



# 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)

**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 17, 2020**



## God's Gift of Time

### Catechism Theme: The Holy Spirit and the Church

The mission of the Holy Spirit is to bring everyone to Christ. The Spirit prepares everyone and invites them to Christ. With the gift of Christ's risen life, the Spirit unites all believers to Christ and places them in communion with the Father. Since the Spirit unites all in Christ, the Spirit builds up the Church Christ found on earth.

The Church shares in the mission of the Spirit and reveals the work of the Spirit. As the Church evangelizes, it shares in the Spirit's work. As the Church prays to and worships God in sacrament, it shows the world the work of the Spirit. In this sense, the Church becomes a co-worker and an instrument of the Spirit. As long as we, members of the Church, show our love for God in sincere prayer and show our love for neighbor in acts of kindness, we demonstrate our life in the Spirit.

#### **Why are acts of love the most powerful tools we have to bring others to Christ?**

When we, as Christians, show love, we reveal the life of God among people. Why? Simply because we affirm the presence of the Risen Lord with us. And we show others life of the Spirit within us. Love, then, is "the shoe leather of faith." Love is faith in action.

#### **How will you show love this week to others?** (www.word-sunday.com)

**"Man is unreasonable, illogical, egocentric.  
It doesn't matter - love him."  
(St. Teresa of Calcutta)**

### Sixth Week of Easter

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.

In many dioceses around the world, Thursday is the **Feast of The Ascension of the Lord** with its own special readings.

During the weekday readings, we learn of the work of the early disciples, emboldened by all they have seen, who preach and baptize and spread the good news. Paul has a vision of the Lord saying "Do not be afraid. Go on speaking and do not be silenced for I am with you." In the Gospels we are with Jesus, bidding us his farewell, in the **Fourth Gospel**. The reason we can be assured, after he leaves us, is that he and the Father are one. So, we can ask for anything, and the Father will give it to us. The **Psalm** responses all week are joyful in this Easter season:

*The Lord takes delight in his people.  
Your right hand saves me.  
Heaven & earth are full of your glory.*

At the end of the week, the **Seventh Sunday of Easter** sets the tone for the following Sunday's Pentecost as we read in **Acts of the Apostles** of Mary, the Apostles and other followers waiting in the upper room after the Ascension. In **John's Gospel**, Jesus prays to the Father, claiming us as his own: "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me." In many countries, The **Feast of the Ascension** is celebrated on this Sunday.

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## God's Gift of Talent



### Daily Prayer This Week

This is a great week to try to live in the promise of Jesus that we don't need to let our hearts be troubled. We can trust. He will not leave us on our own. We can prepare for the coming feast of Pentecost by letting the Holy Spirit console us and gather us.

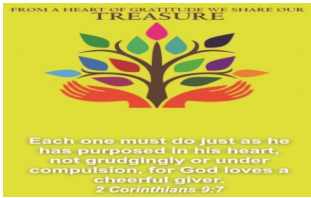
But, what if I do have some troubles and worries? We can talk with our Lord about our desires regarding those anxieties and difficulties in the background moments of our life each day. For example, when I wake up, I can take a moment, while still at my bedside, letting myself name the struggles I will face that day, and simply asking the Lord to give me the graces I need today. That can take less than a minute, or 30 seconds, as the week goes on. In the shower, and while getting dressed, I can flesh out that desire.

*O Lord, you know this is just tying me up in knots. I haven't slept well for a while and I feel so bad for snapping at my family last night. The specific grace I ask for today is to be calmed by your Spirit, and to place my trust in you. Give me the grace I need to not surrender my peace so easily.*

*O Lord, my spouse is really so angry and tight, and it seems we are just driving our teenager farther and farther from us, in rebellion. I don't know what to do. I'm responding to both of them badly. Today, let me focus on your love for me, so that I can be peaceful and calm in trying once more to calm the angry seas with simple love, with gentle affirmation, and patience that is a gift of your Spirit.*

And, throughout the day, we can find moments -walking from one place to another, reaching for the phone, opening a jar of something, walking down a shopping aisle at the store, filling the car with gas - when all of this will come back and we can renew our trust in the Lord's promise. Especially, when we go to bed each night, we can give thanks, that we were not alone this day.

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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!”**

### 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.

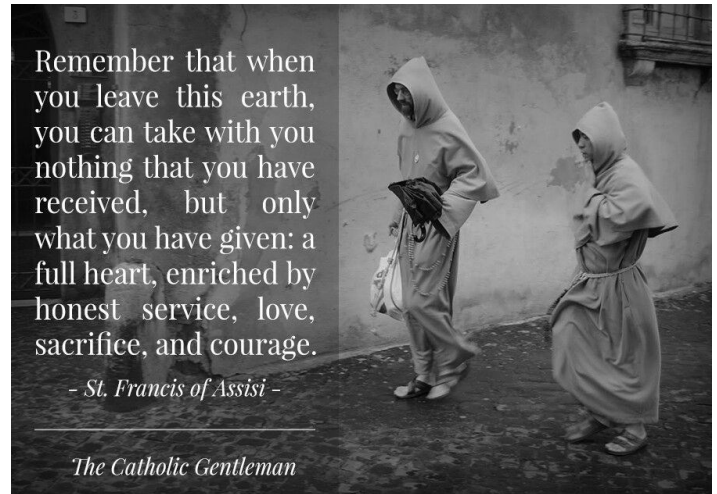
Lord Jesus, doctor of our bodies and souls, we feel impotent in the face of this international health emergency, but we trust in You. Give us peace and health.

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

## What's Up?



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



**"Charity is love; not all love is charity."**

(St. Thomas Aquinas)

*“Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them.”*

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

Quoted in Vernon Johnson's book  
*Spiritual Childhood: The Spirituality of St. Thérèse of Lisieux*



### 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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