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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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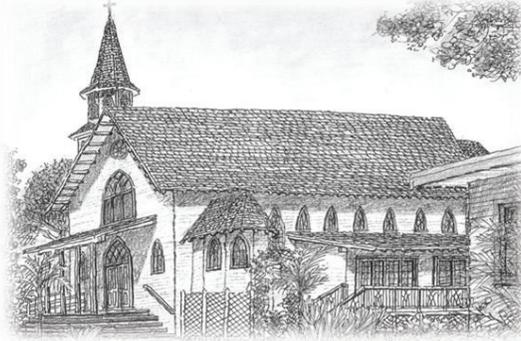
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**Mission Statement:** “We, the people of Immaculate Conception Parish in Ewa, declare our firm loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ, our Roman Catholic Church, and to the Diocesan Bishop of Honolulu. Our strength is in our unity as a Christian Family of Faith, and we inspire to reach out to everyone with the embrace of Christ.”



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Fr. Sieg



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- Altar Servers
- Flowers and Environmental
- Event Planners
- Food Pantry
- Sacred Heart Society
- Knights of Columbus
- Couples & Singles for Christ

**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

# Mass of the Resurrection – Easter Sunday



## March 31, 2024

*Readings for next week:*

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

**FOCUS:** Today we celebrate the most important event of Christianity, the **Resurrection of Jesus**, which is the central mystery of our faith.

Through the power of God, Jesus conquered death and was restored to his exalted life as Christ and Lord of all. It was the culmination of his teachings during his 3-year ministry to save his people from their sins and break the power of the enemy. New life in Christ (Eternal life) has been granted to all who believe in him and continue his work on earth by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. His resurrection paved the way for the one that his followers will one day experience.



### Funeral Service for +Zina L. Corpuz

A funeral Mass will be held for the late +Zina L. Corpuz on **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024** at our parish. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by **Mass at 9:30 a.m.** Fr. Sieg to preside.

### Palm Weaving



On the day before Palm Sunday, several parishioners gathered outside the hall to learn how to weave palms into small crosses, "angel wings," and artistic designs for those attending the Palm Sunday Masses. Their efforts and results were amazing! This was not only a time of learning a new craft, but one of fellowship and stewardship.

**Reminder:** The **parish office** will be **closed** tomorrow, **April 1<sup>st</sup>** and will reopen on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Weekly Schedule

#### Monday, April 1 (Office closed)

(+Gordon Chun - RS)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Tuesday, April 2:

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Wednesday, April 3:

(+Rufino Camat Bacatat, Jr. - RS)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Thursday, April 4: (No Mass)

#### Friday, April 5:

(+Roland Namoc – RS)

7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

3-5:00 p.m. Food Pantry

#### Saturday, April 6:

(Holy Souls in Purgatory)

3:00 p.m. First Saturday Devotions

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

#### Sunday, April 7:

6:15 a.m. Rosary

7:00 a.m. Mass (+Maya Eve Perdido)

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass ((+Priscilla Van Zyle, +Wayne, +Primitivo, +Loretta, & +Laverla Pesquera)

4:15 p.m. Rosary

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

### Church Cleaning:

April 6 – Sacred Heart Society  
April 13 – Knights of Columbus

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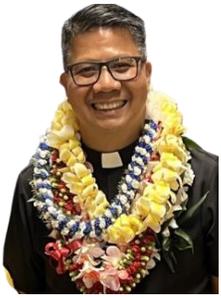
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## An Easter Message from Fr. Sieg:



*“Alleluia, Alleluia, is our song, is our song. We are Easter people; we are Easter people. [ Sing along, sing along”].*

**JOY** is one of the messages of Easter and should be the one of the marks of a Christian. **Joy** is a sign of God. Is there **JOY** in your life? Do you radiate **JOY**? Are you a missionary of **JOY**?

So, Happy Easter! What Is Easter? Why do we usually have EGGS on Easter? Because Easter EGG means Easter is God’s Gift (of salvation).



Today we hear John’s account of the resurrection starting with Mary of Magdala coming to the tomb early in the morning (on the first day of the week, that is, today, Sunday). She saw the stone removed from the tomb. The Lord has risen! He has overcome death. It was victory of life over death, light over darkness, goodness over evil, joy over sorrow.

The resurrection is a beautiful story of hope, of new beginnings, of new life! The Mass becomes more meaningful because we relive Easter at every Mass. Easter Sunday could be the day of new beginnings. That is why every Sunday is considered a “little Easter,” where we at Church gather together to celebrate [take note celebrate] the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus at the Holy Mass.

As Christians & as Catholics, we are Easter people, we are Eucharistic people; that is, we give thanks. And an important sign of a living (alive), spiritual person, as *Reverend Stephen J. Rossetti aptly puts it*, is to be having a grateful heart. A beautiful and encouraging sign of a spiritually alive person is gratitude. Spirit-filled people are grateful people. On the other hand, when our hearts become narrow and bitter, it is a clear sign that our spirits are asphyxiating (meaning it is hard to breathe). And when we are spiritually alive, it means that we are living in **en theos** or **“possessed by God”** or **“in God.”** When God is in us, we mirror the Divine attributes. (We see the Risen Christ in others; in ourselves.) We become passionate, creative, enthusiastic people. We know how to laugh and enjoy; we also know how to grieve and sorrow. Rather than becoming sour and bitter, our hearts fill with gratitude. And we will know when we are spiritually asphyxiating or not spiritually alive, alert, awake, *en theos* (enthusiastic) & no longer “ran” like the apostles in today’s gospel when we have: 1) lack of enthusiasm; 2) absence of creativity; 3) lack of peace (inner peace); 4) lack of humor; and 5) lack of gratitude.

Happy Easter! Have you noticed how many times the word “ran” is being mentioned in today’s gospel? (I think 3 times.) When Mary of Magdala saw the stone removed from the tomb, she **ran** and went to Simon Peter & to the other disciple<...>; so Peter & the other disciple went out and came to the tomb; they both **ran**, but the other disciple **ran** faster. See “ran”; they’re alive, alert, awake, enthusiastic this Easter Morning! Are you ALIVE, AWAKE, ALERT, ENTHUSIASTIC [ to mean **en theos** or **“possessed by God”** or **“in God”**] this Easter Morning?

*“Alleluia, Alleluia, is our song, is our song. We are Easter people; we are Easter people. [Sing along, sing along”].*

**Happy Easter to all!**

*Fr. Sieg*

I would like to extend a heartfelt gratitude to all our dedicated parishioners who have generously given their time to make our Lenten Season a success. From Ash Wednesday through our Easter Celebration, we couldn’t have done it without you. Mahalo to our Knights of Columbus for building our outside Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Sacred Heart Society, and other ministries who led us in the Stations of the Cross these past weeks, our 12 Disciples (who had their feet washed on Holy Thursday), our Religious Education and OCIA catechists for preparing our students/Elect for their Sacraments, and the members of our Environment Ministry who help maintain our church and grounds to make our parish a place of gathering and worshipping. Mahalo to all!

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Sat., 5pm -	855.00
Sun., 7am -	1,734.60
Sun., 930am -	1,605.54
Sun., 5pm -	832.64
Repair/Maint. Fund	2,433.23
Building Fund	700.00
Book of Intentions	182.00
Mass Intentions	75.00
Flowers	27.50
Candles	160.00
Funeral	400.00
Easter	205.00
Wedding	500.00
KoC Books	50.00
Potting Soil donation	80.00
Other: Use of Facilities	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,840.51</b>

### Second Collections:

Catholic Relief Svcs - \$	100.00
CRS Rice Bowl -	1,344.21
Ohana in Christ -	20.00
Holy Land (Good Friday)	150.00

## PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENTS

### Income

Offertory Collection	\$ 91,216.94
Other Regular Income	\$ 13,649.70
Revenue Subject to GET	\$ 647.00
Unusual ( Non-Scheduled) Inc.	\$ 7,477.09

### Total Income

## QUARTERLY

Oct - Dec 2023

	\$ 112,990.73
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### Expenses

Employment Costs	\$ 39,542.03
Professional Services	\$ 1,032.90
Insurance	\$ 11,848.00
Leadership Development	\$ 4,517.60
Supplies and Other Services	\$ 10,430.90
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 37,147.15
Utilities	\$ 8,809.83
Contributions and Assessments	\$ 15,642.00
Taxes	\$ 301.28

### Total Expenses

\$ 129,271.69

Net Ordinary Income

\$ (16,280.96)

### Other Income/Expenses

Other Income	31,548.34
Total Other Income	31,548.34
Net Other Income	31,548.34
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 15,267.38</b>

Mahalo for your continued support! We appreciate you!

## First Friday & First Saturday

Please join us this coming Friday for our First Friday Mass (Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>) which begins with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7 am. Mass begins at 8am.

On Saturday, Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>, the First Saturday Servants of Mary will honor our Blessed Mother in their First Saturday devotions starting at 3 p.m. in the Church.

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured.

Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation. In embracing the cross, Jesus bestowed meaning on our sufferings and now we pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout the world.

*Urbi et orbi* Message, Rome, Apr 4, 2021

# Dear Padre

# March 31, 2024

## Where did the idea of an Easter bunny come from? What about the Easter egg?

The Easter bunny is really a hare which, according to an Egyptian legend, is a symbol of the moon. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs after the twenty-first day of March. Put this together, and we have an Easter bunny.

Early Christians gave new meaning to the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo*, which means, "All life comes from an egg." A hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb on Easter morning. Consequently, eggs were prohibited during the Lenten fast and were reintroduced at the Easter meal and also shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg "that it may become a wholesome sustenance to Thy faithful servants, eating in thankfulness to Thee, on account of the Resurrection of Our Lord." In some parts of the world, children carry baskets and torches and sing Easter carols as they go from place to place. They are given brightly colored eggs to put in their baskets. In other places, eggs are carried to church and blessed by the priests. The eggs are taken home and placed in the center of the table as the main dish at the Easter feast. Visitors to the house during Easter week are offered this sacred food of the resurrection. Happy Easter! ●

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