



# Stewards of God's Gifts

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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### SACRAMENTS AND BLESSINGS



#### Baptism Preparations

Please call Deacon Dave Kane to arrange your child baptized.

**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)

**"Henceforth my motto shall be:  
Give me the Eucharist, or let me die!"**  
(St. Peter Julian Eymard)

**The Church draws her life from the Eucharist."**  
(St. John Paul II)

### 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

(6th to 8th Grade)

Every Sunday @ Parish Hall -  
3:00PM - 4:00 PM  
(Ends with the 4:30PM Mass)

#### Jesus And Me (JAM) Ministry

(9th to 12th Grade)

Every Monday @ Parish Hall -  
5:30PM - 7:00 PM

#### 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 )**  
Due to the pandemic, the sacrament is by appointment only.

**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)

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD — JANUARY 09, 2022**



## God's Gift of Time

### The First Week of Ordinary Time

This Sunday is the **Baptism of the Lord**. We hear the Lord say in the first reading from **Isaiah**, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit." Those words are echoed in the reading from **Luke's Gospel**, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." This feast marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time on the Church calendar.

During the weekdays, we begin a three-week cycle of captivating readings from the **First Book of Samuel**. We read of Samuel's mother, Hannah, who promises the Lord, "if you give your handmaid a male child, I will give him to the LORD for as long as he lives." Samuel hears a call from the Lord and responds, "Speak, for your servant is listening." An epic battle against the Philistines ends in devastating losses for Israel and the capture of the Ark of the Covenant. In his old age, Samuel rules Israel and the elders ask Samuel to appoint a King to rule them. Samuel meets Saul. "When Samuel caught sight of Saul, the LORD assured him, "This is the man of whom I told you; he is to govern my people."

From now until the beginning of Lent, the weekday gospels are from **Mark's Gospel**. Mark offers us a look at the beginning of Jesus public ministry. Jesus calls his first disciples, fisherman at work: Simon and Andrew, then James and John. "Then they left their nets and followed him." He drives out evil spirits and heals the sick. He hears the cry of the leper: "If you wish, you can make me clean," and Jesus, "moved with pity" heals him. Friends lower a paralytic from a roof down into the crowd in front of Jesus, who heals him and says, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Jesus extends an invitation to the despised tax collector, Levi: "Follow me."

On the **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**, a beautiful reading from Isaiah promises vindication which will "shine forth like the dawn." In the **First Letter to the Corinthians**, we are reassured that each of us has different gifts of the Spirit. "There are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." The Wedding Feast of Cana is the centerpiece of **John's Gospel**. His mother told the servants to follow his orders and Jesus performed his first public miracle "and so revealed his glory."

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## God's Gift of Talent



### Daily Prayer This Week

In this first week of Ordinary Time, we might find ourselves feeling a little let-down after the Christmas season, especially in parts of the world where it seems cold and dark most days. This is where we can ask for the grace to let the stories of the gospels come alive in our hearts.

The vivid narratives of this week's gospel are packed with stories of Jesus' entering into the lives of real people and touching them in extraordinary ways. These are not far away stories, but ones that have a real meaning for us. This is a week of invitation from Jesus to us, with two invitations for us to ponder in our hearts this week.

Jesus encounters Levi, a Jewish tax collector. Because of his profession, he was probably wealthy but he had humiliated his family and made himself a pariah to most of those around him. Jesus' response to this "outcast" was to invite him to be one of his closest disciples - and to dine at his house.

In our own lives we may find a loneliness or separation from people in our family or others in our lives. We have parts of our lives that are dark and embarrassing and seem unchangeable. It is into this very darkness and discomfort that Jesus extends the same invitation to us: "Follow me." This clear and personal call to us is from Jesus who already knows us and our failings and yet asks us to be with him. We can hear this invitation more clearly if we can be touched with awareness of our own failings and understand more deeply how much we need a savior in our lives. It is then that our hearts open to accept this invitation.

This week Jesus invites us to follow him, as friends and disciples. This is a good week for us to contemplate with Jesus, what we are looking for and how much we want to turn and follow him. We can pray to Jesus for the strength to leave the patterns and habits of our lives that so often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. If we can sit with our hands open in humility, we can accept that we can't do this on our own, but know in our hearts that with the help of God, nothing is impossible.

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### ARE YOU LIVING UP TO YOUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES?



## 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!"**

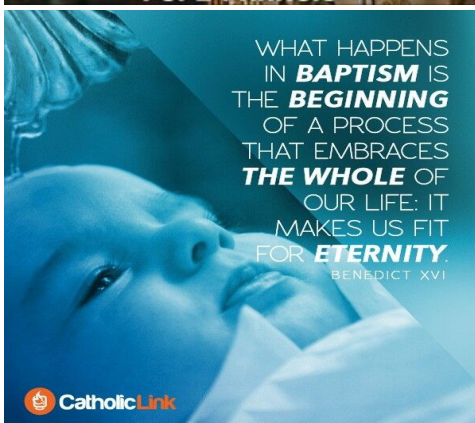
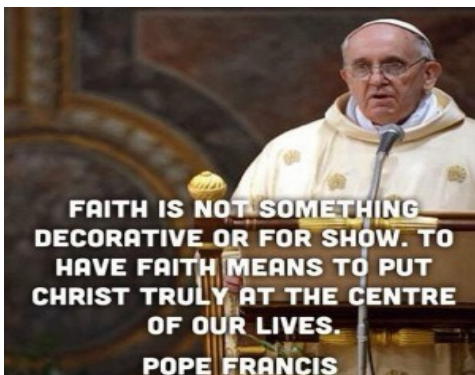
OUR MASS HEADCOUNT AND SUNDAY SUMMARY COLLECTIONS FOR DEC. 18-19; DEC. 25-26; JAN. 01-02 ; JAN. 08-09 will be posted on JAN. 16, 2022 parish bulletin.

Mahalo!

### REFLECTION QUESTION FROM BISHOP LARRY SILVA!

**"How can all the members of the Catholic Church be more effective in proclaiming the living Jesus Christ to the world?"**

Please share with us your reflection on this question by sending it to our parish email address: [icchurchkauai@rcchawaii.org](mailto:icchurchkauai@rcchawaii.org). Mahalo!



## Letting Christmas Become a Season

This Christmas Season culminates in the celebration of the **Baptism of the Lord**. It is very consoling to contemplatively imagine the discernment process Jesus went through to decide to leave home and to move down toward the River Jordan where he must have heard that his cousin John was baptizing. Of course, Mary let him go and, of course, she blesses him for his mission. What a precious scene to enjoy! And, there at the Jordan, Jesus and John meet again. If John leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb, how much more now did his heart soar as Jesus came to assume his role as the one who would free us from our sins. But, first, there had to be this part of the Incarnation and this epiphany. Here Jesus becomes one of us in a new way. Paul says, "For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him." (2 Cor. 5:21) And, there is the great manifestation of God, witnessing to Jesus: My beloved Son; listen to him. We can conclude this wonderful Christmas Season asking for the grace to be one with Jesus whose mission from the Father he invites us to share.

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## 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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## What's Up?



**PLEASE WATCH OUR DAILY MASS (LIVE STREAMING) AT 7AM VIA OUR FACEBOOK PAGE — Immaculate Conception Church Kauai. Please LIKE and SHARE it.**

**January 09 — ICP Food Pantry Ministry @ 10:45AM, new parish hall.**

**January 10 — Jesus And Me (J-A-M) Youth Ministry Session @5:30PM, new parish hall.**

**January 17 — The parish office is CLOSED for Martin Luther King holiday.**

**January 17 — Jesus And Me (J-A-M) Youth Ministry Session @5:30PM, new parish hall.**

**January 22/23 — 2nd Collection for the Church in Latin America and Black and Indian Mission. Please be generous.**