

Annunciation Parish – December 2, 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.

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

My Brothers and Sisters,

We have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time.

It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. In other words, Advent is a steward's season!

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season.

The Gospel, from Luke, warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. Both extremes are easy to fall prey to. To avoid these traps, we are told to "be vigilant" and "pray for strength to sustain us."

During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord?

Get ready Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Stephen

A Stewardship Note on this First Sunday of Advent

*"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence."
 Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way
 pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another. See Luke 21:34*

UPCOMING EVENTS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Holy Day

Vigil Mass ~ Friday, December 7th at 7PM in Puako.
Mass ~ Saturday, December 8th at 7AM in Waimea
and 10AM in Kona at St. Michael's (Island Treasures)
(fulfills the Holy Day obligation—not Sunday).

**ADORATION of the Most Blessed
 Sacrament – Friday, December 7**

Following 7AM Mass until 12 Noon..... and again from 6 – 9PM in the Chapel, Waimea. Come...spend some time with Jesus.

ISLAND TREASURES – December 8th

Come and support our Island Treasures on Saturday, December 8th, at 10AM, St. Michael's Church, Kona. Bishop Larry Silva will preside at Mass.

GIVING TREE

Please save these dates:

December 1-2 - Angel Tags Available & Gift Return

December 8-9 - **Final weekend to return gifts**

December 11 - Gift Assembly - Parish Hall - 6pm

December 15 - Gift Delivery in Waimea - 9 -11am

Please contact Maile..... to sign up for gift assembly and delivery, or with any questions: 808-895-3168 or mc2000x3@yahoo.com

ADVENT Penance Services – all at 6PM

Tuesday – December 11 – Sacred Heart, Hawi

Thursday–December 13–Annunciation, Waimea

Friday – December 14– Our Lady of Lourdes, Honokaa

Monday – December 17 – St. Michael's, Kona

Tuesday – December 18 – St. John's, Captain Cook

***Come and receive the grace and peace of the
 Sacrament of Reconciliation***

Word of Life

"Every life is a good and perfect gift. Many know this on an intellectual level, but those who love someone with a disability see it in their loved one's face in a particular way. Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they are, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love every-one." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Perfect Gift"*

**Don't Forget to Turn in Your
 COMMITMENT CARD**

We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card, it is not too late! Please take some time to look through the renewal materials and pray about where God is calling you to make commitments this year. You may bring your completed card with you to Mass next weekend.

BEST **Advent** EVER



**'TIS
 THE SEASON**

Join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with...

- Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt, Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team.
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey



**RED KETTLE BELL RINGING Saturdays in
 December at KTA.....**

We have empty dates/hours to fill

- Saturday, December 8 - 2-4 pm & 4-6 pm
- Saturday December 22 –2-4 pm & 4-6 pm

Please call the office if you can help...887-1220.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Next weekend we take up a special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift provides vital support for senior Catholic sisters, brothers, & religious order priests. Envelope is attached to bulletin. Please make checks out to *Annunciation* and write *RFR* on memo line. Mahalo for your generosity!

**Nov. 22 & 24/25 Sunday Mass Count
 and Your Gift of Treasure**

Thanksgiving	140 people	\$1,095.00
5PM	154 people	\$1,543.00
8AM	136 people	\$1,207.50
10AM	162 people	\$1,298.00

Mahalo for your gifts of treasure!