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MASS TIMES

Saturdays at 5:00 PM

Sundays: 7:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 5:00 PM

First Fridays: Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: 7:00 AM. Mass at 8:00 AM

CONFESSION

Saturdays: 4 – 4:00 PM or by appointment



MISSION STATEMENT: *“We, the people of Immaculate Conception Parish in Ewa, declare our firm loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ, our Roman Catholic Church, and to the Diocesan Bishop of Honolulu. Our strength is in our unity as a Christian Family of Faith, and we inspire to reach out to everyone with the embrace of Christ.”*

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BAPTISM: Inform the parish 2 months in advance to allow for baptismal preparation

FAITH FORMATION (CCD & OCIA): Contact coordinator.

MARRIAGE: Notify the parish 6 months prior to proposed date. Attending an Engaged Encounter Weekend is required prior to marriage ceremony.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND: Contact the office to arrange for someone to bring the Blessed Sacrament to the Sick.

FUNERALS: Call the parish before making arrangements with the mortuary.

FOOD PANTRY: Distribution happens in Parish Hall, bring ID:

- First Friday hours: 3–5 PM
- Remaining Fridays: 4–6 PM

First Sunday of Lent March 9, 2025

FOCUS: Engaging in challenges on our Lenten journey can help us prepare to carry our own cross.

One way Jesus prepared for his public ministry was to go into the desert, filled with the Holy Spirit, to be tempted by the devil. We may have to confront a similar experience during Lent: While striving to follow the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, we encounter temptations to abandon our good resolutions. Jesus' example shows us the disposition we must have if we are to triumph over the enemy.

LIVING IN FANTASY

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“If I Were a Horse” by Elizabeth Bridgman is a children’s story about Jenny, who daydreams about being a horse and then accepts her true reality, as she realizes no one will recognize her as a horse. In the end, she finds that she likes herself as she truly is. The story may also be a metaphor for our human fantasy about sin, by which we try to redefine the world on our own terms, only to realize that life does not go so well when we do this. It is our stealing by which we pretend that something belongs to us rather than to another. It is our lying that attempts to redefine truth in terms of what we want life to be, rather than in what life really is. It is our addictions that redefine the source of meaning and life not as God, but as ourselves and our wants.

Lent brings us face to face with who we are—which is not a horse (real or otherwise), but, by God’s design, is a daughter or son of God. The temptations Jesus experienced in the desert were temptations to define life on his own terms, just as we are often tempted to do. Yet, Jesus was the one who got it right. For him, stones were stones, not bread. Power and glory were God’s, not his. He would not put God to the test, thinking he could manipulate God and get God to do what Jesus wanted. Jesus was the faithful one.

● Reflect: What about my life do I struggle to accept?

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 10:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
6:30 PM Council of Ministries Mtg.

Tuesday, March 11:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Bernard & Grace Tandal - RS)
(+Ignacio & Casamera Corpuz - RS)

Wednesday, March 12:

6:45 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Bernard & Grace Tandal - RS)
(+Ignacio & Casamera Corpuz - RS)
5:00 PM Centering Prayer
6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

Thursday, March 13:

No Mass

Friday, March 14:

6:45 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Bernard & Grace Tandal - RS)
(+Ignacio & Casamera Corpuz - RS)
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry
4:30-6 PM KoC Fish Fry Pick Up
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
9:00 AM Secular Franciscans Mtg.
4:00 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Holy Souls in Purgatory - RS)

Sunday, March 16:

6:15 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Victoria Narciso - RS)
8:15-9:15 AM CCD Classes
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Rosario Pascua - RS)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Mar. 15: Couples for Christ
Mar. 22: Chamorro Group
Mar. 29: **Volunteers Needed!**
Apr 5: Sacred Heart Society



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BURNING OF THE PALMS CEREMONY



On Shrove Tuesday, March 4th, several parishioners attended the Burning of the Palms Ceremony, where they burned palms from last year's Palm Sunday to make ashes for our Ash Wednesday Masses. Light refreshments were served after.

RICE BOWLS FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



On Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent, we are called to repentance and deeper communion with God and neighbor through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In a special way, Lenten almsgiving

enables us to grow in generosity, actively participate in the body of Christ and respond to God's call to love and care for others. Your Lenten alms through **CRS Rice Bowl** make a global difference for millions of our sisters and brothers in places such as Nigeria, Guatemala, and Bangladesh, experiencing the greatest need. Rice Bowls will be passed out this weekend. We encourage all to give throughout Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, FRIDAYS, 7PM

Stations of the Cross continue **every Friday** during Lent starting at **7:00 p.m.** in the Church. All are welcomed to join us.

The following ministries will be leading us in the Station of the Cross:

March 14th - Lectors, EM's, Homebound, and Knights of Columbus
March 21st - Stewardship Committee, Youth and Young Adult Ministries
March 28th - Music, Religious Education, and Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)
April 4th - Sacred Heart Society and Environment Ministry
April 11th - Couples for Christ, Baptism, and Parent & Family Ministries

Mahalo to the Food Pantry and Event Planning Ministries who led our Stations of the Cross last week Friday, March 7th. We are grateful to all those who assist us during the Stations of the Cross.



FISH FRY-DAYS



Mahalo to all who purchased Fish Fry dinner plates from our Knights of Columbus so far. They continue to sell their plates every weekend, after the Masses. Each ticket is \$20 and the proceeds go toward future church projects. You may pick up your plates every Friday between 4:30-6 p.m. under the tent.

PENANCE SERVICE, THURSDAY, APRIL 3rd, 7 P.M.

Our **Lenten Penance Service** will be held on **Thursday, April 3rd, 7:00 p.m.** Several priests in the Leeward Vicariate parishes will be here to hear your confessions. If you can't make it to our service, you may attend the Penance Service on Tuesday, March 11th, at St. Jude, Kapolei or Thursday, March 13th, at Sacred Heart, Waianae, both at 7:00 p.m.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP CLEAN OUR CHURCH

During the months when there are five Saturdays, we need help with cleaning the church. This month there are 5 Saturdays, the fifth being March 29th. If you can help, please call the parish office. The duties would be to vacuum, sweep, wipe the pews, and straighten the books. Cleaning begins at 8:00 a.m. Mahalo!

FAITH DIRECT

Weekly Offering	\$1,660.00
Monthly Offering	\$825.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$510.00
Building Fund	\$713.00
Flowers	\$140.00
Candles	\$7.00
Food Pantry	\$425.00
Book of Intentions	\$230.00
<u>Solemnity of Blessed Mary</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total Collection	\$4,560.00
Less Credit Card Fees	-\$83.94
Less ACH Fees	-\$5.91
<u>Faith Direct Fee</u>	<u>-\$306.60</u>
Total	\$4,163.55



The above collection of Dec. 16th - 31st is the last collection of the year 2024. The collection reported on Jan. 12th, also dated Dec. 16th - 31st, is the End-of-Year Catch Up.

HAWAII CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SERVICES

Lenten Statewide Prayer Meeting

MARCH 29, 2025
SATURDAY
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Immaculate Heart Hall
ST. ANTHONY RETREAT CENTER
3351 KALIHU ST. HONOLULU, HI 96819

Fr. Sebastian Soosai
Lenten Reflection

HCCRS Worship Team
Praise and Worship

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PRAYERS NEEDED FOR ROBERT MONDOY

Robert Mondoy, who was born and raised on Molokai, has served for decades as the Music Minister at St. John Vianney Church, Kailua. He is a composer and has also shared his talents in many diocesan liturgies. He was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor, which is now being evaluated regarding origin and treatment. We are asking for prayers for his healing through the intercession of Servant of God Joseph Dutton, Layman, whose cause the Diocese of Honolulu has proposed for canonization. You may use the following prayer, and we thank you for your love and faith! PRAYER: "Loving and eternal Father, you chose Joseph Dutton as an ardent apostle of your divine compassion. We humbly ask you, through his intercession, that you heal Robert Mondoy of his brain tumor. Dear Joseph Dutton, please pray for this intention as we thank you for presenting this request to God with your great faith."

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

October - December 2024:

INCOME:	
Offerory Collection	\$ 99,910.71
Other Regular Income	9,031.34
Unusual (Non Scheduled) Income	<u>5,690.82</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 114,632.87
EXPENSES	
Employment Costs	\$ 42,911.55
Professional Services	1,032.90
Leadership Development	1,500.00
Supplies and Other Services	11,596.13
Repairs & Maintenance	4,269.27
Utilities	7,748.00
Contributions and Assessments	14,979.57
Taxes	<u>385.11</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 84,422.53
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 30,210.34
OTHER INCOME/EXPENSES	
Other Income (Temp Restricted Assets)	\$ 33,193.92
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$ 33,193.92
NET OTHER INCOME	\$ 33,193.92
NET INCOME	\$ 63,404.26

SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL

St. Louis School has been hosting an Admissions Open House Series on their campus. Prospective families have one more day to attend: Mar. 12th at 3 p.m. To register, please visit their website at www.SaintLouisHawaii.org. You may also contact Russell Valente, Vice President of Admissions & Marketing at (808) 739-4832 or email: admissions@saintlouishawaii.org.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Mar. 1 - 2, 2025

Weekly Offering	\$3,937.85
Sat. 5:00 PM -	\$1,157.00
Sun. 7:00 AM -	\$1,190.00
Sun. 9:30 AM -	\$718.35
Sun. 5:00 PM -	\$872.50
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,978.00
Building Fund	\$302.50
Flowers	\$348.00
Candles	\$85.00
Blessings	\$50.00
Book of Intentions	\$45.00
Mass Intentions	\$120.00
Funeral	\$300.00
Baptism	\$100.00
Word Among Us	\$50.00
Quilt Guild Donation	\$75.00
<u>Special Projects</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,491.35



IMAHALO

Second Collections

'Ohana in Christ	\$85.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$3.00
Church in Latin America	\$20.00

2024 TAX STATEMENTS



If you need a tax statement for calendar year 2024, please contact the parish office. A statement is sent ONLY upon request. This includes your donations thru Faith Direct. You may reach us by calling (808) 681-3701, Mon-Fri, 8:30am to 4:30pm or emailing us at iccewa@rcchawaii.org.

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Who decided that fish isn't meat? I really dislike fish; also, it bugs me when my friends eat lobster for dinner on Fridays in the name of "sacrifice."

Latin is the official language of the Catholic Church. Canon law, as written in Latin, states that we must abstain from carne (meat), a word that refers to warm-blooded animals that walk on the ground. By that definition, fish is allowed. You make an excellent point about the lobster dinners and the nature of sacrifice. In the document "Questions and Answers About Lent and Lenten Practices," the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states, "While fish, lobster, and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer." As we enter Lent, we must remember that our acts of penance should be more than thinking about just giving something up, like meat. Our fasting isn't just an external discipline—sacrifice for the sake of checking a box. It's supposed to be a sacrifice that leads us closer to God. When we take that deeper step ourselves, then we can invite our friends to go deeper, too.

● Fr. Paul Borowski, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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A word from POPE FRANCIS

Jesus opposes the attractions of evil... by responding to temptations with the word of God, which says not to take advantage...to obtain privileges. Because true happiness and true freedom are not found in possessing, but in sharing; not in taking advantage of others, but in loving them; not in the obsession of power, but in the joy of service.

ANGELUS, ROME,
MARCH 6, 2022

PARISH MINISTRIES

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Parish Council of Ministries
- Finance Council
- Parish Planning & Building
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Stewardship Committee
- Music Ministry
- Money Counters
- Bereavement
- Religious Education
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Altar Servers
- Flowers and Environmental
- Knights of Columbus
- Event Planners
- Food Pantry
- Couples for Christ
- Youth & Young Adult Min.
- Sacred Heart Society
- Secular Franciscans
- Chamorro Group

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Frances of Rome – Feast Day is March 9th. Born Francesca Bussa de' Leoni to a wealthy and aristocratic Italian couple in the 14th c., this Italian mystic organized charitable services such as visiting the poor and caring for the sick. Desiring to become a nun, she was forced at age 12 to marry a wealthy commander of Roman troops. They had a happy marriage of 40 years and had three children. She became a Benedictine oblate, who later founded a religious community of pious women after she was widowed, called the Olivetan Oblates of Mary. They shared a common life without religious vows or cloister, but combined a life of prayer with the needs of society. She had a special gift of performing miracles and over 60 cases of healing were attributed to her. She's the patron saint of Benedictine oblates, widows, and motorists.



St. Dominic Savio – Feast Day is March 9th. This 19th c. Italian student of St. John Bosco is best known for his piety, devotion to the Catholic faith, as well as his heroic virtues of kindness and selflessness. Born into a peasant family, he was studying to be a priest, but unfortunately, contracted tuberculosis and died at the age of 15. He is a patron saint of choirboys, students, and of those falsely accused. He acted as a peacemaker, when other boys got into arguments and even took the blame for a prank perpetuated by other students. He gave us a motto to follow in that he wasn't capable of doing big things, but he wanted to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God.



St. Matilda – Feast Day is March 14th. Also known as Matilda of Ringelheim, this 10th c. German-born Saxon noblewoman became a Queen of Germany, as the wife of King Henry I. Known for her humility, piety, friendliness, steadfast faith, charity, and considerable almsgiving, she also had a love for prayer and spiritual reading. She put her knowledge into building up the kingdom of God on earth. When she became a widow in 936, she gave her inheritance to her sons and resolved to give up the things of the world. In her final years, she built many churches, convents, and monasteries and has become the patron saint of widows, large families, and parents with difficult children. She was venerated as a saint immediately following her death.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	FEB. 15-16		FEB. 22-23		FEB. 28-MAR 1	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	145	10	188	20	151	14
	Sun. 7:00 AM	182	3	207	4	220	9
	Sun. 9:30 AM	263	57	194	35	218	43
	Sun. 5:00 PM	148	16	148	24	156	16

Readings for the Second Sunday of Lent:
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 9:28b-36