



# 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

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)

**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 02, 2021**



## God's Gift of Time

### Fifth Week of Easter

"I am the vine. You are the branches." On the **Fifth Sunday of Easter** we have the wonderful reading from **John's gospel** about Jesus as the vine. We are the branches that are pruned to bear more fruit. The powerful invitation is to remain connected with Jesus, that we might make our home in him, and bear much fruit.

Monday is the **Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles**, with its own special readings.

In the continuing weekday readings from the **Acts of the Apostles**, we see Paul and Barnabas preaching to the Gentiles. They encounter some who want to make them gods; others who want to stone them. A major discussion is held about whether a Gentile had to become a Jew before becoming a Christian. Peter declared that God granted Gentiles "the Holy Spirit just as he did us" and urged them not to burden Gentiles with the difficult Jewish laws. The group turned to the Holy Spirit and prayed for guidance and decided that Gentiles did not have to adhere to all Jewish laws. Paul followed the Spirit to expand his travels, ending with his decision to go to Macedonia.

**John's Gospel** continues the "Last Discourse" of Jesus, taking chapters 14 and 15 of the Fourth Gospel during the weekdays. These gospels offer a layered and poetic look at the kind of inseparable love we share with God. "Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." He promises the Holy Spirit who "will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." He offers us peace and encourages us "not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love." He tells his followers, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." Saturday, Jesus reminds us that if the world didn't like his announcing and living of this good news, then it won't like our announcing and living it either.

On the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**, we hear the powerful words that Jesus uses to send us on our mission: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."  
(onlineministries.creighton.edu)

**"Whenever you tell the shortcomings of someone who is not present, your tongue has made a harp for the music of the Devil."**

(St. Ephraem the Syrian)

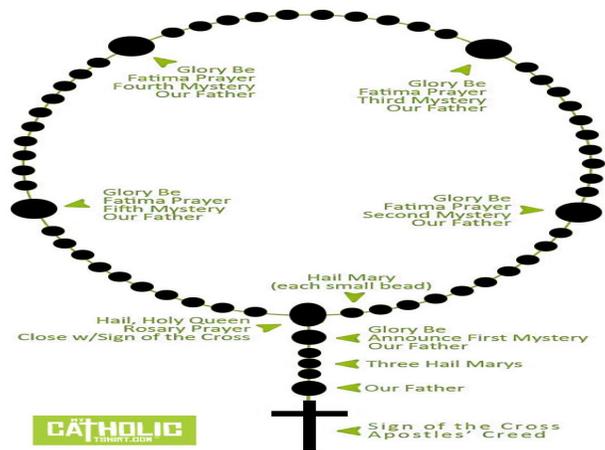
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## God's Gift of Talent



### MASS HEADCOUNT FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 24-25, 2021

MASS TIME	HEADCOUNT
5PM MASS	115
7AM MASS	141
9:30AM MASS	117
4:30PM MASS	96
6:30PM MASS	84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>553</b>



### Pope Francis urges Catholics to pray in May for end to COVID-19 pandemic.

Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic.

The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world.

**"The initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic,"** read the statement.

This year's dedication of May to pandemic-related prayer recalls a similar occurrence during the first wave in March 2020.

Pope Francis led the world in prayer during that confusing and difficult time, celebrating a live-streamed, daily Mass in the Casa Santa Marta.  
(onlineministries.creighton.edu)



## 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 FOR APRIL 24-25, 2021

5PM Mass	\$1,346.00
7AM Mass	\$1,249.00
9:30AM Mass	\$1,159.00
4:30PM Mass	\$588.00
6:30PM Mass	\$761.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,103.00</b>
2nd Collection for the Retired Priests	\$1,454.00

**THANK YOU! SALAMAT PO! AGYAMANNAK!**  
**TO GIVE ONLINE, PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE: [icchurchlihue.com](http://icchurchlihue.com).**

Catechism Theme: **"Apart from me you can do nothing."** (CCC 2074)

"The fruit referred to in John 15:5 is the holiness of a life made fruitful by union with Christ. When we believe in Jesus Christ, partake of his mysteries, and keep his commandments, the Savior himself comes to love, in us, his Father and his brethren. His person becomes, through his Spirit, the living and interior rule of our activity."

**How has trust in Christ made a difference in your life? In the lives of those around you?**

Staying connected to Christ has a high price. Sometimes it costs us the respect of the world. Sometimes it costs us relationships with others. Sometimes it costs us a sense comfort and community.

But the price of life without Christ is much higher. Imagine what life would be like without faith, without good Christians spouses and friends, without a prayer life and worship to sustains us, without the goodness and Christian charity of others to help along the way. Imagine a life without Christ!

Even if we have to walk by ourselves, even if we have to be loners in the name of Jesus, we will never be truly alone. Remember whose team we're really on, whose name we can invoke in need. Ask and he will be there.

**Is there someone you know who is lonely? How can you extend Christian hospitality and fellowship to them this week?**  
(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?



May 04— Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 6PM, New Parish Hall.

May 09 — Mother's Day. **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE MOTHERS! GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!**

May 10 — Feast of St. Damien of Moloka'i.

May 15/16— 2nd Collection for Catholic Communication Campaign. Please be generous.

