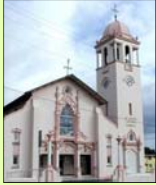


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Hilo Roman Catholic Community



St. Joseph Church

43 Kapiolani St., Hilo, HI 96720
Office Hours: Mon.- Fri. 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Phone: (808) 935-1465 Fax: (808) 969-1665
Emergency after-hours number: 899-9453



Malia Puka O Kalani Church

326 Desha Ave., Hilo, HI 96720
Office Hours: 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon
Phone: (808) 935-9338

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

St. Joseph
Elementary School
Chapel

Tuesday & Friday

7:00 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.



Youth donations of school supplies.

Youth Retreat

at: Malia Puka O Kalani

Theme:

***“Love Your
Neighbor”***

see story page 7



Important Dates:

RELIGION EDUCATION CLASSES START THIS WEEKEND!

Religious education classes begin on Sunday, September 7, 2008 at 10:15 am at the St. Joseph Jr./Sr. High School. There is still time to register your child. Please call Joyce Saenz at 935-1202 to register or for more information.

September Youth Masses

Sunday, Sept. 7
11:30 am

Sunday, Sept. 21
11:30 am



St. Joseph School

Events Calendar

Sept. 5

Student progress reports go home, original signed copy due back by 9/9

Sept. 11

PTG meeting 6:30 pm, school cafeteria



Youth Choir Practice

Every Monday
6:00 - 8:00 pm
St. Joseph Church

Altar Server

Training Classes
Sunday, September 14
1:00 pm at Malia

Pastor's Corner

Rev. Thomas Purayidathil, Ph.D.

Pope Benedict XVI on Prayer and the Sacred Liturgy

During his address to youth and seminarians at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers, New York on April 19, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI reflected on personal prayer, silence, and the Sacred Liturgy. His remarks are excerpted here for the benefit of our readers:

Dear friends, the example of the saints invites us...to consider four essential aspects of the treasure of our faith: personal prayer and silence, liturgical prayer, charity in action, and vocations.

What matters most is that you develop your personal relationship with God. That relationship is expressed in prayer. God by his very nature speaks, hears, and replies. Indeed, Saint Paul reminds us: we can and should "pray constantly" (1 Thess 5:17). Far from turning in on ourselves or withdrawing from the ups and downs of life, by praying we turn towards God and through him to each other, including the marginalized and those following ways other than God's path (cf. *Spe Salvi*, 33). As the saints teach us so vividly, prayer becomes hope in action. Christ was their constant companion, with whom they conversed at every step of their journey for others.

There is another aspect of prayer which we need to remember: silent contemplation. Saint John, for example, tells us that to embrace God's revelation we must first listen, then respond by proclaiming what we have heard and seen (cf. 1 Jn 1:2-3; *Dei Verbum*, 1). Have we perhaps lost something of the art of listening? Do you leave space to hear God's whisper, calling you forth into goodness? Friends, do not be afraid of silence or stillness, listen to God, adore him in the Eucharist. Let his word shape your journey as an unfolding of holiness.

In the liturgy we find the whole Church at prayer. The word liturgy means the participation of God's people in "the work of Christ the Priest and of His Body which is the Church" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 7). What is that work? First of all it refers to Christ's Passion, his Death and Resurrection, and his Ascension—what we call the Paschal Mystery. It also refers to the celebration of the liturgy itself. The two meanings are in fact inseparably linked because this "work of Jesus" is the real content of the liturgy. Through the liturgy, the "work of Jesus" is continually brought into contact with history; with our lives in order to shape them. Here we can catch another glimpse of the grandeur of our Christian faith. Whenever you gather for Mass, when you go to Confession, whenever you celebrate any of the sacraments, Jesus is at work. Through the Holy Spirit, he draws you to himself, into his sacrificial love of the Father which becomes love for all. We see then that the Church's liturgy is a ministry of hope for humanity. Your faithful participation is an active hope which helps to keep the world—saints and sinners alike—open to God; this is the truly human hope we offer everyone (cf. *Spe Salvi*, 34).



Senior Class Garage Sale and Car Wash

The senior class of St. Joseph High School will be holding a garage sale and a car wash on the weekend of September 13 and 14, 2008. The garage sale will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2008, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the St. Joseph Pre-school. If you have items to donate, please call Joyce Saenz at 935-1202.

The car wash will be held on Sunday, September 14, 2008, between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm at "Just Crusin Coffee."

All proceeds from these two events will be used to fund the senior class retreat which will be held in November.

September 7: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Mathew 18:15-20

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Ezekiel (signifies “God is strong”), priest and prophet, was called to foretell God's faithfulness in the midst of trials, as well as in the fulfillment of His promises. During the first period of his career, he foretold the complete destruction of the kingdom of Juda, and the annihilation of the city and temple. In the second period, after the fulfillment of these predictions, the fall of Jerusalem in 587 BC and the deportation of the Jews to Babylon, the prophet is called by God to be Israel's “watchman” – not to warn anymore of a coming military invasion but to proclaim the forgiveness of God to an Israel defeated by its loss of faith and sinfulness and promises that God will shepherd his people (Ezek 34) and restore them. He was commanded to announce the future return from exile and the re-establishment of the people in their own country.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95

The feast of Tabernacles was one of the three major feasts of Israel's liturgical calendar. Israel was to give thanks to God and to rejoice for establishing His covenant with them. The feast brought to Israel's mind God's gracious deliverance and protection of them through the exodus out of Egypt and the journey to the promised land. It is then unsurprising that two Psalms (81 and 95) were used at this feast both of which exhorted Israel to rejoice, give thanks and be obedient to God. “Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord...Oh, that today you would hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Paul repeats, in the second reading today, the teaching of Jesus that so infuriated the Jewish leaders of his time, that all 613 commandments derived from the Torah are fulfilled in one commandment: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself”. “Love is the fulfillment of the law.” The one thing we owe to one another as Christians is to love one another as Christ has loved us.

Gospel: Mathew 18:15-20

Chapter 18 of Mathew's Gospel is a collection of Jesus' sayings on the practical challenges facing the Christian community, such as status-seeking, scandal, division and, the topic of today's reading, conflict. Jesus' exhortation is that we must never tolerate any breach of personal relationship between us and another member of the Christian community. The aim of the three-step process of reconciliation outlined by Jesus – personal dialogue, discussion before witnesses, discussion before the whole community – is to win the erring Christian back to the community. Jesus envisions his Church becoming a community of reconciliation, mercy and forgiveness. Jesus calls us to the hard struggle of building communities that are inclusive, not exclusive, of bringing back the lost, out of the ‘debt that binds us to love one another,’ and he promises that he would be present in the midst of every community, regardless of size, bound together by faith and love.

Hilo Roman Catholic Community Mission Statement

We, the Hilo Roman Catholic Community of St. Joseph and Malia Puka O Kalani, guided by the Holy Spirit, Our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, gather as a family of believers in the celebration of the Eucharist. Blessed with many cultures, talents and inspired by the Hawaiian tradition of Aloha, we pledge to share our heritage, our gifts and the principles of our faith, and to commit ourselves to the educational, social and spiritual needs of all our brothers and sisters.



Welcome to
Deacon Julio Akapito



Scripture Readings

Sunday, Sept. 7

Ez 33:7-9
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

Monday, Sept. 8

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30
Ps 13:6abc
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday, Sept. 9

1 Cor 6:1-11
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, Sept. 10

1 Cor 7:25-31
Ps 45:11-12, 14-17
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, Sept. 11

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13
Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14b, 23-24
Lk 6:27-38

Friday, Sept. 12

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27
Ps 84:3-6, 8, 12
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, Sept. 13

1 Cor 10:14-22
Ps 116:12-13, 17-18
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday, Sept. 14

Nm 21:4b-9
Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Seek The Living God

Insert 6—The Easter Mysteries: Joined to the Risen Lord

Sacraments of Initiation and Period of Mystagogy

For Elena Holy Saturday morning brought with it a tremendous sense of anticipation. It had been eighteen months since she first asked about being baptized, and fifteen months since she was welcomed into the catechumenate. The Lenten preparation had been a very powerful experience for her, and now she was ready for initiation during the night at the Easter Vigil. The celebration of the scrutinies and her own Lenten penance jarred her into seeing the world around her and her own past life in a whole new light. She was acutely aware of the power of sin, but also confident in the even greater power of Christ to set people free. She longed to stand in the water and to be plunged into the new life that God was offering her.

George was baptized in the United Methodist Church, but after he married Margaret, he began attending Sunday Mass with her every week. The birth of their second child prompted him to inquire about becoming a member of the Catholic community. For George his five months of formation were a time for nurturing an already vital faith in Christ and for strengthening bonds in the community that he and Margaret had already formed. On one of the Lenten Sundays, he and the other baptized candidates celebrated a penitential rite (scrutiny), which led him to reflect on his continuing conversion to Christ and the way of the gospel. As Lent drew to a close, he participated with other parishioners in a communal penance service, during which he and the other baptized candidates had the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of penance. He eagerly awaited the celebration of the Easter Vigil, when at last he could be one with his wife and the other members of the Catholic community at the Eucharistic table.

Sacraments of Initiation

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) includes both liturgical rites and a process of formation for unbaptized persons who seek to be initiated into the Catholic community. The initiation of new members reaches its culmination in the celebration of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist.

These sacraments of initiation are normally celebrated for adults at the Easter Vigil, since “the initiation of Christians is the first sacramental sharing in Christ’s dying and rising” (RCIA 8). The Easter mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection becomes present in our midst when the elect are brought into the Christian community through the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist.

At this great night watch, the Easter Vigil, the Christian community proclaims the light of Christ’s rising in the midst of the darkness; it recounts the great stories of our salvation in story and in song; it celebrates the trans-

forming power of the Spirit in the lives of those who are plunged into the waters of Christ’s dying and rising; and it gathers at the table where the community of the baptized receive the body and blood of Christ, the pledge of eternal life and the sign of unity.

In the early church the celebration of initiation always included baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. The breakup of the sacraments of initiation into three separate events took place over the course of many centuries and occurred for reasons that were quite complex. Today, however, the Church has taken a step toward restoring the unity of these sacraments. When adults or children who have reached catechetical age are initiated, the three sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist are celebrated together.

It is most appropriate that baptism be carried out by immersion, since it “is more suitable as a symbol of participation in the death and resurrection of Christ” (*Christian Initiation: General Introduction* 22), but pouring may also be used.

After the baptism of the elect, baptized candidates may come forward to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. The newly baptized then join these previously baptized candidates for the celebration of confirmation, to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, so that they “may bear witness to [Christ] before all the world and work to bring the Body of Christ to its fullness as soon as possible” (*Christian Initiation: General Introduction* 2).

Finally, the neophytes (newly baptized) take their places among the faithful for the celebration of the Eucharist. “In this Eucharist the neophytes, now raised to the ranks of the royal priesthood, have an active part both in the general intercessions and, to the extent possible, in bringing the gifts to the altar” (RCIA 217). They take their part in the Eucharistic prayer, the Church’s great sacrifice of praise, and also in the Lord’s Prayer. Their participation in communion is a moment of great joy, since the Eucharist is both “the climax of their initiation and the center of the whole Christian life” (RCIA 243). For baptized Christians who are received into the full communion of the Catholic Church, this sharing in the Eucharist signifies their full participation in the life of the Catholic community.

Period of Postbaptismal Catechesis or Mystagogy

The Easter celebration of initiation ushers in the last period of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the period of postbaptismal catechesis or mystagogy. The forty days of Lenten preparation give way to fifty days of Easter celebration and reflection. “Mystagogy” is a term borrowed from the Greek which means “understanding of the mysteries (sacraments).” In the joy of Easter, the whole community joins the neophytes in savoring the life-giving mysteries that were celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

The period of mystagogy is first of all a time for meditating on the Gospel. The scriptures that are pro-

“Our Journey to a Parish Hall”

Over the years the construction of a parish hall was discussed. Committees were formed, plans were drawn, and the process was started. Then, for one reason or another, progress was halted. When the Hilo Hotel property was put on the market, a group of parishioners, with a dream of a parish hall in mind, initiated steps to purchase the land. A fund drive was begun, donations were collected via our weekly envelopes, and the parish hall funds grew. However, the money didn't accrue as fast as it was needed, and it began to look like we would not be able to meet the purchase deadline. The same group came to the rescue by devising a process to personally secure the note.

With time, the parish owned the land and a sign was erected to proclaim “Future Site St. Joseph Parish Hall and Center.” Movement seemed to slowly grind to a halt. When Father Tom came on the scene he saw the sign and the empty land. He also learned that nothing was being done to build that hall. In May, Father approached George Madden and asked him to consider taking on the job of expediting the building process.

After much thought and prayer, George accepted the challenge and devised a plan to accomplish the job. He designed a TEAM model which he describes as, “a team in Christ to serve this community by listening, planning and strategizing their needs both present and future

and bringing this project to a complete and professional conclusion in as short a period of time as possible.” He saw the TEAM as consisting of eight sub-teams of three to five members. They are divided into *Communications/Information, Diocesan Compliance Oversight, Design, Site Development, Finance, Implementation, Maintenance, and At-Large*. Sub-Team Coordinators and their teams were selected from a list of names and choices acquired at several TEAM meetings. In future Bulletins the sub-team's members will be introduced and their responsibilities explained. There is still time to join one of these teams. All are ad-hoc—lasting only as long as it takes to build the hall—except Maintenance, which is ongoing and covers not only the hall, but all of the parish and school facilities. Any member of the parish is encouraged to attend either or both the TEAM and sub-team meetings.

For instance, the Maintenance Sub-Team met on August 22 and discussed creating a five-year maintenance and repair plan. The team has selected 16 maintenance projects that need attention. The group is also seeking a computer software program entitled “Maintenance Software/CMMS Software for Utilities, Manufacturing Plants, Industrial and Comm Facilities” to more effectively complete the work. This sub-team will next meet on Friday, September 12 at 5 pm.

Submitted by : Maureen Saturnio

Continued from page 6 claimed in this season help to illuminate the meaning of the neophytes' sacramental experience. At the same time, their sharing in the sacraments leads them to hear the Gospel message in a new way. The Sunday readings, and especially those of Cycle A, serve as the foundation for this reflection on the relationship between the sacraments and the Christian life.

During the period of mystagogy, the faithful once again extend a joyful welcome to the neophytes, who are now fully initiated members of the Christian community. The Easter season is a time for dinners, picnics, and parties. As they extend hospitality to the newly baptized and associate with them, the faithful “should derive...a renewal of inspiration and of outlook” (RCIA 246).

The Easter season celebration of the Eucharist is the main setting for the mystagogy period. At Sunday Mass the neophytes gather with the faithful and take their rightful place in the Eucharistic assembly. The readings from the Lectionary which are proclaimed at these Masses are specially geared to reflecting on the relationship between sacraments and the Christian life which the newly initiated have embraced. In addition to Eucharistic celebrations at the parishes, the RCIA suggests that the bishop should meet with the neophytes and preside at a Mass for them to “show his pastoral concern for these new members of the Church” (RCIA 251).

These fifty days are a time for the neophytes and the whole community to reflect on the Church's mission in the world. The reading of the Acts of the Apostles throughout the Easter season is a reminder of the risen Lord's mandate to preach the Gospel in all the world. During the period of mystagogy, the neophytes consider the ways that they are called to share in this mission, especially by “doing the works of charity” (RCIA 244).

Conclusion

On or near Pentecost a special celebration may be held to mark the close of the mystagogy period. The neophytes should continue to gather at least monthly, however, during the first year after celebrating the sacraments of initiation. These gatherings can offer them continuing support and encourage their full participation in the life of the community. The neophytes should also be brought together on the anniversary of their initiation to renew their friendship, share their experiences and to give thanks.

There is a sense in which mystagogy never ends. Christians are continually called upon to consider what it will cost them to live according to the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, into which they have been initiated through baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. This sacramental union with Christ also beckons all of us to go into the world “to carry out the mission of the entire people of God in the Church and in the world” (Christian Initiation: General Introduction 2).

Seek The Living God: Part 6 of 6

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St. Joseph Church Year –end Report to Parish for fiscal Year 7/01/2007— 6/30/2008

	Year to Date 07/2007-06/2008	YTD Budget	Variance of YTD Cur. to Budget
REVENUE			
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS	\$433,605.75	\$432,800.00	\$805.75
HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS	\$38,985.00	\$52,100.00	-\$13,115.00
FUND DRIVE COLLECTIONS	\$43,004.00	\$58,000.00	-\$14,996.00
OTHER COLLECTION REVENUE	\$8,910.31	\$0.00	\$8,910.31
GIFTS AND BEQUESTS	\$211,566.72	\$92,900.00	\$118,666.72
OCCASIONAL OFFERING	\$31,900.00	\$18,450.00	\$13,450.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$2,643.46	\$700.00	\$1,943.46
RENTAL INCOME	\$191,999.04	\$186,050.00	\$5,949.04
OTHER REVENUE	\$60,159.37	\$89,000.00	-\$28,840.63
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,022,773.65	\$930,000.00	\$92,773.65
EXPENSES			
SALARIES - CLERGY	\$41,396.30	\$55,000.00	\$13,603.70
SALARY - LAY	\$234,846.55	\$231,175.00	-\$3,671.55
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$44,955.92	\$63,400.00	\$18,444.08
TAXES	\$29,190.17	\$25,500.00	-\$3,690.17
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$25,405.86	\$24,800.00	-\$605.86
SACRISTY SUPPLIES	\$9,448.01	\$9,800.00	\$351.99
FOOD AND KITCHEN SUPPLIES	\$28,009.80	\$31,100.00	\$3,090.20
OTHER SUPPLIES	\$9,821.99	\$11,500.00	\$1,678.01
LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$506.88	\$500.00	-\$6.88
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$15,443.39	\$17,200.00	\$1,756.61
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
RENTALS	\$27,019.42	\$30,800.00	\$3,780.58
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$5,489.98	\$5,800.00	\$310.02
OUTSIDE SERVICES	\$7,009.30	\$6,000.00	-\$1,009.30
INSURANCE	\$30,368.24	\$46,800.00	\$16,431.76
PERMITS, LICENSES AND FEES	\$694.43	\$400.00	-\$294.43
BUSINESS EXPENSE	\$13,853.27	\$6,500.00	-\$7,353.27
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$931.93	\$4,200.00	\$3,268.07
COMMITTEE EXPENSE	\$6,160.86	\$6,300.00	\$139.14
UTILITIES	\$34,773.38	\$39,340.00	\$4,566.62
TRAVEL	\$6,460.44	\$6,400.00	-\$60.44
VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$4,603.28	\$6,800.00	\$2,196.72
EDUCATION AND TRAINING	\$9,677.28	\$16,400.00	\$6,722.72
PARISH ASSESSMENT	\$92,772.00	\$94,000.00	\$1,228.00
SUBSIDIES AND ASSISTANCE	\$1,282.93	\$5,000.00	\$3,717.07
SUBSIDY TO SCHOOL	\$171,500.00	\$171,500.00	\$0.00
EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	\$38,095.38	\$5,900.00	-\$32,195.38
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$891,516.99	\$923,915.00	\$32,398.01
OTHER RECONCILING ITEMS			
DEBT REDUCTION	\$51,482.94	Diocesan loan for sewer/water--paid off	
DEPOSITS TO PDLF (SAVINGS)	\$48,135.96		
RESERVE FROM SALE OF E. AHSING STOCK	\$24,797.72		
TOTAL RECONCILING ITEMS	\$124,416.62		
EXPENSES PLUS BALANCE SHEET ITEMS	\$1,015,933.61		
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$6,840.04		

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Restricted Parish Hall funds as of 6/30/08 (deposited to PDLF)	\$78,513.00
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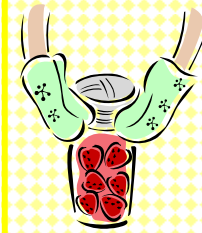
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Other Revenue: This item came in under budget primarily due to the declining sales and eventual closure of the Thrift Shop.

Over all however, Revenues exceeded projections especially due to Gifts and Bequests.

Salary-Lay and Taxes: Over budget due to vacation payouts for staff members who resigned during the year
Equipment Purchase: Over budget due to purchase of new organ

If you have questions regarding this report please call David Watson at 935-1465 or email him at stjoe3@hialoha.net



Alumni and Friends of SJS

The Alumni & Friends of SJS will again be in charge of the pickles and preserves booth at the school Country Fair on Saturday, Oct. 11. We had a wonderful array of products to sell last year, and made more than \$4000. for the first time. We thank you for your terrific support and ask for your continued generosity.

For those of you who are not able to make products for us to sell, but would still like to help, we also need the following:

For Portuguese pickles:

- Pint and quart bottles (glass or plastic)
- 6 gallons of white vinegar
- 6 gallons of cider vinegar

For jams, jellies, etc.:

- 8 oz. (half pint) bottles (glass only)
- sugar

Monetary donations to buy any of the above supplies are also welcome.

Please leave all of your donations at the high school office.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

Jason Mattos, Jr., Jessica Ignacio & Chysen Ignacio-Mattos
Lillian Low, Russell, Sara Ann & Clement Pacheco
Rochelle Augustin & Bree Foster Milton, Lolita & Destiny McNicoll
Anthony, Kayci, Anthony Jr, Kaci, Toby & Tori Benevides
Leo Esteban, Ynah Sumaoang, Keith Hennessy Sumaoang

We have frozen lilikoi and jaboticaba juice for anyone who is willing to make jellies for us. We ask for donations of fruit: guavas, oranges, mangoes, papayas, etc., and canned crushed pineapple. Please call Celia Shinoda at 961-3939. Mahalo!



Youth Retreat

Youth reflect on retreat theme "Love your Neighbor"

A retreat is a time not only to meet new people but to open oneself up for reflection and time with God. On Saturday August 30, 2008, at Malia Puka O Kalani Church, the parish youth facilitated a retreat welcoming new members to their ministry. A team of twelve leaders planned and coordinated all components of the retreat. Meditating on the theme, "Love Your Neighbor," a handful of the leaders shared testimonies on who they considered to be their neighbor and how they show love to them. The youth were very excited as they engaged in dialogue about the scripture messages and testimonies in small group discussion. Fr. Tom visited with the youth in the morning as they began their activities. There was a prayer service dedicated to the sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Joseph heard confessions from the young people. There were also many opportunities for the youth to get to know each other as one of our leaders lead them in fun and humorous ice breakers. The team members also planned a skit that had

the message "Don't take the Girl," from Tim McGraw's famous song. This skit reiterated to the youth, "You just don't know who you are going to meet later on in life. The best thing is to show love to all neighbors." Finally, Fr. Scaria came to Malia to celebrate a special Mass just for the retreat participants. His message about the "Giving Tree" and the example of God's unconditional

love for us through the sacrifice of his son, Jesus only affirmed what the youth experienced throughout the day. It was a job well done by our youth executive board and core leaders. We pray for their perseverance in their ministry. Overall, the youth leaders had fulfilled their mission and continue to "bring youth closer to God through prayer, worship and service...and to strive to



Examination of conscience prayer service.

live as Disciples of Christ."

Thank you to all who support our youth ministry. New members are still welcome to attend our weekly meetings. Call Chrislyn, the youth/young adult minister for more information at 935-1465.



"Light of the World" Affirmation



Youth Retreat Mass with Fr. Scaria

Malia Puka O Kalani Church

Our Volunteers for Sunday September 14, 2008

Church Cleaning
Youth Group
 Flowers
Maybelle / Shirley
 Sacristan
Uncle Moke
 Altar Servers
Kalauao / Namele / Kekona

Lectors
Ron / Patty
 Eucharistic Ministers
Patty / Kathy
 Bell Ringers
Pete / Melody
 Money Counters
Natalie / Moke



Financial Notes: *August 31, 2008*

Attendance: Adults: 54 Children: 8
Koa Bowl: \$ 649.00



Julia Koshko leaves Malia and Hilo to live by her priest son, Fr. Dennis, who is pastor at St. Anthony's of Padua in Kailua. Julia has been assisting at Malia for many years, helping to make sure the finances have been in order. We will miss her and extend our deep gratitude to her while we wish her God's blessings on her new move.



Mary, Gate of Heaven, pray for us.

Aunty Irene Kondo
Kahele Ohana
Aunty Patty Grube
Uncle Tony Moniz

Aunty Minnie Alidon
Uncle Tommy Gouveia
Aunty Dora Costa
Aunty Mamo Otineru

Aunty Nita Kua
Aunty and Uncle Dulatre
Eleanor Birney
Aunty Mabel Silva

MINISTRY AT MALIA

Any vibrant Catholic parish has two things at its center: Liturgy and Ministry. Our parish has a liturgy that involves everyone's participation. One only needs to attend one Sunday Mass at Malia to experience the presence of the Spirit. We want this to grow in depth and in strength.

Ministry can be external or internal. The Food Basket is a good example of an external ministry. We help feed those who are not part of our community. I encourage all of us to continue this vital ministry. Today, however, I want to draw our attention to the internal ministry of Malia. This is a ministry that has been in the hands of a few people over the past years. We extend our deepest gratitude to them for maintaining our parish by their dedication. We want to expand the number of people who are involved in the internal ministries. There are three specific committees which will help maintain and improve our parish: The Liturgy Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Maintenance Committee. Let me explain each.

THE LITURGY COMMITTEE: This group will advise and make recommendations and help in the music, the church decorations, the celebration of the Liturgy, the scheduling of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, the devotional aspect of the parish, ministry to the homebound, etc. etc. etc. We will meet monthly.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: This group will monitor the financial aspects of the parish. This includes establishing the annual budget, assuring that there are correct checks and balances in order, approving large expenditures, assuring that we are in conformity with not only the Diocesan regulations but that we follow accepted business practices, etc. We will meet monthly.

THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE: Malia is a complex, older structure. We need to establish a priority of maintenance on not only the church but also the hall and the rectory and the grounds. If we fail to do this, we will be met with terribly high costs to repair or replace. We need a group of people who will help establish and then constantly update a maintenance plan. This group will meet quarterly.

There will be sign-up sheets in the pews for the next month. If you are willing to give of your time and talent, please sign one of the forms and put it in the basket. If there are a lot of people who sign up, I will select from the list of volunteers. I will speak to everyone who signs up after I return from the mainland at the end of September. Thank You! Fr. Joe



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Total Weekly Deposit	\$11,176.50
Parish Hall Fund to Date	\$89,878.50

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY, Sept. 7

10:15 am •Religious Ed Classes begin/SJHS

11:30 am •Youth Mass/St. Joseph Church

2:00 pm •Baptism/St. Joseph Church

7:00 pm •Young Adults Ministry/St. Joseph Rectory Library

MONDAY, Sept. 8

10:00 am •Aloha Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

12:00 pm •Food Pantry/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room

1:00 pm •Spiritual Support Group/St. Joseph Church Breezeway

5:45 pm •Youth Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

6:00 pm •RCIA Class/St. Joseph Rectory Library

7:00 pm •Parish Pastoral Council/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room

TUESDAY, Sept. 9

7:00 am •St. Joseph School Mass/SJS Elementary Chapel

1:00 pm •Renewal of Vows (Harris)/St. Joseph Church

6:30 pm •Small Christian Community/St. Joseph Rectory Library

7:00 pm •Basic Christian Community/YMI

7:00 pm •Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/St. Joseph Church

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 10

12:00 pm •Food Pantry/Malia Puka O Kalani Church

6:00 pm •Parish Design & Site Development Sub-Team/St. Joseph Rectory Mtg Rm

6:30 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

7:00 pm •Parish Building & Planning Team/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room

THURSDAY, Sept. 11

9:30 am •SJS Mass of the Holy Spirit/St. Joseph School Gymnasium

5:30 pm •Cursillo Meeting/St. Joseph Rectory Library

6:30 pm •St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

FRIDAY, Sept. 12

7:00 am •St. Joseph School Mass/SJS Elementary Chapel

5:00 pm •Parish Maintenance Sub-Team Meeting/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room

5:00 pm •Holy Hour/St. Joseph Church

6:00 pm •Benediction/St. Joseph Church

SATURDAY, Sept. 13

7:30 am •SJS Senior Class Garage Sale Fundraiser/SJS Pre-School

7:45 am •Church Cleaners #7/St. Joseph Church

10:00 am •Adult Scripture Study/St. Joseph Rectory Library

5:00 pm •High School Youth Group/Malia Puka O Kalani Church

7:00 pm •Spanish Mass & Fellowship/St. Joseph Church & Rectory Meeting Room

SUNDAY, Sept. 14

8:00 am •SJS Senior Class Car Wash Fundraiser/Just Cruizin' Coffee

10:15 am •Religious Ed Classes/SJHS

1:00 pm •Malia Altar Server Training/Malia Puka O Kalani Church

7:00 pm •Young Adults Ministry/St. Joseph Rectory Library

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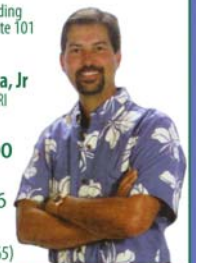
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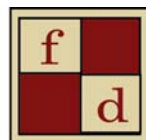
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