



Stewards of God's Gifts



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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)

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 25, 2021




God's Gift of Time

God's Gift of Talent




TWO NATURES, ONE PERSON




Jesus plainly showed the "twoness" of his natures by doing things only God can do (such as raising the dead to life) and things that men must commonly do (e.g., eating, sleeping, drinking, etc.).

Yet, equally plainly, He also showed the "oneness" of His personality. He did not say to the widow's son, for example, "the God part of me says to thee, Arise!". Jesus commanded simply, "I say to thee, Arise!". On the Cross, Jesus did not say, "My human nature thirsts", instead He cried out, "I thirst": Two natures, one Person.

Lifted from 'The Faith Explained' by Leo J. Tresie


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THE ONENESS OF GOD



God's oneness is indispensable, because the supreme being must be unique, without equal: If God is not one, He is not God. (CCC 228)

Faith in three Divine Persons is not contrary to belief in the One God, because these Persons are united in one essence, substance or nature entirely simple. (CCC 202)

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DEVOTION TO SAINTS AND WORSHIP OF GOD: IT'S NOT LIKE A CAKE



Devotion to Mary and the Saints do not detract from the worship of God. Devotion expresses love, but love is not a finite good such as a cake, where a larger slice for one person means a smaller slice for everyone else. On the contrary, love multiplies when it is shared, and to love Mary and the Saints gives even more glory to God who created them and saved them.

- Lifted from: Apologia, Catholic Answer's to Today's Questions by Fr. Marcus Holden & Fr. Andrew Fincent

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Gospel: John 10:11-18

Leadership Through Sacrifice

What responsibilities do you have in life? What sacrifices have you made to carry out your responsibilities?

Sacrifice seems to be an ugly word these days. No political leader dare breathe the word, lest he or she loses the next election. No media star or technological CEO dares mention the concept, lest they be called "hypocrite." In these days of the hyper-economy and the "ME!" culture, the notion of giving up a desire or putting off a pleasure for the good of others is "verboden." Self-indulgence, not self-giving, is society's keyword.

Yet, beyond the self-absorbed veneer of culture, people are willing to give up for something greater. They are willing to sacrifice for those they love and for that in which they have faith. Sacrifice is the yardstick that measures one's character and values. Self-giving proves the worth of one's words and intent.

Just how far should we be willing to sacrifice for others and for our ideals? Look to Jesus for the answer.

Catechism Theme: Christ Offered Himself to the Father (CCC 606-609)

The Resurrection was a mere aspect of Christ's self-giving mission. Jesus came from the Father (his birth). He did the Father's will on earth (his ministry). And he gave himself back to the Father (his death, resurrection, and ascension). In every step, he loved and gave all for others. In every step, Jesus revealed the face of the Father to the world.

Notice Jesus was not only the intermediary. He embodied the Father's offer of love and our positive response. That is the reason his death forgave sins once and for all. In his death, we find the Father's love for us and we find our perfect response to that love. He did it all for us. We could never add to or improve upon his sacrifice. **Have you ever felt the Lord lift your burden? Or the loving care of the Lord?** Describe this experience.

Jesus gave his all for us. He did it for love. The love he had for the Father. The love he had for all people. In that love he claimed his place as the Good Shepherd.

We are to shepherd in the same fashion, to sacrifice out of love. We are to lead by giving of self for the good of others. More important, we are to lead in a way that brings others to Christ and through Christ to the Father. So we can lead in this fashion, we need to sacrifice self interest and ego. But the rewards of love make that sacrifice worth the cost.

What sacrifices have you had to make to lead others to Christ? What sacrifices are you willing to make now? Look to the next week. Plan your sacrifice for the good of others. (word-sunday.com)

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 25, 2021



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 17-18, 2021

5PM Mass	\$1,310.00
7AM Mass	\$1,552.00
9:30AM Mass	\$1,037.00
4:30PM Mass	\$745.00
6:30PM Mass	\$487.00
Total	\$5,131.00

THANK YOU! SALAMAT PO! AGYAMANNAK!
TO GIVE ONLINE, PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE: icchurchlihue.com.

MASS HEADCOUNT FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 17-18, 2021

MASS TIME	HEADCOUNT
5PM MASS	119
7AM MASS	127
9:30AM MASS	135
4:30PM MASS	131
6:30PM MASS	70
TOTAL	582

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?

April 24/25 — Good Shepherd Sunday — 2nd Collection for the Care and Support for Retired Diocesan Priests Fund. Please be generous.

April 25 — World Day of Prayer for Vocations — Please include in your daily prayers the vocations to the priesthood and religious life (consecrated life).

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.

Sunday Studies

Proclaim The Good News!

How do we know Jesus is the Good Shepherd? The gospel of John answered the problem well: he laid down his life for his sheep.

FIRST READING: (Acts 4:8-12) In the book of Acts, Peter and John were arrested for the disturbance they caused when they healed a crippled man. This gave them the chance to witness for the faith in front of the Sanhedrin.

PSALM (Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29) Psalm 118 is the quintessential praise psalm. **"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!"**

SECOND READING: (1 Jn 3:1-2) 1 John proclaimed the Good News in intimate terms. God loves us. Out of that love, he made us his children.

GOSPEL: (Jn 10:11-18) Jesus is the Good Shepherd. This was the message of John 10. He is our shepherd because he was willing to sacrifice himself for his flock. (word-sunday.com)