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Contact us for the following:

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



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."

Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026

FOCUS: God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses.

Perhaps we can identify with the two disciples who were on the road to Emmaus. They most likely felt despair and discouragement, but when Jesus revealed himself to them that despair was turned into joy and they rushed to tell the other disciples. If we today continue to open ourselves to God's movement in our lives, we can feel that same joy and be energized to share the Good News with others.

THREE BASIC RULES FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The Emmaus story is about two disciples walking seven miles from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus and their encounter with Jesus, whom they did not recognize. The story is rich in both symbolism and meaning. In a nutshell, it teaches us three basic rules for the formation of Christian community: Welcome the stranger. Break open the word. Celebrate the Eucharist. When we are faithful to these practices, we are faithful to the promise of the kingdom in our midst. If we choose to ignore these basic rules, we should not be surprised that we seem to be struggling.

Three out of three rules set the baseline. We cannot congratulate ourselves if we follow one or two of them well enough and ignore the third. We cannot pick and choose. It is the Lord who sets the parameters; our mission is only to respond positively in faith to what he directs us to do.

How are we doing? An honest appraisal probably suggests that improvement is needed. Each of our local communities, and indeed even the wider Church, sometimes struggles to form an Emmaus community of faith. We know we can do better. The good news is that we are not uninformed, and we know where we need to place the most effort. The Holy Spirit of God will show us how we need to apply this renewed effort.

● **Reflect:** Where does my family and parish need improvement to form a genuinely faithful Emmaus community?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 20:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Benito Miguel - RS)

Tuesday, April 21:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Benito Miguel - RS)

Wednesday, April 22:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Benito Miguel - RS)
5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)
6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

Thursday, April 23: No Mass

Friday, April 24:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Benito Miguel - RS)

Saturday, April 25:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Benito Miguel - RS)

Sunday, April 26:

6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Mariano Ahlo - 10th Death Anniversary)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Benito Miguel - RS)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina is a practice of prayerfully reading and meditating upon Scripture. The phrase "Lectio Divina" is Latin for "divine reading." Its aim is to draw closer to God through intentional reflection on His Word.

If you are interested in joining other parishioners for Lectio Divina, they meet every Wednesday at 5pm in the church.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH "DISCOVERY" RETREAT, MAY 1 - 3, 2026



Mahalo to all who have taken a leaf off of the **Donation Tree** to help our **Youth Ministry** as they prepare for their upcoming retreat. We are grateful for the support of our parish ohana. There are more leaves on the tree for you to help with. The instructions are on the leaves.



We continue to encourage our parents who have youths between the ages of 12 and 17 to register your child(ren) for the retreat which is being held on the weekend of May 1-3, 2026 at Camp Waianae. Scan the QR code for more information.

Recently, we designated a couple of Sundays a month to our youth, who have been participating in the Mass as ushers and lectors. Through our Youth Ministry, they now have an opportunity to be included in the liturgy of the Mass. Many thanks to our Youth Ministry Leaders **Mark and Maricel Sebastian** and the adult leaders: **Aaron Agcamaran, Justin Peralta, and Randy and Mona Ishihara**. We appreciate your dedication and commitment to the youth of our ohana!

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

"Do whatever he tells you."



The Women Apostles for Catechesis will hold a Women's Conference on **April 25, 2026** at St. Elizabeth Church, Aiea, from **7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** The registration fee is \$30, which includes breakfast and lunch.

Schedule: Praise and Worship ~ 1st Talk
2nd Talk ~ Mass ~ Adoration ~ Closing

For more info, contact St. Elizabeth at (808) 487-2414)

DIOCESAN PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND



Next weekend, April 25th - 26th, our second collection will be taken up for the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund. Our retired priests dedicated themselves over many years to the service of God's people, and we are grateful for the service they have rendered to our community. Your donations supplement the diocesan pension fund, covering the costs of sustenance, housing, medical and dental insurance, and other needs as our retired priests move into their elder years. They were there for us. Let's be there for them now. We ask that you prayerfully consider a gift for our priests.

Dear Padre,

April 19, 2026

Why are there different stories about Jesus' resurrection?

As a whole, the New Testament is a testimonial to the resurrection. About twenty years after Jesus' death, St. Paul offers the earliest written reference to the resurrection. (See 1 Thessalonians 1:10.) All four gospels tell the story of Jesus, who was crucified, rose from the dead, and appeared to his disciples. However, the evangelists incorporated elements that were handed on orally, and they presented them in their own style to address the particular needs and cultural backgrounds of their readers. Each author attempted to express the inexpressible resurrection within the limits of language, and they selectively highlighted or omitted material for theological purposes. If minor details vary among the writers—such as the number of women or angels at Christ's tomb—these variations are consistent with the nature of eyewitness accounts and recorded events as they are remembered. Divergent accounts are not false accounts. Despite discrepancies, the objective of the authors remained uncompromised: the identity of the historical Jesus of Nazareth is now the risen Lord of All. (See Acts 10:34-43.) Moreover, the authors wanted to convey this fundamental truth: Jesus Christ's defeat of death by his resurrection is central to our Christian hope and is the assurance of our own resurrection! Guided by the Holy Spirit, the gospels' resurrection accounts have inspired believers for 2,000 years—for "if Christ has not been raised, then...empty, too, your faith" (1 Corinthians 15:14).

● Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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ROSARY RALLY

We are so blessed to have our prayer warriors praying the rosary for us and our brothers and sisters in our country continuously. Here, our parishioners gather to pray the rosary under the tent for the intentions as set forth for America Needs Fatima. We are grateful for their prayers.



SACRED HEART SOCIETY

The Sacred Heart Society is a lay association within the spiritual family of the Institute of the Church and society under the patronage of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. Through membership, in the Society of the Sacred Heart, lay faithful can participate in the spirituality of the Institute directed to expand the kingdom of Our Blessed Lord.

Thru their membership of the Society, they participate in the spirituality of the Institute, by helping to sustain its apostolic work, and participate in spiritual gatherings within the parish. Their Society places them under the special protection of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of the church. The condition for acceptance into the Society is a desire to lead a life in ever a greater conformity with the ideal of the Gospel, accompanied by the humble recognition of one's own insufficiency in such an effort of sanctification.

We are grateful for the support and prayers of our Sacred Heart Society. Below are a few members of our Society.



FLOOD RELIEF AND RECOVERY ACTIONS



From the Office for Social Ministry

In response to disastrous flooding across Hawai'i, parishioners are partnering with Food Banks and trusted organizations to host emergency food and supplies distributions. These community-led distributions are specifically intended for residents impacted by recent flooding. For additional information or to find more food resources for flood victims in Hawaii, please check the Hawaii Food Bank website www.hawaiifoodbank.org or call or call (808) 836-3600..

On Oahu, St. Michael Parish is working with the Knights of Columbus and EPIC to help people in the Waialua area. To volunteer help, please call (808) 637-4040 or (808) 223-3249.

For how Catholic Charities Hawai'i is helping assist flood victims across Hawaii, please call the following: on Oahu (808) 521-4357, on Maui (808) 873-4673, and on Kaua'i (808) 241-4673.

For donations specifically to help Hawaii's Catholic parishes and school communities which were impacted by the recent flood disaster, the Hawai'i Catholic Community Foundation has a Flood Relief and Recovery Fund. Please visit their website at www.hawaiicatholiccommunityfoundation.org.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	MAR. 28-29		APR. 4-5		APR. 11-12	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	149	14	221	16	148	8
	Sun. 7:00 AM	298	14	441	21	249	9
	Sun. 9:30 AM	410	68	475	139	246	58
	Sun. 5:00 PM	200	40	195	35	159	19

Mass Readings for Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

April 11 - 12, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$3,718.00
Sat. 5 pm -	\$679.00
Sun. 7 am -	\$1,448.00
Sun. 9:30 am -	\$1,036.00
Sun. 5 pm -	\$555.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,239.50
Building Fund	\$220.00
Book of Intentions	\$40.00
Mass Intentions	\$149.00
Flowers	\$2.50
Candles	\$65.00
Easter Offering	\$149.00
Funeral	\$300.00
House Blessing	\$300.00
TOTAL	\$7,183.00



Second Collection:

Catholic Min. Ann. Appeal	\$25.00
CRS Rice Bowl	\$61.00

Mahalo Stewardship

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A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

The Church is brokenhearted at the cry of pain rising from places devastated by war... We must never get used to war!... For this reason, in the name of human dignity and international law, I reiterate to those in positions of responsibility the frequent warning of...Pope Pius XII: "Nothing is lost with peace. Everything may be lost with war."
GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 18, 2025

FATHER ON VACATION

Fr. Sieg will be on his Easter break this week. In his absence, the following priests will preside over the weekday and weekend Masses:

Mon., Apr. 20th - Fr. Ed Barut, OLPH
Tue., Apr. 21st - Fr. PJ Castro, OLPH
Wed., Apr. 22nd - Fr. Ed Barut, OLPH
Thu., April 23rd - No Mass
Fri., April 24th, Fr. PJ Castro, OLPH
Sat, April 25th - Fr. Jack Legal, St. Jude
Sun., April 26th - La Salette Fathers
Mon., April 27th - Fr. Ed Barut. OLPH

Church Cleaning Schedule

Apr. 25: Chamorro Group
May 2: Sacred Heart Society
May 9: Knights of Columbus
May 16: Couples for Christ

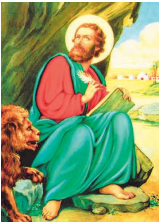
FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Anselm – Feast Day is April 21st. This 11th c. Italian Benedictine monk was an Archbishop of Canterbury, renowned theologian, philosopher, & Doctor of the Church. Known as the "Father of Scholasticism," he combined reason & logic to understand & explain theological truths of faith. He was also known for his work in defending church independence from encroachment by some of the kings. As the patron saint of theologians & philosophers, he's noted for his philosophical contributions, especially the ontological argument (God's existence in reality as being the greatest conceivable being, which is greater than existing only in the mind) & his work entitled "Cur Deus Homo" (explanation of the Incarnation of why God became Man). He was also an advocate of social justice & had obtained a resolution at the Council of Westminster that prohibited slave trade.



St. George – Feast Day is April 23rd. This saint has been one of the most famous & widely venerated saints in Christianity. A late 3rd c. soldier in the Roman army under Emperor Diocletian & a Christian martyr from Cappadocia (modern-day Turkey), he refused to renounce his Christian faith. He was arrested, tortured, & finally beheaded in the presence of the cruel emperor. His most famous story was the one of the slaying of the dragon with a spear, which showed courage, faithfulness, & spiritual victory. Legend has it that a town was terrorized by a dragon, (symbol of evil, sin, & paganism). He confronted & defeated the dragon, which symbolized faith triumphing over darkness. He saved a princess & converted the townspeople to Christianity. He's been venerated as a military saint & is also the patron saint of many countries, cities, & various groups such as farmers & scouts. In England, his feast day is celebrated as "St. George's Day" with flags, parades, & cultural events.



St. Mark the Evangelist – Feast Day is April 25th. A disciple of St. Peter, but not one of the 12 Apostles, this 1st c. author of the oldest & shortest Gospel was the 1st bishop of Alexandria, Egypt. His feast day honors his role as an evangelist by spreading the Gospel as a missionary in northern Africa & by accompanying Sts. Paul & Barnabas on their missionary journeys. His Gospel emphasized the humanity of Jesus, the meaning of discipleship, & Jesus as the Messiah & Son of God. His preaching of the gospel in Alexandria angered pagan groups at a time when Christianity was growing in the region. Refusing to abandon his preaching mission, he was arrested while celebrating Mass, tied up, & martyred by being dragged through the streets by horses until he died from his injuries. His symbol as an evangelist is a Winged Lion, which is a sign of Christ's royalty & resurrection & is a figure of courage. He's the patron saint of Venice, notaries, attorneys, prisoners, pharmacists, & lions.

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