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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.**

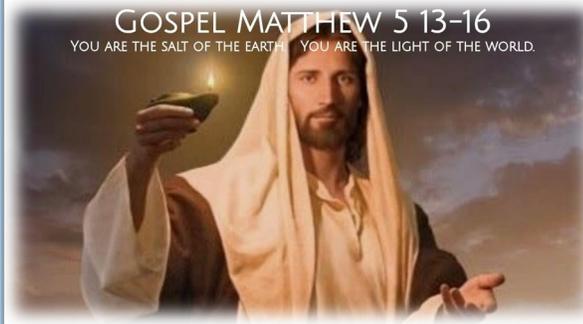


OUR MISSION

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

The common theme of today's three readings is our two-fold mission to the world, to be salt and to be the light of a city built on a hilltop.



darkness, and the gloom shall become

In our first reading, the Lord God through His prophet Isaiah gives us examples of how we are to allow the light of God to shine through us. "Share your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own. Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday" (58:7, 10).

The refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 112), reminds us, "The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright."

St. Paul, in the second reading, tells us that our proclamation of Faith will carry the Spirit and His power when we rely on the power and wisdom of God.

Using two simple metaphors of salt and the light of a city on a mountaintop in today's Gospel, Jesus outlines the role of Christians in this world.

Life messages:

1) We need to be the salt of the earth: **a)** As salt is a symbol of purity, used in sacrifices, the Christian must be an example of purity in speech, in conduct, and even in thought. **b)** As salt is an antiseptic and healing agent, the Christian must have a certain antiseptic influence on life and society, defeating corruption, fighting against injustice and making it easier for others to avoid sin. **c)** As salt preserves foods, we need to preserve the religious Faith, Christian cultural values, and moral principles which Jesus has given us, and to work at reconciling quarreling factions in families and communities. **d)** As salt is a food-flavoring agent, we need to add flavor to the lives of desperate people through outreach programs, which give meaning to their lives, boost their morale, offer them occasions to help others, and provide hope where there is none.

2) We need to be the light of the world: The second role of Christians is to receive the light of Christ and radiate it to everyone as love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness, humble service, and respect for those with different ethnic backgrounds, different lifestyles, other faiths, or with no faith at all. As a warning light, it is the Christian's duty to give timely and loving warning of physical and moral danger to fellow Christians. As a warming light, our duty is to warm the cold hearts of others with warm, and affectionate words and deeds.

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 8, 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

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

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BURNING OF OLD PALMS

February 17 @ 6PM

If you have old palm branches from last year, please bring them to the Church before February 17 for the burning of palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday (February 18)

SUNDAY SUMMARY COLLECTION-Feb. 1, 2026

5PM Mass	\$ 1,118.00
7AM Mass	\$ 1,280.00
9:30AM Mass	\$ 2,790.00
4:30PM Mass	\$ 1,009.00
Total	\$ 6,197.00
Second Collection	\$ 3,633.00

Calendar 2026

February 8	Coffee-Donut Sunday (Hospitality Sunday)
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 17	Burning of Old Palms @6PM
February 18	Ash Wednesday
February 22	Second Collection (Catholic Ministries)
March 1	Second Collection (Facility Maintenance)
March 8	Hospitality Sunday (Religious Ed, Altar Servers, Hospitality)

The Most Difficult Tattoos According to Exorcists: Images of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Jesus, and Especially St. Michael

According to Fr. Chad Ripperger, some of the most difficult cases of demonic possession or oppression involve tattoos of sacred images—especially of Our Lady, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and most intensely, Saint Michael the Archangel.

Why is this so serious?

1. Sacred Images Are Meant for Veneration, Not Appropriation. Holy images belong to the Church's sacramental life. When they are permanently marked on the body—often without proper reverence, intention, or state of grace—they can become a profanation of what is holy. Demons exploit disorder, and the misuse of sacred symbols creates spiritual disorder. “What is holy must be treated as holy—or it becomes an opening for mockery and inversion.” — principle often cited by exorcists

2. The Body Is the Temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19) Exorcists emphasize that the body is consecrated at Baptism. When sacred images are etched permanently into the flesh outside the authority of the Church, it can become an act of self-consecration, which demons counterfeit and pervert. Demons do not respect holy images—but they resent them when misused, and they attach themselves to acts done in pride, rebellion, or ignorance.

3. Tattoos Act as a “Claim” When Linked to Sin or Occult Roots. Fr. Ripperger explains that demons gain influence through: mortal sin, occult involvement, curses or illicit consecrations, acts done with rebellion, anger, or mockery. If a sacred tattoo was received during grave sin, as part of a gang, cult, or occult background, or in defiance of God or authority, then demons may treat it as a legal right—not because the image is evil—but because the act was disordered.

4. Why Saint Michael Tattoos Are the Most Contested? Saint Michael is the great enemy of Satan (Revelation 12:7–9). Demons fear Saint Michael, hate him violently, and recognize his authority immediately. When his image is tattooed improperly, demons see it as a mockery of their defeat—and they react with extreme rage. Exorcists report that demons will focus intensely on such markings during deliverance sessions, often identifying them as points of attachment.

5. Demons Twist What Is Holy. Demons cannot create; they only corrupt. They delight in holy names used irreverently, sacred images treated casually, external devotion without interior conversion. This is why exorcists insist: devotion without obedience is dangerous. Important Clarification Fr. Ripperger is very clear: Having a tattoo does not automatically mean someone is possessed. But when possession or oppression does exist, sacred tattoos are often identified as points of resistance during exorcism, sources of intensified demonic manifestation, requiring renunciation, confession, and deep repentance.

The Remedy (Always Hopeful) The Church does not leave souls trapped. Exorcists consistently recommend: **Sacramental Confession, Renunciation prayers, Consecration to the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart, Obedience to spiritual authority, Humility and repentance.** God's mercy is always greater than any misuse of what is holy.

Final word, Sacred images are powerful—not because of ink, but because of what they represent. When treated with reverence, they protect. When treated lightly, demons exploit the disorder. “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” — James 4:6

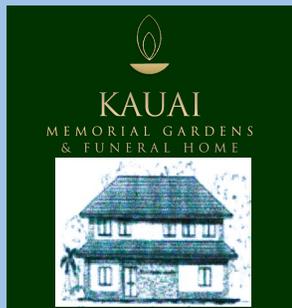




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