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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

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.”

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, 2025

FOCUS: Love for God should be the inspiration for and goal of everything we do.

Christ challenges us in today’s Gospel to allow our Christian vocation to affect every aspect of our lives. He calls us to order our love properly, with love for God as the inspiration for and goal of everything we do. If we love our families, our lives, and our possessions for God’s sake and not for the sake of the things themselves, we will indeed be his disciples.

WHEN LIFE BECOMES LOSE-LOSE FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is so often a cost to being a follower of Jesus, to doing the right thing. During our country’s Civil War, southern plantation owners came face to face with the gospel’s imperative to accept slaves as human beings who have the right to be free, though that would then bring about the collapse of the cotton economy. For them, it was live the gospel or save the economy. Sometimes, the gospel seems to put us in a lose-lose situation. President Lyndon B. Johnson was confronted by the Vietnam War. By continuing a war he knew was unwinnable, it would cost human lives. If he ended the war, he would be labeled as the president who lost a war. For him, it was lose-lose. Do the right thing or save face.

A person may be confronted by a job that demands unjust and immoral decisions when the refusal to make such decisions would cost that person the job necessary to support his or her family. A student may be faced with the prospect of either cheating or receiving a poor grade. Living the gospel is fraught with costs. Today, our nation faces the difficulties of immigration. On the one hand, there is the gospel’s command to love the poor and so to accept immigrants seeking to escape violence and terror and drought, conditions that make it impossible to live. On the other hand, there is the need for our nation to deal with uncontrolled migration. The question of “What would Jesus do?” is never without consequences.

● Reflect How does following Jesus cost me in my life?

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 8:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Gary Lim - Birthday and +Annie Ong - RS)
6:30 PM Council of Ministries Meeting

Tuesday, September 9:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Francisco & Rafael Ayala - RS)
6:30 PM Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 10:

6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Prudencio Flores - RS)
6:30 p.m. O.C.I.A. Class

Thursday, September 11:

- No Mass

Friday, September 12:

8:00 AM Mass
(+Richard Alcos - RS)
4-6 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, September 13:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Dado & Esther Daclison - Wedding Annv.)

Sunday, September 14:

5:40 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Dado & Esther Daclison - Wedding Annv.)
8:15 AM CCD Classes
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(Mass for the People)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Dora, +Irinio, & +John Cabanatan - RS)
6:30 PM Young Adult Meeting

OL of FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

This coming Saturday, September 13th, starting at 12 p.m. under the tent. All are invited to join and pray the rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATHOLIC ADVANCED HEALTHCARE PLANNING

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 free workshop 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.hawaiiifamilyforum.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.



ST. MICHAEL NOVENA



Please join us as we pray a novena of rosaries in honor of St. Michael, whose feast we will be celebrating this month. The novena will begin on **Saturday, September 20th** and **end on Sunday, September 28th**, starting at **6:30 p.m.** inside the church. On Monday, September 29th, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Michael with Mass at 6:30 p.m., with fellowship to follow.

PARENT CAFE



Our **Parent Cafe** was held on **August 24th** and was well attended by several families. The families participated in activities and discussions. Our Parent and Family Ministry invite more families to attend their future events. Their goal is empower families to teach to the faith to their young children and to build a strong community of parents and families in the parish.

Dear Padre,

September 7, 2025

Why is RCIA now called OCIA? And why do people have to go through that process anyway? Can't they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the "Order" rather than the "Rite" is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation. Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate.

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

LABOR DAY PICNIC!!!



What an awesome time everyone had at our Labor Day Picnic! There was plenty of food, including some refreshing shaved ice and popcorn. We played fun games, painted some pictures, dunked some of our keiki, who also enjoyed our bouncer, and tossed water balloons all while enjoying each other's company. Many thanks to all who helped organize our picnic and who came out to enjoy the day!

FOODLAND GIVE ALOHA



Please consider contributing toward our parish community by donating to Foodland's Give Aloha Matching Gift Program during this month of September! A portion of your donation will benefit our parish. Please mention our parish code **#77809** at checkout!

2nd COLLECTION: CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA



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This weekend, we will be taking up a collection for the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. to support the next generation of Catholic leaders. This university seeks to impart the truth through excellence in teaching and research, in service to the Church, the nation, and the world. Please give generously.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	AUG 16 - 17		AUG 23 - 24		AUG 30 - 31	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	144	11	128	15	157	13
	Sun. 7:00 AM	219	12	198	8	208	9
	Sun. 9:30 AM	242	39	260	57	231	43
	Sun. 5:00 PM	164	29	178	38	148	23

CHANGE OF MEETING FOR THE SACRED HEART SOCIETY

The **General Assembly of the Sacred Heart Society**, which is usually held on the second Saturday of the month, has been postponed to **Sat., Sep. 27th at 1 pm.**

Readings for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Numbers 21:4b-9
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

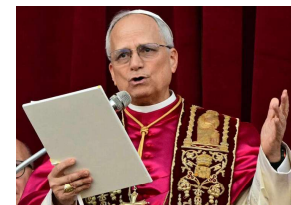
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 30 - 31, 2025

Weekly Offering	\$3,934.50
Sat. 5:00 PM -	\$801.00
Sun. 7:00 AM -	\$1,281.00
Sun. 9:30 AM -	\$843.50
Sun. 5:00 PM -	\$1,009.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$3,443.05
Building Fund	\$250.00
Flowers	\$3.00
Candles	\$120.00
Book of Intentions	\$90.00
Mass Intentions	\$210.00
CCD Registration Fees	\$240.00
Funeral	\$300.00
TOTAL	\$8,590.55



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

Sep 13:	Knights of Columbus
Sep 20:	Couples for Christ
Sep 27:	Chamorro Group
Oct 5:	Sacred Heart Society

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

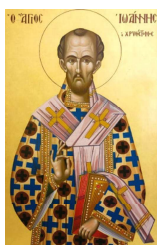
FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Peter Claver - Feast Day is Sept. 9th. This 16th & 17th c. Spanish Jesuit priest and missionary dedicated his life as a missionary to Cartagena, Colombia, where he ministered to enslaved Africans of the transatlantic slave trade by providing them with physical care (food and medicine) as well as spiritual guidance. He was a fierce advocate for the slaves there and was known for his Christlike compassion and acts of selfless service, which earned him the titles of "Saint of the Slaves" and "Apostle of the Negroes." Despite extreme conditions and opposition, he was able to baptize over 300,000 enslaved people. He's the patron saint of African Americans, African missions, Columbia, and interracial justice. The Knights of Peter Claver is the largest African American Catholic fraternal lay organization in the U.S., which was founded in 1909 in Mobile, AL to advance social justice.



Holy Name of Mary - Feast Day is Sept. 12th. This feast, which is celebrated annually on this date, honors the name and significance of Mary as the Mother of God and source of protection and grace for the faithful. It originated in Spain in 1513 and then extended to all of Spain and the Kingdom of Naples in 1671. Pope Innocent XI established it as a feast in 1684 after the Christian victory over the Turks at the Battle of Vienna. This feast day was celebrated on Sept. 17th, but was later moved to Sept. 12th by Pope Pius X in the early 20th c. In 1969 it was removed from the liturgical calendar due to liturgical reforms, but later was restored by Pope John Paul II in 2002. Catholics are encouraged to venerate Mary for directing the faithful to her intercession and to her virtues of humility, faith, and obedience. This feast may be observed by attending Mass, praying the Rosary, or reciting the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



St. John Chrysostom - Feast Day is Sept. 13th. An important Church Father, this 4th & 5th c. saint was born in Antioch (Turkey) and served as the Archbishop of Constantinople. He was a respected Doctor of the Church and was known as "Golden-Mouthed" (Chrysostom is derived from the Greek word "Chrysostomos" which means that) for his powerful, eloquent preaching and writing of extensive commentaries on the Bible and treatises on the Christian life. He advocated strongly for the poor and spoke out against abuses of power and luxurious lifestyles of the wealthy, which led to his condemnation and unjust exile. He's the patron saint of public speakers, preachers, and educators. His famous quote was: "The rich man is not one who is in possession of much, but one who gives much." His dying words were "Glory to God for all things."



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