IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, EWA

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

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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."*

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2026

FOCUS: God calls us to advance his reign through our talents and actions.

God calls us to advance his reign through our talents, virtues, and gifts. To do so, we must trust in his mercy and presence and leave behind our fears. God gives us all we need for this work, especially in the Eucharist.

BE NOT AFRAID

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

So close to Thanksgiving Day, a parable that seems to champion the Puritan work ethic feels fitting. The parable in today's gospel appears to celebrate sincere, positive efforts, while at the same time, it does not look kindly on lackluster attempts. But, as with all of Jesus' parables, we need to take a closer look.

In this instance, the third servant deserves examination. His situation seems to be not so much about work as it is about fear and hopelessness. It is not that he is unable to produce or to take the action needed; rather, he is bound and limited by fear and his perception of what the master requires. His fear makes it impossible for him to do what is required of him, so he does not respond.

We do not know how the master would have reacted if the servant had tried and failed. We do not know if an honest effort on the servant's part would have been enough. We do know that the master rejects fear as an excuse for inaction, and for this reason, the servant is singled out and punished. His fear not only made it impossible for him to work but also prompted the exact circumstance he was trying to avoid: displeasing the master. From the viewpoint of the parable, the servant's decision was not a good one.

● **Reflect**: When has fear kept me from doing right or refraining from doing wrong?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, November 16:
7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Jessica Ham Young - Birthday Blessings)

Tuesday, November 17:
6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Benito Paulino and +Brandon Brooks - RS)

Wednesday, November 18:
6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Michael Dale Motas - RS)
5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)
6:30 PM OCIA

Thursday, November 19:
No Mass

Friday, November 20:
8:00 AM Mass
(+Mayette Smith-Mauleon - RS)
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, November 21:
8:00 AM Church Cleaning
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Catalina & +Andres Bolo - RS)

Sunday, November 22:
6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(Mass for the People)
8:15 - 9:15 AM CCD Classes
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(Mary Eloise & Rica Ellaine Rivamonte - Special Intentions - to pass the Nursing Board Exam)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Constantino Peralta - Death Anniversary)

Church Cleaning Schedule

Nov. 21: Couples for Christ
Nov. 28: Chamorro Group
Dec. 5: Sacred Heart Society
Dec. 12: Knights of Columbus

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS



Thanksgiving Day falls on **Thursday, November 26**. It is a day when we gather as a family and a nation to express our gratitude for the many blessings we have received over the year. Most especially, we thank our Lord for his continued love and grace. **Mass** will begin at **8:00 a.m.** on Thanksgiving. All are invited to come together as a parish ohana and to give our thanks to God. Please note that the parish office will be closed on Thanksgiving and the next day, Friday, November 27.

FORMING DISCIPLES TOGETHER CONFERENCE 2027

A Conference for Catholic Educators, Catechetical Ministers, and the Faithful will be held on **January 28 - 30, 2027**, at Sacred Hearts Academy, Honolulu, HI

As part of the Diocese of Honolulu's Bicentennial Celebration (1827–2027), this special three-day gathering will bring together Catholic educators, clergy, religious, parish staff, catechists, liturgical ministers, and lay leaders from across the Hawaiian Islands. The cost is $90 per person. To register, copy and paste the link below:

https://whova.com/portal/registration/FMcuTJxyELAS9jl6QkME/xn0udbn9

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



This weekend, our special collection will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**. Nearly 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

WELCOME, LEIMOMI RICHARDSON, TO OUR OHANA!



We'd like to welcome the newest member of our parish ohana, **Leimomi Kalanikauleleiaiwi Aiwohi Richardson**, who was baptized here at our parish last Sunday after the 5 p.m. Mass. We congratulate her parents, Keamalu Richardson and Jacelyn-Marie Aiwohi, and ask for your prayers to help guide them, along with her godparent, as she begins her faith journey. Congratulations!



Dear Padre,

November 15, 2026

At Mass, I have difficulty communing with God after receiving Communion because of the noise and activity. Why not more silence?

During Mass, communal silence is called for within the Penitential Act, for people to recollect themselves; at the end of a reading or the homily, so all can meditate briefly on what they've heard; and then after Communion, for people to praise and pray to God in their hearts. (See General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 45.) In other words, there is a silence that reflects our contrition before God; a silence that reflects our need to ponder his word; and a deep silence before God that reflects awe and incapacity for words after receiving the Body and Blood of Christ!

After Communion, a period of communal silence for personal prayer is intended before other activities, such as a second collection or announcements. Also, a psalm, canticle of praise, or hymn may be sung. (See GIRM 88, 164.) "Liturgical silence is indispensable to the rhythm of a balanced celebration. Without it, the celebration can become perfunctory in its haste or burdensome in its unrelieved sound and song" (Introduction to the Order of Mass, 48, USCCB, 2003). As St. Alphonsus wrote in The Holy Eucharist: "There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion."

●Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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

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MAHALO TO OUR VETERANS!

Last weekend, our parish honored our veterans that have served and continue to serve in the military. Our servicemen and women from the **Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard,** who are either in active duty, reserves, National Guard, veterans, or retired, were called up and given a lei and small token of our appreciation. We thank them for their dedication to our country and for their bravery in protecting our freedom. We also remember all our fallen soldiers who gave their life so that we can live in freedom. Words cannot express our sincere gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice they made for us. This includes our wounded warriors whose lives were changed in defending our country. Please keep all our soldiers in your prayers. Below are some of our veterans who were recognized and prayed over:










Mahalo to Rosie Tabaranza, Norma Valdez, and all our Event Planners for preparing the gifts and leis for our Veterans. We also thank Roxanne Whalen for providing the flags that represented each branch of service in our military.

CCD STUDENTS: PRAY THE ROSARY

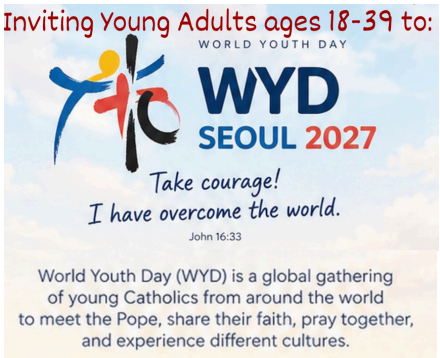
Here are some pictures of our students praying the rosary. Many thanks to our CCD Teachers who volunteer their time to teach the faith to our students.

Please note that there will be **NO CCD Classes** on Sunday, **November 29** due to the Thanksgiving holiday.





WORLD YOUTH DAY



Join our parish's Young Adult Ministry for spiritual pilgrimage! Informational meeting November 17 @ 6:00 pm in Portable 1.

Tentative Schedule:

July 25-26: Flight to Incheon
July 26-August 2: Explore Korea
August 3-8: World Youth Day Events



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 7-8, 2026

Weekly Offering	**$3,701.00**
Sat. 5 pm - $1,011.00	
Sun. 7 am - $987.00	
Sun. 9:30 am - $1,067.00	
Sun. 5 pm - $636.00	
Repair & Maintenance	**$2,415.00**
Building Fund	**$359.00**
Book of Intentions	**$20.00**
Mass Intentions	**$285.00**
Flowers	**$5.00**
Candles	**$55.00**
Baptism	**$100.00**
Religious Education	**$70.00**
Father's Special Projects	**$100.00**
Sacred Heart Society	**$25.00**
All Souls Day	**$263.00**
Total	**$7,398.00**

ALL SOULS' DAY



The names of the departed souls, that were offered up on the **All Souls' Day Mass**, will be remembered at the Masses throughout the month of November. If your names were given after the due date last Friday, we've entered them on the display and in the Book of Remembrance. (We apologize for any misspellings.)

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

To those who seek to alleviate the conditions of the poorest, I express my gratitude…You know well that the question of the poor leads back to the essence of our faith, for they are the very flesh of Christ…"Where the world sees threats, (the Church) sees children; where walls are built, (the Church) builds bridges.

HOMILY, ROME, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

WEEKLY MASS COUNT

Day/Time	OCT 24 – 25 Adult	OCT 24 – 25 Child	OCT 31 – NOV 1 Adult	OCT 31 – NOV 1 Child	NOV 7 – 8 Adult	NOV 7 – 8 Child
Sat. 5:00 PM	132	12	95	7	133	4
Sun. 7:00 AM	212	10	243	9	206	4
Sun. 9:30 AM	223	41	232	42	256	56
Sun. 5:00 PM	155	11	153	12	158	14

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17
1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28
Matthew 25:31–46

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Margaret of Scotland - Feast Day is Nov. 16. This feast day commemorates an 11th c. English princess, who was also known as Margaret of Wessex. She later became Queen of Alba (Scotland) after marrying King Malcolm III of Scotland. Being a woman of great faith, she was known for her deep personal piety & acts of mercy with her lifelong charity & compassion for the poor. She personally washed the feet of the poor & sick. She also cared for orphans & beggars by feeding them every day even before eating her own meals. She had deep devotion to Scripture and reformed the Scottish Church to align with Roman Church practices, promoted proper observance of Lent & Easter, & encouraged use of Latin in the Mass. She heavily promoted the arts, literacy, & education by inviting scholars & teachers to court & helping to establish schools & monasteries. She earned the nickname "Pearl of Scotland" for her extraordinary virtues. She bore 8 children, whom she raised deeply in the Catholic faith. She's the patron of Scotland, queens, widows, learning, & charitable work for the poor.



St. Elizabeth of Hungary - Feast Day is Nov. 17. This 13th c. princess from the Kingdom of Hungary is honored on this day for her life of devotion to God & life of charity & service. She married King Ludwig IV of Thuringia in Germany, but humbled herself from a life of royal luxury to simple living. She cared for the poor & sick, by regularly distributing loaves of bread to them, which was one of her consistent acts of charity. One of her best known miracles was the "Miracle of the roses," whereby the bread hidden in her cloak was turned into roses, when she was questioned by her husband. He later became supportive of her efforts. She performed other miracles including posthumous healings. After her husband died in the Crusades, she gave up her wealth & dedicated her life to the poor & marginalized and built hospitals for the sick and was a model of Christian charity & public healthcare. Inspired by the life of St. Francis of Assisi, she lived Franciscan values of humility, service, & charity and became a 3rd Order Franciscan. She's the patron of bakers, beggars, brides, charities, hospitals, the homeless, widows, & the Secular Franciscan Order.



Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul - Feast Day is Nov. 18. This feast commemorates two major basilicas in Rome: St. Peter's Basilica (over the tomb of St. Peter) & St. Paul Outside the Walls (over the tomb of St. Paul). During the reign of Emperor Constantine the Great after Christianity was legalized in the 4th c., both of the original structures were built. Sts. Peter & Paul have been paired as the twin pillars & foundational apostles of the Church in Rome, as a symbol of unity. St. Peter was the first pope & the "Rock" upon which the Church was built, while St. Paul was the great apostle to the Gentiles whose missionary work spread the gospel across the Mediterranean. The current Basilica of St. Peter replaced the original one in the 16th c. & was consecrated on Nov. 18, 1826 by Pope Urban VIII. St. Paul Outside the Walls was rebuilt in 1823 after damage by a catastrophic fire & was consecrated on Dec. 10, 1854 by Pope Pius IX. Even though they were consecrated on different dates, the Universal Church has observed them jointly on the liturgical anniversary of Nov. 18.