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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

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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 coordinates

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:

o First Friday hours: 3-5 PM

o 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."

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21, 2025

FOCUS: No servant can serve two masters.

Today's readings invite us to reflect on our relationship with money and wealth in light of our faith in God. Mindful that the pursuit of wealth can lead us into dishonesty, the Lord invites us to be prudent in our affairs and mindful that ultimately, it is our relationship with God that must be our top priority.

WANTING TO BE WANTED FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

More than anything, we want to be wanted. As infants, we reach out, wanting to be wanted. When we begin school and discover others who might be friends, we want to be wanted. As teenagers discovering the stirrings of something new and deep, we want to be wanted. And when we grow old, then still we want to be wanted.

The parables Jesus told were always about how God moves in our lives, how God is powerfully intertwined in all that is. Jesus told parables to give us a hint of where to find God. This Sunday's parable is about a rich man with a steward about to be dismissed. The steward then finds ways to ingratiate himself into others' lives so when he is dismissed, he won't be left out in the cold. It's not the rich man who is the God-person in the parable. The rich got rich by abusing the poor. Rather, it is the steward who is the image of God—a God who, like the steward, is desperate to be accepted, to find a way into our lives.

We might say clever...or even sneaky. It is God who finds a way into our lives when we are afraid, when we face the loss of love, when our worlds are falling apart, when we go looking for him. There, then, is God, eagerly wanting to be wanted

• Reflect: What do I do when I'm feeling unwanted? Do I recognize that God wants me?

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 22:

6:50 AM Rosary 8:00 AM Mass

(+Irene Colleen "Pinky" Nakano - RS) 6:30 p.m. St. Michael Novena

Tuesday, September 23:

6:50 AM Rosary 8:00 AM Mass (+Rodrigo Lacuesta - RS)

6:30 p.m. St. Michael Novena

Wednesday, September 24:

6:40 AM Rosary 8:00 AM Mass

(+Katherine & +Anthony Lucena - RS)

6:30 PM O.C.I.A. Class 6:30 p.m. St. Michael Novena

Thursday, September 25:

No Mass

Friday, September 26:

8:00 AM Mass

(Lisa Yucoco - Birthday Blessing)

4-6 PM Food Pantry6:30 p.m. St. Michael Novena

Saturday, September 27:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning

9am - 12pm Catholic Adv. Hlthcr Directive 1:00 PM Sacred Heart Gen. Assy. Mtg.

4:15 PM Rosary

5:00 PM Mass

(+Edengrace & +Helengrace Mendiola, and

+Raymunda Ragiles - RS)

6:30 PM St. Michael Novena

Mass

Sunday, September 28:

5:40 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(Mass for the People)
8:15 AM CCD Classes
8:45 AM Rosary

(Agcamaran Family - Thanksgiving)

Catechetical Sunday - Blessing of our

Catechists!

9:30 AM

4:15 PM Rosary 5:00 PM Mass

(Baby Andrei Ramoran - RS)
6:30 PM St. Michael Novena
6:30 PM Young Adult Meeting

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATHOLIC ADVANCED HEALTHCARE DIRECTIVE

Have you prepared your health care directive?

On **Saturday**, **September 27**, **2025**, from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at Immaculate Conception Church, 91-1298 Renton Road, the **Hawaii Catholic Conference** and **Kokua Mau** will host a <u>free workshop</u> to help you understand Catholic teaching on end-of-life care, the moral decisions involved, and the difference between hospice and palliative care.

Speakers include **Fr. Mark Gantley, JCL, Hope Young**, and **Eva Andrade**. RSVP at www.hawaiifamilyforum.org/cahcd or email eandrade@rcchawaii.org.

Whether you already have a directive or not, this workshop will guide you in making choices that honor our Catholic faith. Fr. Sieg urges all to attend. Please click on the QR Code to register.

DAY OF STUDY - LEEWARD VICARIATE

The Leeward Vicariate will hold a **Day of Study** on **Saturday**, **October 4th**, **2025** at **St. Joseph Church**, **Waipahu**. All are encouraged to participate on this final Day of Study for our Diocese in 2025. If registering by mail, the fees are \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth. Registration forms are located at the table at the entrance of the church and additional copies can be picked up at the office or downloaded from our parish website. **Note that envelopes must be postmarked by Sept. 26th**. You may also register and pay on the Event Brite website, but a service fee of \$3.18 for adults and \$2.81 for youth will be added.

Event Brite link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jubilee-2025-day-of-study-leeward-oahu-tickets-1657944760409?aff=erelexpmlt or you may click on the QR code to the right.



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MIGRATION FROM FAITH DIRECT TO PARISHSOFT

The upgrade from Faith Direct to **ParishSOFT Giving** will take place on **September 25, 2025**! As a reminder, for those who are giving through Faith Direct, you don't need to take any action—your recurring gifts and payment information will transfer automatically. After the upgrade, you'll log in to ParishSOFT Giving using your same credentials. A link and instructions will be provided at launch.

ParishSoft Giving will send another message once the migration is complete with everything you need to log in and manage your account.

ST. MICHAEL NOVENA



All are invited as we continue to pray our Novena to St. Michael in honor of his Feast Day starting at 6:30 p.m. nightly until September 28th. On Monday, September 29th, we will gather for fellowship and light refreshments to celebrate after the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

Dear Padre,

September 21, 2025

At a recent gathering, a relative questioned my family's continued participation in the Catholic Church because of the sexual abuse cover-up. What is the best way to address this question?

Resist the temptation to argue or make any response that is not respectful. Choose to respond with empathy and understanding; perhaps something like this: "I understand and respect your feelings. Some have made the difficult choice to leave the Church. Others find the choice to remain also difficult. "As a mature and discerning person, I am not making excuses for behaviors that are inexcusable. I cannot and will not defend behavior that should not be defended. I choose to remain in the Church because I choose to remain in a relationship with Jesus, and that relationship includes my reception of the sacraments of the Church. I value the sacraments even as I remain vigilant about the conduct of those who have been entrusted with celebrating those sacraments. I retain my practice of the sacraments and, at the same time, I retain my responsibility to be alert to abusive behavior. This is not acceptance or approval of what most certainly happened. It is continuing to participate in what is beautiful and wise and true so that, in the company of other believers,

I may become more like Christ."

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

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ICC FEAST DAY T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!



Last weekend at all the Masses, our Stewardship Committee passed out order forms for our Immaculate Conception T-Shirts. The goal is to wear the shirts as a show of unity on December 8th, the annual ICC Feast Day. If you haven't received a form, please contact the parish office. Order forms are due October 5th. Members of our Stewardship Committee will be outside after the Masses to help with your order.

INCOME:

For those who do not have an account with Faith Direct, but would like to make payment using your credit card or from your bank, please follow these instructions:

- 1. Log onto www.faithdirect.net
- 2. Click on "Give Now"
- 3. Under "Give today", enter our parish code H1842.
- 4. Click on "Make a One-Time Gift Now.
- 5. Click on "ICC Feast Day T-Shirts."
- 6. Enter your payment information (credit or bank info).
- 7. Please write the t-shirt sizes you are ordering in the "Notes" section.



If scanning the QR code to pay, start from Step 4 in the instructions.

PROFIT & LOSS - 4th QTR. APRIL - JUNE 2025

INCOME:	
Offertory Collection	\$78,667.71
Other Regular Income	\$20,250.79
<u>Unusual (Non-Scheduled) Income</u>	<u>\$11,858.13</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$110,776.63
GROSS PROFIT	\$110,776.63
EXPENSES:	
Employment Costs	\$41,897.75
Professional Services	\$1,032.90
Leadership Development	\$4,385.70
Supplies and Other Services	\$11,770.29
Repairs and Maintenance	\$6,850.74
Utilities	\$7,362.05
Contributions and Assessments	\$14,673.00
Taxes	\$28.85
Depreciation	<u>\$21,869.89</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$109,871.17</u>
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$905.46
OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE:	
Temporarily Restricted Assets	<u>\$35,362.55</u>
NET INCOME	<u>\$36,268.01</u>



Have you been married more than 2 vears? Would you like to help engaged

couples prepare for marriage? God may be calling you to be an **Engaged Encounter Presenting Couple.** Email hawaii@engagedencounter.com for

more information.

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WEEKLY MASS COUNT	<u>Day/Time</u> Sat. 5:00 PM Sun. 7:00 AM Sun. 9:30 AM Sun. 5:00 PM	Adult 9 157 208 231 148	Child 13 9 43 23	Adult 154 244 237 187	<u>Child</u> 16 14 59 26	Adult 154 194 238 181	<u>Child</u> 17 6 51 18

PROFIT & LOSS - YEAR END <u>JULY 2024- JULY 2025</u>

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Offertory Collection	\$325,896.43
Other Regular Income	\$47,717.40
Revenue Subject to GET	\$5,121.00
<u>Unusual (Non-Scheduled) Income</u>	\$39,581.26
TOTAL INCOME	\$418,316.09
GROSS PROFIT	\$418,316.09
EXPENSES:	
Employment Costs	\$163,175.85
Professional Services	\$4,131.60
Insurance	\$13,315.00
Leadership Development	\$12,200.05
Supplies and Other Services	\$38,412.93
Fundraising Expenses	\$2,135.63
Repairs and Maintenance	\$27,140.36
Utilities	\$29,479.79
Contributions and Assessments	\$59,478.03
Taxes	<u>\$</u> 713.96
Depreciation	\$21,869.89

TOTAL EXPENSES \$372,053.09 **NET ORDINARY INCOME** \$46,263.00

OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE:

Temporarily Restricted Assets \$138,308.33

NET INCOME \$184,571.33

MAHALO, DEXTER!



Mahalo, Dexter Vasquez, for taking the time out of your busy schedule to help us with the painting of our classrooms. We are truly grateful for your hard work and

dedication to our parish.

Readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

> Amos 6:1a, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16: 19-31

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

<u>September 13 - 14, 2025</u>

Weekly Offering Sat. 5:00 PM -\$996.00 Sun. 7:00 AM -\$793.00 Sun. 9:30 AM -\$902.00 Sun. 5:00 PM -\$863.00

Repair & Maintenance **Building Fund Flowers** Candles

Book of Intentions

TOTAL



\$320.00 \$3.00 \$70.00 \$40.00

\$3,554.00

\$5,835.35

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

"I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. [We see] too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest."

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

Church Cleaning Schedule

Sep 27: Chamorro Group Oct 5: Sacred Heart Society Oct 12: Knights of Columbus Oct 19: Couples for Christ

FOODLAND GIVE ALOHA



We have a little less than 2 weeks to give Foodland's Give Aloha

Matching Gift Program, which ends on September 30th. A portion of your donation will benefit our parish. Please mention our parish code #77809 at checkout! Mahalo!

PARISH MINISTRIES

- Parish Pastoral Council
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- 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. Matthew - Feast Day is Sept. 21st. This 1st c. saint was one of Jesus' 12 Apostles, who accompanied him in his earthly mission and witnessed his Resurrection and Ascension. Originally named "Levi," he was a former tax collector from Capernaum, whom Jesus called to follow him. He was one of the 4 Evangelists, who is believed to have written the first Gospel. This work contained details of Jesus' life, gave reference to Jesus as the longawaited Messiah who fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament, and emphasized the Kingdom of Heaven. After the Ascension, he did missionary work in Judea and in regions of Ethiopia and Persia. It's believed that he was martyred for his faith in Ethiopia. He's the patron saint of accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, and tax



St. Pio of Pietrelcina - Feast Day is Sept. 23rd. Named Francesco Forgione at birth, this 19th & 20th c. Italian was also known as "Padre Pio." When he became a Capuchin friar and priest, he chose the name "Pio." He was also a mystic, who was deeply devoted to prayer, practiced austerity, and endured intense suffering. After a vision of Jesus, he received the stigmata, which he bore for 50 years. His lengthy ministry as a confessor drew many from all over the world. He was also dedicated to alleviating suffering and established the "Home to Release Suffering" hospital. He was an inspiration and role model of strength and courage to those on their spiritual journeys, who prayed for healing, miracles, and spiritual guidance. His incorrupt body lies in the sanctuary of St. Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo, which has become a pilgrimage site. His famous quote was: "Pray, hope, and don't worry."



St. Vincent de Paul - Feast Day is Sept. 27th. A 17th c. French Catholic priest and reformer, this saint was known as the "Apostle of Charity" and also "Father of the Poor." Motivated by gospel values of compassion, humility, and generosity, he founded two religious orders: the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians), who serve the rural poor and train clergy, as well as the Daughters of Charity, who nurse the sick and poor. He was also a clergy reformer, who trained priests and organized parish missions. His immense compassion for the poor inspired the creation of a Catholic lay organization called the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 1833, which provides assistance to those in need through various programs, especially with food, shelter, utilities, and unemployment assistance. They also operate thrift stores and other charitable programs in communities. Many schools and parishes have been named in his honor.



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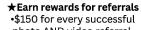


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