

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.













Celebrating Fr. Alfred's Natal Day

"Stewardship begins with love-not giving."

LL SOUL'S DAY

Blessing of the tomb will be done after the 7:00 AM Mass.

All Souls Day envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please write the names of your beloved departed and bring it back before Nov. 1 to be placed on the altar for the month of November. No names of the dead will be read during all the Masses in the month of November.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time-October 19, 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 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).

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

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Continuing formation journey for youth age 13 to 35.

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



Congratulations to our children, our young stewards, who were commissioned as lectors of our Church! Thank you for answering God's call

to serve Him through the ministry of the word. May your enthusiasm and faith inspire our community!

SUNDAY SUMMARY COLLECTION-Oct 11/12 2025	
5PM Mass	\$ 1,246.00
7AM Mass	\$ 2,316.00
9:30AM Mass	\$ 2,497.00
4:30PM Mass	\$ 2,306.00
Total	\$ 8,365.00
New Public Nation	\$4,750

Calendar

Oct 26	World Mission Sunday
November 2	Second Collection (Facility Maintenance)
	Parade of Saints @4:30 PM Mass
	Luminary Service @ 6 PM
November 9	Hospitality Sunday
November 26	Thanksgiving Mass for children with
	their family @ 6pm
November 27	Thanksgiving Mass @ 8:00AM
December 7	Second Collection (Facility Maintenance)

Today's Readings Reflection

Today's readings are mainly about prayer -- perseverance in prayer, constancy in prayer and trust in God as we pray.

In the first reading, Moses, after sending Joshua to fight against Amalek, is presented as making tireless intercession (constancy), for the victory of Israel's army.

In the second reading, St. Paul instructs Timothy to persevere in his ministry, to proclaim the word of God with persistence in all circumstances, and to use it to "correct, reprove and appeal with patience."

In today's Gospel, Jesus emphasizes the "necessity of praying always and not losing heart." Constancy in er we want, whenever we want, it in the form we ask today's Gospel as a model of the trust and tenacity with which his disciples are to pray. The widow was asking for something which God would certainly want for her --justice.

Life messages:

prayer: It is ideal that we start our prayers by reading from the Bible, especially the Psalms and the Gospels. Formal, memorized and liturgical prayers are also essential for the Christian prayer life. Personal prayer is of great importance in our life of prayer.

Why Does The PRIEST KISS The ALTAR?

altar... And then he does something quietly powerful: He kisses it. No one announces it. No one explains it. But in that simple gesture, a profound mystery unfolds.

THIS IS NOT JUST A TABLE The altar is not furniture. It is not a stage. It is Christ. Yes, you read that right. The altar is a symbol of Christ Himself, the eternal High Priest, the spotless Victim, and the heavenly Altar (Hebrews 13:10). The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM 298) affirms this: "The altar, on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present, is also the table of the Lord... the center of the thanksgiving." So when the priest kisses the altar, he is kissing Christ.

A KISS OF LOVE, WORSHIP, AND SACRIFICE This kiss is ancient. It goes back to the early centuries of the Church. And it means three powerful things: 1. Love - The priest expresses love for Christ and reverence for His sacrifice. 2. Worship - He honors the holiness of the place where Heaven will touch Earth. 3. Sacrifice - He recognizes that here, on this very spot, Christ will once again offer Himself for the salvation of the world. Just as the woman in Luke 7 kissed the feet of Jesus in repentance and love, the priest now kisses the altar where that same Jesus will lay Himself down for you.



LUKE 18:1-8

2) We should not expect to whatever we pray for. This parable does not suggest that God writes a blank check, guaranteeing whatev-

prayer is Faith in action. Jesus presents the widow in for. But we conveniently forget the fact that, often, a loving father has to refuse the request of a child, because he knows that what the child asks would hurt rather than help him (e.g., a sharp knife, a pet tarantula). God is like that. He knows what to give, when to give and how to give it. Only God sees time whole, 1) We need to combine formal prayers with action and, therefore, only God knows what is good for us in the long run. That is why Jesus says that we must never be discouraged in prayer. Instead, we have to leave the answer to God's decision saying, "Thy will be done." Sincere and persistent prayer makes us ready to accept His will. - - - Fr. Gus, MS. - - -

THE ALTAR HOLDS THE RELICS OF SAINTS In many Catholic We see it every Sunday. The procession ends. The priest arrives at the churches, beneath the altar lie relics of martyrs and saints, those who gave their blood for the Lamb. When the priest kisses the altar, he honors not just Christ, but those who have died in Him, and whose memory is now bound to His sacrifice. It is a silent communion with the cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1).

> IT IS ALSO A MARRIAGE The altar is not just a symbol of Christ, it is also the wedding altar. And the priest, in persona Christi, stands as the Bridegroom, ready to offer His life for His Bride, the Church. The kiss on the altar is like a sacred vow before the wedding begins. He will now lead the Church into union with God through the mystery of the Mass. SO, Next time you see the priest kiss the altar... pause. Realize what's happening. It is not formality. It is not routine. It is the priest greeting Christ with love. It is Heaven and Earth touching. It is the beginning of sacrifice, of mystery, of salvation. Because from this altar, the Cross will rise again. The Lamb will be offered. And mercy will pour out on the

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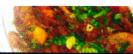


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