

Catholic Community of  
**Malia Puka O**  
**Kalani**  
326 Desha Ave  
Hilo, HI 96720

Weekend Masses:  
5:15 pm Saturday  
9:00 am Sunday  
Spanish Mass 4:00 pm  
Sunday

Weekday Masses:  
5:15 pm Mon, Wed., Fri.  
Office Hours: 9:00-- 5:00 daily  
except Thursday



May 29, 2011

### **Mission Statement**

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

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### **COMING HOME:**

Home is o'hana . It is so wonderful to be home. Mahalo to Fr. Joe Carroll for faithfully and willingly filling in for me in my time away. He is a wonderful friend and a great priest. Mahalo also to all of you, the dear parishioners and friends of Malia, for your prayers, your care, and your loving o'hana. I treasure you in my heart. **Fr. Joe**

### **SOME THOUGHTS:**

Should we request Bishop Larry Silva to decluster our parish from St. Joe's or should we be silent and stay clustered? This is the immediate question facing us. Three of the parish standing committees (Liturgy, Religious Education, and Maintenance/Repair) have already unanimously voted to ask the bishop to decluster Malia from St. Joseph's. What are the implications and consequences?

One major concern expressed by the three committees was, "Who will be our pastor? Will Fr. Joe remain or will he leave? If he leaves, will we survive as an independent parish?"

These questions imply that a parish is built on a human being rather than on Jesus Christ. Every pastor has his strengths and his weaknesses. In the end, the pastor is simply a human being who is called to shepherd a parish. But, the parish is bigger than any one human being. There is no doubt that over the past three years the parish of Malia has once again become a vibrant Christian Community in Keaukaha. This coincides with a priest living fulltime at Malia and giving full attention to the parish. Over the past three years many of you have become active in parish committees, in the liturgy, in religious education, in facility maintenance and repair, in financial accountability, in fundraising, in defining a Parish Mission, in writing a Pastoral Plan, etc. It is clear that Malia needs a resident priest and needs lay leadership in order to continue as a thriving parish. Right now, we have both. However, Malia does not need any one specific person for this to happen.

There was a parish on the mainland that was grieving the transfer of their pastor. One of the parishioners was asked by the local

newspaper editor if the parish would survive the pastor's transfer. The parishioner was quoted in the paper as saying, "Oh, we love and will miss our pastor. However, over the past years a lot of wonderful people found friends in our church. A lot of people received spiritual and emotional support from our community. A lot of children, teens, and adults learned about Jesus here. A lot of people were nourished by the Eucharist and strengthened by the Word. And a lot of people found a community of Christians who supported them and supported the hungry and the needy. This is all because Jesus Christ is present here. And He's not leaving!"

Malia is bigger than Fr. Joe or Fr. George or Fr. Sam or any single lay person or clergy. Malia is bigger than BILAC or any program or project regardless of how successful it was or is. Malia is a place where "two or three gather in His name and He is there"; Malia is a place "filled with the Holy Spirit, guided by God's Word, and enriched by the Hawaiian culture (mission statement).

Many of you are concerned about the status of my health and question whether or not I will remain at Malia in the foreseeable future. I am very grateful for your concern and your prayers. The bishop has asked to meet with me when he returns from his pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I am sure we will discuss the clustered/declustered status of Malia as well as my health and my personal future at Malia. The bishop and/or I will communicate to the parish after the meeting.

In the meantime, we remember and re-commit to the reality that our parish is rooted in Jesus Christ. We cannot leave the responsibility for the vibrance of our parish in the hands of any one or two individuals nor can we allow any one or two individuals to usurp or pretend that they speak for or have the responsibility of the parish. WE are the parish of Malia. When we remember this, Jesus Christ will remain with us regardless if we are clustered or declustered and regardless who is our resident priest. **Fr Joe**

### **MEMORIAL DAY:**

We will celebrate a simple Mass at 9:00AM on Monday, May 30th, Memorial Day. While Memorial Day is a day off from school and work and a cook-out in the yard or in the park by the ocean, it is most especially a DAY OF REMEMBERING. If you cannot participate at Mass, please say a short MAHALO prayer for those on who's shoulders we stand. There will be no 5:15 Mass on Monday.

### **HONORING OUR CONFIRMANDI:**

Next Sunday, June 5, at the 9:00AM Mass we will honor the five young people from Malia who were confirmed on May 15th.

### **FINANCE MEETING:**

A very important meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on Saturday, June 4th at 9:30AM. We will set priorities and finalize the annual budget for 2011-12; we will approve Fund Raising Projects for next year; we will discuss the clustering/declustering issue. All meetings are open. Everyone's input is welcome.

### **PARKING:**

You may have noticed that there is now a yellow line on the parking lot on the east side of the church. Please park your car on the grass, with front end not extending beyond the yellow line. It has become impossible for an emergency vehicle to pass through because cars are parked in such a way that they block the drive. (It is a pleasant problem when we have so many cars that the right-of-way is blocked—but with a little care, the problem can be solved and still keep a lot of cars!!)

### **KITCHEN:**

Mahalo to our Maintenance Committee/Crew. The kitchen in the Hall is taking shape.



### ***Please Keep in Prayer***

*Fr. Joseph Hennen  
Ernest Matsumoto  
Aunty Patty Grube  
Uncle Tony Moniz  
Aunty Dora Costa  
Aunty Mamo Otineru  
Aunty Nita Kua  
Aunty Elizabeth Dulatre  
Aunty Mabel Silva  
Aunty Irene Kondo  
Shirley Rizzo  
Grace Carter  
Rupert Tripp Jr.  
Daniel Richards  
Uncle Warren Curtis  
Aunty Babes Viverios  
Terry Tardino  
Donald Swain  
Samson Wana Sr.  
Else DeMello  
Paul Etchverry  
Sandi Claveria  
Nellie O'Neill  
Andrea Alaniz  
Jerry Moniz  
Merasol Hoopii  
Douglas Ferreira  
Doreen Johnson  
Janice Shimizu  
Roger Fritts  
Wayne Anderson  
Bernice McCartin  
David Watson  
Quintin Aiona  
Addie Strunk  
Ken Yamamoto  
Robert Blomme  
Janet Luiz  
Naeda Pearl Wardwell  
The people of Japan*

