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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. **This is our call.**



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.

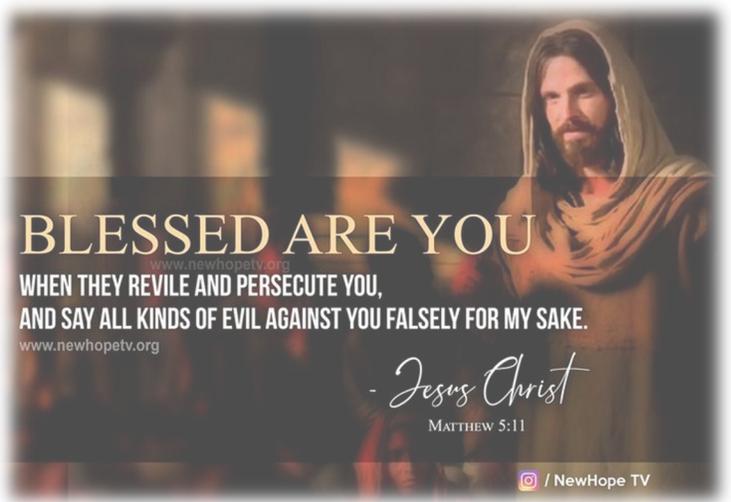
Today's Readings Reflection

Zephaniah, in the first reading, calls the "moral minority" of the Jews of his time "blessed" because they seek justice, humility, truth, and righteousness, thus making a declaration of dependence on God.

In the second reading, Paul advises his Corinthian Christians to use their gifts and Heaven-sent blessings for the good of the community because God has chosen to give them life in Jesus, by whom He justified, sanctified and redeemed them.

In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples in the paradoxical blessedness of poverty, hunger, sorrow, and persecution. In poverty, we recognize God's reign; in

hunger, His providence; in sorrow, true happiness; and in persecution, true joy. In other words, the blessed in Jesus' list are poor in spirit, compassionate, meek, merciful, clean of heart, peace-makers and those who are willing even to be insulted and persecuted for their lived Faith in him Each of the inspired authors of today's readings, Zephaniah, Paul, and Matthew, "makes a motion," that each of us should consider making a personal Declaration of Dependence on God and then work with His grace to lead a holier and happier life.



Life messages:

1) We need to respond to the challenge of the Beatitudes in daily life. The Beatitudes propose to us a way of life, inviting us to identify with the poor, those who mourn, the meek, and those who hunger and thirst after justice. They challenge us to be compassionate people, to be men and women who are pure in heart, and to become the peacemakers in our dealings with one another, in our families, and in the society at large, even when this approach to things exposes us to ridicule and persecution. Let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick, and the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the Beatitudes here and now.

2) We need to choose the way wisely. "There are two Ways, one of Life and one of Death, and there is a great difference between the two Ways." These are the opening lines of the "Didache," a first century Christian catechism used to teach new Christians the essence of the Christian faith. The way of life is the way of Jesus that leads to eternal life. The challenge of the beatitudes is: "Are you going to be happy in the world's way or in Christ's way?" God wants us to live as brothers and sisters who care for one another.

- - -Fr. Gus, MS. - - -

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 1, 2026

MASS TIMES

Weekday Mass (Monday-Saturday)

7:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 4:30 PM

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday: 4:00 PM—4:30 PM

Weekdays: By Appointment Only

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the Month—6:15 AM
(Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus)

2nd, 3rd, 4th Fridays—6:00 PM @ Sisters' Convent

Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help

Wednesday @ 6:30 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday @ 8:00—12:00 Noon

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SACRAMENTS AND BLESSINGS

Baptism Preparations

Please call Deacon Dave Kane to arrange your child baptism.

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).

Becoming A Catholic-For Adults

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) Every Thursday @ 6PM in the Parish Hall.

FIRST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sunday, Monday & Thursday

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FAITH FORMATION

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Every 1st & 2nd Sunday of the month after 4:30 PM Mass

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Every 3rd & 4th Saturday of the Month @ 3:15 to 4:30 PM

Mass sponsorship:

3rd Sunday @ 4:30 PM

4th Sunday @ 5:00 PM

OTHER MINISTRIES

Hospitality Sunday

Every 2nd Sunday of the month
After 7:00 & 9:30 AM Mass

General Cleaning of Church & Parish Hall

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SUNDAY SUMMARY COLLECTION-Jan. 24/25, 2026

5PM Mass	\$ 1,158.00
7AM Mass	\$ 1,664.00
9:30AM Mass	\$ 1,582.00
4:30PM Mass	\$ 1,275.00
Total	\$ 5,679.00

Calendar 2026

February 1	Second Collection (Facility Maintenance)
February 3	PPC Meeting
February 8	Coffee-Donut Sunday (Hospitality Sunday)
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 18	Ash Wednesday
February 22	Second Collection (Catholic Ministries)
March 1	Second Collection (Facility Maintenance)

BE IN THE KNOW

Five Common Mistakes Made by Catholics During Mass

The Holy Mass is the Church's highest act of worship. Participating attentively and reverently helps us enter more fully into the sacred mystery we celebrate. Below are some common practices that often cause confusion and merit gentle clarification.

1. ***Sitting Before the Priest Sits.*** During the celebration of the Mass, the priest acts in persona Christi—in the person of Christ. For this reason, the congregation ordinarily follows the posture of the priest. It is therefore fitting to wait until the priest sits before taking one's seat, unless otherwise directed by liturgical norms.

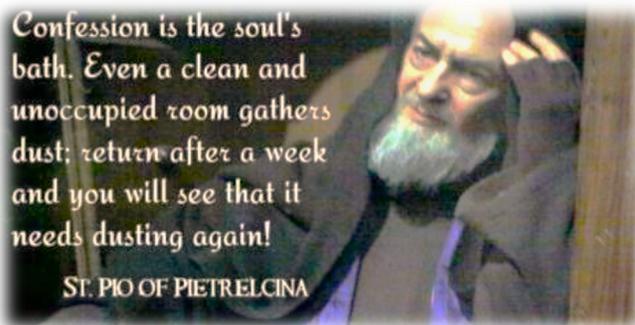
2. ***Repeatedly Making the Sign of the Cross During Mass.*** Some Catholics make the Sign of the Cross repeatedly throughout the Mass, particularly after receiving Holy Communion. However, the Sign of the Cross is prescribed at specific moments: principally at the beginning of Mass and at the final blessing. Adding the Sign of the Cross at other times, especially during the sacred silence after Communion, is not part of the Church's liturgical norms.

3. ***Genuflecting with the Left Knee.*** Genuflection is a profound gesture of adoration directed toward the Most Blessed Sacrament. Catholics genuflect by bending the right knee to the ground as a sign of reverence for Christ truly present in the Holy Eucharist. Kneeling on the left knee is not the proper liturgical gesture and should be avoided.

4. ***Seeking a Personal Blessing Immediately After Mass.*** At the Concluding Rite of the Mass, the priest imparts a solemn blessing upon the entire assembly. This blessing is complete and sufficient. While personal blessings may be given at other appropriate times, there is generally no need to approach the priest for an additional blessing immediately after the dismissal.

5. ***Leaving the Church Before the Priest.*** The Mass concludes when the priest and ministers have completed the recessional. Out of respect for the sacred action that has just taken place, the faithful are encouraged to remain in their places until the priest has fully exited the church.

Source: Catholic Link



In confession, Saint Padre Pio would say things such as:

“Why did you sell your soul to the Devil? How irresponsible! You are on the road to hell! Negligent man—first repent, and then come back here.”

During one confession, a person questioned the existence of hell. Saint Pio replied:

“You will believe it when you arrive there.”

Saint Padre Pio believed that frequent confession is necessary for growth in the spiritual life. He himself went to confession at least once a week and did not allow his spiritual children to go more than ten days without confessing.

Saint Padre Pio was once asked:

“We confess everything we can remember or know, but is it possible that God sees other things we cannot remember?”

He replied:

“If we place all our good will in our confession and intend to confess all the sins we can remember or know, God's mercy is so great that He will also include and erase what we cannot remember or know.”

For this reason, at the end of a confession one should say: “...and I confess all the sins I have forgotten and have not mentioned in this confession.”

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