

# Immaculate Conception Church

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#### **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.

This is our call.



### **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.

# The Hall & Church Cleaners in action!



"The GOOD DEED you do today may be the only sermon some receive."

St. Francis of Assisi







The Filipino Catholic Community from Maui visited ICC and led the choir @ 7:00AM Mass last Sunday, August 10, 2025

**MAHALO FCC Maui!** 





20th Sunday in Ordinary Time- August 17, 2025

#### MASS TIMES

Weekday Mass (Monday-Saturday) 7:00 AM Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Sunday: 7:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 4:30 PM

### Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday: 4:00 PM-4:30 PM Weekdays: By Appointment Only

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the Month-6:15 AM (Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus)

2nd, 3rd, 4th Fridays-6:00 PM @ Sisters' Convent

Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help

Wednesday @ 6:30 AM

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday @ 8:00-12:00 Noon

### **Gift Shop**

8:00AM to 12nn Monday to Sunday—after every Mass

#### 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).

**OCIA** (Order of Christian Initiation for

**Adults)** You may contact Mrs. Millie Curtis for more details. Please call the parish office.

## **FIRST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION**

Two-year formation program Classes start on September 22, 2025

#### **FAITH FORMATION**

## LIFETEEN, EDGE, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT

Continuing formation program for youth age 13 to 35.

## **YOUTH & CHILDREN CHOIR** Schedule of practice:

Every 3rd & 4th Saturday of the Month @ 3:15 to 4:30 PM

#### **Mass Sponsorship:**

3rd Sunday @ 4:30 PM 4th Sunday @ 5:00 PM

#### **OTHER MINISTRIES**

## **Hospitality Sunday**

Every 2nd Sunday of the month After 7:00 & 9:30 AM Mass

## **General Cleaning** of Church & Parish Hall

Every Friday right after the Mass

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# **Hospitality Sunday** (Coffee-Donut Sunday)

**Assigned Ministries** 

## **September 14, 2025**

Environment, Prayer Shawl, Linen, Yard Crew

October 12, 2025

Bereavement Ministry

November 9, 2025

Hospitality Ministy

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SUNDAY SUMMARY COLLECTION-August 9/10, 2025	
5PM Mass	\$ 1,276.00
7AM Mass	\$ 1,601.00
9:30AM Mass	\$ 1,407.00
4:30PM Mass	\$ 4,086.75
Total	\$ 9,370.75
Second Collection	\$ 2,060.00

#### Calendar Catechists Training & Workshop Aug 30 @ 9:00AM—12NN **Sept 6/7** Second Collection (Facility Maintenance) Sept 14 Hospitality Sunday (Coffee-Donut Sunday) Sept 21 Commissioning of Catechist (9:30 AM)

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# Today's Readings Reflection

The central theme of today's readings is that we should be Christians on fire instead of remaining "frozen Christians."

Jeremiah, in our first reading, is presented as experiencing the consequences of the burning word of God within him. Jeremiah's preaching divided the city and incited such opposition that peosought ple his death.



The refrain for today's Responsorial **Psalm** (Ps 40), has us sing what could have been Jeremiah's plea to God, "Lord! Come to my aid!"

Standing in this prophetic tradition, Paul, in the second reading, challenges the Judeo-Christians to stand firm in their Faith in Jesus, ignoring the ostracism imposed on them by their own former Jewish community.

In today's Gospel, Jesus, too, preaches the word of God which continues to divide families, a word which, he knew, would lead ultimately to his death. The fire Jesus brings is the fire of love and the fire of hope. The disruption, division, and revolution, which Jesus and his true followers cause in society by the fire of sacrificial love and the fire of justice, are necessary to re-set what's fractured, put right what's dislocated and cleanse what's infected in the world and in the Body of Christ.

## Life messages:

1. Let us learn to appreciate the contemporary prophets in the Church: The Jesuit Cardinal Avery Dulles, writing about the role of prophecy in the modern Church communities in his book Models of the Church,

remarks: "Christianity is not healthy unless there is room in it for prophetic protest against abuses of authority." God continues to send such prophets to every parish community, and it is the duty of the bishop, pastor, and parish council to listen to the well-intended, constructive criticisms of such Jeremiahs.

2. We should have fire in our hearts: On the day of our Baptism, we received the light of Christ and were instructed to keep that torch burning brightly until the return of Christ Jesus. In addition, the Holy Spirit was sent into our hearts both in Baptism and at Confirmation to help set us on fire. "One who is on fire cannot sit on a chair." So, as Christians on fire, we have to inflame people to care, to serve, and to bless one another with all the gifts of Faith. We should allow that fire to burn off the impurities in us and to bring out the purity of the gold and silver within us.

--- Fr. Gus, MS. - - -

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