

Annunciation Parish – September 3, 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,

Our Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans is quite short, but as is ever the case with Holy Scripture it contains a central message which is quite important to us. One of the ongoing challenges of being Catholic and Christian in today's society is that society, cultural norms, sometimes seem to work against our efforts to live as followers and disciples of Christ.

Paul sums up that struggle succinctly as he says, "Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." Paul offers two suggestions in terms of combating the temptation to conform and agree.

First, he calls for a "renewal" of our minds. Often in today's society the standard opinion is that it is feelings, how we feel, that are most important. Living in that way ignores the mind approach. Second, if we do try to sort things out intellectually we can only be successful in God's eyes if we seek truth. The question we must pose to ourselves and to which we need to seek a conclusion is not "How do I feel?" or even "What do I think?" The important question for us is "What is true and what does God's Word say?"

The philosopher and author C. S. Lewis defined truth simply when he wrote: "No philosophical theory which I have yet come across is a radical improvement on the words of Genesis, that '...in the beginning God made heaven and earth'."

Yours in Christ,

Fr Stephen

A Stewardship Note on this Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to total stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, ".....offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

See Romans 12:1

Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build

September 13-23 ... 10 days ...10 homes...10 families. Kona Hawaiian Homes (above civic center). Our parish has been asked to provide sandwiches and cookies for the volunteer workers on Saturday, September 16th. **Please sign up to make sandwiches or bake cookies at the kiosk.** You may deliver same to the parish office between 8-9:00AM on Saturday, September 16th.

Volunteers also needed for construction, first aid, hospitality, massage therapy, transportation, security, and more! For information or to sign up to help during the build period, please contact: sabrina@habitathawaiiisland.org (808)331-8010, Ext. 111.

Special Collections next two weekends

The annual collection for **Catholic University of America** will be taken (along with the main offertory collection) on September 9/10. Envelopes in the pews.

A special collection for **victims of Hurricane Harvey** disaster relief will be taken on September 16/17. Envelopes will be in the pews.

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week

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Religious Education Classes begin on Sunday, September 17th. Each student must be pre-registered. Please see Jane or Larry.

Kupuna Picnic at the Nature Park **Saturday September 16 at 11am**

Bring your folding chair and any musical instrument you might play. Lunch will be provided with a lot of fun and fellowship to follow. Please call Mary Kay to RSVP: 885-5640 or sign up after Church.

Attn. Waimea Kupuna: Interested in a Vegetable, Herb, or Flower Garden installed at your home?

HPA 8th grade students are looking for **senior citizens in Waimea** who would like to have a back-yard raised bed garden installed at their home as a community service project. If interested, please contact HPA teacher Justin Brown at jbrown@hpa.edu.

Aug. 26/27 Mass Count and Your Gift of Treasure

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| 5PM | 123 people | \$ 1,022.00 |
| 8AM | 211 people | \$ 1,399.55 |
| 10AM | 161 people | \$ 2,491.00 |
| Catholic Charities Hawaii 2 nd Collection: | | \$4,020.16 |

Mahalo for your gift of treasure!

Catholic Charities Hawaii extends their appreciation and gratitude for your support and generosity at last weekend's 2nd collection.

Labor Day Holiday

In observance of Labor Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday, September 4th.