



# 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)

**3RD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 07, 2021**



## God's Gift of Time

### DIOCESE OF HONOLULU CALLS FOR PERMANENT DEACONS!

The Diocese of Honolulu is seeking men to become permanent deacons. Interested men (and their wives for those who are married) are required to attend an inquiry weekend at St Stephen Diocesan Center (SSDC) in Kaneohe. Scheduled weekends are:

- **March 12-14, registration deadline March 5**
- **April 9-11, registration deadline April 2**
- **May 14-16, registration deadline May 7**
- **June 11-13, registration deadline June 4**

Applications to enter the formation program will be accepted after attendance at one of the inquiry weekends. The formation cohort, consisting of the candidates and their wives, will undergo five years of intense classroom and hands-on experiences, generally one weekend per month at SSDC, designed to prepare the men for a life of pastoral service and liturgical responsibilities.

To reserve a space on an inquiry weekend, go to [catholichawaii.org/formation](http://catholichawaii.org/formation). For more information or to ask questions, email [deaconformation2@rcchawaii.org](mailto:deaconformation2@rcchawaii.org) or phone (808)203-6777.

### Perhaps, the Lord is calling YOU!

#### Family Activity **The Character Game**

Jesus threw the money changers and sellers out of the Temple. The common people saw his actions as the fulfillment of their hopes for the Messiah, who would reform the corrupt leadership of the Temple. Of course, the Temple leadership saw his intrusion as an attack on their vendors. And for his attack, Jesus would pay the ultimate price: his death.

Jesus was willing to make a stand on a principle and suffer the consequences. Willingness to stand on principle despite the costs reveals strength of character. To stress this point with your family, play the "Character Game." Create three questions for discussion about issues of moral principle. For example, you found a \$20.00 bill on the sidewalk. What do you do: keep it or find the owner? Why? Would Jesus do the same thing? Why? Use discussion on these questions to introduce the reading from John.

(word-sunday.com)

## God's Gift of Talent



### The Third Week of Lent

For the **Third Sunday of Lent** we read the Ten Commandments and witness Jesus driving the money changers out of the temple. He says, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." **John's Gospel** tells us the point: "Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken."

Jesus challenges the people in his hometown of Nazareth to look at him in a new way - "No prophet is accepted in his own native place." In a fury, they drive him out of the temple. Peter asks Jesus the limits of forgiveness. Jesus says that we must forgive again and again. He tells the parable about the servant, who though forgiven himself, does not forgive his fellow servants. Jesus has come to fulfill the law and the words of the prophets, not abolish them. When someone claimed that Jesus must be using Satan's power to heal, Jesus responds "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house." When asked to name the "greatest" commandment, Jesus names two, thus putting together the necessity of loving God with our entire being and loving our neighbor as our very selves. The week ends as Jesus tells a powerful story of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

For the **Fourth Sunday of Lent** we read Jesus' words to Nicodemus in the **Fourth Gospel**. Jesus will be lifted up on the cross to heal us from the power of sin and death. This gospel, which is written like a trial, tells us the verdict. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

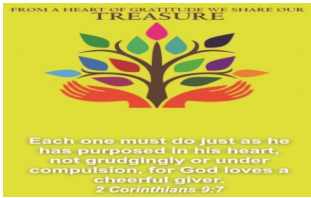
(onlineministries.creighton.edu)

### Reminder!

You can still park next to the cemetery even though there is a fence now. Just open the small gate and close it afterwards. Mahalo!

**"A wise man never knows all, only fools know everything." – African Proverb**

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## 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. 27-28, 2021

5PM Mass	\$1,350.00
7AM Mass	\$1,091.00
9:30AM Mass	\$1,552.00
4:30PM Mass	\$710.00
6:30PM Mass	\$867.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,570.00</b>

**THANK YOU! SALAMAT PO! AGYAMANNAK!**

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

- March 6/7 — 2nd Collection for the Building Fund. Please be generous.
- March 13/14— 2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services. Please be generous.
- March 23 — CHRISM Mass with Bishop Larry @7PM, St. Catherine Church, Kapaa.
- March 28 — PALM SUNDAY — Blessing of Palms in all the Masses. We encouraged you to bring your own palms for this Sunday.
- April 01 — HOLY THURSDAY — @ 7PM, MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (Washing of the feet and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.) NO 7AM MASS.

### MASS HEADCOUNT FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEB. 27-28, 2021

MASS TIME	HEADCOUNT
5PM MASS	101
7AM MASS	100
9:30AM MASS	150
4:30PM MASS	95
6:30PM MASS	91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>537</b>

Gospel: John 2:13-25

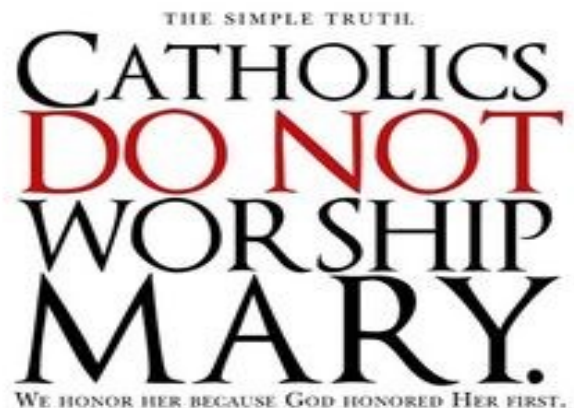
### The Cleansing of the Temple

*Is faith in God reasonable? What reasons do people have for faith? How do acts of scandal detract from faith?*

Each time and each culture has its reasons to believe. In the past, philosophers asserted God's existence and reasonable nature of faith. Today, psychologists propose faith as a means to mental health and personal fulfillment. We Christians want faith to fit into life, answers our questions, and give us comfort, assurance, strength . . .

But what happens when faith causes scandal? How do people react when people of faith commit unreasonable acts? On a typical day during business hours, Jesus overturned a marketplace in a very unreasonable manner. And through his rage, he revealed himself as the Messiah.

(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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