

Annunciation Parish – January 7, 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 quarterly.

Hospital Visits Anointing of the Sick Please call office.

My Brothers and Sisters,

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on Jan. 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8.

“Epiphany” means “manifestation.” It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, “O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light.”

Yours in Christ,

Fr Stephen

Stewardship Note on this Feast of the Epiphany

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship.

What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

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
- **Confirmation Retreat – Grades 6-12** – Saturday, January 27, 9am – 5pm in parish hall
- **R.E. Parents’ Meeting #2** – Sunday, January 28, 2-3:30pm in parish hall
- **Stewardship Parish Retreat** – Friday eve Feb.16, and Saturday morning/afternoon, February 17

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 Francisca Dela Cruz.

Note: 7AM Communion Service Jan. 9-12
(no Adoration on Friday, January 12)

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!

Dec. 30/31 Sunday Mass Count
and Your Gift of Treasure

5PM	167 people	\$3337.93
8AM	174 people	\$2031.00
10AM	344 people	\$3907.65

Mahalo for your gift of treasure!