



Stewards of God's Gifts



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SACRAMENTS AND BLESSINGS



Baptism Preparations

Please call Deacon Dave Kane to arrange your child baptized.

Sacrament of Matrimony (Marriage)

Couples must schedule an interview with Deacon Kane at least six months before a desired wedding date.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the parish office.

Funeral Mass / Mass Intentions

Please contact the parish office.

House Blessings - Please call the parish office at least one week in advance to have your house blessed.

Car Blessings - Car blessings are done after every Mass (weekdays or Sundays).

Gift Shop

Opens from Monday to Saturday 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon
Sunday; opens after all Masses

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

You may contact Deacon Bill Farias or Mrs. Millie Curtis for more details. Please call the parish office.

"I love God. I am loved by God"

(St. Ignatius of Loyola)

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

(St. Augustine)

"Henceforth my motto shall be: Give me the Eucharist, or let me die!"

(St. Peter Julian Eymard)

The Church draws her life from the Eucharist."

(St. John Paul II)

OUR VISION

We, the Christian Community of Immaculate Conception, Lihue, are called to be Stewards of the Gospel. Centered on the Holy Eucharist, we live our lives on the four pillars of stewardship: **hospitality, prayer, formation and service.**

OUR MISSION

Responding to the call of Jesus and inspired by the example of the Blessed Mother, the Immaculate Conception, we live stewardship towards a holy way of life.

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Sat: 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Religious Education Classes

Sunday - 8:00 - 9:00 AM
(ICP School)

Edge Ministry Night (6th to 8th Grade)

1st & 3rd Sunday -
4:30PM - 7:00 PM
(Starts with the Mass in Church)

LifeTeen Ministry Night (9th to 12th Grade)

2nd & 4th Sunday -
4:30PM - 7:00 PM
(Starts with the Mass in Church)

MASS TIMES

Weekday Mass (Monday-Saturday)
Daily: 7:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM ; 9:30 AM ; 4:30PM & 6:30PM

Reconciliation (Confession)

Due to the pandemic, the sacrament is **by appointment only.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays at 6:00 PM

Diocese of Honolulu Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, your divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard.

We earnestly beg you to bless our Diocese and our world with many priests and religious who will love you fervently and gladly and courageously spend their lives in service to your Son's Church, especially the poor and the needy.

Bless our families and our children, and choose from our homes those who you desire for this holy work.

Teach them to respond generously and keep them ever faithful in following your Son Jesus Christ, that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with the inspiration of St. Damien and St. Marianne the Good News of redemption may be brought to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

"The Mass is the most beautiful thing in the Church."

(St. Alphonsus Liguori)

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 16, 2020



God's Gift of Time

The Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time

God's love belongs to all of us, according to the readings of the **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. In **Isaiah**, God promises "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Paul, in his **Letter to the Romans**, tells us "the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable" and refers to himself as the "apostle to the Gentiles." In **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus hears the pleas of a "foreign" woman, a Canaanite who begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of Saint Bernard**, abbot and doctor of the Church. Thursday is the **Memorial of Saint Pius X**, pope. Friday is the **Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

We continue reading from the **Book of the Prophet Ezekiel**. We are treated to some of the best of Ezechiel's prophesy this week. He is sharp and biting in his calls for conversion and comforting in his prophesy about God's fidelity and mercy, especially in the field of dry bones that come to life.

In this week's selection from **Matthew's Gospel** we read some wonderful words of Jesus about being his follower. Jesus tells a rich, young man to sell what he has and give it to the poor. "Then come, follow me." The man went away with sadness because "he had many possessions." When Jesus tells his disciples how hard it is for the rich to be saved, his disciples worry, but he says "for God all things are possible." Jesus says there will be a great turning of the tables - the last being the first and the first falling to last place. But, he tells them the parable of the landowner that hires workers throughout the day, including the last hours. When he pays them all the same, the workers who worked all day grumbled. Jesus asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" He adds again, "The last will be first, and the first will be last." A king gives a wedding banquet for his son but many were too busy to come. Others killed the servants who carried the invitation. "Many are invited, but few are chosen." When asked the greatest commandment he gives the double command of loving God and neighbor. Jesus warns against the self serving ways of the religious elite. He says, "The greatest among you must be your servant."

Keys are central to readings for the **Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time**. The first reading from **Isaiah** offers the story of the faithful servant Eliakim, who will be given the keys for his master's palace. Paul's brief reading from the **Letter to the Romans** is a moving prayer filled with awe at the depth and unknowing ways of our Lord. In **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus asks his followers what people are saying about him. Then he asks the real question, "Who do you say I am?" Peter's direct answer, "You are the Christ" prompts Jesus' reply that Peter would be given the keys to the kingdom of heaven and would be the rock upon which his church would be built.

(onlineministries.creighton.edu)

God's Gift of Talent



Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Prejudice and Faith

Are you at ease in today's multi-cultural climate? Or, do you find your dealings with people of other cultures difficult? (Be honest!)

Today's technology brings people from different cultures closer together and makes borders more transparent. Yet, more and more people desire separation from those who are "different." At once, we see convergence with an ever integrating world market. And we see movements to defend the cultural (and racial) status quo. Trade and technology force us to address the "other," no matter how eager we are or how apprehensive we might be. How we treat our neighbor is a moral issue that no longer depends upon who lives next door.

In Matthew's gospel, a foreign woman approached Jesus in faith. And because of her faith, Jesus ministered to someone outside his culture to the shock of his audience.

(word-sunday.com)





God's Gift of Treasure

“Do not let your hand be open to receive, but clenched when it is time to give.” (Sirach 4:31)

“AS STEWARDS, LET US PUT LOVE IN OUR GIVING!”

SUNDAY SUMMARY COLLECTIONS for AUGUST 08-09, 2020

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| 5PM Mass | \$477.00 |
| 7PM Mass | \$80.00 |
| 7AM Mass | \$1,126.00 |
| 9:30AM Mass | \$415.00 |
| 4:30PM Mass | \$348.00 |
| 6:30PM Mass | \$317.00 |
| Total | \$2,763.00 |

THANK YOU FOR BEING GENEROUS!
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED TO GIVE ONLINE,
PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE
icchurchlihue.com.

**COME AND JOIN US! LET US CELEBRATE AND
PRAY TOGETHER THE HOLY EUCHARIST!**

Catechism Theme: **Social Justice** (CCC 1928-1942)

Respect for the God-given dignity of the person must underlie any sense of justice. The dignity of the person is the only legitimate end in any society. The rights of the individual precede the rights of the state, or the rights of the majority within a society. If the state or the majority do not insure the dignity of the individual, they lose moral legitimacy.

Respect for the individual transcends mere legal means. Those in society must foster the virtue of solidarity: to treat others as self. This includes the poor, the disadvantaged, the illiterate. This also includes those who look, think, or act differently. Prejudice based upon social or cultural differences is incompatible with God's plan.

God distributed talents and wealth for the good of all, not for the benefit of the few. Solidarity demands a distribution of wealth that benefits all people. It asks sacrifice from the few not only financially, but also in services rendered. Those with time, talent, and treasure should contribute to the benefit of all.

The end of solidarity is not the merely a sense of equity between members of a society. Solidarity transcends the material need. The virtue bonds people from different social backgrounds, classes, and cultures together in a common purpose that finds its source in faith.

When was the last time you reached out to others different from you? When did you serve the poor, the sick, or the needy? How did that experience change you?

(word-sunday.com)

Prayer for a Stewardship Parish

(from the Archdiocese of Detroit)

Dear Heavenly Father, my parish is composed of people like me; I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with Your help, O God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be. Amen.

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What's Up?

Aug. 15-16 — Special 2nd Collection for the **Diocese Renewal Campaign**. Please be generous.

Aug. 15 — @ 7PM Mass - **1st Communion and Confirmation**.

Aug. 16 — @ 6:30PM Mass — **1st Communion and Confirmation**

*** Due to the low turn out of the 7PM Saturday Mass it will be cancelled. The last 7PM Saturday Mass will be on August 15th!**

MASS HEADCOUNT FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 08-09, 2020

| MASS TIME | HEADCOUNT |
|--------------|------------|
| 5PM MASS | 67 |
| 7PM MASS | 14 |
| 7AM MASS | 91 |
| 9:30AM MASS | 73 |
| 4:30PM MASS | 52 |
| 6:30PM MASS | 36 |
| TOTAL | 333 |