



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, EWA

DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

ADDRESS:

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Open Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Closed from 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM
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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 - 4:30 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."

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 28, 2026

FOCUS: Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward.

In the first reading we hear about the woman from Shunem who served God by her hospitality to his servant, Elisha. She served Elisha because she knew he was a holy man of God. Jesus promises that whoever receives those he has sent receives not only him, but his heavenly Father as well. When we open our hearts to receive the Lord and his messengers, we receive the best reward: God's divine presence with us.

ALL FOR JESUS MIGUEL DULICK

Today's gospel passage is challenging. If anyone other than Jesus told you that if you love your own family "more than me," you are "not worthy of me," you would laugh in their face! Or, is this what scholars call a "semitism"—a culturally conditioned exaggeration used for effect? What about you are "not worthy of me" unless you "take up [your] cross and follow me," or "whoever finds his life will lose it"? Does Jesus mean these literally, or are these metaphors? And what is "a prophet's reward"?

A friend of mine tried an experiment. He took the Gospel of Matthew and read it through from start to finish as if he had never seen it before. He was astonished! Jesus was serious. He meant it—all of it. Try it yourself without looking for loopholes.

The key in the reading today is "for my sake." The standard, the rule, that absolute mark is "me," that is, Jesus himself, only Jesus, always Jesus. And Jesus sets that mark very high. Take up your cross? Jesus was abandoned on the cross. Jesus gave away his Mother from the cross. Jesus lost his life on the cross. But he found that life: resurrection! That is "a prophet's reward," is it not?

I have to love Jesus' promise, a special "reward" for just sharing "a cup of cold water" with a "little one." It reminds me of Honduras, where I live. Here, a cup of cold water can make the difference between life and death. And that is no exaggeration!

● Have I read a whole gospel from start to finish?

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

The Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii will have a special **Bicentennial Celebration** of the 200th Anniversary in the State of Hawaii. The Fathers and Brothers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and of Perpetual Adoration (ss.cc.) arrived in Honolulu's Harbor on July 7, 1827, and first went ashore on July 8, 1827. They offered their first Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on July 14, 1827.

In commemoration of their arrival here in the State of Hawaii, Bishop Larry Silva has set **Thursday, July 9, 2026**, to open the celebration with a Mass being offered at the **Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu**, starting at **10:00 a.m.**

FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS



This coming **Friday, July 3rd** is the **First Friday** of the month. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 7:00 a.m., followed by the recitation of the rosary, and Mass at 8:00 a.m.

On **Saturday, July 4th**, the **First Saturday** Servants of Mary will give honor to Mamma Mary through their devotional prayers starting at **3:00 p.m.** in the church. All are welcomed to join them.

JULY 4TH, INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

The parish office will be closed on **Friday, July 3rd** due to the July 4th **Independence Day holiday**. We will reopen on Monday, July 6th.



Independence Day, also known as Fourth of July, commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 marking the United States' formal separation from Great Britain. The first organized celebrations of Independence Day occurred in 1777, one year after the Declaration was adopted, featuring fireworks, parades, and public readings of the Declaration. Today, that tradition continues as we celebrate our independence as a free nation!

FOOD PANTRY CLOSURE

The **Food Pantry** will be also **closed** on **Friday, July 3rd** due to the Independence Day Holiday. Because it is closed on the first Friday of the month, we will designate next week Friday as the Fresh Farm Friday. The Food Pantry will open from **3 - 5:00 p.m.**

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE!

WE'VE SURPASSED OUR GOAL!!!!

Last weekend, our second collection was taken up for the **Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal** to help us reach our goal of \$17,161. We only needed to collect \$1,541, but we collected **\$1,692.36**, which put our total collections at **\$17,312.36** so far. We are truly grateful for your support over these past couple of months. It could only have happened with your support and generosity. Thank you for your kokua!



Monday, June 29:
7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Cora Garrett, +Peter & +Paul Alabanza - RS)

Tuesday, June 30:
6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Emiliana Marcos - RS)

Wednesday, July 1:
6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Aurora Amor - Death Anniversary)
5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)

Thursday, July 2:
No Mass

Friday, July 3:
Independence Day Holiday - Office Closed
6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Adelaida & Don Cabanatan - Thanksgiving)
NO Food Pantry today. We will resume on July 10th from 3 - 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 4:
8:00 AM Church Cleaning
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Bryant Ragasa and the Holy Souls in Purgatory - RS)

Sunday, July 5:
6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Amarito Bolo - RS)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Irinio, +Dora, and +John Cabanatan - RS)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)



Jesus said to his disciples... "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Matt. 10:39

Dear Padre,

June 28, 2026

I raised my children in the faith, but two of them left the Church to embrace another denomination, and two others, although still Catholic, have not committed to regular church attendance. I worry about their salvation.

Your experience is not unknown to many Catholic parents. Many mothers and fathers could probably carry on a good conversation with you about their concerns for the faith lives of their children.

The journey of faith has many paths. An individual may think more deeply about the meaning of life or may find religion after a momentous experience or in the process of gathering with a community in which they find support, clarity, shared beliefs, or guidelines for living morally. For those of us who grew up believing, chances are, we were not introduced to religion through logic. Children are brought to church long before they are aware of their need for God. They learn doctrine and attend worship before questions of faith and religion form within them. Passing on the faith is a great gift that parents give, and it will serve these young people well. Your children have the tools to help them find their way, and God continues to be with them. Follow the example of St. Monica and pray for them. Trust this one to God and continue to be a good example.

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

MAHALO TO OUR HARDWORKING VOLUNTEERS



Mahalo to our dedicated volunteers who continuously maintain our church facilities. Pictured on the left are **Carlos Bulan, Ariel Robiniol, and Bryan Nepomuceno** who repaired the ceiling that fell down in our OCIA room (next to the CCD Office), and **Dexter Vasquez** on the right, who has been repairing our church pews for the past months. We are so grateful for their support and the gift of their time.



KAUKAU 4 KEIKI

Our Food Pantry is still looking for a few more volunteers, who can help on Tuesdays between now until July 31, 2026 with the KauKau 4 Keiki program at the Ewa Beach facility. If you are available to help, please contact our Food Pantry Coordinator, Dami Espiritu, at coachd808@gmail.com. You can also call the office to leave your contact information. Mahalo for your kokua!



Above are some pictures that were posted in the newspaper this past week featuring some of our parishioners, who have been helping with the KauKau 4 Keiki Program. We are proud and grateful to them for the sharing of their time, talent, and treasure, not only at our church, but at other places within our community.

		JUN 6-7		JUN 13 - 14		JUN 20 - 21	
WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	143	13	128	13	148	12
	Sun. 7:00 AM	271	9	247	8	296	9
	Sun. 9:30 AM	226	42	236	31	283	58
	Sun. 5:00 PM	167	32	149	19	125	15

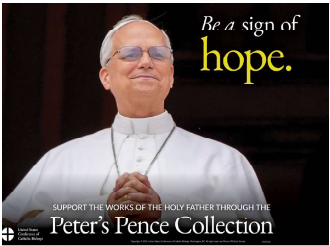
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

June 20 - 21, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$4,239.75
Sat. 5 pm -	\$762.00
Sun. 7 am -	\$1,742.00
Sun. 9:30 am -	\$1,246.75
Sun. 5 pm -	\$489.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$763.00
Building Fund	\$35.00
Book of Intentions	\$120.00
Mass Intentions	\$100.00
Flowers	\$5.00
Candles	\$45.00
Father's Day	\$499.00
TOTAL	\$5,806.75

Second Collection:	
Diocesan Priests' Rtrmt Fund	\$20.00
CMAA	\$1,692.36
Peter's Pence	\$20.00

SECOND COLLECTION: PETER'S PENCE



This weekend is the **Peter's Pence Collection**, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo XIV to be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zechariah 9:9-10
Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE

CHOOSE St. Joseph PARISH SCHOOL

FAITH-FILLED ACADEMICALLY Excellent GROUNDED IN VALUES THAT LAST A LIFETIME

From Our Parents

We have witnessed each of our children make tremendous strides as they continue growing into the people God created them to be. We truly believe that the love, dedication, and guidance of the faculty and staff have played an important role in making that possible.

Thank you for creating a school community rooted in faith, love, and service. We are so grateful to be part of the St. Joseph Parish School family.

— SJPS PARENT

WHERE CHILDREN GROW IN MIND, HEART & SPIRIT

- FAITH-CENTERED: Rooted in Catholic tradition and Gospel values
- ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: Challenging curriculum with dedicated teachers
- STRONG COMMUNITY: A caring, close-knit family that supports every child
- SERVICE & LEADERSHIP: Helping students grow as compassionate leaders and responsible citizens

NOW ENROLLING

PreK - 8th Grade

Scan to LEARN MORE OR SCHEDULE A TOUR!

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

Looking without walking by, halting the frantic pace of our lives, allowing the lives of others...with their needs and troubles, to touch our heart. That is what makes us neighbors to one another, what generates true fraternity and breaks down walls and barriers. In the end, love prevails, and it proves more powerful than evil and death.

HOMILY, CASTEL GANDOLFO, JULY 13, 2025

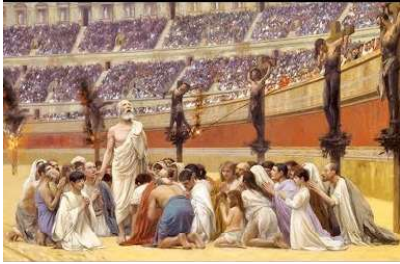
Church Cleaning Schedule

Jul 4:	Sacred Heart Society
Jul 11:	Knights of Columbus
Jul 18:	Couples for Christ
Jul 25:	Chamorro Group

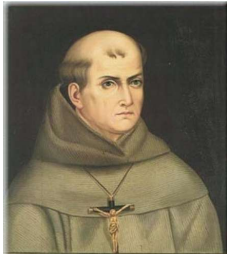
FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



Sts. Peter and Paul – Feast Day is June 29th. This liturgical feast, which is also a Solemnity, honors the martyrdom of two foundational apostles, who were both executed on different dates in Rome between AD 64 and 68 under Emperor Nero. They're celebrated together on this date, as they both contributed to establishing the early church with a unified commitment to spreading the Gospel & giving their ultimate sacrifice for the faith. Even though they had different backgrounds, they share this date as they're considered "Twin Pillars of the Church" for representing the foundation of the Christian faith – Peter ministering primarily to Jews & Paul to the Gentiles. They're recognized as the patron saints of Rome, where the feast day is a city-wide holiday. Special Masses are held worldwide on this Solemnity to honor these two beloved saints.



The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church – Feast Day is June 30th. This feast, which was established in 1969 during the reform of the General Roman calendar, honors the early unnamed Christians, who were brutally executed in Rome in AD 64 under Emperor Nero. Without concrete evidence, it was said that he may have started the Great Fire of Rome that destroyed half of the city. Instead, he shifted the blame on the Christians, whom he had brutally executed in such ways as being burned alive as torches, crucified, torn apart by wild animals, killed in the Colosseum for entertainment, & sewn into bellies of animals while still alive. They suffered immensely & are remembered on this feast for their sacrifices & are considered the "Protomartyrs of Rome." Their faith was an inspiration to many converts in Rome & helped the growth of the early Church.



St. Junipero Serra – Feast Day is July 1st. This 18th c. Spanish Franciscan friar & missionary's feast day is observed on this date in the U.S., but on Aug. 28th (his death date) in the rest of the world. Known as the "Apostle of California" for his foundational role in establishing the California mission system (the 1st mission network across the West Coast), he's honored for his extensive missionary work by traveling thousands of miles from Spain to minister in Mexico & then in California, where he established the 1st 9 of 21 missions extending from Baja, CA northward to the San Francisco Bay area. Taking the name Junipero from Franciscan Br. Juniper (companion of St. Francis), he was a man of great humility & service to the poor & marginalized in CA. Canonized in 2015 by Pope Francis as the 1st Hispanic-American saint, he's the patron of California, Hispanic Americans, & religious vocations. His famous quote was: "Always go forward and never turn back."