

Annunciation Parish – October 28, 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: Saturdays 4:00 – 4:30PM or by appointment

Religious Education Classes: Grades 1-5: Sundays, 8:15AM in Puako; 9:15AM in Waimea

Youth Grades 6-8 & 9-12: 2nd & 4th Sundays in Annunciation Parish Hall

Marriage Allow six months for preparation.

Baptism of Children Parents attend class: Saturday, November 3rd after 5pm Mass

Hospital Visits / Anointing of the Sick Please call parish office.

My Brothers and Sisters,

As Christian stewards we are called to devote a regular portion of our time to God in prayer. Perhaps we find it intimidating to find the right words when approaching our perfect and all-holy God.

Today's Gospel shows us we need to have our "act together" before we can spend time with Him in prayer. In this passage from Mark, we see that Bartimaeus received a powerful answer to prayer at a very low point in his life. There, he sat, begging at the side of the road in a very undignified manner. His posture wasn't exactly reverent, and his prayer wasn't eloquent, just a desperate, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."

But it was a sincere cry from his heart. And Jesus, though surrounded by a sizable crowd, heard it, and called for Bartimaeus to come to Him. Folks from the crowd called to Bartimaeus, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." And right there on the spot, Bartimaeus experienced a profound moment of personal encounter with our Lord and the healing of his vision he desired.

How simple it is to encounter Jesus! All we must do is reach out to Him in prayer and we can be assured that He will hear us and call us to Himself. So let's all take courage this week knowing that Jesus is calling us right now to spend time with Him just as we are, in all our weakness and brokenness. Tell Him, the great High Priest, what your needs are and then, like Bartimaeus, follow Him, and keep on keeping on in this stewardship way of life. It's a life with the ultimate happy ending.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Stephen

A Stewardship Note on this 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's psalm says, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."
Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.

All Souls Remembrance ~ Special Request

Last chance for you to email (or ask your grandchild to email) pictures of your family and friends who have passed away and whom you would like remembered during the month of November. Please email office (or bring photo for copying) by Wednesday, October 31st
annchhi@hawaiiantel.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

Baptism Class – Saturday, November 3rd

following 5pm Mass for parents desiring Baptism for their child. Godparents also encouraged to attend.

A Spiritual Retreat for those Mourning the Loss of a Loved One

Saturday, November 10, 2018 – 9am – 2pm -
St. Anthony Retreat Center Rose Hill – 3351 Kalihi St., Honolulu. Sisters Marie Lemert, SS.CC. and Malulani Kamanu will lead participants through prayer and reflection.

Registration required by November 5th. Please call 808-845-0065. Minimum suggested donation \$10.

Stewardship Dates to Remember

- Ministry Fair after all Masses – November 17 & 18, 2018
- Stewardship Commitment Weekend - November 24 & 25, 2018
- Parish Leadership Gathering for Ministry & Parish Leaders – November 29, 2018, 7-8pm in Waimea

RESPECT LIFE

Killing the Pain, Not the Patient: Palliative Care vs. Assisted Suicide

Assisted suicide is in the news and on lawmakers' agendas. Supporters call it "aid in dying" & claim it's just another option for end-of-life care. But it's radically different from the practice of palliative care, the healing art of relieving pain and other distressing symptoms for patients who are seriously ill. Palliative care intends to comfort a patient, addressing physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs. Assisted suicide, by contrast, directly intends the patient's death. It ignores any underlying problems, and instead abandons and eliminates the patient who has the problems. As a society and as individuals, we must dedicate ourselves to providing genuinely compassionate care that protects God's gift of life.

Did you know that medical organizations like the American Medical Association oppose assisted suicide?

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Word of Life

"In our society, human life is especially under attack from abortion, which some political actors mischaracterize as an issue of women's health."
USCCB Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Oct. 20/21 Sunday Mass Count and Your Gift of Treasure

5PM	153 people	\$1,283.00
8AM	190 people	\$2,040.00
10AM	234 people	\$1,668.00
World Mission Sunday Collection:		\$ 769.33
<i>Mahalo for your gifts of treasure!</i>		