



# Stewards of God's Gifts



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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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 & 7PM  
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)

**15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 12, 2020**



## God's Gift of Time

### MASS HEADCOUNT FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 04-05, 2020

MASS TIME	HEADCOUNT
5PM MASS	77
7PM MASS	12
7AM MASS	94
9:30AM MASS	72
4:30PM MASS	43
6:30PM MASS	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>329</b>

**COME AND JOIN US! LET US CELEBRATE AND PRAY TOGETHER THE HOLY EUCHARIST!**

### The Fifteenth Week of Ordinary Time

The **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** is about God's fidelity. The promise of **Isaiah 55** and Parable of the Sower from **Matthew's Gospel** remind us that no matter what obstacles we face as his disciples, as sowers of the Good News, God will work effectively through us. "But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

Tuesday we celebrate Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin. Wednesday we remember **Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor**.

This week, the first readings are from the **Book of the Prophet Isaiah**. The preaching of the first part of Isaiah contains powerful words about the infidelity of the people and the kings, God's sanctions so as to purify a people who would be faithful. On Saturday, we begin reading from the **Book of the Prophet Micah**.

In our readings from **Matthew's Gospel** we read more about the challenge of being a disciple of Jesus. He calls us to a bond with him that is even greater than the bonds of family. "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Jesus reproaches towns where he worked miracles and the people had not repented. Jesus thanks God that, though the wise and the learned remain in unbelief, the childlike are open to God's grace and believe. Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Taking on discipleship we will find that it is easy and we will find rest in him. When controversy comes up about his disciples' picking grain to eat on the Sabbath, Jesus give a startling response to the judgment of the Pharisees: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." Jesus leaves town when the Pharisees want to kill him to fulfill the Prophet Isaiah: "He will not contend or cry out, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory."

This **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we are reminded that God has sown good seed, but, of course, an enemy has sown weeds in the same field. We are not supposed to go out there judgmentally pulling up weeds, but to leave judgment to God. The way the Kingdom of God grows is the way tiny seeds grow and the way yeast makes dough rise: it is surprising and slow and almost imperceptible. If we have ears, we ought to hear.

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## God's Gift of Talent



### Daily Prayer This Week

This week, we are invited to place our trust in God as we respond more and more deeply to the invitation of Jesus to be his disciples. Being his disciple means being connected with him with a bond stronger than any other bond in our life. It may set us at odds with others. Seeking self fulfillment will always be frustrating and unattainable. Letting go of ourselves for Jesus' sake brings a fulfillment beyond our imagining. It is not enough to be part of a wonderful family or outstanding parish community. We need to repent ourselves and make our own commitment. Being smart and clever are not what is required of us. Jesus asks us to be childlike, that is, trusting, dependent, open to learn and receive. Being his disciples means that we come to Jesus in all our needs, especially for the resources we need to serve him. It is as companions of Jesus' own mission that the burden of our mission will become lighter and quite easy. Coming to Jesus will bring refreshment and peace. A sign of our discipleship will never be self righteousness and judgmental of others. What he desires is that our hearts become like his: full of mercy and love. His own heart is moved with pity for those who are wandering, without direction, as though shepherd-less.

How can we find intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives, while reflecting on our discipleship? By letting these precious messages of Jesus to us settle into our hearts. If we really hear them, they will become a part of us this week. It doesn't take much time. It takes a focus. Each day, we can let these words of Jesus interact with what is going on in our daily lives. For example, the call to be bonded with him might strike a chord in our hearts. That is, I might recognize that my bond with Jesus is weak, and I recognize a desire for a deeper bond. Or, I might be challenged by the invitation to let go of my need for self-fulfillment in order to really find real meaning in life and the true self within me. Perhaps I might feel the call to repent or to be more trusting and childlike or to be less judgmental and more merciful, as particularly addressed to me.

All we need to do is to begin each day simply naming these desires that the readings reveal in us. Then, throughout the day, in the in-between times - dressing, driving, walking from one place to another, finding myself alone here or there - I can have brief conversations with the Lord asking for these graces. In particularly difficult times, or in times when my weaknesses reveal themselves to me, I can recognize the desire more deeply and express that to the Lord, growing in gratitude for the intimacy and grace I am experiencing each day.

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**"For patience is shown by much time,  
not in two or three days."  
(St. John Chrysostom)**

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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!"**

### **SUNDAY SUMMARY COLLECTIONS for JULY 04-05, 2020**

5PM Mass	\$611.00
7PM Mass	\$220.00
7AM Mass	\$881.00
9:30AM Mass	\$401.00
4:30PM Mass	\$291.00
6:30PM Mass	\$267.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,671.00</b>
2nd Collection—Bldg. Fund	<b>\$2,231.90</b>

**THANK YOU FOR BEING GENEROUS!**

**"Read assiduously and learn as much as you can. Let sleep find you holding your Bible, and when your head nods let it be resting on the sacred page."**

**"Love the Bible and wisdom will love you; love it and it will preserve you; honor it and it will embrace you; these are the jewels which you should wear on your breast and in your ears."**

**"To be ignorant of the Scripture is not to know Christ."**

(St. Jerome)



## What's Up?

**July 14 — Council of Ministries Meeting @ 6PM,** Youth Ministry Room.

**July 18-19 — 2nd Collection for the Seminarian Education Fund.** Please be generous.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED TO GIVE ONLINE,  
PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE**

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

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU  
IN YOUR GENEROSITY!**

### Family Activity

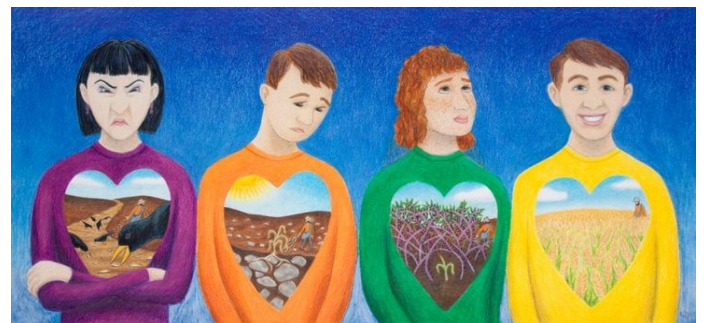
### Plant a Garden

The parable of the sower and the seed stood as a favorite parable in the early church. This shortened version from Matthew can be divided into three parts: the gathering of the crowds, the waste of the sower, and the abundant harvest.

**How can your family bring the parable of the sower and the seed alive?**

Plant a garden. Possibly it's too late in your climate (or too early). But there are many ways to plant a garden. Even an inside garden is possible. While you might not be able to grow plants from seeds, transplanting or care for plants purchased will help make the point. As the plant grows, so can God's word in our hearts. All we need to do is water with love.

([www.word-sunday.com](http://www.word-sunday.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.

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