

## Annunciation Parish – August 27, 2017

Church of the Annunciation Waimea – Ascension Mission Puako

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### Mass Times

Annunciation Church Waimea: Saturday 5:00PM Sunday 8:00AM

Ascension Mission Puako: Sunday 10:00AM

Tuesday – Friday Morning Prayer 6:45AM Mass 7:00AM

First Friday Mass 12:00 Noon

**Adoration Fridays after morning Mass to Noon**

**Confession Saturday 4:00 – 4:30PM or by appointment**

**Religious Education** Classes will resume September 17: Sunday 8:15 AM Puako; 9:15 AM Waimea.

**Marriage** Allow six months for preparation.

**Baptism of Children** Parents attend class offered quarterly.

**Hospital Visits Anointing of the Sick** Please call office.

My Brothers and Sisters,

In last week's Gospel, we heard the story of the Canaanite woman (a Gentile) who appealed to Jesus for help, and her prayer and plea were answered. Part of the message of that is that the Kingdom of God is open to and offered to all peoples.

This week we hear Jesus say to St. Peter in the Gospel from Matthew, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." An important part of the Vatican flag is two keys. Those keys, of course, represent the keys to the kingdom to which Jesus makes reference. Were you aware that one key is gold and the other silver? Interpretation is that the gold key represents spiritual power and the silver key represents worldly power.

We are also fond of images and more showing Saint Peter at the gates of Heaven deciding who is admitted and who is not. Nevertheless, the keys are reinforced in the Acts of the Apostles, and it is perhaps not that Peter opens the gates of Heaven, but Peter (and Paul as well) through his ministry and explanations make it clear that heaven (the kingdom) is available to all, Jews and Gentiles.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1023) states, "Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. They are like God forever, for they 'see him as he is,' face to face." Pope Francis has spoken on this more than once. Recently, he stated, "The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us with the Blood of Christ. However, we must meet one another doing good." Our call is clear.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr Stephen*

### **A Stewardship Note on this Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*In today's reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans—and us—that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." Good stewards understand that all is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they've been blessed.*

**Religious Education Classes** begin on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Please complete your child's registration ASAP; but no later than September 3, 2017. Registration forms are required for returning students as well as new students in the R.E. Program. Mahalo.....

### **New Adoration Time for September 1st**

Mark your calendars...special Adoration for the 1st Friday of September. September 1, 2017 - Adoration will be held in Waimea from 6:00pm - 9:00pm. This is **IN ADDITION** to the First Friday Adoration from 7:00am - 12:00 Noon on the same day.



Please plan on spending some time with the Blessed Sacrament during this special Adoration time.

### **Catholic Charities Hawaii**

#### **Second Collection This Weekend**

Your charitable donation to CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII enables us to deliver a hand up - not a hand out - to those who need it most. When you give to the special Catholic Charities Sunday offering, you can be assured that every penny stays on Hawaii Island to help our local neighbors in need.

### **The Languages of Love Workshop – September 16, 2017**

Space is still available for Marriage Enrichment Workshop on Saturday, September 16th for any couple who is interested. Place: Sacred Heart Church – Hawi; Time: 9am to 4pm with Mass at 5pm; Topic: The Five Languages of Love; Cost: \$30 per couple. Contact the Parish office if you would like to attend.

**Update: Funeral Services for Alan Shattuck**

Saturday, September 9 – Annunciation Church 8:30-9:30AM Visitation; 9:30 Eulogy; 10AM Mass

Military funeral / burial services Thursday, Sept. 28 - 12:00 Noon – West HI Veterans Cemetery

### **Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo**

The Office of the Bishop received the news that Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo died late Thursday night, August 17, 2017. He was 75 years old and served as the Bishop of Richmond, Virginia since 2004. He served as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Honolulu from October 12, 1993 until he was appointed the Fourth Bishop of Honolulu on November 29, 1994. May he rest in peace.

A Memorial Mass for Bishop DiLorenzo at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace will take place Thursday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. Validated parking is available at Century Square, 1188 Bishop Street.

### **Greeting Card Ministry**

Do you know a parishioner who is sick and could use some greeting cards to lift his or her spirits? If so, please let us know by visiting [bit.ly/annunciationcardrequest](http://bit.ly/annunciationcardrequest), and our ministry members will send a card to this person.



### **Aug. 19/20 Mass Count and Your Gift of Treasure**

5PM	132	people	\$ 2,474.00
8AM	169	people	\$ 1,618.60
10AM	217	people	\$ 1,525.00

***Mahalo for your gift of treasure!***