



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)

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 13, 2020



God's Gift of Time

Third Week of Advent

The Third Sunday of Advent offers us more of the promise. The words used by the **prophet Isaiah** to describe God's vindication are the ones Jesus points to as describing his own mission: "The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God."

Monday is the **Memorial of St. John of the Cross**.

We continue to focus on the first readings in this first part of Advent. From the Book of Numbers, we have the proclamation that "a star shall advance from Jacob..." Zephaniah is the prophet of impending doom, if the people don't abandon their idolatry. But this week we read about consoling healing, "on that day," when the Lord comes. Isaiah's message is full of promise: "Turn to me and be safe ... for I am God; there is no other!" God promises us, "with great tenderness I will take you back," and "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

On Thursday, we reach **December 17th** and in the last eight days of Advent the focus returns to the gospels with stories from Jesus' family in the time before he was born. In Matthew's genealogy, we see the ancestors of Jesus.

On the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**, we read **Luke's Gospel** of the Annunciation, the moment when a troubled Mary is told she has found favor with God and she will conceive and bear a son. She questions: "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" Then declaring herself the handmaiden of the Lord, she accepts: "May it be done to me according to your word."

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"A heart filled with joy is more easily made perfect than one that is sad."

St. Philip Neri



God's Gift of Talent



Daily Prayer This Week

This third week of Advent, begins with *Gaudete* (rejoice!) Sunday. Our daily prayer continues to allow us to become much more concrete about naming our desires and preparing the way for the Lord. We begin this week with joy, knowing that our celebration of all the ways our Lord comes to us is getting nearer.

In these familiar readings is an invitation for us to ask again for help, perhaps especially in dealing with our fears. On Tuesday we hear God's message to us from Isaiah: "Fear not. You shall not be put to shame." Fear can stop us from asking God for the very help we need in our lives.

In the midst of what our culture tells us should be a picture-perfect holiday season, we can step back and get in touch with our fears and ask God to help us deal with the relationships we are afraid of, the family tensions that make us apprehensive and the stress that can take us out of the spirit of Advent reflection. If we pause for just a minute, we can feel in our hearts that Jesus is saying gently to us each day: "Do not be afraid."

These very busy days can still be a time for us to focus our desires, perhaps each morning at the side of our bed, while in the shower or while going about our daily errands. We can ask God to remind us again that what we are doing in our daily lives is touched by the sacred because God is present in even the most mundane tasks.

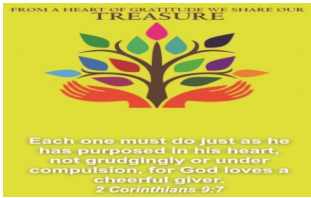
"Lord, let me place my trust in you. I get so independent and think I need to fix everything myself. Let me remember not to be afraid of so much and to ask you for the healing that my heart needs so badly. Give me the patience this week to deal with the relationships in my life that need mending and the forgiveness that I can give others and that I need so badly myself. Be with me through the darkness so that I can see the light that you bring to us and the joy with which you want to fill our hearts."

We are moving toward the end of our Advent journey. Even if we don't feel like we have "started" on Advent yet, we can begin today. We are being invited: "Do not be afraid!"

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God's Gift of Treasure

What's Up?



“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!”

SUNDAY SUMMARY COLLECTIONS For DEC. 05-06, 2020

5PM Mass	\$1,864.00
7AM Mass	\$966.00
9:30AM Mass	\$393.00
4:30PM Mass	\$684.00
6:30PM Mass	\$180.00
Total	\$4,087.00
2nd Collection—Bldg. Fund	\$3,274.00

MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR GENEROSITY!

**TO GIVE ONLINE, PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE: icchurchlihue.com.
THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!
IN YOUR GENEROSITY!**

Family Activity

Family Prayer Corner

John was a witness to the light, but not the light. Christ was the light John proclaimed. Jesus is the light of the world.

Candles add a glow to the long evenings of the season. Why not create a Christmas prayer corner with candles, a picture of Jesus (or the Holy Family), and flowers. Dedicate the prayer corner by lighting the candles in a darkened room and sharing John 1:6-8, 19-28 with your family. Take a few moments to discuss the power of light and how light dispels the darkness. Tell your family Jesus, like light, dispels the darkness of sin and death.

(word-sunday.com)

SIMBANG GABI 2020
Dec. 15 @ 6PM
(Use Dec.16 readings)

December 16 @ 6PM
(Use Dec.17 readings)

December 17 @ 6PM
(Use Dec.18 readings)

December 18 @ 6PM
(Use Dec.19 readings)

December 19 @ 5PM
(4th Sunday of Advent Readings)

December 20 @ 6:30PM
(4th Sunday of Advent Readings)

December 21 @ 6PM
(Use Dec.22 readings)

December 22 @ 6PM
(Use Dec.23 readings)

December 23 @ 6PM
(Use Dec.24 readings)

Dec. 12-13—2nd Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please be generous.

Dec. 13 — ICP Food Bank Meeting after 9:30AM Mass, inside the Church.

MISA DE GALLO 2020
Dec. 16 @ 5AM

Dec. 17 @ 5AM

Dec. 18 @ 5AM

Dec. 19 @ 5AM

Dec. 20 @ 5AM

Dec. 21 @ 5AM

Dec. 22 @ 5AM

Dec. 23 @ 5AM

Dec. 24 @ 5AM

NO 7AM Weekday Mass!
The 7AM Mass on Sunday remains as is.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, we will NOT have our usual fellowship after the Mass.

MASS HEADCOUNT FOR THE WEEKEND OF DEC.05-06, 2020

MASS TIME	HEADCOUNT
5PM MASS	95
7AM MASS	136
9:30AM MASS	97
4:30PM MASS	63
6:30PM MASS	57
TOTAL	448

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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