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Saturdays at 5:00 PM
Sundays: 7:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 5:00 PM
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Sacrament: 7:00 AM. Mass at 8:00 AM

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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 25, 2026

FOCUS: Jesus calls us to live in intentional and faithful discipleship.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus calls his first disciples by name. Their response is immediate and total – they leave everything behind and accept his invitation. We gather today to celebrate this Eucharist because we, too, have been called to follow Christ in intentional and faithful discipleship. Today we ponder that call and renew our response.

JUDGED OR INVITED? FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus’ words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on “repent,” or is the emphasis on the announcement, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand”? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: “Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees” (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: “for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17). In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love.

● **Reflect:** This week, I’ll think about my baptism, when I was called to serve as Jesus served.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, January 26:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Esther Daclison and Family -Thanksgiving)
6:30 PM PPBC Meeting
6:30 PM Young Adult Meeting

Tuesday, January 27:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Bienvenido Gonzales - RS)
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 28:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Michael Santos - RS)
5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)
6:30 PM O.C.I.A.
6:30 PM Liturgy Meeting

Thursday, January 29:

- No Mass

Friday, January 30:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Emiliana Marcos - RS)
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, January 31:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Benjamin & Andrea Yucoco - Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, February 1:

6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Esperanza Zamora Magday - RS)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Aurora Amor - RS)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)
6:30 PM Youth Ministry Meeting

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
Matthew 4:19

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANTO NINO PICTURES



Many thanks to all who celebrated the Feast of Santo Niño this past Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Some of our parishioners processed into the church carrying their Santo Niño statues and danced to the traditional song *Daghang Salamat, O Santo Niño*. In the Philippines, this celebration is held annually in the city of Cebu and known as the *Sinulog Festival*. It started when the Spanish explorer Magellan, who arrived in Cebu in the year 1521, gifted a Santo Niño statue to Queen Juana, the wife of Rajah Humabon, an indigenous chief who converted to Catholicism. This connection is significant as it symbolizes the introduction of Christianity to the Filipino culture. Today, the festival has grown into a huge celebration of parades filled with dancing and beautiful costumes. But, the root of this festival will always be to honor to the Child Jesus, who is a symbol of faith and hope to all of God's people.

FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR

"By decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary issued January 10, 2026+, at the behest of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, the Church has proclaimed a special Year of St. Francis, from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, on the occasion of the 800th Anniversary of the passage of St. Francis of Assisi into Heaven. This decree grants, throughout the entire period, the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence."



All the Christian faithful are invited to follow the example of St. Francis of Assisi, becoming models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace. This Jubilee Year is addressed especially to members of the Franciscan Families of the First, Second, and Third Regular and Secular Orders, as well as to Institutes of Consecrated Life, Societies of Apostolic Life and Associations that observe the Rule of St. Francis or are inspired by its spirituality. However, the grace of this special year is extended to all the faithful without distinction who, with their spirits removed from sin, visit in the form of a pilgrimage any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis in any part of the world. The elderly, the sick, and those who for serious reasons cannot leave home will also be able to obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining the Jubilee Celebration and offering their prayers, pains, or sufferings to God. May the shining example of St. Francis inspire our hearts to live with authentic Christian charity towards our neighbor and with sincere longings for concord and peace among peoples.

The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer according to the intention of the Holy Father, with a heart detached from sin, and visit in the form of a pilgrimage any Franciscan church dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world, where one renews one's profession of faith.

(Conventual Franciscan General Office of Communications)

Dear Padre,

January 25, 2026

Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4). When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong. However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

● Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER, GENEVIE DOMINGO



We welcome with open arms the newest member of our parish ohana: **Genevieve Ann Lazo Domingo!** Genevieve was baptized last Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We ask for your prayers as she begins her new life in Christ. We also pray for her parents and godparents as they guide her toward Jesus. Congratulations to the Domingo Ohana!

Please call the parish office if you need information or would like to baptize your child. We thank our baptism coordinators, Phillip and Emilie Malasig, who have been preparing our families for the baptisms of their children. Mahalo for their dedication.

DIVINE MERCY – A WEEKEND OF GRACE

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DIVINE MERCY A WEEKEND OF GRACE

February 6-8, 2026

Events Schedule

Friday February 6
 5PM-6:20PM: Adoration/Rosary/Chaplet
 6:30PM-7:30PM: Installation of 1st class relic of St. Faustina
 Main celebrant: Bishop Larry Silva
 Homily: Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC
 7:30PM-7:45PM: Veneration of the 1st class relic
 7:45PM-9:00PM: Dinner and fellowship

Saturday February 7
 7AM-8AM: Early Morning Mass
 8AM-9AM: Confession
 9AM-9:45AM: Talk by Fr. Kazimierz to the Divine Mercy
 10:15AM-11AM: Talk - Divine Mercy and the Sacred Heart
 11:15AM-11:45AM: Witness Talk
 Confession available with Fr. Kaz afterwards
 3:30PM: Closing
 6PM-7PM: Vigil Mass with Fr. Kaz

Sunday February 8
 Mass with Fr. Kaz as main celebrant
 10:00AM-11:00AM: Mass
 12:00PM-1:00PM: Mass
 1:30PM: Fr. Kaz Talk - St. Faustina - Future Doctor of the Church

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All are welcomed to join a Weekend of Grace at the Divine Mercy celebration at St. Joseph Church, 94-675 Farrington Hwy., Waipahu. It will be held on the weekend of **February 6 – 8, 2026**, including Mass with Bishop Larry Silva and Fr. Kazimierz "Kaz" Chwalek, MIC, who will also present talks on Divine Mercy. The weekend will include prayers of the rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the installation and veneration of the 1st class relic of St. Faustina Kowalska. The weekend schedule can be found posted around the parish. All are encouraged to attend.

BCCH 1-DAY RETREAT

BCCHHawaii.com

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026
 8 A.M. - 3 P.M.
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BCCH Annual 1-day Spiritual Retreat

In the busyness of life, it's easy to forget that the soul needs stillness. Join us for a guided day of reflection, solitude, and community. Come with an open heart and be refreshed in God's presence.

- Quiet contemplation and gentle rest
- Escape the chaos, embrace the serenity
- Mindful moments, meaningful life

Fr. Kurt Meyer, Spiritual Presenter

Basic Christian Community of Hawaii offers this 1-day retreat to the faithful of the Diocese of Honolulu.

All are welcomed to attend a **Basic Christian Community of Hawaii (BCCH) 1-Day Retreat** on **Saturday, February 7, 2026**, from **8 a.m. – 3 p.m.** at **St. Anthony's Retreat Center** in Kalihi, Honolulu. Fr. Kurt Meyer, Spiritual Presenter, will guide everyone to a day of reflection, solitude, and community. To register, click on the QR Code above.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

This weekend, we take up the Collection 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. Thank you for your generosity in this special collection! To learn more, please visit usccb.org/latin-america. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	JAN. 3-4		JAN. 10-11		JAN. 17-18	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	141	8	147	12	112	8
	Sun. 7:00 AM	241	7	227	5	199	3
	Sun. 9:30 AM	245	41	235	50	282	52
	Sun. 5:00 PM	187	18	176	23	146	15

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 17-18, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$3,458.01
Sat. 5:00 PM –	\$685.01
Sun. 7:00 AM –	\$1,078.00
Sun. 9:30 AM –	\$1,198.00
Sun. 5:00 PM –	\$497.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,851.00
Building Fund	\$210.00
Flowers	\$3.00
Candles	\$110.00
Book of Intentions	\$40.00
Mass Intentions	\$85.00
T-Shirts Sales	\$22.00
Christmas	\$6.00
Father's Special Projects	\$100.00
Sacred Heart Society	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$5,985.01



A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, all too much violence exists in the world and our societies. Amid wars, terrorism, human trafficking, and widespread aggression, our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue, and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of...those who have suffered injustice and violence [and] resist the temptation to seek revenge. ADDRESS TO THE "ARENA OF PEACE," ROME, MAY 30, 2025

Church Cleaning Schedule

Jan. 31:	Volunteers Needed
Feb. 7:	Sacred Heart Society
Feb. 14:	Nights of Columbus
Feb. 21:	Couples for Christ

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2025 TAX DONATION STATEMENTS



If you need a statement of your 2025 donations for tax purposes, please call the office to request one. For those who have been giving through our online

giving program, Parish Soft, you may log into your account to download your statement. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12a

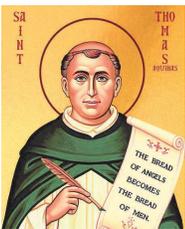
FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



Sts. Timothy & Titus – Feast Day is January 26th. These two 1st c. saints, who are celebrated together on this date in the Roman Catholic Church, were both disciples & missionary companions of St. Paul. As converts to the faith, they're honored for their roles as bishops – St. Timothy as the 1st Bishop of Ephesus and St. Titus as Bishop of Crete. They were two of St. Paul's closest co-workers and the New Testament contains his Pastoral Epistles to them, which provide guidance on pastoral ministry & church leadership. St. Timothy, born of a Jewish mother & pagan Greek father, was known for his courage & peacemaking skills and was martyred by stoning for opposing a pagan festival. St. Titus was a Greek Gentile, who was known for his diplomatic skills. He died of natural causes at an old age and is patron saint of Crete & of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps. Both saints are noted for their dedication to spreading the gospel with love & courage, establishing the structure of the early Church, and exemplifying apostolic succession.



St. Angela Merici – Feast Day is January 27th. This 15th & 16th Italian saint led a life dedicated to religious education & service, especially for women & families. She joined the 3rd Order of St. Francis and then founded a new religious order of women called the "Company of St. Ursula" or the "Ursulines," which was the 1st teaching order of women in the Church dedicated to the education of young girls. This order, which was originally non-cloistered, taught in their own homes and focused on nurturing Christian values in young girls and uplifting families & society. With her exemplary holiness & devotion to God, St. Angela's gift of visions inspired her to instruct them about God and form them for holy living. She was a symbol of courage, strength, & determination in overcoming adversity stemming from experiences as an orphan, which influenced her dedication to helping others who had similar hardships. She's the patron saint of the sick, disabled, those grieving the loss of parents, and educators.



St. Thomas Aquinas – Feast Day is January 28th. This feast day commemorates the relocation of St. Thomas' relics to a church in France. Traditionally, he was honored on his death date of March 7th, but the date was changed as it was during Lent. St. Thomas was a 13th c. Italian Dominican friar & priest, who was also a great theologian, philosopher, and one of the most influential thinkers in Church history. His contributions earned him the title of "Angelic Doctor." His most famous work was the "Summa Theologica," which harmonized faith & reason. With deep wisdom & devotion to God, he was a model for those seeking the truth. This Doctor of the Church has inspired many in their educational & intellectual endeavors. A saint of profound intellect, he's the patron of Catholic schools universities, students, philosophers, scholars, booksellers, chastity, against storms & lightning, as well as the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Philippines, to name a few.

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