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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 Liquori)







PRAYER AS RELATIONSHIP

Many of us remember the oldest and best definition of prayer: "raising the mind and heart to God." I suspect that most of us practiced the first part, raising our mind to God, better than the second part, lifting up our hearts. That imbalance can too often make the experience of praying "dry" or "unfulfilling."

What this definition probably intended to say was that prayer involves our whole person in a *relationship* with God. Using the various relationships of our lives as a guide, we can come to new insights about prayer.

A wise spiritual guide once said, "We are as good at praying as we are at the other relationships of our lives. If you want to get better at prayer, work on the key relationships in your life."

Take a close friendship or marriage, as an example. We wouldn't imagine that what makes the relationship work is trying to find a half an hour, early in the morning, to sit in a chair and close our eyes and think heavy thoughts about the other person. We know instinctively, even if we hadn't ever put it into words, that a key relationship in our life is a matter of the **heart**. The other person means a lot to me. I'm not just attracted to the other, but the other is someone whose desires and dreams and vision are very important to me. And, if this relationship is one that is growing in love, the other is one I want to serve - give of myself for.

Relationship always involves a strong desire to be with. A relationship will fade if we have no continuing interest in spending time with the other, or connect with the other. Even when our time together might be limited, we have feelings for the other which sustain the relationship. The closer the relationship, the stronger those feelings. In a marriage relationship, I might not see my spouse as much as I'd like, but I know that my job or my care for our children or time shopping - whatever I do when we are apart - is all done **because** of our relationship, to further the goals of our life together and our mission together. Intimacy in the bedroom is an important, but small part of the relationship's bond. If the other intimacy and connections are there, then the bedroom time is wondrous. If the relationship of the heart is not connecting us when we are apart, intimacy in the bedroom can become quite problematic.

Words, gestures and rituals express and give shape to the relationship of the heart. "I love you." "Thank you." "You are wonderful." "I need you." "I'm sorry." A smile, an embrace, a gesture of vulnerability, a self-revealing story, a gift full of meaning, doing something together. Our song, our favorite place, a special reading, a special menu, a tradition we've developed. These are just a few examples of the hundreds of ways a relationship develops and grows.

How could prayer be a relationship with God, if it only remains a lifting of our minds to God? We need very special times of intimacy with God, but that time needs to be prepared for and built up to. To enrich our relationship with God, engages our hearts. That involves finding intimacy with God in the midst of our everyday busy lives, much like we do with the other important relationships of our lives. Perhaps as we pay more attention to what gives life and intimacy to these relationships, we might grow in the affective side of our relationship with God.

If this tip stirs a desire for that kind of relationship with God, one place to begin is to let God tell me about how much God loves me. The God who says, "You are precious in my eyes and I love you." [Isaiah 43:4] If I'm open to God's expressions of affection toward me, that can open my heart to stir up affection in the form of grateful response. Love needs only a spark to get started. It takes ongoing care to keep the fire from going out. With special care, it can become a long lasting, warm and comforting, life-long relationship. (onlineministries.creighton.edu)







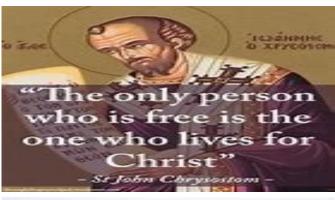
"Do not let your hand be open to receive, but clenched when it is time to give." (Sirach 4:31)
"AS STEWARDS, LET US PUT LOVE IN OUR GIVING!"

SUMMARY COLLECTION FROM JUNE 26-27, 2021 TO July 31— AUGUST 01 WILL BE POSTED ON AUGUST 08, 2021 BULLETIN. MAHALO FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING!

THANK YOU! SALAMAT PO! MAHALO! AGYAMANNAK!

TO GIVE ONLINE, PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE: icchurchlihue.com.

FOLLOW US ALSO ON FACEBOOK — <u>Immaculate</u> <u>Conception Church Kauai</u>. WE DO LIVE STREAM OUR MASSES!









- July 3/4 2nd Collection for the Building Fund. Please be generous.
- July 17/18— 2nd Collection for Diocese of Honolulu Seminarian Educational Fund. Please be generous.
- * Our parish is looking for people who, after receiving the Body of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, would like to be the Body of Christ in our Christian Community by serving as **Church and Hall Cleaners**. This will be once a week commitment, every Friday at 8AM. **This new ministry will start in August 2021**. If you are willing to be engaged in the life of the parish, please call the parish office to be listed on this new ministry. Mahalo!
- * The Parish Pastoral Council is looking for **5 new members** to replace the 5 outgoing members who be finishing their term this June 30, 2021. The new members of the Council will serve for two years (July 01, 2021—June 30, 2023). **The people we are looking for must be 'team players,' understand well the 4 pillars of stewardship** (hospitality, prayer, formation, and service), **and, most of all, have a vision/dream for the parish community.**

You can submit the names of your nominees to **Ale Quibilan** or **to the parish office**.



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.