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#### 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

<u>Reconciliation (Confession )</u> 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)

# 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 25, 2021

**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)



God's Gift of Time

God's Gift of Talent



GRANT ME THE SCRENI TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE: ( THE COURGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN; AND THE WIS dom TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.



### HOW DO WE PRAY WITH OUR IMAGINATIONS?

We meet new friends and we want to get to know them better. How do we do it? We share our stories. We tell them about our childhood, how we met our spouse or how our great-grandparents moved here.

We live in a rational, left brain world with global technology at our fingertips. Yet as human beings, our soul is still fired by color and imagination. Our minds are storehouses of images and memories and through them God works in our hearts. Praying with our imaginations can create a deeper and more personal intimacy with Jesus, Mary, the disciples and others written about in scripture. We can take the familiar stories we know and let them flow through our own imagination and see where the Lord guides it.

Using the imagination in prayer has been a treasured tradition in prayer for centuries. It prompted St. Francis of Assisi to encourage people to create nativity scenes at Christmas, to imagine the Holy Family as people like we are. Four hundred years later, St. Ignatius of Loyola used imaginative prayer as a key part of his lifetransforming Spiritual Exercises.

**How do we start?** First we get settled in a comfortable chair and in a quiet place where we won't be distracted. Our first gesture might be to open our hands on our lap, and to ask God to open our hearts and imaginations.

Then pick a story out of scripture. Read through it once slowly and put it down. Now we begin to imagine the scene as if we are standing right there. What is around me? Who else is there? What do I hear in the scene? If I am in a house, what noises are in the house or in the street outside? What are the smells I can pick up?

Now we begin to imagine the scene we read about. Who is in it? What conversation takes place? What is the mood – tense? joyful? confused? angry?

Feel free to paint this picture in any way your imagination takes you. If we worry about historical accuracy, it can be a distraction that takes us away from prayer. This isn't scripture – this is letting God take our imaginations and reveal to us something of the intimate life of Jesus or others. If, in our prayer, Mary pulls the toddler Jesus onto her lap to tie his shoes or zip his coat, we can let it happen that way. We don't want to fret about the historically accurate kinds of food served at a dinner or what kind of carpenter tools Joseph might have really had in his workshop. Here is an experience of prayer that lets our imaginations free themselves from anything that limits them. This is God revealing himself to us.

It helps if we imagine Jesus and his disciples as the real people they were who walked the earth. St. Ignatius imagined that the first person Jesus appeared to after the Resurrection was his mother and he encourages us to picture Jesus appearing at home to Mary, watching the joy and emotion in the scene. (onlineministries.creighton.edu)

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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!"

SUMMARY COLLECTION FROM JUNE 26-27, 2021 TO July 31– AUGUST 01 WILL BE POSTED ON AUGUST 08, 2021 BULLETIN. MAHALO FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING!

### THANK YOU! SALAMAT PO! MAHALO! AGYAMANNAK!

TO GIVE ONLINE, PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE: <u>icchurchlihue.com</u>.

FOLLOW US ALSO ON FACEBOOK — <u>Immaculate</u> <u>Conception Church Kauai</u>. WE DO LIVE STREAM OUR MASSES!



What's Up? SEPTEMBER APRIL **OCTOBER** 

Our parish is looking for people who, after receiving the Body of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, would like to be the Body of Christ in our Christian Community by serving as **Church and Hall Cleaners**. This will be a once week commitment, every Friday at 8AM. **This new ministry will start in August 2021**. If you are willing to be engaged in the life of the parish, please call the parish office to be listed on this new ministry. Mahalo!

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The Parish Pastoral Council is looking for **5 new members** to replace the 5 outgoing members who be finishing their term this June 30, 2021. The new members of the Council will serve for two years (July 01, 2021—June 30, 2023). The people we are looking for must be 'team players,' understand well the 4 pillars of stewardship *(hospitality, prayer, formation, and service)*, and, most of all, have a vision/dream for the parish community.

You can submit the names of your nominees to **Ale Quibilan** or **to the parish office.** 

"We must trust in the mighty power of God's mercy. We are all sinners, but His grace transforms us and makes us new."



Prayer for a Stewardship Parish (from the Archdiocese of Detriot)

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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