

Annunciation Parish – January 14, 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 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 Saturday, January 20th, after 5pm Mass

Hospital Visits Anointing of the Sick Please call office.

My Brothers and Sisters,

“Speak, for your servant is listening.” With those few words Samuel humbles himself and declares his loyalty and obedience to God. There are perhaps for many of us challenges in those words. Initially Samuel responds “Here I am,” but thinks it was Eli who called him. The idea of being a servant and the willingness to serve are what may be trials for us in terms of how we live.

Samuel does not recognize the voice of the Lord. That, too, may be a problem for us. First we need to be listening. Are we, or are we merely going through the motions? Responding to God with “Here I am” is a magnificent way to react to God. It is not that God does not know where we are, but saying that can serve as a reminder to us that we are stewards, servants to Him, and it implies we are prepared to hear what He wants us to do.

“Here I am” is said numerous times by those in the Old Testament including Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Isaiah, and by Ananias in the New Testament. When Jesus says, “Come follow me,” as He does to us, do we hear Him; and even more important, do we respond and do we follow?

In order to do that properly we have to be prepared to serve Him and others. Thus, like Samuel, we need to listen, and then we need to serve. At a recent papal audience, Pope Francis said, “Love and charity are service, helping others, serving others. When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!”

Yours in Christ,

Fr Stephen

A Stewardship Note on this 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."See 1 Samuel 3:4; Psalm 40

Up Coming Events

- **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** – Friday, January 19, 6pm - Annunciation Church
- **Santo Nino Feast Celebration** – Sat. Jan. 20, 12Noon-3pm – St. Joseph School Gym
- **Baptism Class** – Saturday, Jan. 20, following 5pm Mass
- **R.E. Parents' Makeup Meeting** (for those who did not attend November's meeting) Sunday, January 28, 2-3:30pm in parish hall
- **Deacon Ordination** – Feb. 2 7PM - St. Michael's
- **Stewardship Parish Retreat** – Friday evening February 16, and Saturday morning/afternoon, February 17

Note: Confirmation Retreat for grades 6-12 to be re-scheduled.

Deacon Ordination

Two new deacons for our Big Island! Deacon Ordination of Craig Camello and David Watson: February 2, 2018, 7:00 p.m., at St. Michael's Church - Kona

9-Days for Life Novena Jan. 18-26

9 Days for Life is a "digital pilgrimage" of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions.

The U.S. Catholic bishops invite you to join thousands of Catholics nationwide from Thursday, January 18 - Friday, January 26. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com

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!

Note: The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringers

Many thanks to those parishioners who rang the bell at KTA on the Saturdays of Advent (some of whom did 4-hour shifts and/or covered more than 1 Saturday shift). Your cheerful presence resulted in a total of \$2,154 being placed in Annunciation's red kettle for the Salvation Army! Thank you!!!!

Living Catholic in the 808

Lukewarm Faith – Not my “cup of tea!”

By: Mr. Justin Agustin, Master Catechist - St. Joseph Church, Waipahu

Have you had a cup of tea that has been sitting out? The taste of was once an aromatic boiling hot tea now becomes a stale room temperature drink - yuck!

Now how does this tie into our faith? That's easy! Stay “Hot! Hot! Hot!” in your Catholic faith. Do not be lukewarm. I repeat, do not be lukewarm.

Pope Francis in one of his Sunday homilies said that Christians are in jeopardy of becoming "lukewarm" where we become "Christians in appearance" but we fail to conduct ourselves as Christians. We all have in some way or form become tepid in our actions as Christ's Disciples. One of the main entities that quenches our faith is sin. Every time we fall, we gradually put out the fire of faith making us lukewarm. After enough occasions, our faith can even grow cold.

Lukewarm faith is not my “cup of tea” – so let us set our souls ablaze with the zeal of Christ! Avoiding sin and being a Christian that is more than skin-deep will surely keep our temperature high! Therefore, with that roaring fire in us and with the words of St. Ignatius of Loyola as our motto, we can “Go forth and set the world on fire.”

On-Line Giving Month of December 2017

Sunday Offering:	24 Donors	\$8,435.00
Building Maintenance:	2 Donors	\$ 100.00
Faith Formation, Stewardship, Evangelization:	2 Donors	\$ 441.60
Parish Outreach:	6 Donors	\$ 650.00
(Food Pantry \$550 / Hunger Free Keiki \$100)		

Jan 7/8 Sunday Mass Count and Your Gift of Treasure

5PM	191 people	\$1616.00
8AM	231 people	\$1826.00
10AM	315 people	\$3687.36

Mahalo for your gift of treasure!