



# Stewards of God's Gifts



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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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

(6th to 8th Grade)

Every Sunday @ Parish Hall -  
3:00PM - 4:00 PM  
(Ends with the 4:30PM Mass)

### Jesus And Me (JAM) Ministry

(9th to 12th Grade)

Every Monday @ Parish Hall -  
5:30PM - 7:00 PM

### 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)

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## God's Gift of Time

## God's Gift of Talent



Gospel (Christmas Day): John 1:1-18  
**Christmas!**

Christmas is finally here! It is a time to relax, reflect, and savor the moment of the season. It is a time to enjoy family and friends. It is a time share gifts of love. It is the one day of the year when "peace on earth, good will to all people" can seem to be a reality.

But, is this the reason the Son of God came to live among us? Is this the reason we celebrate the holiday? The gospel writer John had bigger ideas, a grander picture than the warm feelings that mistletoe and tinsel evoke.

The reality behind Christmas can be overwhelming. God was born as a poor Jewish peasant over two millennia ago. The effects of that history changing event are still with us.

John, the gospel writer, divided his reflection on God-becoming-man in three sections: **hymn to the divine Word, the witness of the Baptist, and the birth of the Word among humanity.**

Why did the Son of God come as a human being? Why was the "Word made flesh?" John answer was one of revelation. The Word came to show the world God's "grace and truth." As the note above stated, "grace" was God's steadfast love. The Hebrew word for this concept was "hesed," the same love he showed to the Israelites at Mt. Sinai when he gave them his covenant. This self giving love was a gift that defined Israel as the Chosen People. This love was the activity that made the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob the living God. Grace or hesed revealed the kind of God the Jews worshiped.

As noted above, "truth" was God's faithfulness. His love was not conditional or capacious. It was dependable. Believers could rely on God to be there for them. One of God's titles was the "Rock." He would not abandon his people.

Taken together, "grace and truth" spoke to the very heart of the "God" concept. God loved his with a dynamic, faithful concern. Anything outside of "grace and truth" would be dead. Anything within "grace and truth" would be fullness beyond measure, grace upon grace, life in the Spirit. The One who could give people God's grace and truth would be the person closest to God, "in the lap of the Father." This person was Jesus, the Christ.

How does your Christmas celebrate God's love and faithfulness? How does the Christmas season bring you closer to God?

So, why do we celebrate Christmas? It is more than the birth of Jesus. It is a celebration of God with us. It is the realization that God's love and faithfulness dwells among us. It is a sign that we are to carry that love and faithfulness to other. Like the Baptist, we, too, are to witness to the Logos, God's living, breathing Word.

We have an awesome God who sent us an awesome Savior. He lives with us now!

**Merry Christmas!**  
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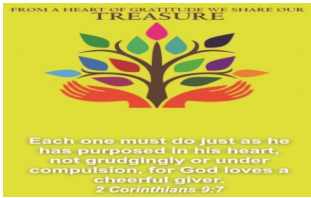
Loving God,  
Help us remember  
the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share  
in the song of the angels,  
the gladness  
of the shepherds,  
and worship of  
the wise men.

— Robert Louis Stevenson



MerryChristmasWishes.com

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## God's Gift of Treasure

Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. *2 Corinthians 9:7*

**"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!"**

### OUR MASS HEADCOUNT AND SUNDAY SUMMARY

**COLLECTIONS FOR DEC. 18-19; DEC. 25-26; JAN. 01-02 ; JAN. 08-09 will be posted on JANUARY 16, 2022 parish bulletin. Mahalo!**

### REFLECTION QUESTION FROM BISHOP LARRY SILVA!

**"How can all the members of the Catholic Church be more effective in proclaiming the living Jesus Christ to the world?"**

Please share with us your reflection on this question by sending it to our parish email address: [icchurchkauai@rcchawaii.org](mailto:icchurchkauai@rcchawaii.org). Mahalo!

### Family Activity (Cycle C) Letting Go!

In Luke's Gospel (2:41-52), this narrative of the teen Jesus acted as a rite of passage. Jesus was no longer a boy, but a man, for he was instructing the Teachers of the Law in the Temple. He was beginning to fulfill his Father's will.

The hardest part of being a parent is letting go, allowing children to take responsibility and self-initiative. Sometimes they disappoint us. Sometimes they surprise us. On the New Year's Eve, take time to reflect you're your family's growth. Talk as a family how members have taken more "grown-up" decisions. Talk about the wisdom they have acquired. And talk about the coming year and what growth family members expect to make. End the discussion with a prayer for the family. (Don't forget to pray for the parents who need to let go.)

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## What's Up?



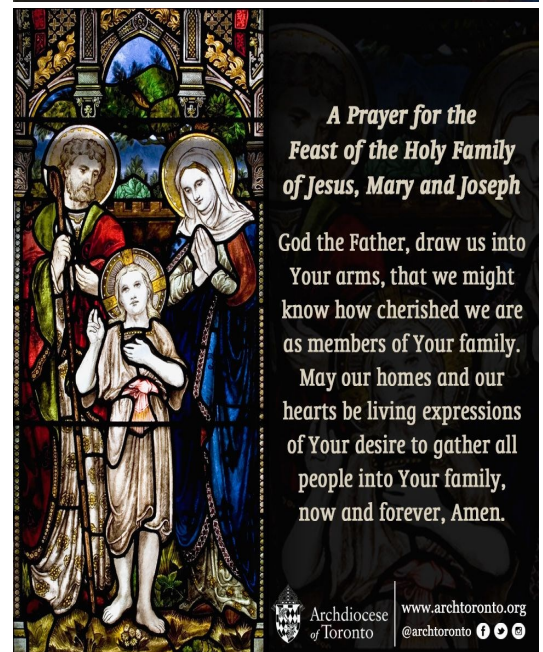
**PLEASE WATCH OUR DAILY MASS (LIVE STREAMING) AT 7AM VIA OUR FACEBOOK PAGE — Immaculate Conception Church Kauai. Please LIKE and SHARE it.**

**December 26** — Regular Sunday schedules for the **Feast of the Holy Family**.

**January 01** — **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** — 8AM & 10AM Masses

**January 01** — **Epiphany of the Lord** @ 5PM Mass

**January 02** — **Epiphany of the Lord** @ 7AM, 9:30AM & 4:30PM Masses



### A Prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

God the Father, draw us into Your arms, that we might know how cherished we are as members of Your family. May our homes and our hearts be living expressions of Your desire to gather all people into Your family, now and forever, Amen.

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@archtoronto

### 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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