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OUR VISION

# 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) 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

<u>Reconciliation (Confession )</u> 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 ADVENT - DECEMBER 20, 2020



#### Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Week

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."

This week we hear from the Song of Songs and Hannah's prayer and of Mary's visit to Elizabeth and her song. We read from Malachai of the foretelling of John's birth, and his birth story in Luke. David promises to build a temple and Zechariah's song prepare us for Christmas.

Friday is **Christmas Day** this year. The first celebration of The Nativity of the Lord is the Mass at Midnight. The first reading is from Isaiah: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." This powerful reading deserves a slow contemplation. The Gospel is from Luke: the journey to Bethlehem, the birth, the angels announce the birth to the shepherds. The second celebration of The Nativity of the Lord is the Mass at Dawn. The Gospel is from Luke: the shepherds visit the newborn child. "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." The third celebration of The Nativity of the Lord is the Mass during the Day. Here the Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel: "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."

Then, the Church celebrates three very important feasts after Christmas. We celebrate the **Feast of Saint Stephen**, the first public witness who gave his life for his faith. Then we celebrate the **Feast of Saint John, Apostle and evangelist**. And, we encounter the moving **Feast of the Holy Innocents**, remembering the infant martyrs of Herod's jealous rage.

This coming Sunday is the wonderful **Feast of the Holy Family,** and there is a wonderful variety of readings from which to choose. **Luke's Gospel** is the story of the teen aged Jesus teaching in the temple while his parents searched for him. Jesus goes back home with his family. "He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

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God's Gift of Talent



# Entering Into and Celebrating The Christmas Season

Christmas is not the end of Advent. It is a real season of the Church year. We usually miss it because the consumer society that some of us live in has nothing to offer us, except for days to return gifts. Too often, within days after Christmas day, the decorations are down and it is over.

This year, let's try to really celebrate Christmas and the days that follow. Let's enter a new Season, which has its own spirit and desires and graces.



Special Feasts begin the season and we continue the story, so that we enter

more deeply into the story of Jesus' coming to be one with our life, but also that we might enter more deeply into how Jesus comes this year to bless each of us.

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#### CHRISTMAS PRAYER

On this day may we not only unwrap gifts, But may we also know more about your love. Today may we not only eat on festive meals, but may we also feast on your faith.

On this day may we not only treasure happy times with family and friends, but may we bring YOU into our lives. Today may we not only sing Christmas carols that commemorate your birth, but may we reside upon the resurrected Christ alive at this time.

Living Lord, we wait to know your love, feast on your truth, invite you into our lives and praise you for your sacrifice. Among the gifts, food and family we long to celebrate Christmas with YOU. Amen. (catholicreadings.org)

> A FAITH-FILLED CHRISTMAS AND GRACE-FILLED NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR WHOLE FAMILY!

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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. 12-13, 2020

5PM Mass	\$1,483.00
7AM Mass	\$1,246.00
9:30AM Mass	\$718.00
4:30PM Mass	\$282.00
6:30PM Mass	\$304.00
Total	\$4,033.00
2nd Collection—Retirement Fund for Religious	\$703.00

# MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE TO OUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.



# SIMBANG GABI 2020

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

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

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

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

#### **MISA DE GALLO 2020**

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.12-13, 2020

MASS TIME	HEADCOUNT
5PM MASS	91
7AM MASS	118
9:30AM MASS	106
4:30PM MASS	57
6:30PM MASS	41
TOTAL	413



Prayer for a Stewardship Parish (from the Archdiocese of Detriot)

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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