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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.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW ALTAR & AMBO



We are overwhelmed with gratitude to **San Rio Balthazar** for the gift of the new **ambo**, and we remember in a special way **Chris Plamp** (*rest in peace*) for the **beautiful** altar. Your generosity creates sacred spaces where we meet God. Thank you for sharing your blessings.



PALM SUNDAY OF LORD'S PASSION—March 29, 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 at 2:30 PM

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 @ 9:30 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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Easter Triduum

April 2, Holy Thursday

7:00 AM—Morning Prayer only

6:00 PM—Mass of the Lord's Supper with washing of the feet

Procession and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 PM

April 3, Good Friday (No Mass)

7:00 AM—Morning Prayer

8:00 AM—Visita Iglesia

2:00 PM—Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM—Liturgy of the Word with Passion Play of the Youth.

Veneration of the Cross

Holy Communion

April 4, Holy Saturday

7:00 AM—Morning Prayer only

7:00 PM—Easter Vigil

April 5, Easter Sunday

6:30 AM—Salubong/ Encuentro

7:00 AM—Mass

9:30 AM & 4:30 PM—Mass

SUNDAY SUMMARY COLLECTION-March 21/22, 2026

5PM Mass	\$ 1,246.00
7AM Mass	\$ 1,379.00
9:30AM Mass	\$ 1,587.00
4:30PM Mass	\$ 1,855.00
Total	\$ 6,067.00

Calendar 2026

March 28-29 10% of the collection will be donated to Catholic Relief Services

March 29 Palm Sunday (9:15 Blessing of Palm branches at the Parish Hall followed by procession)

March 30/31 Regular Mass @ 7AM

April 1 Mass @7AM with Anointing of the Sick

April 2,3&4—7:00 AM Morning Prayer only
(see schedules for Triduum)

April 5 Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection
Easter Salubong/ Easter Egg Hunting

Today's Readings' Reflection



The Church celebrates this sixth Sunday of Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying to sin and selfishness and rising in Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus.

Today's first reading, the third of Isaiah's four Servant Songs, like the other three, foreshadows Jesus' own life and mission.

The Refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 22), "My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?" plunges us into the heart of Christ's Passion.

The Second Reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Philippians, is an ancient Christian hymn representing a very early Christian understanding of who Jesus IS, and of how his mission saves us from sin and death.

Today's Gospel, we listen to/participate in a reading of the Passion of Christ according to Matthew. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the Passion story – like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience as he condemned Jesus to death on the cross, and the leaders of the people who thought to preserve their position by getting rid of Jesus. ---Fr. Gus, MS.---

Holy Tuesday:

Anointing of the Sick at 7:00 AM Mass. Everyone is invited to receive the Sacrament of Healing.

We celebrate three anniversaries on Holy Thursday:

- 1) the anniversary of the first Holy Mass;
- 2) the anniversary of the institution of ministerial priesthood in order to perpetuate the Holy Mass, to convey God's forgiveness of repentant sinners, and to preach the Good News of salvation;
- 3) the anniversary of Jesus' promulgation of his new commandment of love: "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 13:34).

GOOD FRIDAY:

No Mass on Good Friday but we remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross.

On April 12th, 2004, after the release of Mel Gibson's widely acclaimed film *The Passion of the Christ* graphically depicting the cruel torture and crucifixion of Jesus, the cover of *TIME* magazine asked, "**Why Did Jesus Have to Die?**" Based on the Bible and the teachings of the Fathers of the Church, Bible scholars and theologians try to explain the reason for Jesus' death, proposing various theories. All these theories are based on the central fact that man can not atone for his sin against the infinite justice of God. But God is both just and loving. Therefore, God's love is willing to meet the demands of His justice. But only a God-man could do that, and Jesus the God-man made that atonement by his suffering and death. Out of perfect love for us, Jesus took upon himself the punishment we deserved. Thus his willingness to suffer in our place balanced the Divine "scales of justice." The debt was now paid. His love paid the price. His passion and death atoned for our sins and redeemed us. Christ's making satisfaction for the penalty of our sins through suffering was, in fact, the way God chose to make possible our salvation.



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*We invite everyone to join us on Good Friday for Visita Iglesia.
We will be visiting St. Catherine Church, Kapaa and
St. Sylvester Church, Kilauea.
During this visit, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross.
Please make a reservation for your seat in the office. Mahalo!*