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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*

### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

***This Sunday, at the end of Church's liturgical year, the readings describe the enthronement of the victorious Christ as King in Heaven in all his glory.***

#### **The Biblical basis of the feast:**

##### **A) Old Testament texts:**

The title "Christ the King" has its roots both in Scripture and in the whole theology of the Kingdom of God. In most of the Messianic prophecies given in the Old Testament books of Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel, Christ the Messiah is represented as a King.

##### **B) New Testament texts:**

a) the Kingdom of God is the center of Jesus' teaching and the phrase "Kingdom of God" occurs in the Gospels 122 times, of which 90 instances are uses by Jesus.

b) The Magi from the Far East came to Jerusalem and asked the question: (Mt. 2:2) "Where is the baby born to be the King of the Jews? We saw his star... and we have come to worship him."

c) During the royal reception given to Jesus on Palm Sunday, the Jews shouted: (Lk 19:38) "God bless the King, who comes in the name of the Lord."

d) During the trial of Jesus described in today's Gospel, Pilate asked the question: (Jn 18:33): "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replied: "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into this world for this one purpose, to bear witness to the Truth" (Jn 18:37)



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Today's Gospel tells us that the board hung over Jesus' head on the cross read: "Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews," (Lk 23:36; see also, Mt 27:37; Mk 15:26; Jn 19:19-20), and that, to the request of the repentant thief on the cross, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom," Jesus promised "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise" (Lk 23:39-43).

#### **Life Messages:**

1) We need to accept Christ the King as our Lord, King, and Savior and surrender our lives to him. We surrender our lives to Jesus every day when we give priority to his teaching in our daily choices, especially in moral decisions. We should not exclude Christ our King from any area of our personal or family lives. In other words, Christ must be in full charge of our lives, and we must give him sovereign power over our bodies, our thoughts, our heart and our will.

2) We need to be serving disciples of a serving King. Jesus declared that he came not to be served but to serve and showed us the spirit of service by washing of the feet of his disciples. We become Jesus' followers when we recognize his presence in everyone, especially the poor, the sick, the outcast, and the marginalized in the society and render humble and loving service to Jesus in each of them.

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

**Feast of Christ the King– November 23, 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 15/16 2025)

5PM Mass	\$ 1,071.00
7AM Mass	\$ 2,015.00
9:30AM Mass	\$ 2,561.00
4:30PM Mass	\$ 893.00
Total	\$ 6,540.00

## Calendar

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
December 16	Start of Misa de Gallo (5am) <i>No 7AM Mass from Dec. 16—24</i>

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## 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).

We're looking for families or individuals to sponsor one of these special masses. Your generous donation of \$100 or more will help support the ongoing repairs and maintenance of our school building, ensuring a safe and nurturing environment for our community.

As a sponsor, you'll receive:

- An envelope for your donation
- A candle to offer during mass
- Your name will be displayed on the screen during mass. *(please sign up early to be listed on the screen.)*
- We'll pray for your intentions during the mass

**Your donation should be made before the day you sponsor to make things easier for everyone.**

Thank you! God bless.

**STOP USING WORDS WRONGLY:**  
***IT IS MASS, NOT SERVICE, DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW TODAY!***  
**PART 2**

**⊕ 5. Why Words Matter**

Our words shape our faith.

If we call the Mass "service," we risk forgetting what makes it unique, the presence of Christ Himself in the Eucharist.

Calling it "Mass" reminds us that we are not spectators at worship, we are participants at Calvary.

The priest is not just leading prayers; he is standing in persona Christi, in the person of Christ, offering the once-for-all sacrifice of the Lamb.

**⊕ 6. So the Next Time Someone Asks...**

When someone says, "How was service today?"

Smile and answer gently:

"We don't call it service, it was the Holy Mass."

Because service is good,  
but the Mass is holy.

Service is man reaching out to God.

But the Mass is God coming down to man.

And that's the difference between prayer and sacrifice, between fellowship and salvation.

**⊕ Before you go, know this**

Every time we attend Mass, heaven opens.

Angels adore.

Saints join in.

And the same Jesus who hung on the Cross stands before us on the altar, saying again:

**"This is my Body... this is my Blood."**

So no, dear friends, we didn't just go to service.

We went to Calvary.

And from there, we are sent, Ite, missa est,  
to bring Christ to the world.

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**Why is Thanksgiving Day celebrated?**



**Thanksgiving** is celebrated to express gratitude, but its origins are rooted in a 1621 harvest feast shared by English colonists and Wampanoag Native Americans. Today, it has

evolved into a national holiday observed on the fourth Thursday of November, primarily as a time for families and friends to gather, share a meal, and give thanks for the year's blessings.

**Historical Roots:**

The holiday's origins trace back to a 1621 harvest celebration in Plymouth, Massachusetts, where English colonists and Wampanoag people shared a feast. This event is often remembered as the "First Thanksgiving". Later, *President Abraham Lincoln* proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day in 1863, and it was officially established as a federal holiday in

1941, designating the fourth Thursday of November as the day for celebration.

**Modern Celebration:**

Today, Thanksgiving is a secular holiday focused on expressing gratitude for one's blessings. Families and friends come together for a meal, often featuring traditional dishes like turkey, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie. Many also use the day to help others through charity, donations, and food drives.

**Symbolic Meaning:**

The holiday serves as a time to connect with family and friends and reflect on the year's accomplishments. For many, it also marks the start of the holiday season.

—*History.com*—

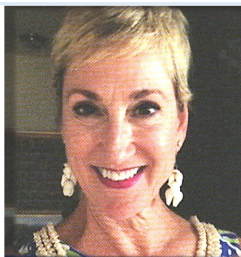
**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

NOV. 26 (WEDNESDAY) 6.P.M CHILDREN'S MASS

NOV. 27 (THURSDAY) 8.A.M MASS

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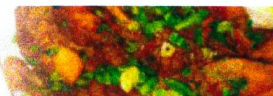
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**Happy Thanksgiving Day Everyone!**