



# 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.

## Today's Readings' Reflection

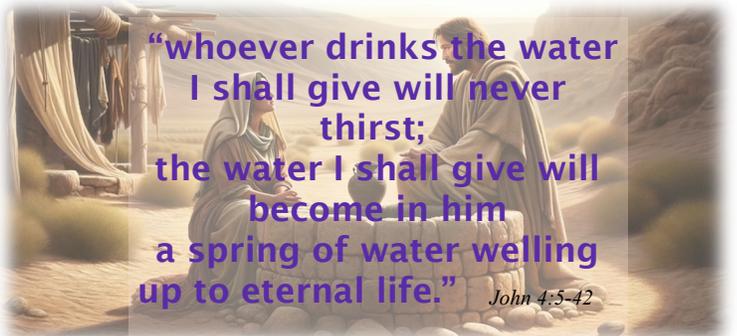
*Today's readings are centered on Baptism and new life. Living Water represents God's Holy Spirit Who comes to us in Baptism, penetrating every aspect of our lives and quenching our spiritual thirst.*

**The first reading** describes how God provided water to the ungrateful complainers of Israel, thus placing Jesus' promise within the context of the Exodus account of water coming from the rock at Horeb.

**The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 95)**, refers both to the Rock of our salvation and also to our hardened hearts.

**In the second reading**, Saint Paul asserts that, as the Savior of mankind, Jesus poured the living water of the gift of the Holy Spirit into our hearts.

**In the Gospel**, an unclean, ostracized Samaritan woman is given an opportunity to receive the living water. This Gospel passage also gives us Jesus' revelation about himself as the Source of Living Water and teaches us that we need the grace of Jesus Christ for eternal life because Jesus is that life-giving water.



### **Life messages:**

- 1) We need to allow Jesus free entry into our personal lives. Jesus wishes to come into our "private" life, not to embarrass us, not to judge or condemn us, but to free us, to change us, and to offer us what we really need: the living water of the Holy Spirit.
- 2) We need to be witnesses to Jesus as the Samaritan woman was. Let us have the courage to "be" Jesus for others, especially in those "unexpected" places for "unwanted" people.
- 3) Today's Gospel message challenges us to get rid of our unholy attachments and the evil habits and sinful addictions that keep us enslaved and idolatrous. Let us keep the living water that is the grace and blessing Jesus gives us in our Life .

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

**3rd SUNDAY of LENT—March 8, 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 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

# Stewards of God's Gift *God's gift of Time, Talent & Treasure*

You are cordially invited to participate in our Parish Lenten Retreat, led by Fr. Alfred, on March 23 (Monday) at 6:00 P.M. and March 24 (Tuesday) at 5:30 P.M. This spiritual journey is open to all, and attendance is especially encouraged for those serving in various ministries, including Eucharistic ministers and Lectors.

Additionally, please join us for the following events:

- March 25 (Wednesday) at 6:00 P.M.: Mass with dedication and blessing of the new altar and Ambo, celebrated by Bishop Larry Silva.
- March 26 (Thursday) at 6:00 P.M.: Chrism Mass, where Bishop Larry will bless the oils for Baptism, the Sick, and Confirmation.

Your presence will be a source of joy and spiritual enrichment. We look forward to sharing these special occasions with you.

## SUNDAY SUMMARY COLLECTION-March 1, 2026

5PM Mass	\$ 1,021.00
7AM Mass	\$ 1,131.00
9:30AM Mass	\$ 2,148.00
4:30PM Mass	\$ 2,574.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,874.75</b>

## Calendar 2026

March 8	Hospitality Sunday (Religious Ed, Altar Servers, Hospitality)
March 22	Second Collection (Catholic Ministries)
March 23-24	Parish Lenten Retreat @6pm
March 24	Lenten Penance Service @ 6pm
March 25	Dedication of the New Altar and Ambo @6pm
Mach 26	Chrism Mass @ 6pm

# Why Do Catholics Pray the Stations of the Cross?

October 15, 2025



Walking with Jesus on the road to Calvary is one of the most moving devotions in the Catholic faith. The Stations of the Cross invite us to enter into the Passion of Christ—not just as observers, but as companions.

Whether you're praying them during Lent or as part of your regular spiritual life, the Stations draw your heart into the mystery of God's love in a unique and personal way.

## What Are the Stations of the Cross?

The Stations of the Cross are 14 moments from Jesus' Passion, beginning with His condemnation by Pilate and ending with His burial in the tomb. Traditionally, they're marked along the walls of a church or outdoors, allowing you to physically move from station to station, meditating on each scene.

They're rooted in the early Church's practice of pilgrims walking the actual Via Dolorosa ("Way of Sorrow") in Jerusalem, retracing Jesus' steps to Calvary. Today, Catholics around the world can participate in this devotion anywhere.

## Why This Devotion Matters

### 1. It Brings You Face-to-Face with Christ's Sacrifice

In each station, you see the cost of your redemption. The scourging, the falls, the encounters with Mary and Veronica—all reveal His love for you.

*When you pray the Stations, you're not just remembering history. You're standing beside Him now.*

### 2. It Deepens Your Love for the Cross

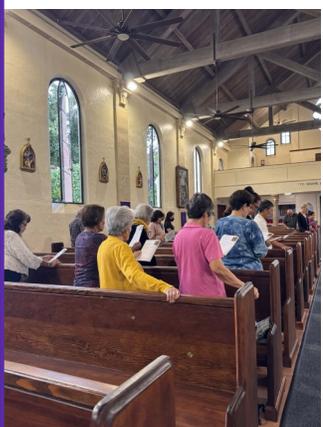
Jesus calls us to "take up [our] cross daily" (Lk 9:23). Praying the Stations helps you see your own suffering in light of His, giving it meaning and purpose.

### 3. It Unites You to the Suffering Church

When you pray the Stations, you're praying with the universal Church—past and present. You're standing in solidarity with all who suffer and offering your prayer for the needs of the world.

### 4. It Shapes Your Heart for Mission

The more you walk with Christ to Calvary, the more your heart is conformed to His—ready to pour itself out for others in everyday life.



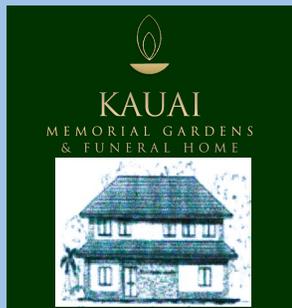
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**Pleas join us every Friday @ 6PM for praying the Stations of the Cross in the Church.**