



# Stewards of God's Gifts

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



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## SACRAMENTS AND BLESSINGS



### Baptism Preparations

Parents and godparents are required to attend two Pre-Baptism classes. The first class is on the **3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish meeting room. The second class is on the **4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church. Please call the parish office to schedule a meeting with Deacon Dave Kane before the first pre-Baptism class.

**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)

## 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)

Saturdays from 4:00- 4:30 PM or by appointment

### 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)

**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JUNE 28, 2020**



## God's Gift of Time

### The Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time

On the **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Jesus invites us to love him and to receive him. He makes his message to us so clear: "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Monday is the **Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul**. Friday is the **feast of Saint Thomas, apostle**. Saturday many churches in the United States celebrate **Independence Day**.

The first readings this week are from the **Book of the Prophet Amos**. Amos was a shepherd who was called to deliver God's word to the northern kingdom, Israel.

**Matthew's Gospel** takes us through several stories about Jesus' ministry. When a man wants to follow but only after he buries his father, Jesus answered him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their dead." Jesus calms the storm at sea. Then he drives demons out of two men living among the tombs. When Jesus calls Matthew to leave his customs post and to follow him, many tax collectors and sinners came to have dinner with Jesus and his disciples, again causing a controversy with the religious leaders. Jesus confronts them: "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners." When Jesus' disciples are criticized for not fasting, Jesus talks about the difficulty of combining the old and the new. He is calling for something radically new. Not a patch, but new wine in new wineskins.

**The Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time** begins with a Sunday that offers pastoral comfort to us all. In the **Zechariah** reading, the Lord promises Israel, and us, a savior who "shall proclaim peace to the nations." **Matthew's gospel** points to Jesus as the source of that peace, as he affirms his identity as the Son of God. Jesus offers himself as a relief from the burdens of our days, promising "you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

(onlineministries.creighton.edu)



## God's Gift of Talent



### MASS HEADCOUNT FOR THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 20-21, 2020

MASS TIME	HEADCOUNT
5PM MASS	79
7PM MASS	23
7AM MASS	101
9:30AM MASS	96
4:30PM MASS	50
6:30PM MASS	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>372</b>

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

#### Family Activity

#### **Family Hospitality**

Jesus challenged his followers with the price of discipleship. And he promised rewards for welcoming missionaries. Sometimes we concentrate on the first point (putting Jesus first in our lives) and ignore the second (practicing the virtue of hospitality). So, let's look at being a good host.

Without a social safety net and established law enforcement on the roads, travel was a risky proposition in the time of Jesus. Bandits regularly stole from travelers. To protect themselves, travelers rode in caravans and depended upon the good graces of the people those towns they visited. So, people in small hamlets or villages played host and treated the traveler like family. As they treated the stranger, hosts expected to be treated when they traveled. Hospitality was not only a virtue, it was good manners in the time of Jesus.

**How can our family members be good hosts?** Ask this question at your next family discussion time. Better yet, create a dinner where family members take turns serving and caring for each other. Use the discussion and the dinner to answer the question: **how do I treat the stranger?**

(www.word-sunday.com)

**"Live a holy life and you will be praising God with your whole life."** (St. Augustine)

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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 JUNE 20-21 2020

5PM Mass	\$818.00
7PM Mass	\$126.00
7AM Mass	\$1,244.00
9:30AM Mass	\$462.00
4:30PM Mass	\$582.00
6:30PM Mass	\$135.00
Total	\$3,367.00

**THANK YOU FOR BEING GENEROUS!**

### PRAYER FOR PROTECTION AGAINST CORONA VIRUS

Our Father, we trustingly pray to you, asking that the coronavirus may do no more harm, that the pandemic may be swiftly gotten under control, and that you restore the health of those affected and peace to the places where the virus has arrived.

Welcome into your kingdom the people who have died from this illness, and comfort their families.

Sustain and protect the healthcare personnel who are fighting it, and inspire and bless those working to control it.

Lord Jesus, doctor of our bodies and souls, we feel impotent in the face of this international health emergency, but we trust in You. Give us peace and health.

Mother Mary, protect us and continue to take care of us, and lead us through your love to your Son, Jesus. Amen.

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

[icchurchlhue.com](http://icchurchlhue.com).

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU  
IN YOUR GENEROSITY!**



## What's Up?

**June 28** — Blessing of the Construction Site @ 9AM

**July 04** — Independence Day — the parish office is CLOSED.

**July 04-05** — 2nd Collection for the **Building Fund**. Please be generous!

### Daily Prayer This Week

One of the blessings of reading passages that describe Jesus' ministry is that they can help us become more and more attracted to him. We can become fascinated by his pastoral care for those on the margins of Society or his courage in the face of opposition. The more we watch Jesus, the easier it is for us to fall in love with him. Being drawn to Jesus with growing affection will ultimately lead us to want to be with him and like him.

So each morning this week we can begin our day with a very brief prayer. "Lord, let me see you, love you and desire to follow you more closely today." We might say, "Drive away the demons that tempt my spirit today" on one day and repeat that prayer at various times, especially when we are tempted to look good, or to escape into over-indulgence with food or drink or fantasies, or when we are tempted to let anger get the better of us. On another day, we might pray, "Dear Lord, I get paralyzed sometimes - just stuck and unable to move. Free me today, by reminding me of your love and mercy." Still another day, we might ask, "Dear Lord, let me respond to your call with the freedom Matthew had." We might turn to the Lord someday and simply say, "Lord, I know you desire mercy and not sacrifice, please free me from the judgments I will be tempted to make today." Finally, I might pray, "Lord, pour your new wine into me. Let me be a new wineskin to receive it. Give me the freedom I need today to let your word transform how I act and how I choose today."

The key to finding intimacy with our God in the midst of our busy lives is to let God's Word interact with the real events and people who are there. No matter what our responsibilities are today, no matter how unrelated they seem to be to faith or devotion, and no matter how busy we might be, we can all let God's Word into the background, in brief moments of connection, conversation and intimacy. All it takes is desire and focus.

As we practice using the background moments of our days, we will grow in experiencing that this intimacy is possible. And, when we sense it and enjoy it, and see what a difference it makes, let's not forget to give thanks each evening for the gifts we have received.  
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### 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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