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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

<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)

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - DECEMBER 27, 2020



God's Gift of Time

The Most Holy Family

"The Lord sets a father in honor over his children; A mother's authority he confirms over her sons. He who honors his father atones for sins; He stores up riches who reveres his mother." Sirach 3:2-6,12-14



Second Week of Christmas

This 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."

This week we celebrate **The Feast of the Holy Innocents** on Monday.

New Year's Day, is the **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**. In addition, it is a celebration of **World Day of Prayer for Peace.** It marks the mid-point in the Christmas Season.

The week continues with a **Memorial of Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory Nazianzen**.

The first reading until the Epiphany continues from the **First Letter of John**, encouraging us to make our home in the one who makes his home in us. In Jesus, we have eternal life and we are called to love one another.

The Gospels for this week we read Simeon's prophesy and Anna's witness to the child, Jesus.

The Baptism of the Lord is another epiphany. The divine voice from heaven manifests, reveals, points Jesus out as God's "beloved Son." (onlineministries.creighton.edu)

God's Gift of Talent



Catechism Themes: **The Mysteries of Christ's Infancy:** Part 1 (CCC 527, 529)

Jesus' presentation at the Temple represents his unity with his people and his place as the First Born of the Father. As a circumcised Jew, Jesus was a true son of Abraham. He followed the Law, worshiped God in the Temple, and extended himself to his fellow countrymen.

Jesus was also the unique first born of his Father, the "light to the nations" and "the glory of Israel." But his status would come at a price. He would be opposed by the leadership and would suffer death, symbolized by the dagger in Mary's heart. Yet, the public nature of his death would be the sign of universal salvation, "in sight of all nations."

Have you ever experienced God in church, but in way unexpected? Has God ever caught you by surprise, yet in a way that gave new insight? Have children ever caused you to wonder? What happened?

In the place of God's dwelling, a child is presented and given a mission. In the experience of a child, God gave the world Good News. In the sight of a family, the world saw the presence of God with his people. Yes, the Spirit of the season lingers on. And it grows stronger as long as we hold the Christ Child close to us.

Take one or two spiritual gifts you have been given this season. Share them with a friend or two this week. (word-sunday.com)

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen. (msf-america.org)

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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!"

The summary collections and Mass headcounts for December 19/20, December 24/25, December 26/27 and January 2/3 will be published on January 10, 2021 bulletin. Mahalo for your understanding.



What's Up?



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

Daily Prayer This Week

This second week of the Christmas Season can be a great help for our daily connections with our Lord. We begin the week with the celebration of The Holy Family. In these days we can ask for the graces each of our families need and turn to Mary, Joseph and Jesus for inspiration and help.

The slaughter of the innocents reminds us of the fact that the innocent are so often the victims of political intrigue. We are reminded that the Holy Family becomes a family of refugees, fleeing a tyrant.

We have the full and wonderful Solemnity in honor of Mary, in her role as "Mother of God." We can ask her to be our guide all week as we desire to grow closer to her Son. We can read the Holy Father's words for the World Day of Prayer for Peace and chew them from time to time this week.

As we go through our daily and often very busy lives, in this time after Christmas, we can continue a sense of this brief season by continuing to ask that our Lord come to us in the ways we still need light and healing and peace. For some of us, this will be an easy prayer this week. Waiting faithfully can continue throughout the Christmas Season.

A special grace to ask for this week would be the gift of celebrating our Lord's presence with us. We can ask for it every morning, as we get going and we can enter into brief conversations with our Lord, in the background, as we encounter some of the places in our life in which we can see more hope, more of an opportunity for peace. This week, we might hold up each member of our family, close friends and neighbors, and those we might work with, seeing and celebrating how our Lord is manifest in them. For some of us, there may be real epiphany moments, when we see what we haven't been seeing, feel what we haven't been feeling or experience a call we haven't felt before. Being watchful for and open to these special post-Christmas moments of grace is very important.

The Baptism of the Lord ends this Christmas Season and reminds us of the rest of our lives. As Jesus fully enters our world, by becoming one with us in the waters of baptism, we can ask for a renewed sense of our union with him in baptism - for our salvation and for our mission in this world. (onlineministries.creighton.edu)

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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