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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 central theme of today's readings is "The Day of the Lord" or the "Second Coming" of Jesus in glory, as Judge, at the end of the world.*

**Malachi, in the first reading,** foretells this day, which will bring healing and reward for the just and punishment in fire for the *"proud and all evil doers."*

**Although St. Paul** expected that Jesus would return during his lifetime, he cautions the Thessalonians, in the second reading, against idleness in anticipating the end of the world.

**Today's Gospel passage** underlines the truth that the date of the end of the world is uncertain. Signs and portents will precede the end, and the Christians will be called upon to testify before kings and governors.

### Life messages:

**1) We must be prepared daily for our death and private judgment.**

We make this preparation by trying to do God's will every day, leading holy lives of selfless love, trust in God, mercy, compassion, and unconditional forgiveness.

In order to do this, we must recharge our spiritual batteries every day by personal prayer, that is, by talking to God, and by listening to Him through reading the Bible.

Daily examination of our conscience at bedtime and asking God's pardon and forgiveness for the sins of the day will also prepare us to face God any time to give Him an account of our lives.

**2) We need to attain permanence in a passing world by leading exemplary lives.** We must remember that our homes, our Churches, and even our own lives are temporary.

Our greatness is judged by God, not on our worldly achievements, but on our fidelity to our Faith, and our practice of that Faith in loving service of others. How our faithfulness is expressed each day is the most important thing.

We are to persevere in our Faith in spite of worldly temptations, attacks on our religion and moral values by the atheistic or agnostic media, threats of social isolation, and direct or indirect persecution because of our religious beliefs.

Let us conclude this Church year by praying for the grace to endure patiently all our trials, for they are essential to our affirmation of Jesus as our Lord and Savior.



- - Fr. Gus, MS. - -

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time— November 16, 2025**

## 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

## 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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## SUNDAY SUMMARY COLLECTION (November 8/9 2025)

5PM Mass	\$ 2,315.00
7AM Mass	\$ 1,597.00
9:30AM Mass	\$ 2,003.00
4:30PM Mass	\$ 772.00
Total	\$ 6,687.00

## Calendar

November 21	Celebration of Love (Tongan Community)
November 23	Feast of Christ the King of the Universe
November 26	Thanksgiving Mass for children with their family @ 6pm
November 27	Thanksgiving Mass @ 8:00AM
December 7	Second Collection (Facility Maintenance)
December 13	Family Fun Day

## Misa de Gallo 2025

Dear friends and family,

We invite you to join us for the Misa De Gallo, from December 16-24, 2025, at 5 a.m. each day (no 7 a.m. masses on these days, including Sunday, Dec 21).

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God bless!

**STOP USING WORDS WRONGLY:**  
***IT IS MASS, NOT SERVICE, DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW TODAY!***

**PART 1**

**✚ 1. The Confusion We Often Hear**

It happens every day.

You return from Mass, and someone smiles and says, “Father, how was service today?”

Or maybe, “Sister, hope you went to service this morning?”

It sounds polite, but in the Catholic Church, that word service doesn’t mean what people think.

Many Catholics, without realizing it, have borrowed a Protestant word and used it in place of a sacred one: the Mass.

But wait, why does this matter? Aren’t both “Mass” and “service” just worship?

Let’s go deeper.

**✚ 2. What a “Service” Means**

The word “service” is commonly used in Protestant and Evangelical communities to describe their gathering for prayer, preaching, and worship.

A service is a time of fellowship and Scripture reflection, centered on the Word and prayer, but not the Eucharist.

It is a beautiful act of worship, but it does not include the Sacrifice of Christ made present on the altar.

So when our separated brethren say, “Sunday Service,” they mean the time they gather to hear the Word, sing, and pray together.

That’s why Catholics must be careful. Because what happens in a service and what happens in the Mass are not the same reality.

**✚ 3. What the “Mass” Really Is**

The word Mass comes from the Latin “Missa”, meaning “to be sent.”

It comes from the final words of the priest: “Ite, missa est”, “Go forth, the Mass is ended.”

But deeper than the name is the mystery itself.

The Mass is not just a prayer meeting. It is the re-presentation (not a repetition) of the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ on Calvary, made present sacramentally on the altar.

At Mass, heaven touches earth.

Christ, the Eternal High Priest, offers Himself again, not in pain, but in glory, for the salvation of the world. That’s why we say the Mass is a sacrifice before it is a service.

It is the highest form of worship possible on earth, because it is Christ Himself who offers and is offered.

So when a Catholic says, “I’m going to Mass,” they are saying, “I am going to Calvary, to stand at the foot of the Cross, to witness the saving sacrifice of Christ made present.”

**✚ 4. When Can We Say “Service” in the Catholic Church?**

Now, it’s true that the Church also uses the word service, but in a different sense.

We talk of:

Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours as a “prayer service.”

Funeral service (when no Mass is offered).

Communion service (led by a deacon or lay minister when a priest is absent).

Penitential service, adoration service, or healing service.

So, in Catholic language, “service” means a gathering of prayer without the Eucharistic sacrifice.

But once the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, is offered on the altar, it ceases to be just a “service.”

It becomes the Holy Mass, the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

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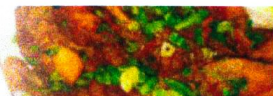
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