

Annunciation Parish – December 31, 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 Mass 7:00AM

First Friday Mass 12:00 Noon

Adoration Fridays after morning Mass until Noon and from 6-9PM on First Fridays

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

Religious Education Classes Resume January 7th: 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,

The primary purpose of the Feast of the Holy Family is to present the Holy Family as the model for Christian for families.

In Italy there is a saying, “La famiglia e’ tutto”, which means the family is everything! Our Holy Father Pope Francis has made families one of the focal points of his papacy. He organized a conference on families in 2015. Speaking to the gathered families he said “you cannot have a family without dreams. I am very fond of dreams in families. For nine months, every mother and father dream about their baby. They dream about what kind of child he or she will be....You can’t have a family without dreams. Once a family loses the ability to dream, children do not grow, love does not grow, life shrivels up and dies. So I ask you each to make an examination of conscience each evening, to also ask yourself this question: Today did I dream about my children’s future, did I dream about the love of my husband or wife? Did I dream about my parents and grandparents even if they have gone before me?”

All of today’s readings have to do with families and family life. The reading from Sirach, our first reading, emphasized the Forth Commandment: “Honor thy father and mother.” We are commanded to respect and love our parents. However it is a two way street. The Gospel speaks of the development of Jesus, and that should inspire all parents to understand that our prayers are the same as the prayers of Mary and Joseph – that our children will become strong in Spirit and filled with wisdom.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Stephen

Stewardship Note on this Feast of the Holy Family

“Whatever you do,” says St. Paul to the Colossians, “do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him.” And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist “through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.”

Up Coming Events

- **Youth Ministry Gathering** – Sat. January 6, 6pm
- **Religious Ed classes** resume Sunday January 7
- **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** – Fri. Jan. 19, 6pm
- **Santo Nino Feast Celebration** – Sat. Jan. 20, 12Noon - 3pm – St. Joseph School Gym, Hilo.
- **Stewardship Parish Retreat** – Friday evening, Feb. 16 and Saturday morning/afternoon, February 17

Youth Ministry Gathering

ATTENTION High School Youth & College students! Come join us for our Epiphany Party on Saturday, January 6th from 6:00pm - 8:30pm in the Parish Hall. We will enjoy a yummy dinner catered from Earl's. Please bring a wrapped present valued at \$10 so we can play a fun game. RSVP by 1/3/18 to annunciationyg96743@gmail.com

Visit bit.ly/aymwebsite for more information

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Attention members of the many ministries we have here at Annunciation Parish! The Stewardship Committee and Fr. Stephen would like to honor you at a fabulous dinner on Friday, January 19th from 6:00 - 8:00pm at Annunciation Church. There will be games with prizes! RSVP online today at bit.ly/2018dinner or call 883-1999. You can also RSVP on the clipboard located in the kiosk outside of Church. RSVP is required by Friday, January 12th so we know how much food to prepare. You will receive a dinner ticket that evening. We hope to see you there!

Santo Nino Festival

Tickets are on sale now for the 2018 Hawaii Island Feast celebration of Santo Nino which will be held on Saturday, January 20th from 12 Noon–3pm at St. Joseph School Gym, Hilo. The plate lunch (to benefit St. Joseph School’s Scholarships) is \$20. Tickets may be purchased through the parish office or Francesca Dela Cruz.

Hospitality Sunday

Please join your fellow parishioners and visitors after Mass this Sunday, December 31st for fellowship and refreshments.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

May you and your families be blessed abundantly and may peace be realized throughout the world.

Get a \$50 GC for liking us on Facebook

We are giving away a prize to one lucky person who engages with us on Facebook. To enter, do the following:

1. Like our Facebook page - search for Annunciation Catholic Church & Ascension Mission
2. Like, comment or share our posts
3. Check in when you come to Mass and/or events at Church
4. Post pictures and/or write a review on our wall.
5. Each time you do a #2, #3 or #4 - you'll be entered to win a \$50 GC to Amazon.com!

Winner to be announced at our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on 1/19/18! Enter as many times as you like!

Vacation Bible School 2018

Parents - if you have a child in Kindergarten - Grade 5, please mark your calendars for our 2nd Annual Vacation Bible School in Waimea. Parents asked that we move it to July as not to interfere with other summer programs, so we will have it from **July 16 - 20, 2018, 9am - Noon every day.** More information will come in the Spring; but if you’d like to see pictures of last year’s VBS, visit bit.ly/vbswaimeapics2017 or to see a video, visit bit.ly/vbswaimeavideo2017

We hope your child can join us this year!

Dec. 23/24 Sunday Mass Count and Your Gift of Treasure		
5PM	164 people	\$1997.00
8AM	171 people	\$1773.00
10AM	211 people	\$1627.00
Dec. 24/25 Christmas Mass Count and Your Gift of Treasure		
7PM (W)	617 people	\$5494.00
10PM (P)	242 people	\$2208.13
8AM (W)	240 people	\$2429.00
10AM (P)	485 people	\$4250.00

Mahalo for your gift of treasure!