



# Roman Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sunday

7 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Mass  
8:15 a.m. CCD (K--12 grade) \*

### Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri

8:00 a.m. Mass

### Wednesday

6:00 p.m. OCIA (Adults)

### Thursday

No Mass

### First Friday

7:00 a.m. First Friday Benediction  
and Rosary  
8:00 a.m. Mass

### Saturday

9:00 a.m. OCIA (Children) \*  
3:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. Marian Devotion  
5:00 p.m. Mass

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

#### Saturday

4:00p.m. - 4:30p.m. (or by appt.)

\*September – May (School year)

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**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.”



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## Contact us for the following:

### Baptism:

Contact the parish to enroll in the baptism preparation for your children.

### Faith Formation: CCD & OCIA

Religious education for adults and children

### Marriage:

Contact office at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. An Engaged Encounter Weekend is required prior to Marriage Ceremony.

### Communion to the Homebound

Contact parish office to arrange for someone to bring the Blessed Sacrament to the Sick.

### Funerals

Call the parish office *prior* to making arrangements with the mortuary.

### Food Pantry

First Friday hours: 3 – 5pm  
All other Fridays: 4 – 6pm  
Please bring an ID



# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## April 21, 2024

*Readings for next week:*

Acts 9:26-31

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

**FOCUS:** Respond to the Lord's sacrificial love with gratitude, trust, and love.

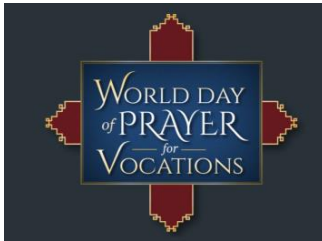
In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he suffered and died for us because of the depth of God's love for us, because this is what a Good Shepherd does for those in his care. How should we respond to such love? With gratitude, trust, and love; by listening to his voice in our lives and being obedient to his commands. This is not always an easy task, but one with which the Lord is happy to assist us.



### Mother's Day

Mother's Day is on **May 12<sup>th</sup>**! It is a day to honor and show our appreciation to the woman who has given us life. We do this by giving her flowers or taking her out to dinner. We can also remember her in a very special way by offering up the Mass for her.

If you would like to offer the Mass for her, we ask that you please write her name on the special Mother's Day envelope, which can be found at the back of the church. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or brought to the parish office. Please write **legibly** as we will display her name on our board. Also, indicate whether she is here with us or in Heaven.



### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

**Today** the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to

consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

**Found:** A handbag was found a couple of weeks ago in the church. If you believe it could be yours, please call the parish office during office hours to give a description of the bag.

### Weekly Schedule

#### Monday, April 22:

(+Felipe Madamba, Jr. - RS)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Tuesday, April 23:

(+Francis Nicolas Soberano - RS)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Church*)

#### Wednesday, April 24:

(+Lorenza E. Amian - RS)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

**Thursday, April 25:** (No Mass)

#### Friday, April 26:

(+Monica Sadorra - RS)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

4-6:00 p.m. Food Pantry

#### Saturday, April 27:

(+Mariano Ahlo - RS)

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

#### Sunday, April 28:

6:15 a.m. Rosary

7:00 a.m. Mass (*Primitivo & Loretta Pesquira - RS*)

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass (+*Josephine Galapia*)

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass (*Mass for the People*)

(*Christopher Batoon - Thanksgiving*)

### Church Cleaning:

April 27 - Chamorro Group

May 4 - Sacred Heart Society

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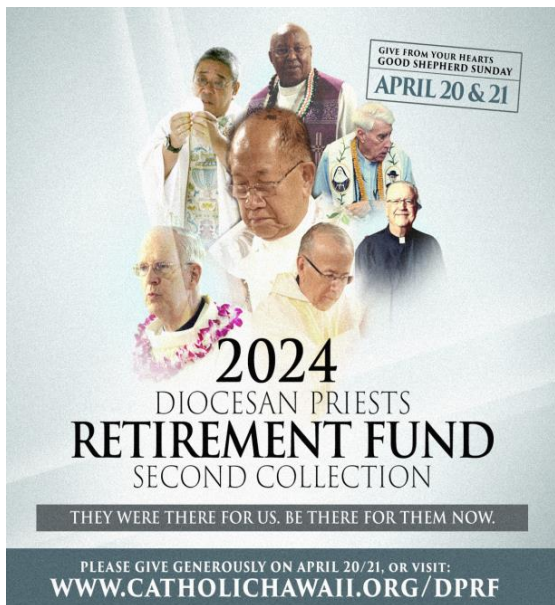
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## Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund



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## Faith Direct

March 1 – 15, 2024

Weekly Offering	\$ 1,812.00
Monthly Offertory	1,000.00
One-Time Gift	207.00
Repair & Maint	585.00
Building Fund	708.00
Candles	7.00
Flowers	140.00
Book of Intentions	50.00
Food Pantry	470.00
Palm Sunday	50.00
CRS Rice Bowl	125.00
Holy Land (Good Fri)	100.00
Holy Saturday (Vigil)	30.00
Easter Sunday	530.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Coll: Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund	<u>555.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,369.00
Less Credit Card Fees (132.93)	
Less ACH Fee ( 5.54)	
Less Faith Direct Fee <u>(306.60)</u>	
Total Disbursement	\$ <b>5,923.93</b>

## Stewardship of Treasure

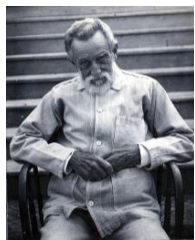
April 13 – 14, 2024

Weekly Offering - \$ 3,423.25	
Sat., 5 pm - 615.00	
Sun, 7 am - 1,342.00	
Sun, 930am - 767.25	
Sun, 5 pm - 699.00	
Repair/Maint. Fund	1,817.30
Building Fund	245.00
Flowers	17.50
Candles	35.00
Book of Intentions	132.00
Mass Intentions	160.00
Food Pantry	72.00
Easter Offering	50.00
Other – Bench Repair	80.00
Mother's Day	<u>20.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,052.05</b>

**Sacred Heart Soc. \$105.00**

## Second Collections:

Joseph Dutton 120.00



## Cause for Joseph Dutton

Few know about a man of the world, Joseph Dutton, who served in the Civil War and suffered from what today we call PTSD or post-traumatic stress disorder. Reeling from a broken marriage, Dutton led a reprobate life and became an alcoholic. After a religious experience and his conversion to Catholicism, he searched for a way to do penance for his past life. He stumbled upon Father Damien and the residents at Kalaupapa on the island of Molokai. It was there that he served for some 44 years until his death on March 26, 1931. Dutton and Damien grew so close that the priest called him “Brother Joseph,” sometimes creating the mistaken impression that the layman had joined a religious order. But it was simply a sign of love and affection, a deep friendship between the two island-warriors that would last until Father Damien’s death and beyond.

This past January, Bishop Larry celebrated a Mass during which he and the diocesan officials who conducted the inquiry swore an oath to fulfil their task faithfully and seriously. **Fr. Sieg** is the **Diocesan Postulant**, the primary advocate for his cause.

A special collection is being taken up next weekend, **Apr. 27-28**, to help the cause of Sainthood for Joseph Dutton. Envelopes can be found in the pews. Please give generously.

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

June 3 - 14, 2024

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** (CGS) is an approach to religious formation for children ages 3-12. The Level I course is the foundation course and prepares catechists to work with 3-6 year-old children.

Level I course participants (Parts A/B) will receive certification from the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Sessions held weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Optional materials making from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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**My son was raised Catholic and still claims he is Catholic, but he and his wife go to a Protestant church. How should I deal with my frustration?**

Many parents and grandparents today share your frustration. They raised their children Catholic, maybe even sent them to Catholic schools, but the children have grown up and chosen not to continue to be faithful Catholics. A recent survey showed that nine out of ten people say they believe in God, but often they are not committed to a single religion or house of worship. About half of the people questioned attend religious services less than once a month, or never. The loyalty to one Church that was evident in our own lives, or in our parents' and grandparents' lives, is lacking in today's people under age fifty-five.

What can one do about this situation? Certainly pray for your children and continue to give a good example through your own loyalty to the Catholic Church and attendance at Sunday Mass. Invite your son and his wife to attend with you when they visit. As your children age, they may become more interested in your family's history and traditions, and the religion of their childhood may again appear attractive. Try to be patient and continue to pray that your children will return to the Church of their roots. ●

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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



*Christ's love is not selective; it embraces everyone....He is everyone's*

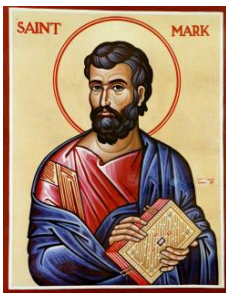
*shepherd. Jesus wants everyone to be able to receive the Father's love and encounter God....The Father entrusts everyone to Jesus the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for everyone. Brothers and sisters, Jesus defends, knows and loves all of us.* REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 25, 2021, ZVONIMIR ATHLETIC / SHUTTERSTOCK



## Feasts of the Week



**St. George** - Feast Day is April 23rd. He was a 3<sup>rd</sup> c. early Christian martyr, who was a soldier in the Roman army. The patron saint of England, legend has it that when he arrived in a village, in what is modern day Libya, a dragon was terrorizing the local people. He slayed it with a spear and became a hero, symbolizing bravery and valor. Condemned to death for refusing to give up his Christian faith, he was tortured and beheaded in the presence of Emperor Diocletian. Since the Crusades, he has been venerated as a military saint and is also the patron of various other groups such as farmers, archers, lepers, and shepherds. His feast day is also known as St. George's Day and was celebrated in England for many centuries.



**St. Mark** - Feast Day is April 25th. Aka John Mark, he was a 1<sup>st</sup> c. evangelist, who was said to be the author of the shortest and oldest of the 4 Gospels, which emphasized the humanity of Jesus, the meaning of discipleship, and Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God. He was actually a disciple of St. Peter and not one of the 12 apostles. He proclaimed the Good News through his writing. He also played a crucial role in spreading the Gospel as a missionary in the early church, by being a traveling companion to Saints Paul and Barnabas on their missionary journeys.

Having founded the Church in Egypt, he became a martyr in Alexandria, where the pagans there dragged him through the streets by a rope around his neck until he was dead. He's the patron saint of Venice, where his remains are in the basilica there, and is also of Notaries. His symbol as an evangelist is that of a winged lion, which was a sign of Christ's royalty and resurrection and a figure of courage.

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