



# 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 & 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)

**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 19, 2020**



## God's Gift of Time

Catechism Themes: **Providence and the Scandal of Evil** (CCC 309-314)

Christianity can answer the question: **why does evil exist in the world?** The root of the answer lies in our free will. As God is free, so he chose to create us with freedom. Our freedom lies in a choice: to walk closer to the Lord, or to walk away from the Lord. The world functions as an arena for our choice.

To walk closer to the Lord involves the choice of love. We realize God loves us and we love him in return. In the choice of love, we extend our love to others. The world becomes the means to exercise love.

However, freely chosen love involves the risk of rejection. We can choose the self over all others. The world, then can become a means to reject others. We have seen this rejection many times over the past century in the suffering of the innocent.

God does not infringe on our free will. Indeed, to allow us the opportunity to repent, God gives us the chance and the choice to harden our hearts. But, God even uses our rejection as the opportunity for greater good, as he did with the death and resurrection of Jesus.

If we ask **"why is there evil in the world?"** we must also ask **"why is there good in the world?"** While we may not be able to answer the question of evil on a physical level, certainly we can answer it on a moral level. The moral and the immoral live in the same world, because God created the world as the means to exercise moral freedom. Evil may induce despair, but good inspires hope. Only hope based upon the choice of love can ultimately answer the scandal of evil in the world.

**How does faith inspire you to face problem of evil? Are you optimistic about the problems of the world, or pessimistic? Why?**

God gives us a choice. **Are we the wheat or the weed? What sort of fruit do we produce?** If the answers to those questions are less than clear, never fear. God gives us the chance and the means to change and walk closer to him. But the chance requires action. Inaction is not an option.

**Think of ways you can choose love and inspire hope. Resolve to accomplish one or two ways this week.**

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



Parable of the wheat and the weeds



## God's Gift of Talent



### MASS HEADCOUNT FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 11-12, 2020

MASS TIME	HEADCOUNT
5PM MASS	83
7PM MASS	19
7AM MASS	93
9:30AM MASS	95
4:30PM MASS	50
6:30PM MASS	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>371</b>

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

### Praying in Times of Crisis

In the most difficult times, God waits to love and comfort us.

Times of crisis are, perhaps, the most important times to turn to God. Sometime we cry, "Help me!" or "Please!" or "Save me!" God wants to be there for us. God wants us to turn and ask for intimacy, comfort and help.

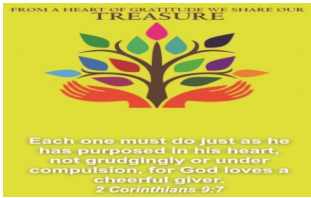
For many of us, this is a very difficult time to pray. We don't exactly know what to ask for. We feel like asking for a miracle, but experience might have shown us that asking for miracles in the past has left us disappointed. We may even have become cynical about God - having asked for help when I really needed it, and not getting what I asked for. Perhaps I prayed that my grandmother would recover from her illness and she didn't. Maybe I prayed that my biopsy would come back negative, but it didn't. I might have asked for a raise I desperately needed and didn't get it. Did I pray to rescue a deteriorating relationship, and my prayer wasn't answered?

### Changing our Image of God

At some time in our lives we have to confront an image of God as a magician - an all powerful Superman, who can fix anything, if he only chose to. Part of the reason why this image is so difficult to give up is that we may not know what to replace it with. A path to prayer opens up when we let God be the tender, compassionate God of the scriptures and when we let Jesus reveal God's Good News to us. In this faith, God does not manage the world like a puppeteer, pulling strings to suspend natural laws in capricious response to individuals' prayers. In faith, God is revealed as a God of power, in the midst of those places where God is most power-less. In faith, God grieves with us at the tragedies of life. In faith, we are freed by the Good News that God has overcome the ultimate power of sin and death. God has not prevented sin and death from happening. When we believe in God's mercy and trust that our lives were created for eternal life in God, we are liberated from a fear of sin and death which can paralyze us.

Let's take some common crises and look at how we might turn to God in them. The word *crisis* comes from the Greek *krisis*, decision. It connotes a time of judgment when we have come to a juncture in our lives, which we call *critical*. It is a turning point, a time when the "bottom falls out" or everything seems "turned upside down." It is de-stabilizing, dis-orienting, and confusing. The experience "takes our breath away" and threatens to overwhelm us. We feel we don't know how to cope, where to turn, and fear grips us. ([onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu))

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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 11-12, 2020**

<b>5PM Mass</b>	<b>\$930.00</b>
<b>7PM Mass</b>	<b>\$143.00</b>
<b>7AM Mass</b>	<b>\$901.00</b>
<b>9:30AM Mass</b>	<b>\$408.00</b>
<b>4:30PM Mass</b>	<b>\$256.00</b>
<b>6:30PM Mass</b>	<b>\$248.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,886.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR BEING GENEROUS!**

### The Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time

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.

Wednesday we remember **St. Mary Magdalene**. Saturday is the feast of **St. James, the Apostle**. Both days have their own special readings.

The first readings this week, except for the feasts, are from the **Book of the Prophet Micah** and end on Saturday with readings from the **Book of the Prophet Jeremiah**, through next week and into the week afterwards.

We'll continue to read from **Matthew's Gospel** this week. The scribes and Pharisee ask Jesus for a sign to prove his credentials. He says that the only sign will be his death and resurrection. Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the sower. When asked why he speaks in parables and Jesus answers that the simple and those with open hearts will hear and understand. Then Jesus explains the parable: the importance of rich soil. Just so, the Son of Man "did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." On the Feast of St. James, we hear how that the apostles missed the message of Jesus and are arguing about who is the greatest. He says, "Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave."

On the **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we see how God admires Solomon because he asked for wisdom rather than riches. Jesus is the source of God's wisdom and teaches us more about the Kingdom of Heaven. We imagine the passion of one discovering a treasure buried in a field or finding a pearl of great value, sacrificing everything to buy what is so deeply desired. A dragnet hauls in fish that can nourish others as well as what is not useful for others. Jesus invites us into deeper reflection on what we value and prepares us for our mission.

(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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## What's Up?



**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**

