

Annunciation Parish – February 4, 2018

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 Sunday 8:15 AM Puako; 9:15 AM Waimea.

Marriage Allow six months for preparation.

Baptism of Children Parents attend class offered quarterly. Next class after Easter.

Hospital Visits Anointing of the Sick Please call office.

My Brothers and Sisters,

On the 23rd of January, the church in Honolulu celebrated the 180th birthday of Saint Marianne Cope one of our own two local saints. As I pondered her life and the celebration, I was struck by how many of us will be remembered on our 180th birthday. We remember the Saints of our Church because of the exemplary job they did living out the mandate Jesus gives us all.

Saint Marianne answered God's call. King Kalakaua wrote to fifty religious orders asking for nurses to come to Hawaii to care for his people who had leprosy. Saint Marianne and the Franciscan sisters of Syracuse answered the call. In 1883 she and six of her sisters departed New York for Hawaii. As Superior she was not planning to stay, just to get her sisters settled in. She and her sisters staffed Branch hospital in Kaka'ako Oahu. In 1884 she founded Malulani Hospital which later became Maui Memorial Hospital. She then returned to Branch hospital and found the administrator was abusing the leprosy patients. She told the government, if they kept the administrator on, she and her sisters would return to New York. She was named Administrator of Branch hospital. In 1888 the government pleaded with her to open a home on Kalaupapa for women and girls with leprosy. She opened Bishop's Home in Kalaupapa. She and her sisters cared for Fr. Damien at his death on April 15 1889. The Sisters, along with Brother Dutton, assumed responsibility for the care of the men and boys as well the women at Saint Damien's death. Saint Marianne died August 6, 1918.

Our local Franciscan Sisters have had a continuous presence on Kalaupapa for 130 years. Many are from Hilo, Kona and Kohala.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Stephen

A Stewardship Note on this 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings."

See 1 Corinthians 9:23

Up Coming Events

- **Youth Ministry gathering** – Sat., Feb. 10 6-8:30 pm in the parish hall.
- **Ash Wednesday** – February 14
Mass times: 7AM-Waimea; 7PM-Puako
- **Stewardship Parish Retreat** – Friday evening 6PM, February 16; and Saturday morning/afternoon, February 17 beginning with 8AM Mass.
- **Chrism Mass – Blessing of the Oils and Consecration of the Chrism** – Thursday, March 8 at 6PM, St. Michael's Church – Kona

Please bring your Palms from last year's Palm Sunday to church next weekend to be burned for ashes.

Lenten Regulations

Fasting: Catholics aged 18 thru 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14) and Good Friday (March 30). *One full meal a day at most, other smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes permitted. (No food or drink (except water and medicine) between meals.*

Abstinence From Meat: Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. *Refrain from eating beef, veal, pork or poultry at least (although eggs and milk products acceptable). Fish and shellfish permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.*

NEW DATE - Youth Ministry

ATTENTION High School Youth! Come join us for our monthly Youth Ministry gathering on Saturday, **February 10th** from 6:00pm - 8:30pm in the Church Hall. RSVP by to annunciationy96743@gmail.com or visit bit.ly/aymwebsite for more information.

Don't Miss Out!!!

All parishioners are invited to join us for our upcoming **Lenten Retreat**. This is a great opportunity to start your Lenten journey off with a bang as we set aside time to focus on Our Lord and Master, pursuing His will for our lives and uniting ourselves in prayer to Him. We will enjoy talks, music, Mass and fellowship!

Our retreat will begin with dinner on Friday at 6:00 p.m. and will continue on Saturday, February 17 with Mass at 8:00 a.m., wrapping things up around 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Meals will be included, and there is no cost to attend.

RSVP at the kiosk or visit bit.ly/2018retreatwaimea

LIVING CATHOLIC IN THE 808

38 MINUTES OF GRACE By: Christopher Malano

Business Manager Newman Center, UH Manoa
January 13, our confirmation students were gathered for their confirmation retreat. Obviously, the emergency alert from our phones captured our attention. A missile threat! Without a clear sense of what was happening, we first asked the students to call their parents. With nowhere to go — the university buildings are locked on the weekend — and no time to waste, we turned to the only thing we were certain of — our faith. In almost a processional pace, we quietly migrated toward the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament resides. We stood around, took a few deep breaths, centered ourselves, and surrendered everything to the One who was in control, God. We prayed, we embraced, and we waited together. Considering the circumstances, our confirmation students remained calm and though young, they showed great maturity. They exhibited for us adults that in all moments of life, our faith provides opportunities to turn to Christ. We have someone sharing life with us. We do not travel this journey alone. Those thirty - eight minutes, though frightening, were also a reminder of Grace. Even when we may be afraid, we know that Christ is present with us. How can we experience Grace in our own lives? We need only to look to our children for such models of faith.

Stations of the Cross/Soup & Bread Fridays

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on the Fridays of Lent beginning February 23, 2018 at 6:00pm in Annunciation Church, led by members of the following ministries (who will also provide soup and bread to follow in the parish hall—*Ministry leaders will ask volunteers for 3 pots of soup and 2 loaves of bread*):

February 24 – Church and Hall Cleaners

March 2 – Lectors and Ushers March 9 – Choir

March 16 – Catechists March 23 – Eucharistic Min.

Special Collection next weekend February 10/11

Augustine Educational Foundation to support Catholic Education in Hawaii ... here on the Big Island – St. Joseph's School, Hilo. Envelope and pamphlet attached.

Jan 27/28 Sunday Mass Count and Your Gift of Treasure

5PM	178 people	\$1620.00
8AM	213 people	\$1803.40
10AM	385 people	\$3175.55

Mahalo for your gift of treasure!