



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)

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 30, 2020



God's Gift of Time

The Twenty-Second Week of Ordinary Time

Our week ends as we look to the **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We see a glimpse of the Prophet **Jeremiah** who understands the pain of following the Lord and decides not to speak the Lord's name again, "but then it becomes like fire burning in my heart." Paul's letter to the **Romans** encourages those ancient Romans - and us - not to conform to this age but to discern the will of God. In **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus corrects his disciples' resistance to his own passion and death, telling them that if they try to save their lives, they'll lose them. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Wednesday is the **Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church**.

Our first weekday reading for the next several weeks will be from **Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians**, offering a look at the struggles and joys of the early life of the Church in Corinth. Paul admits, "I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God."

This week we begin reading from **Luke's Gospel**, which brings us the vivid stories of Jesus' early public ministry. We will continue reading Luke's gospels during the week until Advent. Jesus teaches in the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor," he reads from Isaiah, but his listeners wanted only to see the miracles they had heard about him. He cleanses a man of an unclean spirit - a spirit who recognizes Jesus as the "Holy One of God" when those around Jesus did not. He cures Simon's mother-in-law and then tells the crowds he must leave to spread the good news to other towns. As Jesus comes upon Peter, James and John, he invites the weary fishermen to lower their empty nets one more time. When they bring up nets overflowing with fish, Peter says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" but Jesus reassures him not to be afraid and says Peter will be catching people now. He tells them, "No one pours new wine into old wineskins." Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled, and the skins will be ruined. When he is criticized for allowing his disciples to pick grain to eat on the Sabbath, Jesus is compassionate toward their hunger and defends them saying, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

This brings us to the **Twenty-Third week in Ordinary Time**. As faithful followers, we are encouraged to "love one another" throughout the readings. **Ezekiel** tells us that we are responsible for each other and Paul's letter to the **Romans** offers: "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." In **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus tells us to challenge each other on our behavior and to pray, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

(onlineministries.creighton.edu)

God's Gift of Talent



Daily Prayer This Week

Among the many healing stories in this week's gospels is the story of the call of Peter. It is powerful for us because we see the very human moment of Peter's self-doubt: he realizes the power of Jesus, falls down in an awareness of his own sinfulness and wants Jesus to turn away from him because he is too sinful. The real lesson for us is that it is precisely at the moment when Peter recognizes how unworthy he is, that Jesus calls him to ministry.

All of us can have moments of feeling we are unworthy - and the truth is that we can never be worthy of the unending love Jesus offers us. But how blessed we are if we realize that we are loved without limits even though we have done nothing to deserve that kind of love.

Knowing in a balanced humility that we are sinful is not a bad thing - but if we get stuck there, and are tempted to turn away from Jesus as Peter did, then we have become more focused on ourselves than on the love we are being offered. This week is a week to rejoice in that love and healing Jesus wants to give us. It is a prayer we can carry throughout our days.

Each morning as we awake, we can ask the Lord to open our hearts in gratitude for what we will be offered this day. We might pause to imagine ourselves being healed and touched by Jesus. For just a moment, we might see Jesus in front of us, his eyes filled with such love, reaching out to give our ears and tongue a healing touch; to lift us from an invalid's bed or to drive the unclean spirits from us.

Throughout the day we can remember that gentle touch from Jesus and ask him to drive out the unclean spirits we may be carrying today. **What is Jesus calling me to? Who am I being invited to listen to and speak on behalf of today? Who will come across my path today who needs Jesus' healing through my own care and kind words?**

Dearest Jesus, be with me in this day. I can feel how much I long for a deeper connection with you, and yet I am ashamed of my weaknesses. Touch my heart so that I might be open to your healing love.

Let me be open to all of those you put in my life today and let me be aware of their needs and care for them before I worry about my own. Give me an awareness of the love that is already there for me and a generosity of heart that allows me to share it with others. Amen.

(onlineministries.creighton.edu)

"You wonder why God, who is goodness itself, allows us to suffer... But, what would you think of a doctor who lost his patient because he was afraid to give him the necessary but unpleasant treatment?"

(St. John Vianney)

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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 22-23, 2020

5PM Mass	\$815.00
7AM Mass	\$932.00
9:30AM Mass	\$562.00
4:30PM Mass	\$551.00
6:30PM Mass	\$183.00
Total	\$3,043.00

THANK YOU FOR BEING GENEROUS!

"If things always went wrong, no one could endure it; if things always went well, everyone would become arrogant."
(St. Bernard of Clairvaux)

"Take away all evil, and much good would go with it. God's care is to bring good out of the evils which happen, not to abolish them."
(St. Thomas Aquinas)

Family Activity

Selfish Pose, Love Pose

This Gospel presents discipleship in stark terms. **Are we ready to follow Jesus to the Cross?** Obviously, most of us will not suffer death for our faith. But that does not mean our faith and our self-giving won't cause us problems in a world where greed is worshipped.

The symbol of the cross itself causes scandal. Here is a man in an execution pose that we present as God. **Why is Jesus God?** Because he was willing to die for us. Notice the pose Jesus took on the cross is a pose of love. An invitation to acceptance. A look he is ready to hug everyone he meets, even in death.

To make this point, play "Selfish Pose, Love Pose." Have family members hug themselves and turn away, as if they were selfish. Then, have them look at other family members and put out their arms like Jesus on the cross ready to hug. Alternate the two positions. End in the love pose. Announce that Jesus died this way because he wanted to hug everyone in the world.

(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?

**TO GIVE ONLINE, PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH
WEBSITE: icchurchlihue.com.
THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU**

MASS HEADCOUNT FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 22-23, 2020

MASS TIME	HEADCOUNT
5PM MASS	89
7AM MASS	82
9:30AM MASS	94
4:30PM MASS	58
6:30PM MASS	44
TOTAL	367

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

Sept. 01 – Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 6PM @ IC Youth Ministry Room.

Sept. 05-06 – 2nd Collection for the Building Fund. Please be generous.

Sept. 07 – Labor Day – Parish Office is closed.

Sept. 08 – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.