

Annunciation Parish – November 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 – 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, held quarterly....Nov. 3 after 5PM Mass.

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

My Brothers and Sisters,

Today's Gospel presents Jesus' teachings on the two greatest commandments. Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And, love your neighbor as yourself. Let's consider these "greatest commandments" as they relate to three aspects of a Christian steward's daily life — the giving of our time, talent and treasure.

The use of time refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord — in other words, our prayer life. Since time is a gift to me from God, I show my love for Him and my gratitude for this gift by giving Him the best portion of my time. Of course it is vital to talk to God throughout the day, but if I really want to love Him with all my heart, soul, mind and strength, shouldn't I make time for God "first" on my agenda each day? Not as an afterthought, but as a time I have intentionally chosen to spend only with Him.

The use of talents refers to the way I offer the abilities, skills, and interests the Lord has given me for the good of those around me. Doing so is a practical way to "love my neighbor as myself." At the same time it is also a way to love the Lord with all that I am and have, since He has told us that whatever we do for others we are also doing for Him.

The use material gifts — or treasure — likewise demonstrates both love of God and of neighbor. When I trustingly offer a sacrificial gift to God through the offertory collection I am showing Him in a very tangible way that He comes before all else in my life and I am putting my material resources at the service of my neighbor in the parish community and beyond.

When we live for God and others, we are living a stewardship way of life. And like the wise scribe in today's Gospel, we are moving closer to the kingdom of God, our ultimate destination.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Stephen

A Stewardship Note on this 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

What percentage does God ask of me as a good steward?

All of my heart, all of my soul, all of my mind, and all of my strength!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November Hunger-Free Keiki Pack Dates

Thursday, November 1, 8 and 15; and Wednesday, November 28....all at 6pm in the old church. Also, if you have gently used men's large or x-large t-shirts to donate, we use them to make tote bags. Mahalo!

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.

Thanksgiving Mass

November 22nd – 8am – Waimea

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

Change in Mass Time on Saturday, Dec. 1st

Please mark your calendars: Due to the Waimea Christmas parade, Mass will be held at 4:30PM on Saturday, December 1st. (No confessions that day)

RED KETTLE BELL RINGING SATURDAYS IN DECEMBER

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Word of Life

"The dying process is a sacred time – a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ's Resurrection. As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End"

www.usccb.org/endoflifecare

Adult parish family needs a home

If you, or someone you know, has an ohana available to rent to this wonderful family in our parish (3 adults), please contact the parish office at 887-1220.

Cemetery Mahalo

Thank you to the Bugado family and others who came to our Cemetery Maintenance Day last Saturday. We appreciate your efforts in getting our cemetery ready for All Souls Day. God bless you.

Youth Ministry Community Service

Our Middle School and High School Youth Ministry will be doing a community service project at their next gathering on Sunday, November 11th from 2 to 4pm in Waimea.

Catholic Charities has received a large amount of slippers, washcloths & travel-size toiletries in a bag from the Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows before they closed for renovation. We thank them for their generous donation.

The youth will be assembling 300 kits with these items and we will distribute them to the homeless, Kupuna in our Parish, Food Pantry families, Hale Ho'ola Long Term Care Home in Honoka'a and the residents of the Kamuela and Waimea Senior Housing Units.

Thank you in advance to our youth for doing this wonderful project for our community.

Oct. 27/28 Sunday Mass Count

and Your Gift of Treasure

5PM	142 people	\$1,477.00
8AM	170 people	\$2,025.00
10AM	197 people	\$1,565.00
All Souls Offerings:		\$ 290.00

Mahalo for your gifts of treasure!