



# Stewards of God's Gifts



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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### 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).

#### Gift Shop

Opens from Monday to Saturday  
8:00 AM to 12:00 noon  
Sunday; opens after all Masses

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)** You may contact Deacon Bill Farias or Mrs. Millie Curtis for more details. Please call the parish office.

**"I love God. I am loved by God"**  
(St. Ignatius of Loyola)

**"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."**  
(St. Augustine)

**"Henceforth my motto shall be:  
Give me the Eucharist, or let me die!"**  
(St. Peter Julian Eymard)

**The Church draws her life from the Eucharist."**  
(St. John Paul II)

### 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.**

### 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.**

#### OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Sat: 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

#### Religious Education Classes

Sunday - 8:00 - 9:00 AM  
(ICP School)

#### Edge Ministry

(6th to 8th Grade)  
Every Sunday @ Parish Hall -  
3:00PM - 4:00 PM  
(Ends with the 4:30PM Mass)

#### Jesus And Me (JAM) Ministry

(9th to 12th Grade)  
Every Monday @ Parish Hall -  
5:30PM - 7:00 PM

#### MASS TIMES

**Weekday Mass**  
(Monday-Saturday)  
Daily: 7:00 AM

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 7:00 AM ; 9:30 AM ; 4:30PM  
& 6:30PM

#### Reconciliation ( Confession )

Due to the pandemic, the sacrament is **by appointment only.**

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays at 6:00 PM

### Diocese of Honolulu Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father,  
your divine Son taught us  
to pray to the Lord of the harvest  
to send laborers into His vineyard.

We earnestly beg you  
to bless our Diocese and our world  
with many priests and religious  
who will love you fervently and gladly  
and courageously spend their lives  
in service to your Son's Church,  
especially the poor and the needy.

Bless our families and our children,  
and choose from our homes those who you desire for this holy work.

Teach them to respond generously  
and keep them ever faithful in following your Son Jesus Christ, that under  
the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with the inspiration of St. Damien and  
St. Marianne the Good News of redemption may be brought to all.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**"The Mass is the most beautiful thing in the Church."**  
(St. Alphonsus Liguori)

**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 03, 2021**



## God's Gift of Time

## God's Gift of Talent



### Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time

On the **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** the readings speak of marriage and partnership. In the **Book of Genesis**, Adam does not find a suitable partner until the Lord creates woman. **Psalm 128** praises the Lord who blesses home and family. In **Mark's Gospel** the Pharisees test Jesus asking if it is lawful for a husband to divorce his wife. The question is meant to be a trap for Jesus but he repeats the scripture in Genesis. The gospel ends with Jesus urging us to be like children were in that society - unimportant and with no status. "The kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Then he embraced and blessed the children.

Monday is the **Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi**. Thursday is the **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**.

The first readings this week offer again a sampling of several different Old Testament sources including the reluctant prophet, **Jonah**; then **Malachi** ("But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays"); and **Joel**, ("Then shall you know that I, the LORD, am your God, dwelling on Zion, my holy mountain; Jerusalem shall be holy, and strangers shall pass through her no more.")

**Luke's Gospel** continues during the weekdays with some of our most familiar and beloved stories. The Good Samaritan teaches us about loving. In the Mary and Martha story, Jesus nudges his dear friend Martha to calm her spirit and choose carefully what she spends time on. Luke offers a look at Jesus praying alone before sharing his prayer with us. With the story of the friend banging on the door in the night, Jesus encourages us to "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." When his opponents try to confuse the people about Jesus' authority, he says, "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters." We end the week with Jesus emphasizing his relationship with the Father as being stronger than earthly relationships.

The powerful story of the rich young man will be repeated in the gospel in the **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. He asks Jesus what he can do to inherit eternal life and already keeps the commandments. Jesus offers him the challenge of the gospel: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor ... then come, follow me." **Mark's gospel** tells us that the young man "went away sad, for he had many possessions." When Jesus tells his followers how hard it will be for a rich person to be saved they are astonished - and worried. They wondered how they could ever be saved. "All things are possible for God," was Jesus' response.

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### Daily Prayer This Week

Jesus is so full of surprises. This week, we can let his surprising ways interact with our daily lives. All of us, in some ways, tend to want to trap - or at least intensely resist - the prophets who call us to conversion. We are all asking our Lord to tell us what we need to do to have eternal life. We might all know the ways we don't like his answer. The invitation to love our neighbor, the way the lowly Samaritan did, can be a revealing question for us this week. Who is the neighbor or stranger or enemy whom I'm called to help, care for their wounds, and provide for their recovery? Or, we can reflect upon whether we are too busy, and not focused enough on what really matters - spending some time just listening to Jesus. Perhaps, we have some desire, need, struggle that we very much want to turn to the Lord with. This could be the week we ask, seek and knock - persistently and confidently. All week, we can ask for the grace to be "with" Jesus and to "gather" with him, perhaps especially alert to ways we are "against" Jesus or "scatter" in different things we do or attitudes we take.

All it takes for us busy people is a little focus. We will get into the habit of beginning each day by bringing our attention to these strong desires with practice. At first, it may work best to rely on a line from one of these Guides - letting it be our expression of what we need and returning to it consciously throughout the day.

With practice, we will grow in comfort with naming our own desires more precisely. For example, I might already be more like Mary than Martha. I might want to be asking our Lord, "Help me keep listening to you, Lord, throughout this day." It may be that I haven't said the Rosary with devotion in years. This may be a week to rediscover that powerful prayer, a decade at a time, throughout the day, reflecting much more deliberately on the traditional mysteries or the reflections of this week.

Every night, we can all express our thanks to the Lord for the faithful way we are being invited to a closer relationship, in the midst of our busy, daily lives.

**Lord, bless this week to allow me to be drawn closer to you - a better neighbor, choosing the better part, learning to pray to you insistently, being with you in every way I can. Help me put my complete trust in you.** (<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu>)

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## God's Gift of Treasure

**“Do not let your hand be open to receive, but clenched when it is time to give.” (Sirach 4:31)**

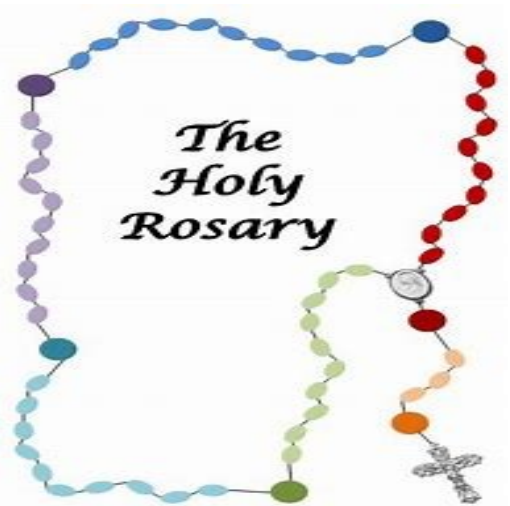
**“AS STEWARDS, LET US PUT LOVE IN OUR GIVING!”**

### SUMMARY COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2021

5PM Mass	\$1,049.00
7AM Mass	\$1,461.00
9:30AM Mass	\$1,149.00
4:30PM Mass	\$379.00
6:30PM Mass	\$568.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,606.00</b>

### MASS HEADCOUNT FOR SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2021

MASS TIME	HEADCOUNT
5PM MASS	92
7AM MASS	115
9:30AM MASS	122
4:30PM MASS	74
6:30PM MASS	55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>458</b>



## What's Up?



**PLEASE WATCH OUR DAILY MASS (LIVE STREAMING) AT 7AM VIA OUR FACEBOOK PAGE — Immaculate Conception Church Kauai. Please LIKE and SHARE it.**

**October 03 — Respect for Life Sunday.** Please continue to pray for the protection of life from conception to natural death.

**October 02/03 — 2nd Collection for Ohana in Christ Annual Appeal.** Please be generous. Our regular Building Fund 2nd collection will be done next week.

**October 04 — Jesus And Me (JAM) Ministry** for our youth, 9th to 12th grade, will start from 5:30pm to 7pm at our new parish hall.

**October 05 — Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 6PM** @ new parish hall.

**October 07— Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**

**WE NEED YOU! WE NEED MORE PEOPLE TO HELP THE YARD CREW ON WEDNESDAYS @8AM AND CHURCH & HALL CLEANERS ON FRIDAYS @8AM. THANKS!**

**The Month of October is also the Month of our Blessed Mother Mary. We do encourage you and your whole family to pray the Holy Rosary daily.**

### Prayer for a Stewardship Parish

(from the Archdiocese of Detroit)

Dear Heavenly Father, my parish is composed of people like me; I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with Your help, O God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be. Amen.

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