



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, EWA

DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

ADDRESS:

91-1298 Renton Road
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Open Monday – Friday
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Closed from 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM
Also closed on Saturdays & Sundays

PHONE: (808) 681-3701

FAX: (808) 681-3117

EMAIL: iccewa@rcchawaii.org
www.immaculateconceptionewa.org

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 – 4:30 PM or by appointment

STAFF:

PASTOR

Rev. Siegfred B. Dosdos, JCL

DEACON

Richard Abel

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Alison Harney
iccewa@rcchawaii.org

BOOKKEEPER

Lalla Andres

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Shirley Sunio
ssunio@rcchawaii.org

BAPTISM COORDINATORS

Phillip & Emilie Malasig
malasig.family@gmail.com

O.C.I.A. COORDINATOR

Eden Pulga
edencia@aol.com

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.”

Second Sunday of Lent March 1, 2026

FOCUS: The Transfiguration is a sign of hope.

The Transfiguration is a sign of hope. When Jesus was transfigured before his disciples, they had a glimpse of the glorified future that awaits the faithful. Through the power of Jesus Christ, we can be transformed, leading the holy lives to which he calls us. Filled with his light and goodness, we will shine with his glory in this life and in the world to come.

WHERE HEAVEN AND EARTH MEET

ANN M. GARRIDO

Have you ever noticed that mountains and clouds seem to “go together”? When I was a child, I thought it was because the mountains’ height pierced the sky. Turns out, it’s a bit more complicated. Mountains “create” their own clouds. When moving air comes across a mountain front, it forces the warm air to rise to cooler zones and water droplets in the air to condense. The phenomenon is so common that these clouds have their own name: lenticular. They are known for being bright—even colorful—with rays of light peeking out from behind.

It’s no wonder why, throughout history, people have sought to ascend mountains as part of their spiritual journey. It was a way to get closer to the “heavens”—to those radiant clouds. Recall the prophet Elijah, who climbs Mount Sinai seeking a face-to-face encounter with God. Or Moses, who, with three of his closest friends, ascends Mount Sinai to meet God in a radiant cloud that hovers over the top of the peak.

So, it’s also no wonder why Jesus, with three of his closest friends, might also climb a mountain and meet Elijah and Moses there. No wonder why that mountain would be covered in a bright cloud that thunders with God’s voice, and why, in that moment, Scripture describes heaven and earth as mysteriously yet visibly mingling in the person of the transfigured Jesus.

The story of the transfiguration reminds us that just like mountains and clouds were meant for one another, heaven and earth were meant for one another. Jesus stands at the point where the two meet.

- What places or moments in my life have made me feel close to heaven?

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Monday, March 2:**

7:00 AM Rosary

8:00 AM Mass

(For the Unborn and the +Holy Souls in Purgatory - RS)

Tuesday, March 3:

6:50 AM Rosary

8:00 AM Mass

(+Dale Adaro - RS)

10:00 AM Funeral Service for +Arceli Equila at Mililani Makai, Burial at 11 am

6:30 PM Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 4:

6:50 AM Rosary

8:00 AM Mass

(+Bernard & Grace Tandal and Casamera & Ignacio Corpuz - RS)

5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)

6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

Thursday, March 5:

- No Mass -

6:30 PM Lenten Penance Svc. at St. Jude, Kapolei

Friday, March 6:

7:00 AM Holy Hour Adoration

8:00 AM Mass

(+Herminia and Tomas Garcia - RS)

3-5:00 PM Food Pantry

4-6:00 PM Lenten Bento Pick up

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning

3:00 PM First Saturday Devotions

4:15 PM Rosary

5:00 PM Mass

(+Holy Souls in Purgatory - RS)

Sunday, March 8:

6:00 AM Rosary

7:00 AM Mass

(+Dewey Lee Terpening - RS)

8:45 AM Rosary

9:30 AM Mass - 1st Scrutiny

(Mass for the People)

4:15 PM Rosary

5:00 PM Mass

(+Mayette Smith-Mauleon - RS)

SHROVE TUESDAY, BURNING OF THE PALMS

Every year, we prepare the ashes for our Ash Wednesday Masses during the Burning of the Palms



Ceremony. The evening began with prayer and song, and then the blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday were burned to make the ashes. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (*Gen. 3:19*). The ashes are a visible reminder of our mortality and the need for the conversion of our hearts. This Lent, let us prepare by praying, fasting, and giving.

ROSARY RALLY

Our prayer warriors gathered last Saturday, February 21st in the Parish Hall to pray for America in honor of Sts. Jacinta and Francisco Marto of Fatima. They were 2 of the 3 children who received messages from our Blessed Mother in Fatima to share with the world of our need for conversion in the year 1917. After the rosary, they gathered for some light refreshments and fellowship.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES****FOR LEEWARD VICARIATE**

Below is the schedule for the remaining Lenten Penance Services for the Leeward Vicariate. All are encouraged to attend one of the services:

Thu., Mar. 5th, 7:00 p.m. - St. Jude, Kapolei

Tue., Mar. 10th, 7:00 p.m. - St. Rita, Nanakuli

Thu., Mar. 12th, 7:00 p.m. - ICC, Ewa

Tue., Mar. 24th, 7:00 p.m. - OLP, Ewa Beach

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR**+ARCELI EQUILA**

Wake services for the late **+Arceli Siapno Equila** will be held on Monday, **March 2nd at 6:30 p.m.** at **Mililani Makai**. The next day, Tuesday, **March 3rd**, prayer service will begin at **10:00 a.m.**, followed by her **burial at 11:00 a.m.** at **Mililani Mortuary Park**.

FIRST FRIDAY - FIRST SATURDAY

This coming **Friday, March 6th** is First Friday. Please join us for Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration starting at **7:00 a.m.**, followed by the recitation of the rosary and Mass at 8:00 a.m. On **Saturday, March 7th**, all are welcomed to join the First Saturday Servants of Mary to honor our Blessed Mother with devotional prayers starting at **3:00 p.m.** in the church.

Dear Padre,

March 1, 2026

I've been to Latin Masses, and people do not socialize in church and seem more respectful than at a regular parish Mass, where people are leaving before Mass is finished, and there seems to be constant talking. Why is there such a contrast?

I'd like to caution you about two assumptions. The first is about judging people who leave Mass early. We can't know what is in a person's heart. Some people work on Sundays or have other unavoidable commitments that require them to leave at a certain time. The second assumption is that socializing before and after a parish Mass is disrespectful. The celebratory and welcoming culture of a Christian community that has gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist gives glory and praise to God. It is not disrespectful of the Eucharist, but rather a powerful witness to the unity, the community, and the faith of the people of God who gather with their Lord and Savior. There are Eucharistic gatherings that encourage silence, such as the Latin Mass you have experienced as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Forty Hours Devotion. We need both—silence as we worship together and joyful interaction with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Both give glory to God. All that being said, to those who enjoy socializing or who must leave the Mass before the final note of the final hymn: do be considerate of those praying near you. They might be praying for you!

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR

The Redemptorists /DearPadre.org © 2023 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999. Printed in USA. Imprimatur: "In accordance with CIC 827, permission to publish was granted on May 16, 2023, by the Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Permission to publish is an indication that nothing contrary to Church teaching is contained in this work. It does not imply any endorsement of the opinions expressed in the publication; nor is any liability assumed by this permission." No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from the New American Bible, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 CCD, Inc., WA, DC. All Rights Reserved.

Do you have a question for the Padre? Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

RITE OF THE ELECT

The Rite of the Elect marks the final stage of preparation for adults who wish to join the Catholic Church through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). It occurs at the beginning of Lent and signifies the Church's recognition of the catechumens' readiness to receive Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. The term "election" reflects that the Church acts in the name of God, acknowledging that these individuals have been chosen by God for initiation.



To the left are our Catechumens who attended the Rite of Elect Mass at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. They will soon be baptized and receive their Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. Let us continue to pray for **Arianna Guarjardo, Malia Guarjardo, Mason Guajardo, Giselle Brown, and Maryann Valladares**. Here, they are (with leis) pictured with Bishop Larry and their sponsors.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 21 - 22, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$3,744.09
Sat. 5 pm -	\$598.00
Sun. 7 am -	\$924.09
Sun. 9:30 am -	\$1,171.00
Sun. 5 pm -	\$1,051.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,220.25
Building Fund	\$225.00
Book of Intentions	\$330.00
Mass Intentions	\$305.00
Flowers	\$3.00
Candles	\$55.00
Rice Bowls	\$60.00
Food Pantry	\$5.00
Ash Wednesday Masses	\$2,767.45
Sacred Heart Society	\$3,000.00
TOTAL	\$12,714.79



Second Collection:
Catholic Min. Ann. Appeal **\$130.00**

HAWAII FOOD BANK: SENIOR FOOD BOX PROGRAM



Once again, our Food Pantry Ministry is asking for volunteers who can help Hawaii Food Bank with their Senior Food Box Program. We assist them by preparing boxes of food for distribution to our kupuna around the island. We need about 50 volunteers, 16 years or older, who are able to stand on their feet for about 2-3 hours and assist with packing the boxes on **Saturday, March 28th from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Volunteers, who do not have to be parishioners, should meet at the Hawaii Food Bank located at 2611 Kilihau St., Honolulu, HI 96819. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact our Food Pantry Coordinator, **Dami Espiritu**, by emailing her at coachD808@gmail.com. There is some important information she would like to share with you when you sign up.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All are invited to the Stations of the Cross which are held every Friday during Lent. There are 14 stations for which we reflect on the Passion of Christ. The following ministries will be leading the Stations:



- Friday, March 6th - 7:00 p.m. - KoC, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Homebound
- Friday, March 13th - 7:00 p.m. - Music, CCD, and OCIA
- Friday, March 20th - 7:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart Society, Ushers, and Environment Min.
- Friday, March 27th - 7:00 p.m. - CFC, Baptism, and Parents and Families
- Good Friday, April 3rd - 5:00 p.m. - Outdoor Stations of the Cross

LENTEN BENTOS FOR SALE AFTER THE MASSES



Lenten Bentos will be sold every week during Lent by the Knights of Columbus, Council 6734. **Tickets are on sale** after all Masses. Each bento is **\$20**. Acceptable forms of payment are: **Cash, Venmo, and Zelle**. Pick up will be every Friday during Lent from 4 - 6 p.m. under the tent.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL (CMAA)

We continue with the **Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA)**. This appeal provides funds for: Evangelization and Catechesis, Pastoral and Social Ministries, Clergy Support, and Communications (Catholic Herald.) Our **goal is** to raise **\$17,161** from now until June 30, 2026. You may scan the QR code which can be found in the pews or mail in the pledge cards which were passed out last weekend. Payment may be made by check or by setting up an online gift. Please support this appeal so that we can try to reach our goal!

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	FEB. 7-8		FEB. 14-15		FEB. 21-22	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	157	9	160	8	132	12
	Sun. 7:00 AM	166	6	211	10	191	4
	Sun. 9:30 AM	245	53	215	55	246	64
	Sun. 5:00 PM	101	7	158	16	157	15

Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent:
Exodus 17:3-7
Roman 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

ADULT MINISTRIES



"The Youth & Young Adults Ministries extend an open invite to everyone to join us for fellowship after the 5:00PM Mass on Sunday, March 1st, for a night of Praise & Worship. Refreshments will be provided.

We also continue to invite parents with children between 7th to 12th grade to register them for the Youth Ministry that meets every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month after the 5PM mass. Also, any Adults aged 18 to 39 are welcome to join the Young Adults for meetings in the evenings of every 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

THE SEASON OF Lent



Church Cleaning Schedule

Mar. 7:	Sacred Heart Society
Mar. 14:	Knights of Columbus
Mar. 21:	Couples for Christ
Mar. 28:	Chamorro Group

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Agnes of Bohemia – Feast Day is March 2nd. This 13c. Franciscan nun, also known as St. Agnes of Prague, was known for her devotion to charity and commitment to a life of poverty, mortification, & piety, despite her royal upbringing as a Bohemian princess. Born in Prague, she preferred religious life instead of marriage to the many suitors who pursued her. She helped those in need and built a hospital for the poor & two Franciscan friaries. She professed her vows as a Poor Clare nun and founded the 1st convent of Poor Clares north of the Alps. She corresponded with St. Clare of Assisi, who encouraged her & sent sisters over to her convent. In a culture emphasizing money, power, & influence, her austere example served as a reminder of another way to live well. Even though she was an abbess, she preferred to be called "senior sister" by doing menial tasks such as cooking for the other sisters & mending clothing of lepers. She was kind, but very strict in observance of poverty. She's the patroness of the Czech Republic and of Prague.



St. John Joseph of the Cross – Feast Day is March 5th. This 17th c. Italian Franciscan friar & priest from Ischia, an island near Naples, was known for his extreme austerity, humility, & miracles. He belonged to the Order of Friars Minor & was a reformer of his order. He was a model of radical poverty & known as the "Friar of a Hundred Pieces," as he wore the same coarse heavily patched habit for his entire life. He was known for spending time in deep prayer (often waking up as early as 3 a.m.) and practicing extreme fasting for his last 30 years by abstaining from all drink in honor of Christ's thirst on the Cross. He also practiced mortifications, such as sleeping on a narrow hard bed, going barefoot, & doing daily scourging. He was dedicated to serving the poor & sick. Even as a superior, he performed the lowliest tasks, such as serving in the kitchen, carrying wood & water, & working as a mason during construction of friaries, which showed humility in labor. He also possessed supernatural gifts including levitation, bilocation, multiplying food miraculously, reading hearts, & prophesying. He's the patron saint of Ischia.



St. Colette – Feast Day is March 6th. This 14th & 15th c. French abbess & mystic was born in Corbie, France and was a renowned reformer of the Poor Clares Franciscan Order. Becoming an orphan at age 17, she gave away her possessions to the poor & joined the Franciscan 3rd order & lived as a recluse. She joined the Poor Clares, founded 17 convents, & established the Colettine Poor Clares. She was known for reforming them by returning them to strict poverty & austerity. Her unshakeable trust in God & joyful heart reflected her holiness & value of poverty. Being a miracle baby herself, she was born to elderly childless parents & it was a sign of God answering prayers for fertility. Her miracles included saving a woman in labor, reviving stillborn babies, healing a nun suffering from leprosy, & raising many people from the dead. She's been invoked for safe childbirth & health of children and is the patron saint of expectant mothers, women seeking to conceive, & sick children.