



# 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 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)

**2ND SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 28, 2021**



## God's Gift of Time

### A Mountain Top Experience

Getting away to the mountains can have a cathartic experience. We feel renewed just because we have distance from our daily grind. We feel a sense of transcendence, for we are "above it all." Yet, such an experience can be frightening, for we are not in control. Such was the experience of Peter, James and John. They saw Jesus transfigured. They were not in control.

### SUNDAY STUDIES

**FIRST READING (Gen 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18):** The book of Genesis presents us with a dilemma in the story of Isaac. God's law abhorred human sacrifice, but Abraham heard the divine command to sacrifice his son. What's more important, God's law or God's will?

**PSALM (Psalm 116:10, 15-19):** Psalm 116 celebrated the safe arrival of a pilgrim to the Temple in Jerusalem. It was a thanksgiving hymn that lauded YHWH for rescue even at the point of death.

**SECOND READING (Rom 8:31-34):** "If God is with us, who can be against us?" This famous line came from St. Paul's letter to the Romans. This rhetorical question addressed the overwhelming power of God in life, a power so great even death could not get in the way.

**GOSPEL (Mk 9:2-10):** Mark's gospel laid out the classic lines and themes of the Transfiguration. Jesus took Peter, James, and John up the mountain to pray. There, he was transformed. Moses and Elijah joined him. The three followers witnessed the voice of the Father declaring Jesus his Son. They also heard the divine command, "Listen to him."

(word-sunday.com)

## God's Gift of Talent



Catechism Theme:

**The Transfiguration (CCC 554-556)**

The Transfiguration was a revelation of the Trinity. The voice from heaven proclaimed the words of the Father. The Son stood transformed in his glory. And the Spirit overshadowed the scene as the cloud. The scene hearkens back to the Baptism, the Father's voice from heaven, the Son rising from the water, and the Spirit descending upon the Son. The difference between the two events, however, lies in the reception of the revelation. In the Baptism, Jesus received the revelation with others as witnesses. In the Transfiguration, the followers received the revelation.

Notice the revelation was in context as confirmation and foreshadowing. The event confirmed Peter's confession. Jesus was the Messiah. But it also foreshadowed the mission of the Messiah, death on the cross to enter glory. The Transfiguration was a look backward and a look forward.

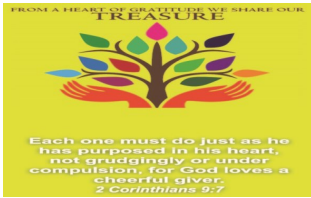
For us, the Transfiguration reminds us of our Baptism when the Trinity revealed themselves to us. And, it is a look ahead to our death and resurrection. Yes, we, too, will be like Christ in glory. But the road to that glory leads down the mountain into the mundane affairs and sufferings of life.

***As you look forward to Easter, what expectations do you have? Have your Lenten exercises helped you to anticipate the resurrection? How?***

The message of this Gospel is clear. To see, we need to look. To hear, we need to listen. To experience, we need to open our minds and hearts to the possibility of God's voice. Look at the Son. Listen to his words. Open your mind and heart to his presence. We don't need to be on the top of a mountain to experience God's fullness. Just shake off rote and routine. And he will be there.

***Take a few moments to reread the Gospel. Imagine you're before the Lord as he speaks to you in his glory. What is his Word to you? How will that Word help you this week on your Lenten journey?***

(word-sunday.com)



## 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 FEB. 20-21, 2021

5PM Mass	\$1,082.00
7AM Mass	\$877.00
9:30AM Mass	\$1,177.00
4:30PM Mass	\$1,007.00
6:30PM Mass	\$345.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,488.00</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>\$3,113.00</b>

**THANK YOU! SALAMAT PO! AGYAMANNAK!**  
 TO GIVE ONLINE, PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE: [icchurchlihue.com](http://icchurchlihue.com).

### MASS HEADCOUNT FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEB. 20-21, 2021

MASS TIME	HEADCOUNT
5PM MASS	101
7AM MASS	121
9:30AM MASS	125
4:30PM MASS	96
6:30PM MASS	72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>515</b>

- Starting Feb. 26 and the remaining Fridays of Lent, Fr. Edison will be accommodating penitents for Confession from 8AM-11AM at his office. Mahalo!
- Fridays of Lent (starting Feb. 26) - Stations of the Cross in Church @ 6PM. NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the time being.
- March 02 — Parish Pastoral Council Meeting @ 6PM, New Parish Hall.
- March 6/7 — 2nd Collection for the Building Fund. Please be generous.
- March 13/14— 2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services. Please be generous.

**Lord Jesus, please continue to form and transform us. Amen.**

### DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

This is a pivotal week of Lent. We can solidify the patterns we have begun or we can make a new start, if we haven't been able to get started yet. If we have begun to recognize what needs realigning in our lives and have begun to fast and abstain from some things that get in the way of our relationship with the Lord, then we are engaging in a struggle. We are likely uncovering resistance and experiencing our personal sinfulness face-to-face.

This is all preparing us for a deeper conversion, a readiness for reconciliation with God and the graces that will allow us to be a source of reconciliation with others. This is the time when we begin to see and experience how much God loves us at a new and more personal level. These graces prepare us to keep our eyes focused on Jesus in the weeks ahead - to learn from him, to fall in love with him more deeply and to be drawn to imitate him more completely. If we are just getting started with our Lenten journey, renewing our desires for these graces will be all we need to begin with a renewed openness. God does not need a lot of time to convince us of his love for us.

(onlineministries.creighton.edu)

### 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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