	•Marriage Annulment Open Forum/Meeting Room
7:00 pm	•Basic Christian Community/YMI
WEDNESDAY, January 30	
1:30 pm	•Sacramental Prep Class/Meeting Room
5:30 pm	•U H Campus Ministry/U H Campus
6:30 pm	•Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Meeting Room
THURSDAY, January 31	
5:30 pm	•Cursillo Meeting/Meeting Room
7:00 pm	•SJ Choir Rehearsal/Library
7:00 pm	•Ilocano Mass & Fellowship/Church & Meeting Room
FRIDAY, February 1 "First Friday"	
1:00 pm	•Adoration/Church
6:00 pm	•Benediction/Church
SATURDAY, February 2	
7:45 am	•Church Cleaners #3/Church
10:00 am	•Adult Scripture Study/Library
10:00 am	•East Hawaii R E Coordinator's Meeting/Meeting Room
11:00 am	•Memorial Mass (+Lenny Uyetake)/Church
5:00 pm	•High School Youth Group/Library
6:00 pm	•Mahalo Reception (Christina Andrews)/Meeting Room
7:00 pm	•Spanish Mass & Fellowship/Church & Meeting Room
SUNDAY, February 3	
10:15 am	•Religious Ed Class/SJHS
2:00 pm	•Baptism/Church



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Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord and Let perpetual light shine upon them

+Antone Olivera
 +Lenny Uyetake
 +Marion Aguiar

 **PALMS** Ash Wednesday will soon be here. We are again collecting the palms from last year's Palm Sunday. The palms will be burned and the ashes will be used for the Ash Wednesday Services. Palms may be dropped off in the baskets at the entrance of the church or during the week you can drop them off at the rectory office. Thank you.

Directory Information

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Rev. John M. Mbinda

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Rev. Lovell Soller

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Rev. John Fredy Quintero

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Rev. Jerry Nunogawa

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935-4936

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935-1202

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Chrislyn Villena
935-1465

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Mario Miguel
990-9137

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Alabare Choir: Godfrey Nachor
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961-2442

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935-8464

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Confirmation**
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Donna Saiki 935-7801

Home Communion:
Joanne Kahaloe 961-2726

Marriages:
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at least 6 months in advance

Funerals:
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meeting with funeral director



Mahalo Reception

On Saturday, February 2nd,
St. Joseph parishioners will
have a chance to thank
Chris Andrews, church

organist, for her 35 years of faithful service.
A reception for Chris will be held in the rectory
meeting room after the 5:00 pm Mass. Pupus,
dessert, and punch will be served, and all are invited
to attend. It is hoped that a large crowd will be on
hand to thank Chris and wish her well on her well-
deserved retirement.

WORKSHOP ON MARRIAGE ANNULMENT AND RELATED ISSUES

Very Rev. Mark Gantley, our Diocesan Director of Canonical
Affairs, is holding a workshop on Marriage Annulment and
related issues on January 29 (Tuesday) at St. Joseph Rec-
tory. That day at 10:00 A.M. the class is scheduled for the
priests and deacons of East Hawaii. On the same day in the
evening at 7:00 P.M. he will be available for a discussion
hour and it is open to all those interested. You are all
cordially invited to attend the meeting which will be held in
the downstairs rectory meeting room.



2007 Giving Tree

The final count for
the 2007 Giving Tree project
is in! Ninety-two gifts were
generously donated by the
parishioners of St. Joseph and
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you.



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