



# 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  
Sunday: 7:00 AM; 9:30 AM & 4:30PM

**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)

**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 03, 2020**



## God's Gift of Time

### Fourth Week of Easter

On the **Fourth Sunday of Easter** we reflect on the Paschal Mystery more deeply. **Psalm 118** says, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." Peter quotes this psalm in preaching that the crippled man was healed, "in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead." In **John's Gospel**, Jesus tells us, "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Wednesday is the **Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle**.

The first readings this week continue the story of the growth of the community, through the **Acts of the Apostles**.

For the gospels this week, we read from **John's Gospel**, chapters 10, 12, 13 and 14 - all emphasizing who Jesus is - from the Father and one with the Father. He has come to bring us light and life. He promises us that he is the gate, the way to life. And, he assures us that if we make our home in him, he will be in us, and we will thereby be one with Jesus and the Father. He says, "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved." "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." "Whoever believes in me believes not only in me but also in the one who sent me, and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me." "From now on I am telling you before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe that I AM." "Do not let your hearts be troubled." "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." "If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."

All of this leads us to the **Fifth Sunday of Easter** where in the gospel, we hear Jesus console us, asking us to not let our hearts be troubled because he goes only to prepare a place for us and that **"No one comes to the Father except through me."**

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We are the flock of the Lord. But, like sheep, we can wander off in our own direction. And be at the mercy of thieves and false Messiahs. Jesus brings us back, like a good shepherd. And he gives us a true way to the Father. His very self!

The next time you see a sheep flock or a family dog, think of Jesus, the way he treats you, and what he offers you. Who knows? You might be tempted to see pet ownership as a reflection of Christ's care for you. And you might resolve to become a better pet master.

How do you remain in the Lord's flock? Trust in Jesus and his way. That trust has changed you and continues to change you. How can you share that change with others?

(www.word-sunday.com)

## God's Gift of Talent



### Daily Prayer This Week

This is potentially a powerful week for entering into how available Jesus is for us. He promises to be with us, to make us one with him, even to make his home in us. He promises to keep us safe and to bring us to our true home to be with him forever. The opportunity we have this week is to accept this offer of deepening our relationship with our Lord. We accept it if we let his availability to us soak more and more deeply into our consciousness each day. We do this by beginning each day focusing our first thoughts of the day in a simple recognition that we are not alone: "Thank you for this day, Lord. I know you want to stay close to me, to guide me and support me today. I need some real strength and courage to face some of the challenges of this day. Help me to keep connecting with you throughout this day, to remember your presence and love." This 20 second prayer will open our day to a Lord who invites us surrender our troubles to him.

At various times of the day - especially when we approach a particularly challenging responsibility, or an occasion or situation in which we habitually lose our peace or give in to temptation - we can be renewed by another 20 second prayer. Each time we turn to the Lord, our "moment of connection" can become more specific, more intimate, and more confident.

If we find ourselves sidetracked and distracted all day, or for several days, it is easy to get right back on track by pausing, while doing almost anything, and asking our Lord to remind us of his constant presence. We will quickly return to a sense that Jesus knows us, understands us, and wants to be with us in whatever troubles our hearts. And, each night, when we give thanks to our Lord for his fidelity to us throughout the day, we will be given the grace to know, again, that we are never alone.

We are rejoicing in this Easter season and asking God to shower us with the light of salvation that John's Gospel refers to so often. Even now, weeks after Easter, we rejoice!

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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!”**

### Family Activity Caring For A Pet

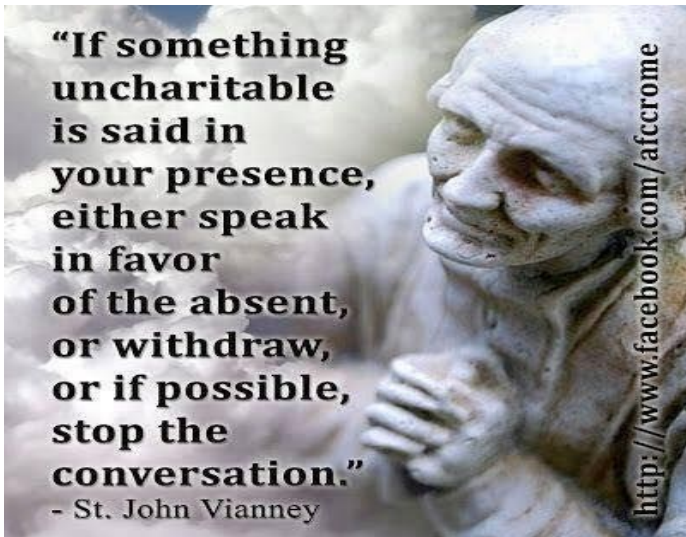
Jesus said he is the Good Shepherd who will give his eternal life to his followers.

Many of us have pets. As pet owners, we have a responsibility to feed, groom, exercise, and take out pets to the vet. In other words, we serve our pets as much as they "serve" us.

If your family has a pet, who cares for the animal? Do your family members take turns caring for it? Create a schedule this week for shared pet care with your family. When you finish the schedule, read John 10:1-10. Reflect on the joys and hassles of pet ownership. How has your pet added to your family?

Use the answers to those questions to discuss the ways Jesus serves your family and adds joy to your family life. End the discussion by decorating the pet schedule with a drawing of Jesus the Good Shepherd.

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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.

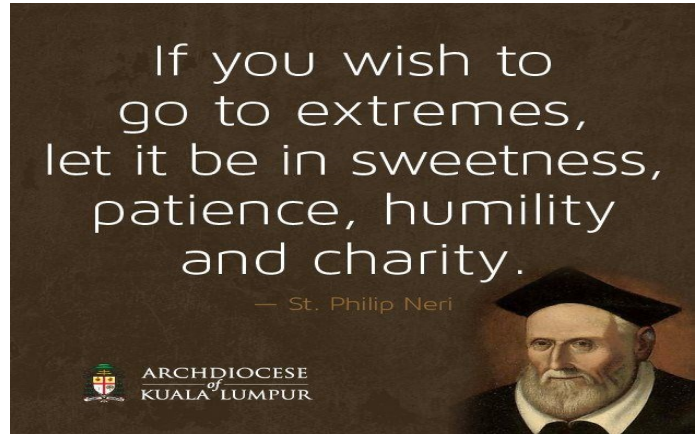
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## What's Up?

**ALL OUR PARISH SCHEDULES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL APRIL 30, 2020 DUE TO COVID-19. LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE END OF THIS PANDEMIC!**

**THE RISEN CHRIST  
WILL BRING US OUT VICTORIOUS FROM THIS  
CORONA VIRUS!  
#BelieveInHim**



### 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.

(taken from [aleteia.org](http://aleteia.org))