



# Stewards of God's Gifts



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

4453 Kapaia Road, Lihue, HI 96766

(808)245-2432

[www.icchurchlihue.com](http://www.icchurchlihue.com)

[icchurchkauai@rcchawaii.org](mailto:icchurchkauai@rcchawaii.org)

Deacon Bill Farias

PASTOR : REV.FR. EDISON PAMINTUAN, MS

Deacon Dave Kane

### 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)

**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 14, 2021**



## God's Gift of Time

### Sixth Week of Ordinary Time and First Four Days of Lent

The first few days of this week are the last of the Ordinary Time readings until the day after Pentecost Sunday, which will end the Easter Season. The **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** offers a dramatic look at leprosy. The first reading from **Leviticus** has clear instructions: A leper has to live away from the community, cover his head and call out, "Unclean, unclean!" as people go near him. It emphasizes even more what it means that Jesus speaks with and touches someone who was such a pariah as he heals the leper in **Mark's Gospel**.

On Monday and Tuesday in **Mark's Gospel**, we witness Jesus' discouragement as he again encounters the challenges of the religious leaders: "he sighed from the depth of his spirit." As they retreat to the other side of the lake, Jesus warns his disciples against the rebellious "leaven" of the Pharisees and reminds them of the meaning of the miracle of the loaves - he is like God, come to feed them in whatever desert journey they encounter.

#### Beginning of Lent

The **Season of Lent** begins with four days that serve as an introduction to the four Lenten practices of **Prayer, Fasting, Repentance and Almsgiving**.

**Ash Wednesday** is a day of fasting and abstinence. We wear ashes on our foreheads to remember who we are and express our desire to turn away from sin and to believe the Good News. The Prophet **Joel** helps us begin our journey: "return to me with your whole heart." "Rend your hearts, not your garments," reminds us that this is an interior journey. The **Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 51**, has the antiphon: "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." Paul, in his **First Letter to the Corinthians** says, "be reconciled to God ... we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain ... Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." In **Matthew's Gospel** Jesus gives us a guide for our Lenten practices, "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them."

On Thursday we read in **Deuteronomy** how Moses urges his people to turn away from sin. "Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him."

**Friday and Saturday:** It is the long tradition of Lent to prepare us for our journey by having us reflect on **Isaiah, Chapter 58**, as we begin. "This is the fasting that I wish" gives us the true picture of fasting: letting God's Spirit transform us. It is a call to conversion. Jesus confirms his desire to help us, "I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners."

On the **First Sunday of Lent**, as we begin our Lenten journey, remembering how God re-established the covenant after the flood, and we reflect on how Jesus began his public ministry with a retreat of forty days - driven to the desert by the Spirit.

(onlineministries.creighton.edu)

## God's Gift of Talent



### THE STORY OF FOUR PEOPLE

This is the story of four people, namely: **Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody**. There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was asked to do it. **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did. **Somebody** got angry because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** knew that **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Somebody** wouldn't do it. And it ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** because **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

As Catholic Christians, teaching the faith and proclaiming the Gospel, beginning with our family, is 'everybody's responsibility.'

**Are we ready to renew our commitment to this responsibility as our way of reciprocating God's love?**

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."  
(John. 14:15)

Catechism Theme:  
**The Anointing of the Sick:** (CCC 1506-1513)

"Heal the sick!" (Matthew 10:8) Illness was no longer to be seen as a curse, but as a chance for faith, a time for healing. Jesus brought compassion and service to his ministry among the sick. And, as Jesus did, he instructed his followers to do. Hence, the Church has a duty and a charism to act as an agent of God's healing power. In the name of Jesus, the Church prays for healing among the sick. But, by invoking the name, the Church remembers who really heals and serves: God himself.

From Scripture and Tradition, the Church exercises a ministry to the sick. The Anointing of the Sick sums up the Church's ministry: a sign of the community's care and a prayerful anointing for healing. The sacrament, administered by a bishop or priest, binds the sick to Christ. In this sense, the sacrament forgives sin and "raises up" the sick. No matter whether the result of the anointing is physical or spiritual healing, the sacrament points toward the general resurrection, when all the faithful will be made whole, just as Christ's resurrection restored him.

(word-sunday.com)

**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 14, 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!”**

**SUNDAY SUMMARY COLLECTIONS  
For FEB. 06-07, 2021**

5PM Mass	\$864.00
7AM Mass	\$911.00
9:30AM Mass	\$805.00
4:30PM Mass	\$1,278.00
6:30PM Mass	\$225.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,083.00</b>
2nd Collection—Bldg. Fund	\$4,263.00

**MASS HEADCOUNT  
FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEB. 06-07, 2021**

MASS TIME	HEADCOUNT
5PM MASS	106
7AM MASS	112
9:30AM MASS	115
4:30PM MASS	58
6:30PM MASS	53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>444</b>



*What's Up?*

Feb. 13/14 — 2nd Collection for Augustine Educational Foundation. Please be generous.

Feb. 15 — Parish Office is closed for President's Day Holiday.

Feb. 16 — Burning of the Old Palms @ 6PM, vicinity of the Church

Feb. 17 — **ASH WEDNESDAY!** It is the beginning of LENT - a time for fasting and abstinence. A time to pray more! We will have 3 Masses on this day: 7AM, 12NN & 5PM

February 19 — Deaconate Ordination of Andy Ragasa and Averiet Soto @ 6PM. Due to limited seating capacity, the event will be **BY INVITATION ONLY**. Nonetheless, we will **LIVE STREAM** it using our parish Facebook page.

Feb. 20 — Blessing of the New Parish Hall by Bishop Larry Silva, after the 7AM Mass.

\* Starting Feb. 26 and the remaining Fridays of Lent, Fr. Edison will be accommodating penitents for Confession from 8AM-11AM at his office. Mahalo!

**TO GIVE ONLINE, PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE: [icchurchlihue.com](http://icchurchlihue.com).**



**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.

**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 14, 2021**