

Annunciation Parish – December 23, 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,

Our Blessed Mother takes center stage on this fourth Sunday of Advent, and fittingly so, as we draw near to the celebration of her Son's birth. After our Lord Himself, Mary is our model and guide to a stewardship way of life.

Today's Gospel passage from Luke describes Mary's actions immediately after her "yes" to the angel Gabriel's message. "Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah... and greeted Elizabeth." Mary immediately begins to think of others before herself, setting out quickly to be with her cousin, modeling two of the pillars of stewardship – Hospitality and Service.

What warmth and humility the Mother of our Savior shows, traveling to Elizabeth to spend time with her, rejoicing with Elizabeth over her own incredible pregnancy, and assisting her in a time of need. And what joy this hospitality and service brings to Elizabeth.

Our Blessed Mother's example of a stewardship way of life is one that we, her children, can follow in our own lives today. With all the gifts God gives us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — we, too, can offer ourselves to God by using these gifts to serve and glorify Him. In so doing, we will effectively spread the Good News of the Gospel to the world around us today.

We will be stewards after our Mother's own heart.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Stephen



A Stewardship Note on this Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

May you be blessed abundantly this holy season and beyond.

CHRISTMAS Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Monday, December 24

7 p.m. – Annunciation Church, Waimea
10 p.m. – Ascension Mission Church, Puako

Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25

8 a.m. – Annunciation Church, Waimea
10 a.m. – Ascension Mission Church, Puako

A Special CHRISTMAS GIFT for you!

We all want to be happy, but there is a single lie that is preventing billions of people from experiencing lasting happiness—and many don't even realize it. **When you come to Mass this Christmas**, you'll receive a copy of the book *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*. **This special gift from our parish** will empower you to overcome the lie so that you can experience more happiness than you ever thought possible.

CHRISTMAS MEDLEY and Pageant

Come and enjoy a wonderful evening at Annunciation Church on Saturday, December 29th at 6:30pm as we re-enact the first Christmas. Refreshments will be available on the lanai after 5pm Mass while we are setting up for the play in church. Your donation of a canned vegetable, meat or fruit for our food pantry would also be most welcomed!

Note: Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY – December 30th

Please join your fellow parishioners and visitors after Mass Sunday, December 30th for fellowship and refreshments. (Women of parish will host in Waimea.)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2019 - 7am Mass at Annunciation - Waimea

First Friday Mass and Adoration

January 4, 2019 - Annunciation Church chapel -Waimea

7am Mass followed by Adoration until 12 Noon.

12noon Mass for First Friday

6pm – 9pm - Adoration resumes in the chapel.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes resume Jan.6th

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December 15/16 Sunday Mass Count and Your Gift of Treasure

5PM	154 people	\$1,553.00
8AM	156 people	\$1,329.00
10AM	177people	\$2,482.00

Mahalo for your gifts of treasure!