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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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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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 9, 2025

FOCUS: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Both Isaiah and Simon Peter stand in awe of the power of the Lord. Isaiah declares his lips unclean and Peter calls himself a sinful man. They recognize their own lowliness in the face of the Lord’s majesty. Paul reminds us that Christ died for our sins and was raised. When we confess our sinfulness, we also acknowledge God’s power to forgive us.

UNSOLICITED CALLS FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Sometimes life calls us to a place that feels just right, as if it’s where we’re meant to be. I know a person who has always wanted to be a dad, and so he is—a stay-at-home dad of three, and he loves it. On the other hand, sometimes life’s calls unfold in directions beyond our plans and seem to flow from a wisdom greater than our own. Author John Grisham studied to be a lawyer, something that unfolded into his becoming a writer of mysteries and thrillers instead. Calls seem to be written upon our spirits. How else would God call us? Isaiah, Paul, and Peter found themselves called by God into lives they never wanted, baffled by God’s whys and wherefores. Their calls pushed them into lives they initially resisted. Such calls can happen to us as well. A man finds himself caring for his aged mother after his father’s death. His siblings seem unwilling or unable to help, so there is no one else.

Grandparents find themselves raising their grandchildren because their son’s or daughter’s life is frayed beyond repair, and there is no one else to nurture and love the children. The calls of God at times are calls into lives not of our own choosing. They arise from greater needs when there seems to be no one else but us to say “yes.” Our reluctance and anxiety may attest that these calls come from God. They then become paths to ever-deepening faith and trust in God.

● Reflect: Do you experience God calling you? What is your answer?

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 10:

7:00 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Elijah Alesna-Sagon - RS)
 6:30 PM Council of Ministries Meeting

Tuesday, February 11:

7:00 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Ricardo & Reydelina Mauricio - RS)
 6:30 PM PPBC Meeting

Wednesday, February 12:

7:00 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 5:00 PM Centering Prayer
 6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

Thursday, February 13:

No Mass

Friday, February 14:

7:00 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 4-6:00 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, February 15:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
 10:00 AM Secular Franciscan Mtgs.
 4:00 PM Confessions
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (Mass for the People)

Sunday, February 16:

6:15 AM Rosary
 7:00 AM Mass
 (+Erfino P. Claridad - RS)
 8:15-9:15 AM CCD Classes
 8:45 AM Rosary
 9:30 AM Mass
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (+Hilario Mendoza -RS)

FR. SIEG'S EMAIL HACKED AGAIN!



Some of you may have received an email again from Fr. Sieg asking you to purchase gift cards...**THIS IS A SCAM!!!** Fr. Sieg, nor anyone from the Diocese would ever ask you to purchase gift cards, so please **DELETE IMMEDIATELY!**

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Feb. 15: Couples for Christ
Feb. 22: Chamorro Group
Mar. 1: Sacred Heart Society



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS, FR. SIEG, ON YOUR UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP!

Last week Wednesday, January 29th, Father took an oath and pledged his allegiance to the United State of America at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security. Prior to becoming a citizen, Father was tested on his knowledge of the U.S.A., such as naming some of our members of Congress, including the President, and the names of the Legislative branches. He, of course, passed with flying colors and is now an official American citizen! We are proud to include him as a fellow American and congratulate him on his achievement. Congratulations, Fr. Sieg!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP AT THE HAWAII FOODBANK

Our Food Pantry Ministry is inviting you to join them at the Hawaii Foodbank on **Saturday, February 22nd** from **7:45am-noon**. We are looking for **50 volunteers, 16 or older** who can stand while we pack and fellowship. To sign up please email Dami Espiritu at CoachD808@gmail.com before February 17th. For more information contact Alison at the parish office.

Pictured below are members of our Food Pantry Ministry who attended a **training** to update them on the regulations as put forth by the Hawaii Food Bank. All must be certified with the knowledge of food handling prior to serving our community. We thank **Dami Espiritu**, our Food Pantry Coordinator, for her leadership and ensuring that our volunteers are kept up-to-date on policies and requirements.



NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY: TALKS FOR YOUTH & ADULTS



Are you suffering, anxious, or worried about the future?

TALKS FOR YOUTH & ADULTS

Mondays & Thursdays 7 PM

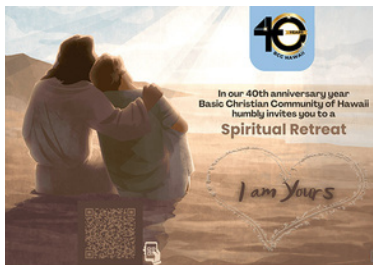
St. Patrick Catholic Church Hall
February & March

All are welcome to join these talks on **Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8pm** at **St. Patrick Church** in Kaimuki. These talks will be given by the missionary team of the Neocatechumenal Way in Hawai'i: Jonathan & Nazarena Stenger with their seven children, Fr. John Wadeson, and Benjamin

Paz, a seminarian from the Diocese of Philadelphia. For more information, please contact Jonathan and Nazarena Stenger at (808) 268-3993.

BASIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF HAWAII SPIRITUAL

RETREAT, FEB 28 - MAR 2, 2025



February 28-March 2, 2025
St. Anthony Retreat Center, Honolulu

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, you are invited to simply experience a sense of peace and renewal that only a weekend retreat can provide. This dedicated time will allow you to explore and deepen your spiritual practices. Taking place in the cool hills of Kalihi Valley where the beauty of nature abounds, you will be offered a space for

prayer, reflection, and connection with the teachings of the Catholic faith in a loving Christian community. The theme of Retreat #128 is "I am yours. To register, please check out their website: www.BCCHawaii.com.

BEING A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST, A EUCHARISTIC MISSION by SR. ALICIA TORRES

Guest Speaker, Sr. Alicia Torres, F.E. will be at St. John Apostle & Evangelist, Mililani, on February 26-27, 2025, to speak about "Being a Disciple of Christ." She will focus on the ways we encounter Jesus, especially in the Eucharist, and how He reveals to us who we are: beloved children of God with the Father. She will also focus on the way we live day in, and day out, has a tremendous impact on the Kingdom of God. Sr. For more information, contact St. John's at (808) 623-3332. www.stjohnmililani.org



We kindly ask for your support of the Augustine Educational Foundation, on the weekend of Feb. 8-9, 2025, "Make a Student Smile - Give the Gift of Catholic Education

Campaign." Your gift will support Catholic education in Hawaii. Money raised by our parish will assist in providing scholarships in our parish and vicariate community. Priority is given to those with the highest level of need. For the 2024-2025 school year, the Augustine Educational Foundation funded \$1.16M through their tuition scholarship programs and \$22,825 in grants for school programs. To donate online, please log on to www.AugustineFoundation.org/Donate. Mahalo!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Feb. 1 - 2, 2025

Weekly Offering		\$2,275.19
Sat. 5:00 PM -	\$851.00	
Sun. 7:00 AM -	\$1,370.19	
Sun. 9:30 AM -	\$847.00	
Sun. 5:00 PM -	\$1,207.00	

Repair & Maintenance	\$2,274.50
Building Fund	\$230.00
Flowers	\$12.50
Candles	\$305.00
Book of Intentions	\$40.00
Mass Intentions	\$160.00
Food Pantry	\$20.00
Christmas	\$25.00
Blessings	\$100.00
Special Project - Repair	\$200.00
Holy Water Bottle Donation	\$21.00
Word Among Us Donation	\$50.00
Sacred Heart Society	\$70.00
TOTAL	\$7,783.19



Second Collections

'Ohana in Christ	\$35.00
Augustine Educational Found.	\$30.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$2.00

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 email us at iccewa@rccchawaii.org. We thank you for your generosity.

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Who was St. Valentine? Do our Valentine's Day traditions of love and romance have anything to do with the actual St. Valentine?

There were actually three St. Valentines. One was a priest who was beheaded in Rome on February 14 in the year 269. Another was a bishop, who was also martyred in the third century. Both are buried on the Appian Way in Rome. The third St. Valentine is a lesser-known saint who died in Africa with a number of companions during the early centuries of the Church. The tomb of this St. Valentine became a center of popular devotion in the early Middle Ages. In 496, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor this particular St. Valentine. The popular romantic customs that surround our present Valentine's Day trace their origins back to the Middle Ages. The English writer Geoffrey Chaucer noted that halfway through the second month of the year, February 14, the birds begin to choose their mates. For this reason, the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens. People who gave or received these tokens or letters were referred to as "valentines." In the Middle Ages, a legend also developed that St. Valentine the priest left a farewell note for his jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and that he signed that note "From Your Valentine."

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A word from POPE FRANCIS

With Jesus, we sail the sea of life without fear...without giving up and saying, "there is nothing more that can be done."

Always...there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over.... So let us accept the invitation: let us...put out to sea with Jesus!

HOMILY, ROME,
FEBRUARY 6, 2024

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. Scholastica - Feast Day is February 10th. Born into a wealthy family, this Italian Christian hermit of the 5th-6th c. lived modestly and dedicated herself to God at a young age. Her twin brother, St. Benedict of Nursia, founded the Benedictine Order and she then founded the female branch of the Order, the Benedictine nuns. Both of them strived for perfection of holiness and are considered the father and mother of Western monasticism. She had deep faith and had the ability to call upon the power of God. She's noted for her standout virtues of simplicity, faith and prayer, work, and study and community.

When she died, her devoted brother experienced a vision of her soul ascending to heaven in the form of a dove. She's the patron saint of education and convulsive children and is invoked against storms and rain.



Our Lady of Lourdes - Feast Day is February 11th. This feast commemorates the 18 apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Bernadette Soubirous from Feb. 11 - July 16, 1858 in a cave (now a grotto) in Lourdes, France. Pope Leo XIII established this feast in 1890 to a diocese in France and later Pope St. Pius X in 1907 proclaimed that it be observed throughout the universal Church. She is the Patroness of the sick, as many miraculous healings have occurred at the spring there and which has been the site of pilgrimages by many people. Our Lady revealed her identity as the Immaculate Conception and told Bernadette to have a chapel built at the grotto. Her message was to encourage people to pray, return to God, pray the rosary, and remind them of God's love, mercy, and compassion for the sick. Pope St. John Paul II also designated this date as the World Day of the Sick in 1992.



St. Valentine - Feast Day is February 14th. This 3rd c. Roman bishop and martyr has had a very celebrated feast day. He was known for his attributes and deeds: He cared for persecuted Christians; he had great love for bees as a beekeeper, who spoke to and blessed them; he refused to give up Christianity to become a pagan. He's best known though for defying Emperor Claudius' decree prohibiting soldiers from marrying before they headed for war by secretly performing marriages for them. The emperor thought they would be better soldiers without wives and families, but this saint married the couples anyway to help them avoid sinful lifestyles. He's the patron saint of lovers, happy marriages, epileptics, and beekeepers. His final act while imprisoned was to cure the blindness of the jailer's daughter, Julia, and write her a love message signed "from your Valentine."

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	JAN. 18-19		JAN. 25-26		FEB. 1-2	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	141	11	134	12	131	15
	Sun. 7:00 AM	200	12	211	11	219	7
	Sun. 9:30 AM	286	53	239	46	242	39
	Sun. 5:00 PM	158	22	114	11	176	19

Readings for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 17:5-8
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Luke 6:17, 20-26