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MASS TIMES

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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.”

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 3, 2025

FOCUS: Do not allow earthly pursuits to delay building a life of discipleship.

Much of life is spent in toil, working to earn what we need to support ourselves and our families. Though this pursuit is necessary and good, the Lord reminds us not to fall into the trap of allowing work to become the sole foundation of our lives, particularly not to the extent that it leads us to forgo or delay building a life of discipleship.

REMEMBER THIS FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Remember this: Jesus said, “one’s life does not consist of possessions.” But, if not that, what then? Think back upon your memories: the first warm day of spring, when the fireworks of new life exploded upon you; laughing so hard that your sides hurt, and you and your friends could not stop laughing even to breathe; walking barefoot in the dewy grass; your best friend telling you you’re best friends; learning to finally ride a bike no-handed and thinking that you moved up a rung on the ladder of awesomeness; the first time you dared to risk reaching for the hand of someone you discovered you liked more than anyone else; the unbelievable wonder at the birth of your child; making googly faces at a burbling baby, and the baby googling back; your child snuggling into bed with you at two in the morning because she’s frightened by the thunderstorm; talking with friends on and on into the night and wishing it could go on for forever; a cold beer, the reward for cutting the grass on a dizzying summer afternoon; being young with an abundance of dreams of what might be; growing old and thinking life was worth it all.

Remember this: there is so much more to life than one’s possessions. We all know this, and yet we forget. Perhaps in forgetting, we might be surprised again and again by the beauty of what cannot be purchased and so recognize the loving touch of our God.

● Reflect: What is more important to me than possessions? Does my life reflect this?

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 4:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(John Vicente – Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, August 5:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Emilio & Corazon Behik – RS)

Wednesday, August 6:

6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
5:00 PM Centering Prayer
(+Felicidad Gabalis – RS)

Thursday, August 7:

- No Mass

6:00 PM Parent & Family Ministry Mtg.

Friday, August 8:

8:00 AM Mass
(Josie Sumait – Birthday Blessings)
4–6:00 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, August 9:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
1:00 PM Sacred Heart Mtg (Officers only)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Benita Hayes – RS)

Sunday, August 10:

5:40 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(Noel Simbajon – Special prayers as he enters St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo, CA)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(John Vicente – Thanksgiving)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)
6:30 PM Young Adult Ministry Meeting

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. SIEG'S 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

Everyone had a wonderful time celebrating Fr. Sieg's 50th Birthday last week Friday, July 25th. There were lots of good food, fellowship, and entertainment! Many of our parishioners were there to help welcome in this special occasion! Along with our parish ohana, some of our priests within the Diocese came to help him celebrate. Mahalo to Fr. Manny Hewe, Fr. Lyndon Jong, Fr. Jiju Abraham, Fr. Valentine Sun Tun, Fr. Melchor Palomares, Fr. Joey Ranjo, and Seminarian CJ for joining us. May God continue to shower Fr. Sieg with many more joyful years as our pastor! Happy Birthday, Fr. Sieg!!!



Happy 50th,
Father!



Dear Padre,

August 3, 2025

Sometimes after Mass, I go to the late service at a “Bible church” with the rest of my family. Once a month, this church serves communion, but they make it clear that it is only as a memory of Jesus and the Last Supper, and that Jesus is not present at communion. Is it OK to receive this communion?

The Catholic understanding of Holy Communion includes not only the understanding of Communion as the Body and Blood of Christ, but it includes something more. Communion is a statement of belief and a statement of belonging. When Catholics participate in the sacrament, they are identifying with divinity as well as with the community of believers who are joined together in “one mind and in one spirit.” It is an act of unity, a real “communion.” Even though the Bible church clearly teaches a different theology of communion, it would seem to me that, for a Catholic, the fullest meaning and understanding of Communion is important and worth witnessing to. For this reason, I would refrain from participating in communion at the Bible church. Do so quietly and respectfully, because what is being celebrated is important; it just does not have the full meaning that you understand is necessary. ● Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org



BLESSINGS ON YOUR JOURNEY, JESSE!

Some of our parish ohana gathered together last Tuesday, July 29th to celebrate his time here with us. We are so grateful to have been a part of his journey toward the priesthood and we send him off with our prayers and heartfelt blessings. He is off to do a little mission work, then on to St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo, CA where he will continue his studies. We thank all our generous parishioners for the gifts that were given to him. He was overjoyed with the generosity of our ohana and thanks everyone for their hospitality.



Aloha
JESSE!



GET READY FOR BINGO NIGHT – FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND!!!



Save-the-Date for BINGO NIGHT!!! It is happening on **Friday, August 22nd** in the **Parish Hall** starting at **6:30 p.m.** We are selling tix for the dinner after all the Masses. Proceeds will benefit the Youth Ministry and our Religious Education program. Dinner tix include water, dessert, and one bingo card. Other cards can be purchased that evening. More information will be forthcoming in the next bulletin!

2ND COLL: CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

This weekend, August 2 - 3, 2025, our second collection is taken up for **Catholic Charities Hawaii**. Please support their mission. Thank you for your kind generosity.



This weekend, August 2 - 3, and every weekend throughout the month of August, registration will begin for CCD classes. Mrs. Shirley Sunio, our DRE (Director of Religious Education), will be outside after all the Masses to assist you with the registration process. There is a \$35 fee per child for the cost of the books, but if you have 3 or more children, there is only a fee of \$75.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS WANTED!

Our Religious Education program is looking for catechists! If you would enjoy teaching our keiki and are interested, please call the parish office or speak with Shirley Sunio, our DRE. All catechists are required to do a background check and be certified with our Safe Environment program in the Diocese.

O.C.I.A. REGISTRATION CONTINUES...



Our O.C.I.A. Registration continues also. If you want to become a Catholic or need to receive your Sacraments of Initiation: **Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist**, then O.C.I.A. is for you! The first day of class for O.C.I.A. is on Wednesday, August 13th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please contact the parish office with any questions.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	JUL 12 -13		JUL 19 -20		JUL 26 -27	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	135	13	127	12	152	7
	Sun. 7:00 AM	202	14	186	18	236	16
	Sun. 9:30 AM	233	43	260	50	237	34
	Sun. 5:00 PM	161	13	180	30	209	31

Readings for the 19th
Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 18:6-9
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Lk 12:32-48

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 26 - 27, 2025

Weekly Offering	\$3,885.50
Sat. 5:00 PM -	\$799.00
Sun. 7:00 AM -	\$1,295.50
Sun. 9:30 AM -	\$958.00
Sun. 5:00 PM -	\$833.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,155.34
Building Fund	\$35.00
Flowers	\$13.00
Candles	\$80.00
Mass Intentions	\$275.00
Book of Intentions	\$85.00
Funerals	300.00
Wedding	\$500.00
Hall Use	\$200.00
HI Quilt Guild (RM)	\$58.00
Custodial Fund	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$7,636.84



A Quote from POPE LEO XIV



"God loves us, all of us, evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we will go forward."

Church Cleaning Schedule

Aug. 9: Knights of Columbus
Aug. 16: Couples for Christ
Aug. 23: Chamorro Group
Aug. 30: Volunteers needed

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 & Environmental
- Knights of Columbus
- Event Planners
- Food Pantry
- Couples for Christ
- Youth & Young Adult Min.
- Sacred Heart Society
- Secular Franciscans
- Chamorro Group

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. John Vianney – Aug. 4th. Also known as St. Jean Vianney and the Cure d'Ars (parish priest of Ars), this French priest lived during the 18th–19th c. This patron saint of parish priests was known for having deep devotion to the Church and the sacraments, being a model parish priest in his pastoral duties, and exhibiting holiness by his humility, selflessness, and unwavering faith. Above all, he was a renowned confessor, who heard confessions up to 16 hours a day and had the ability to see into people's souls to understand their sins and give them profound spiritual guidance. His holiness had a great impact on his town of Ars, which experienced a radical spiritual transformation. He was deeply devoted to Mother Mary, who greatly influenced his ministry. Many miracles have been attributed to his intercession.



The Transfiguration of the Lord – Aug. 6th. This feast marks a significant event in the Gospels, whereby Jesus' appearance changed dramatically, revealing his divine glory on a mountain to Peter, James, and John. During this occurrence, Jesus' face shone like the sun and his clothes became dazzling white, while Moses and Elijah stood on either side of him and spoke of his upcoming death, resurrection, and ascension. The voice from a cloud proclaimed Jesus as the Son of God, which showed his unique authority and divinity. This happening proved to be a source of encouragement for his disciples, as they faced difficult events ahead. Of major importance was for Jesus' followers to listen to him and embrace his teachings. This event was a preview of Jesus' future glory as the Messiah.



St. Dominic – Aug. 8th. This 12th–13th c. Spanish (Castilian) priest was named Dominic de Guzman at birth. He's primarily known for being the founder of the Order of Preachers, better known as the Dominicans. This order was established to combat the Albigensian heresy through preaching and teaching. This saint was dedicated to the 4 pillars of prayer, study, community, and preaching. Praying the Rosary was promoted by him as a form of prayer, which has become central to the spirituality of the Order. He's the patron saint of astronomers, innocent people who are falsely accused, and the Dominican Republic. Many pray to him for various intentions. He's noted for having a star on his forehead since baptism, signifying his being a light to the gentiles and to those in darkness. His motto has been "to Praise, to Bless, and to Preach."

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