



# 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)

**ASCENSION SUNDAY – MAY 24, 2020**



## God's Gift of Time

### Daily Prayer This Week

We can hardly believe the message from this week's gospel. It is one of complete invitation to us. Jesus tells us of his intimate bond with the Father and invites us into the same kind of close relationship with Jesus himself.

He does not promise us a trouble-free life, and is clear about the challenges we will face as his followers. He cautions us that the world will want to make us one of "its own" and Jesus lovingly protests that we are his, not the world's. He prays to the Father of us, "they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me..."

This kind of loving dialogue with the Father is what Jesus wants with us. It does not mean our lives will be trouble-free but we are offered the peace in our hearts that Jesus longs to give us.

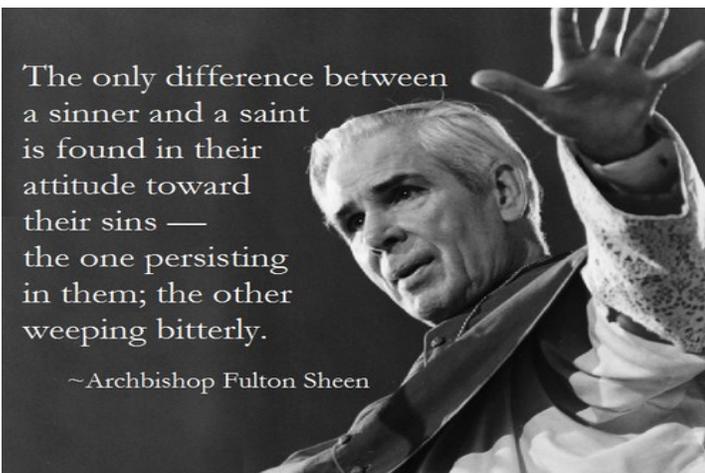
Some days we may feel anything but peace in our hearts. That is the time to pause and open our hands and our hearts to the Lord. Just the simple physical act of opening our hands can send a signal to our hearts. We can stop thinking and start feeling the love that Jesus has for us.

We can begin each morning at the side of our beds, aware of the sacredness of the day ahead of us, and ask for peace, courage and guidance. On our way to work or while taking care of our family, cooking or running errands, we can stop for the briefest moment and ask again: "Lord, help me to feel how much you love me. Help me to accept that love and carry it to all those you send into my life today."

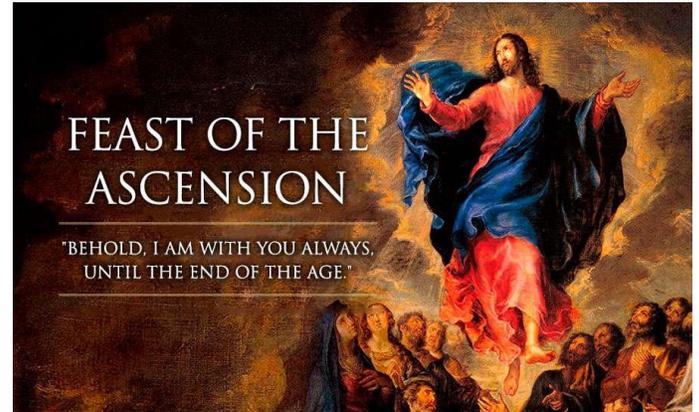
And at the end of the day, we can pause again at the side of our bed, reflect for a moment on our day and offer thanks for the moments where we felt in our hearts the love of Jesus. And, we can ask that tomorrow we can feel the Lord's own love and compassion for us - and beg that we can pass that along.

Like Peter in Friday's gospel, we have denied Jesus many times in our lives but he looks at us again with love and simply says, "Follow me."

(onlineministries.creighton.edu)



## God's Gift of Talent



### Family Activity

### Countdown to Pentecost

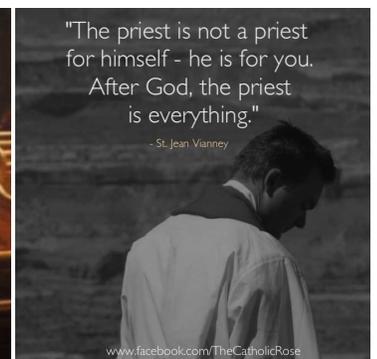
Jesus told his followers they were witnesses to great events. They saw him die. And they saw him risen to new life.

They would also see the Good News spread throughout the world. Words of change and forgiveness to all people.

There was a difference between the two set of events. The death and resurrection were out of the followers' hands. That was God's work. But spreading the Good News was in their hands. They could participate in God's will. With the power of the Spirit, they could tell others about God's love.

Jesus calls us to be witnesses of the Good News, just like the followers. We are to spread God's love. Sometimes in word. Sometimes in action. To help your family reflect on their commission as Christians, create a week (or 10 day calendar) that counts down the time from Ascension (Sunday or Thursday) and Pentecost. Each day, have your family members record things they have said or done to spread God's love. This is a great way to prepare for the celebration of the Spirit, God's presence that gives us the power to share his love.

(www.word-sunday.com)





## 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!"**

Catechism Themes:  
**Christ already reigns through his Church...** (CCC 668-670)

*Until all things are subject to him. (CCC 671-672)*

Christ's Ascension into heaven symbolized his Lordship. He now revealed his participation in the Father's power and authority. What the Son possessed by his divine nature, he manifested in the economy of salvation.

While Christ now reigns with his Father, he still dwells in his Body, the Church. Through the Church, Christ acts in the world. Through the Church he announces the immanence of God's Kingdom. The Church, imperfect as an assembly of sinners, still dares to declare the Kingdom. For the Church is made whole through the work of Christ's Spirit.

So, we await the coming of our Savior in these "end times." At Christ's second coming, all that God promised will happen. We will live forever in justice, love, and peace.

***Have you been a godfather or godmother? How do you exercise that role today? Is your title an honor or a responsibility? Explain.***

Christ commands us to evangelize. He tells us to bring new members into the Church and teach them to do the same. He promises to be with us in our mission. So, let us invite others into the Kingdom through our prayer, word, and example. Let us be the presence of Christ to others.

***How can I invite others to follow Christ? Brainstorm 5-10 ways.***  
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**"Without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase."**

(St. Rose of Lima)

**"There is no man in the world without some trouble or affliction, though he be a king or a pope."**

(Thomas a Kempis)

### 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 FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19. LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE END OF THIS PANDEMIC!**

### 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))

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