



# 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.

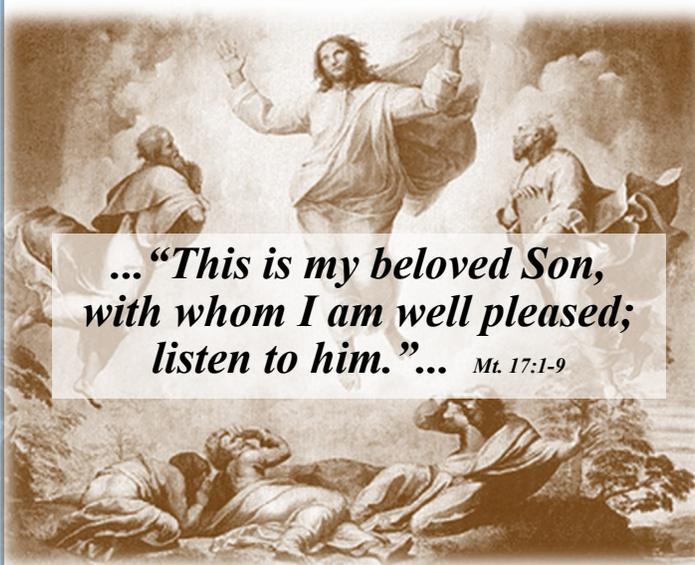


**This is our call.**

## 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



... ***"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."***... Mt. 17:1-9

*The common theme of today's readings is metamorphosis or transformation.*

*The first reading* describes the transformation of a pagan patriarch into a believer in the one God. His name will be transformed from Abram to Abraham and his small family into a great nation.

*The second reading*, taken from St. Paul's second letter to Timothy, explains the type of Lenten transformation expected of us.

*In the Transfiguration story in today's Gospel*, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Jesus to consult his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death, and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make his chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and their dreams of him as a conquering political Messiah, and that they might be strengthened in their time of trial.

### *Life messages:*

(1) The Transubstantiation in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength. In each Holy Mass our offering of bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. Hence, just as the Transfiguration of Jesus strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength for resisting evil when the evil one incites us to disobey the will of God and to choose to serve ourselves as gods turning our backs on God, rejecting His Love, Grace and salvation -- and then yielding ourselves more completely to the evil one's ways and lies.

(2) Each Sacrament that we receive transforms us. Baptism, for example, transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation makes us the temples of the Holy Spirit. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings the sinner back to the path of holiness. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, received in Faith, gains for the recipient complete spiritual healing, forgiveness for all our sins and whatever kind of Physical healing God knows will be best for us at that time.

(3) A message of hope and encouragement. In moments of doubt, pain and suffering, disappointment and despair, we need mountain-top experiences to reach out to God and listen to His consoling words: "This is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased." Our Lenten penance will lead us to Easter joy.

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

**2nd SUNDAY of LENT—March 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

### 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*

## Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday at 6:00 PM in praying the Stations of the Cross in our Church.

**No Adoration of Blessed Sacrament** during Lent except first Friday, March 6 @ 6:15 AM

## Hawaii Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Update

As of January 31, 2026, we've collected \$17, 310 toward our parish goal of \$34, 049, reaching 51% of our target.

## SUNDAY SUMMARY COLLECTION-Feb. 21/22, 2026

5PM Mass	\$ 2,041.00
7AM Mass	\$ 2,302.00
9:30AM Mass	\$ 2,142.00
4:30PM Mass	\$ 948.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,433.00</b>

## *Calendar 2026*

March 1	Second Collection (Facility Maintenance)
March 8	Hospitality Sunday (Religious Ed, Altar Servers, Hospitality)
March 23-24	Parish Lenten Retreat @6pm
March 24	Lenten Penance Service @ 6pm
March 25	Dedication of the New Altar and Ambo @6pm
March 26	Chrism Mass @ 6pm

# *Lenten Journey Begins...*

The church rejoices as these Catechumens celebrate the Rite of Election to the Catechumenate (February 21, 2026)



Gathered as one family for the burning of old palm branches (February 17, 2026)



Ash Wednesday (February 18, 2026)



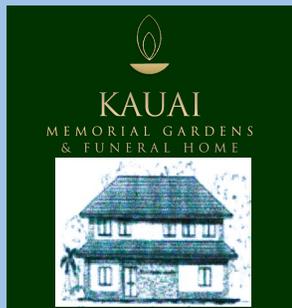
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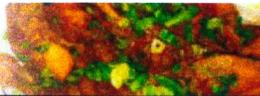
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Sunday - CLOSED



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