



# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH *of the* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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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

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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 in Ordinary Time January 26, 2025

**FOCUS:** Rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength.

The priest-scribe Ezra proclaims the law of Moses to the Jewish people who had returned from exile in Babylon. Upon hearing the words of the law for the first time in a generation, the people weep. Their sorrow at not having adhered to the law for so long should call attention to our own infidelities to God’s law. But most of all, this people’s wholehearted response to the law can fill us with gratitude to God for revealing his merciful love to us in Jesus Christ.

## THE STORIES OF OUR LIVES FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Every family has stories of times past when unique and curious happenings gave color to family life. They are part of each family’s lore, told again and again with as much gusto as when they were told for the first time. Though everyone has heard them countless times, telling these stories still reminds us of who we are as family, lest we forget. This is why the faith community, the family of the Church, tells stories from the Bible every time we gather. We’ve heard them before many times, but we tell them because they are part of our history, part of who we have been, and part of who we are as God’s people, lest we forget.

The stories in sacred Scripture are not just stories of past lives; they are also stories of our own lives. The story of Moses standing before the burning bush in awe of God’s presence is also our story as we come upon nature’s beauty or experience the birth of a child. The story of Joseph, the son of Jacob sold into slavery by his brothers, may also be our story of being betrayed by someone we love. Zacchaeus climbing a tree to see Jesus is our story of longing to see and know God in our lives and in our homes. The story of the good shepherd is the story of God seeking us out, forgiving us, and carrying us back to life. We recognize the stories of sacred Scripture as our stories.

- Reflect: What stories from Scripture comfort you, and which ones challenge you?

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, January 27:

7:00 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass

### Tuesday, January 28:

7:00 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(Varez Family - Thanksgiving)  
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

### Wednesday, January 29:

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

### Thursday, January 30:

No Mass

### Friday, January 31:

6:40 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(56th Wedding Anniversary of Benjamin and Andrea Yucono)  
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry

### Saturday, February 1:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning  
3:00 PM First Saturday Devotion  
4:00 PM Confessions  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(Holy Souls in Purgatory - RS)

### Sunday, February 2:

6:15 AM Rosary  
7:00 AM Mass  
(Ordination of Dcn. Marlowe Sabater - Mass in Thanksgiving)  
8:15-9:15 AM CCD Classes  
8:45 AM Rosary  
9:30 AM Mass  
(Mass for the People)  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(+Erenio & +Irenio Agustin, Jr. & +Luz Carinio - RS)



## CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

**Feb. 1:** Sacred Heart Society  
**Feb. 8:** Knights of Columbus  
**Feb. 15:** Couples for Christ  
**Feb. 22:** Chamorro Group

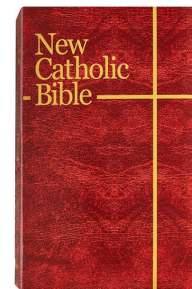


## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JUBILEE YEAR: THE WORD OF GOD

The Church marks the 6th Sunday of the Word of God on January 26, 2025, a day instituted by Pope Francis on September 30, 2019, to emphasize the significance of Sacred Scripture. The theme for this year's edition is taken from the Psalms: **"I hope in Your Word. -Ps. 119"** It is a cry of hope: man, in a moment of anguish, tribulation, and confusion, cries out to God and puts all his hope in him.

To celebrate Word of God Sunday, **Fr. Sieg asks everyone to bring your bibles next Sunday (Feb. 1st)** and he will **bles**s them. We are encouraged to read our bibles daily. In doing so, we will have a deeper understanding and knowledge of God's love for all of us.



### FIRST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025

This coming Saturday, February 1st is the First Saturday of the month. The First Saturday Servants of Mary will be gathering for their monthly devotion to Mamma Mary. Please join them at 3:00 p.m. in the church to pray the rosary and other devotional prayers.

### IMPORTANT: 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. You may reach us by calling (808) 681-3701, Mon-Fri, 8:30am to 4:30pm or email us at [iccewa@rcchawaii.org](mailto:iccewa@rcchawaii.org).

Faith Direct users: A copy of your tax donation statement can be found in your account **OR** the office can print one out for you. Please call the parish should you need a copy.



### CANDLEMAS, BLESSING OF CANDLES, FEB 2nd

Next weekend, **February 1-2**, we celebrate **Candlemas**.

Candlemas Day is another name for the feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**. Forty days after our Lord's birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah. The Presentation is a proclamation of Christ — Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year. In keeping with this tradition, Fr. Sieg will be blessing your candles. Please bring them to Mass with you next weekend. Candles can also be purchased at the office or before Mass (\$5 ea.)



### FEAST OF ST. BLAISE, BLESSING OF THROATS

Fr. Sieg will be  **blessing throats** on **Monday, February 3rd** during Mass in honor of the Feast of St. Blaise. St. Blaise, also known as Saint Blasius, was a physician and bishop in the early Christian Church, believed to have lived in the 3rd century. Hailing from Sebastea, now modern-day Turkey, he dedicated his life to serving both the physical and spiritual needs of his community.

Saint Blaise is widely venerated as the patron saint of throat ailments, thanks to a legendary event where he miraculously cured a boy choking on a fishbone. His compassion and healing abilities made him a revered figure, and he became one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, a group known to intercede in times of trouble.



# BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS & CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

This weekend, our second collection is taken up for the **Church in Latin America**. Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).



The second collection will also go toward the **Black and Indian Missions**. Their mission is to help form children in the faith, educate young people, and build hope – a hope often so hard to find in the areas our missionaries serve. Your support will be helping with their building projects, staffing schools, enabling parish religious programs, raising awareness of the needs of Native American and Alaska Native Catholics, and calling others to share this mission. Envelopes can be found near the church entrance. Mahalo!



## SANTO NINO CELEBRATION

Santo Nino is celebrated annually on the 3rd Sunday in January, and it especially holds a profound cultural and spiritual significance in the Philippines. The Feast of Santo Nino commemorates the introduction to Catholicism in the Philippines by explorer Ferdinand Magellan when he gifted a statue of Santo Nino (Holy Child) to Queen Juana of Cebu. The celebration also reminds the faithful of their values of humility, innocence and faith embodied by the Child Jesus. Our ladies below, dressed in their festive outfits, as is tradition in the Philippines, processed at the beginning of Mass with their Santo Nino statues. They then placed their statues alongside the other Santo Nino statues and Fr. Sieg blessed them. We thank the Child Jesus for His continuous blessings upon us and His reminder to have child-like faith. Below are a couple of pictures of the ladies with Fr. Sieg after the celebration of the Mass this past Sunday.



Pictured to the left are some of the ladies who processed in at the 9:30 a.m. Mass to celebrate the Feast of Santo Nino. (Photos courtesy of Bunny Rizando)

## AUGUSTINE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Augustine Educational Foundation provides tuition assistance to help families with financial needs that count on Hawaii Catholic. We will be taking up a second collection next weekend, Feb. 1-2, 2025.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Jan. 18 – 19, 2025

Weekly Offering	\$3,617.92
Sat. 5:00 PM –	\$748.00
Sun. 7:00 AM –	\$1,175.00
Sun. 9:30 AM –	\$1,045.00
Sun. 5:00 PM –	\$649.92
Repair & Maintenance	\$4,357.38
Building Fund	\$867.50
Flowers	\$12.50
Candles	\$140.00
Book of Intentions	\$165.00
Mass Intentions	\$60.00
Funeral	\$640.00
Quilt Guild (R/M)	\$79.00
Santo Nino	\$100.00
Fr.'s Special Projects	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,139.30</b>



### Second Collections

'Ohana in Christ	\$140.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$20.00
Church in Los Angeles	\$10.00



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## At Mass, I see people on their cell phones, and I'm really distracted and irritated.

### Isn't this wrong?

Would it help if you thought of good reasons for someone to use a cell phone at Mass? Cell phones are the new pagers. People whose work requires them to be on call, those who care for an elder, or parents of teenagers, for example, may need to check their phones. Many people use their phones to follow along with the readings on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website—uscbb.org. It's easier for some to enlarge and read the print on a phone instead of following along in a missal. And, while this is relatively new, many hearing aids can be controlled by cell phone apps, so a person might use his or her phone to make adjustments to hear better. Perhaps if you imagine one of these reasons, your irritation will lessen, and you won't be so distracted. Now, a word to those who are using a cell phone at Mass. If you are scrolling, checking your email or social media, think about giving yourself one hour when you will turn off your phone and put it aside. This is very difficult for some, and not just for young people. Checking one's phone is habitual—some might say addictive. Surely you deserve an hour when you are not tethered to your phone. A cell phone is a marvelous tool. Just make sure that it is the tool, and you are the master—not the other way around.

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### A word from POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] has descended to the streets of our world in order to encounter our wounded humanity, to caress faces furrowed by suffering, to bind up broken hearts, and to set us free from chains that imprison the soul. In this way, he shows us the worship most pleasing to God: caring for our neighbor.

HOMILY, ROME,  
JANUARY 23, 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



**Sts. Timothy and Titus** - Feast Day is January 26th. These two saints, who share this feast day together, were both bishops and apostolic representatives who guided the early Church. They were trusted friends and co-workers of St. Paul. St. Timothy was a faithful friend and convert of St. Paul, who worked with him for 15 years in preaching the gospel in difficult missions. He helped found the church in Corinth and was installed as the representative at the church in Ephesus. St. Titus was a close friend, disciple, and fellow missionary of St. Paul. This Greek Gentile from Antioch preached the gospel and was a noted peacemaker and zealous administrator of the Christian community on Crete. They are the patron saints of relief of stomach disorders.



**St. Angela Merici** - Feast Day is January 27th. This 15th-16th Italian religious educator dedicated herself to the Lord and devoted her life in service to the Church, so she could help others grow closer to him. She founded the Ursuline Order, in which women dedicated themselves to the service of education of girls. This was the first teaching order of women in the Catholic Church. She led a deep prayer life and had mystical encounters with God. No miracles were attributed to her, but she was canonized based on her exemplary holiness and devotion to God. She also cared for the sick and is invoked by many who need help in illness. She's the patron saint of the sick, disabled, physically challenged, and those grieving the loss of parents.



**St. Thomas Aquinas** - Feast Day is January 28th. This 13th c. Italian Dominican friar from the kingdom of Sicily, was one of the church's greatest philosophers and theologians. A Doctor of the Church and an ambassador for education, he was also known as the "Angelic Doctor" (meaning teacher). Fellow students called him "the dumb ox" due to his being heavyset and slow of speech, but he was actually a genius. He believed that God's existence could be proven through use of logic and reason. His best known works include the unfinished "Summa Theologiae," "Disputed Questions on Truth," and several hymns such as "Tantum Ergo Sacramentum." His famous quote is: "To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible." He's the patron saint of universities and scholars.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	JAN. 4-5		JAN. 11-12		JAN. 18-19	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	162	17	164	14	141	11
	Sun. 7:00 AM	176	8	197	5	200	12
	Sun. 9:30 AM	296	46	242	69	286	53
	Sun. 5:00 PM	282	31	149	21	158	22

Readings for the  
Presentation of the Lord  
**Malachi 3: 1-4**  
**Hebrews 2: 14-18**  
**Luke 2: 22-40**