



# Stewards of God's Gifts



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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Deacon Dave Kane

### SACRAMENTS AND BLESSINGS



#### Baptism Preparations

Parents and godparents are required to attend two Pre-Baptism classes. The first class is on the **3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish meeting room. The second class is on the **4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church. Please call the parish office to schedule a meeting with Deacon Dave Kane before the first pre-baptism class.

#### 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)

### 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

Reconciliation ( Confession )  
Saturdays from 4:00- 4:30 PM or by appointment

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)

**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 10, 2020**



## God's Gift of Time

## God's Gift of Talent



### Fifth Week of Easter

In the gospel for the **5th Sunday of Easter**, we hear Jesus console us, asking us to not let our hearts be troubled because he goes only to prepare a place for us and that "No one comes to the Father except through me."

In the continuing weekday readings from the **Acts of the Apostles**, we see Paul and Barnabas preaching to the Gentiles. They encounter some who want to make them gods; others who want to stone them. A major discussion is held about whether a Gentile had to become a Jew before becoming a Christian. Peter declared that God granted Gentiles "the Holy Spirit just as he did us" and urged them not to burden Gentiles with the difficult Jewish laws. The group turned to the Holy Spirit and prayed for guidance and decided that Gentiles did not have to adhere to Jewish laws. Paul followed the Spirit to expand his travels, ending with his decision to go to Macedonia.

**John's Gospel** continues the "Last Discourse" of Jesus, taking chapters 14 and 15 of the Fourth Gospel during the weekdays. These gospels offer a layered and poetic look at the kind of inseparable love we share with God. "Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." He promises the Holy Spirit who "will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." He offers us peace and encourages us "not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." "Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love." He tells his followers, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." Saturday, Jesus reminds us that if the world didn't like his announcing and living of this good news, then it won't like our announcing and living it either.

On the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**, we hear the incredibly comforting news from Jesus in **John's Gospel**: "**I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you**" as he promised to send the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth to us.  
(onlineministries.creighton.edu)

Gospel: John 14:1-12

### Do We Really Know Jesus?

**Have you ever seen something, but were unaware of its importance until later?**

Familiarity breeds dullness. Comfortable in our own surroundings, we can take people and events for granted. We concentrate on the foibles of family and friends. Because we think we know them so well, we are blinded to the talents and possibilities they possess.

Like family and friends, familiarity can dull our faith relationship with Jesus. In the John's gospel, Jesus took this problem head on. He shook the faith of his followers so they could see the bigger picture.

### Catechism Theme: Why did the Word become flesh?

Jesus lived and died for one reason: to show everyone the face of the Father. When he revealed his Father's face in the crucifixion, Jesus invited everyone to a reconciliation with God, to a love relationship with the Father, and to a sharing in God's very life. In this way, Jesus shows us how to be holy, how to reveal the face of the Father to others.

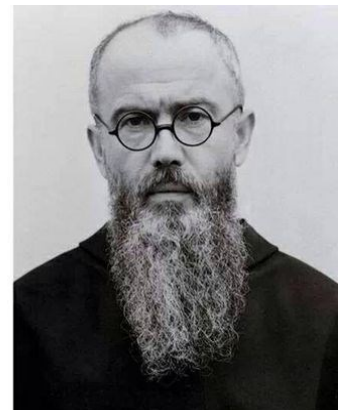
### How can our simple acts of love invite others to see the face of the Father?

(www.word-sunday.com)

No one in the world can change Truth. What we can do and should do is to seek truth and to serve it when we have found it.

- St. Maximilian Kolbe -

*The Catholic Gentleman*



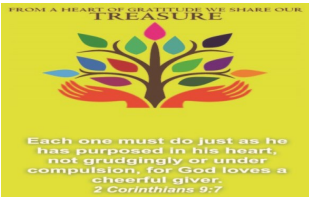
"A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt, and must empty ourselves. Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His LOVE than in your weakness."

- Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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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!”**

### Daily Prayer This Week

We can hold the words of Jesus in our hearts all week. As we do, we will discover their attractiveness and invitation. We will also encounter resistance in ourselves and in others.

It takes practice to stay focused in the background of our daily life. We all have years of habit to overcome. However, we can practice letting this consoling message of Jesus find a place in our conscious awareness at various points in our day, whether it is in the shower, while getting dressed, or simply whenever we are on our way from one place to another. Sometimes it will take a conscious effort to let these thoughts replace the thoughts that are there already. In the background of our day is where our worries reside. It's where we carry anxiety and stress. Sometimes it is where we carry on imaginary conversations with others or “replay” past conversations. Often a song or piece of music just replays over and over.

This is a great week to get in touch with our deepening desires and to let my conversations with Jesus grow in friendship. The easiest way to do this is to simply say simple ordinary things -- the very way I would say them to a close friend. Some examples might offer words that will inspire our own conversation with the Lord who loves us.

*"Jesus, every time I hear you say I don't have to let my heart be troubled, I pause. I sense you are pointing to the 'troubles' I'm working through today. You're asking me to let go of them, aren't you? I'd like to, Jesus, but some of this is big stuff. It scares me. I know some of what I need to do, but I put it off. I know what I'm avoiding. It helps to focus on your love for me this week. I guess what I really need to ask you for today is that you let me trust you more completely. It is really nice these days to feel that you are so close to me, and that I'm not alone today."*

*"I haven't been very connected to you, Jesus. This conversation is difficult because it reminds me the embarrassing stuff I keep doing - even though right now, I'm ashamed to talk about it in your presence. Please forgive me. Some of this I want to bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that I can be re-connected with you again. I need a 'turning point,' Jesus. Thank you for being there."*

*"Good night, Jesus. Thank you for today. Let me put everything aside tonight. I know you will be with me all day tomorrow."*

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## What's Up?



**ALL OUR PARISH SCHEDULES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL APRIL 30, 2020 DUE TO COVID-19. LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE END OF THIS PANDEMIC!**

**THE RISEN CHRIST  
WILL BRING US OUT VICTORIOUS FROM THIS  
CORONA VIRUS!  
#BelieveInHim**

### PRAYER FOR PROTECTION AGAINST CORONA VIRUS

Our Father, we trustingly pray to you, asking that the coronavirus may do no more harm, that the pandemic may be swiftly gotten under control, and that you restore the health of those affected and peace to the places where the virus has arrived.

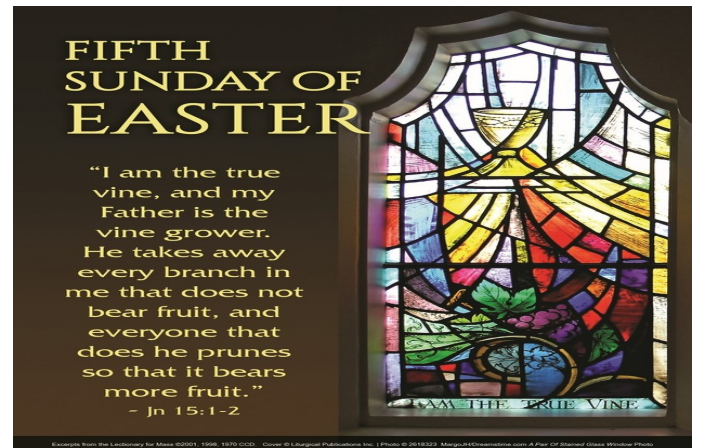
Welcome into your kingdom the people who have died from this illness, and comfort their families.

Sustain and protect the healthcare personnel who are fighting it, and inspire and bless those working to control it.

Lord Jesus, doctor of our bodies and souls, we feel impotent in the face of this international health emergency, but we trust in You. Give us peace and health.

Mother Mary, protect us and continue to take care of us, and lead us through your love to your Son, Jesus. Amen.

(taken from [aleteia.org](http://aleteia.org))



### 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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