



Immaculate Conception Church



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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

Lent is primarily the time of intense spiritual preparation for conquering our temptations, as Jesus did when he faced the temptations. It is also the time of repenting for our sins and renewing our lives so that we can celebrate Easter with our Risen Lord.

The first reading, taken from the book of Genesis describes the "Original Temptation" – "You will be like gods, knowing what is good and what is evil." Adam and Eve were given the freedom to make a choice to live for God, dependent upon, and obedient to, His will, or to say no to God.

In the second reading, St. Paul describes how the disobedience of Adam, who fell to Satan's Original Temptation, brought him and us sin, death, and a broken relationship with God.

In the Gospel Jesus rejects all the temptations to be obedient to his Father's will.

Life messages:

- 1) We are to confront and conquer temptations as Jesus did, using the means Jesus employed. Every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth, and a position of authority, power, and glory, and to use any means, even unjust or sinful ones, to gain these things.
- 2) We are to grow in holiness during Lent through prayer, reconciliation, and sharing:
 - a) by finding time to be with God every day of Lent, speaking to Him in fervent prayer, and listening to Him through the meditative reading of the Bible;
 - b) by offering penitential acts of reparation for our sins;
 - c) by getting reconciled with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and reconciled with others by asking their forgiveness for our offenses against them;
 - d) by sharing our love with others through selfless, humble service, almsgiving, and helping those in need.



St. John Chrysostom on Fasting

Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works.

- If you see a poor man, be moved to pity for him.
- If you see an enemy, be reconciled to him.
- If you see a friend being honored, do not envy him.

Do not let only your mouth fast, but also the eye and the ear and the feet and the hands and all the members of your bodies.

- Let the hands fast, by being free of avarice and greed.
- Let the feet fast, by ceasing to run after sin.
- Let the eyes fast, by disciplining them not to glare at that which is sinful.
- Let the ear fast, by not listening to evil talk and gossip.
- Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism (slander, calumny, detraction).

For what good is it if we abstain from food, but bite and devour our brothers and sisters?

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

1st SUNDAY of LENT—February 22, 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

Gift Shop

8:00AM to 12nn Monday to Friday
Sunday—after 7:00 & 9:30 AM Mass

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

Please call the Parish Office for more details

FAITH FORMATION

LIFETEEN, EDGE, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT

Continuing formation journey for youth age 13 to 35.

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

YOUTH & CHILDREN CHOIR

Schedule of practice:

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

Every Friday right after the Mass

Stewards of God's Gift *God's gift of Time, Talent & Treasure*



Lent is a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Catholic Relief Services once again asks us to give generously from what we save through fasting.

Please help yourself to a rice bowl box available at the church entrance. Please note that only cash/ check should be placed in it. Mahalo for your generosity.

SUNDAY SUMMARY COLLECTION-Feb. 14/15, 2026

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| 5PM Mass | \$ 2,555.00 |
| 7AM Mass | \$ 1,707.00 |
| 9:30AM Mass | \$ 2,014.00 |
| 4:30PM Mass | \$ 853.00 |
| Total | \$ 7,129.00 |

Calendar 2026

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| February 22 | Second Collection (Catholic Ministries) |
| March 1 | Second Collection (Facility Maintenance) |
| March 8 | Hospitality Sunday (Religious Ed, Altar Servers, Hospitality) |
| March 23-24 | Parish Lenten Retreat @6pm |
| March 24 | Penance Service @ 6pm |
| March 25 | Dedication of the New Altar and Ambo @6pm |

Congratulations to our LIFETEEN & EDGE Ministry coordinators with our youth for organizing a very special Valentine's Day celebration for adults (single, widowed & couples).



Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7



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