

Annunciation Parish – February 11, 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 – Waimea

First Friday Mass 12:00 Noon - Waimea

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,

Often one of our human weaknesses has to do with us believing or thinking we know better than God in relation to what we do and what we do in relation to others. Of course, part of that has to do with our failure to pray and consult the Lord, or even more to make no effort to understand what God may be telling us.

In today’s Gospel Reading from St. Mark, we hear about Jesus curing a leper. In His instructions to the cured man, He says, “See that you tell no one anything,” Of course, the man pays no attention to this instruction from the Lord. Instead, “The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter.”

Surely the man meant well--in fact, he probably thought he was helping Jesus; but the reality as stated in the Gospel is that his disobedience hindered the ministry of Jesus, “so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.” We need to obey the Lord; and we should never think we have a better plan than He does.

Even the eminent scientist Albert Einstein recognized how important Jesus’ teachings are. Einstein said, “As a child I received instruction both in the Bible and in the Talmud. I am a Jew, but I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene — no one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life.”

Yours in Christ,

Fr Stephen

A Stewardship Note on this 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God."

If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

See Corinthians 10:31

Up Coming Events

- **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
- **Lenten Reconciliation Service** – Thursday, March 22, 2018

DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT

Lent comes every year. It's meant to be a time when we invite God to help us become the-best-version-of-ourselves. But for many of us, Lent isn't a transformative experience. It's just a time when we give up chocolate or something else we enjoy, then go back to it at Easter.

This Lent, do something different. Join our parish for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that is designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you'll receive an email with inspirational videos, practical tips and encouraging stories.

Are you ready for the Best Lent Ever? SIGN UP AT DYNAMICCATHOLIC.COM/40Days

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.**

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.

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

Assisted suicide is back again

Our legislature has already heard a bill to REDUCE SUICIDES IN HAWAII by 25% by establishing September as SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH. We are supporting this effort, but want to discourage the legislature from promoting assisted suicide on the other hand. Three suicide bills that were introduced this session by House members have been assigned to a JOINT committee hearing of the Health & Judiciary committees.

Please go to the Hawaii Catholic Conference website petition: <http://www.catholichawaii.org/hcc> and click the “take action” button to sign a petition to keep assisted suicide out of Hawaii. Petitions are also at the kiosk this week and next.

Hunger-Free Keiki Pack Dates

Come, help us pack totes for 17 homeless students at 6pm in the old church....

- Tuesday, February 13 - moved to Tuesday due to Ash
- Wednesday, 6pm pack for 4-day weekend
- Thursday, February 22 - 6pm pack for weekend
- Thursday, March 1, 6pm pack for weekend
- Thursday, March 8, 6pm pack for weekend
- Thursday, March 15, 6pm pack for 10-day Spring Break
- Wednesday, March 28, 6pm pack for 3-day weekend

Church Envelopes

If you are receiving envelopes but not using them, please let the Parish Office know so we can cancel your envelopes. It would save the Church the cost of unused envelopes. Just write a check and we'll be able to track your donation for tax purposes. If you are using your envelopes, please continue. Mahalo!

<u>Feb 3/4 Sunday Mass Count and Your Gift of Treasure</u>		
5PM	190 people	\$2170.00
8AM	220 people	\$2171.00
10AM	330 people	\$3342.12
<i>Mahalo for your gift of treasure!</i>		