



Stewards of God's Gifts

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



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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 & 7PM
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)

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JULY 26, 2020



God's Gift of Time

The Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time

On the **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we see how God admires Solomon because he asked for wisdom rather than riches. Jesus is the source of God's wisdom and teaches us more about the Kingdom of Heaven. We imagine the passion of one discovering a treasure buried in a field or finding a pearl of great value, sacrificing everything to buy what is so deeply desired. A dragnet hauls in fish that can nourish others as well as what is not useful for others. Jesus invites us into deeper reflection on what we value and prepares us for our mission.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of Saint Martha** with its own special readings. On Friday, Jesuit and lay partners from around the world celebrate the **Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola**, the founder of the Society of Jesus. Saturday we remember **Saint Alphonsus Liguori**, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

The first readings this week continue to be from the **Book of the Prophet Jeremiah**. Jeremiah delivers God's messages about the laxity of the rulers. It is a powerful call to conversion for all of us today.

We continue to read from **Matthew's Gospel** this week, entering into sayings of Jesus about the Kingdom of God. God's reign is like mustard seeds and it is like yeast. It's coming and growth is small and slow, but it is assured. The Kingdom is like a buried treasure or a merchant's search for a really fine pearl. It is worth investing all we have in it. The Kingdom is like the dragnet used for fishing which gathers everything in it. It is at the end of time when God will gather all to separate the good from the evil. We hear that Jesus could not work miracles in his home town, because of their lack of faith in him. They thought they knew him and therefore took him for granted. Herod arrested John because John's preaching was bothering his conscience. He had John beheaded to honor a drunken promise to his niece and an oath to impress his guests.

On the **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we celebrate how Jesus fed the crowds by making it possible for the disciples to give the people what they had. It was not enough, but became enough because of the compassion Jesus had for the people. **Isaiah 55** invites us to come to the water when we are thirsty, to come and eat though we have no money. We can stop spending on what fails to satisfy. Paul consoles us, too, by reminding us that nothing can "separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Heb. 13:8)

God's Gift of Talent



The Kingdom of Heaven is Like A Treasure And A Pearl



Daily Prayer This Week

It can be an important week to give thanks for the priests and ministers among us who have responded to the call to serve. Saints Ignatius and Alphonsus Liguori are wonderful examples of priest servants. We might write a note to priests we know to thank them for their fidelity in service for us.

This is also a wonderful week to reflect and break open these parables about the Kingdom of God among us. Jesus must have been wanting to assure his disciples and followers who could have been vulnerable, like us, to being discouraged. Sometimes, we get confused or down about how it seems that evil wins out over good, that God's presence is so imperceptible that it tempts our faith in God's presence at all.

In the habit of reflecting in the midst of our daily lives that we have been practicing, we can spend several days noticing the growth and grace offered us - as powerful as yeast or as small as a tiny seed. This can change our spirits and give us more hope and trust. We can spend several days placing our trust in God in the midst of those days when it just seems like there are so many "weeks" standing the way of whatever good we try to do.

It would be great to spend a few days keeping our focus on the buried treasure being offered us - in this particular day or in my life in general. **Am I willing to let go of so many smaller rewards in order to embrace that treasure? What will it cost me? Where are my greatest resistances?** We tend to do or give our energies to what we really want. **How can we grow in our desire for what God wants to give us?** We can ask for that grace a number of times this week.

We can also reflect on the people in our midst - in our homes, or family relations, in our faith community, in our association of friends - who need our presence in their lives in some way. We can reflect on how we are being called to be present to those people, even those we think we can't help very much, because we know them too well.

Every evening we can continue our practice of returning thanks to God who has showered blessings upon us and we focus our background reflections this week.

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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 JULY 18-19, 2020

5PM Mass	\$948.00
7PM Mass	\$20.00
7AM Mass	\$1,501.00
9:30AM Mass	\$381.00
4:30PM Mass	\$197.00
6:30PM Mass	\$367.00
Total	\$3,414.00
2nd Collection—Seminarian Educ. Fund	\$515.00

THANK YOU FOR BEING GENEROUS!



**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED TO GIVE ONLINE,
PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE
icchurchlihue.com.**

What's Up?



Aug. 01-02 — 2nd Collection for the Building Fund.
Please be generous.

Aug. 04 — Parish Pastoral Council Meeting @6PM,
Youth Ministry Room.

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

* **Due to the pandemic**, our baptism here in the parish is no longer just on the 4th Sunday of the month for the time being. We already opened it even during the week. Please call Deacon Dave to schedule the baptism.

* **We need more ministers** to serve in our liturgical services in our Church particularly for **Hospitality Ministry, Lectors/Commentators Ministry and Music Ministry**. Please call Tom Sategna for Hospitality Ministry, Grace Sime for Lectors/Commentators' Ministry, and Millie Curtis for Music Ministry.

* Our **Religious Education Classes** for our kids this school year 2020-2021 will continue. Please contact Sr. Gina on this matter.

* To our parishioners and friends watching us via live streaming – you can send your parish envelops using our mailing address: **Immaculate Conception Church, 4453 Kapaia Road, Lihue, HI 96766**.

MASS HEADCOUNT FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 18-19, 2020

MASS TIME	HEADCOUNT
5PM MASS	78
7PM MASS	16
7AM MASS	91
9:30AM MASS	86
4:30PM MASS	39
6:30PM MASS	43
TOTAL	353

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

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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