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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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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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026

FOCUS: Only by embracing the sacrifice of discipleship will we experience the fullness of joy and life.

Jesus reminds us that if we wish to follow him on the path of discipleship, we will have to pick up and carry our own cross. Just as Jesus was willing to give his all to fulfill the Father’s will, we must be willing to give our all to fulfill his will in our lives. It is only through such sacrifice that we will experience the fullness of joy and life.

I JUST TOLD YOU!

MIGUEL DULICK

“Would it surprise you to know that Jesus uses the same Greek verb to chase Peter away—“Get behind me, Satan!” (Matthew 16:23) that he used to call him in the first place—“Come after me” (Matthew 4:19)? Pity the translator who must assign opposite meanings to the same word! Jesus changed Simon’s name to Peter when he called him, and now he changes it to Satan for his demotion. But, as harsh as the rebuke is, maybe we could say Jesus does want Peter behind him, but not too far behind. In fact, immediately after dealing with Peter, Jesus issues a general call, using the same “trigger” word: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

The cross! That’s how the controversy started, when Peter “took Jesus aside” (literally, “collared” him) to forbid even the thought of any passion or any cross. (See Matthew 16:22.)

How am I tempted as Peter was to avoid any talk of a cross? I don’t even want to admit I’m a sinner, much less that there is a cross for me. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, has some advice for all of us who think like Satan: “Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God,” and “Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God” (Romans 12:1–2). Everything for Jesus.

● **Reflect:** What cross are you carrying? Can you unite it with Jesus’ cross and offer it as prayer?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, August 31:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Agnes & +Daisy Savellano - RS)

Tuesday, September 1:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Varez Ohana - Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, September 2:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Stella Pfeifer - 1st-Death Anniversary)
5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)
6:30 PM OCIA

Thursday, September 3:

No Mass

Friday, September 4:

6:50 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament followed by the Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Miguel Villanueva and + Consuelo Dicho - RS)
3-5:00 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, September 5:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
9:00 AM BAC Classes with Dcn. Keith
3:00 PM First Saturday Devotion
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Holy Souls in Purgatory - RS)

Sunday, September 6:

6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(Mass for the People)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Stella Pfeifer - 1st Death Annv. and +Kenneth
Nitta - 10th Death Anniversary)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Erlinda Escrito - RS)

LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

Next week Monday, September 7th, the parish office will be closed in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 8th.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Share your favorite dish or you can bring your meats and the Knights of Columbus will cook them over the grill!

Join us for a day of food, fun, and fellowship!

There will be games, prizes, keiki slides, and more!

LABOR DAY PICNIC

MON., SEPT. 7th, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

PRIZE

CCD, OCIA, AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR REGISTRATIONS



Mahalo to our catechists and volunteers who have been assisting our parents register their children after the Masses for our CCD, OCIA, and Children's Choir. Classes for **OCIA** begin this **Wednesday, September 2nd**, starting at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Parish Hall**. **CCD Classes** for our keiki will begin, **Sunday, September 13th**, starting at **8:15 a.m.** in either the parish hall or classrooms. More info will be given at the time registration or start of classes.

FIRST FRIDAY-FIRST SATURDAY



This coming Friday, September 4th, is the First Friday of the month. Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 7:00 a.m. followed by the recitation of the rosary. Mass will begin at 8:00 a.m.

On Saturday, September 5th, our First Saturday Servants of Mary will begin their novena in honor of Our Lady of Fatima starting at 3:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcomed to join them.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHRISTIANS, SEPT. 5 & 6



Next weekend, September 5th & 6th, the **Little Bethlehem Christian Group** will be here after all the Masses in the Parish Hall selling their hand-crafted, olive wood religious articles. There are many different items to choose from, which make beautiful gifts. Their items will be displayed in the Parish Hall after the Masses. Come and check them out!

Dear Padre,

August 30, 2026

Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, and (4) by a legitimate authority. According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there, and thus is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law. As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, "Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God" (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of forming our consciences according to God's revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church. Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism. Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences.

●Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSSR / DearPadre.orgg

Do you have a question for the Padre? Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

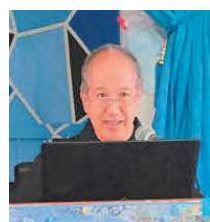
BASIC ADULT CATECHESIS



Dcn. Keith Galang



Berna Callejo



Carl Arpon



Dcn. teaches about Liturgical Year.



Timeline of the Old and New Testament and the history of the Church.

The first Basic Adult Catechesis class was a success with approximately 20-25 people attending. Those who attended said that it was very informative, and they learned a lot about the basics of our faith. For some of whom have been going to Mass all their lives, they said there were things they never knew, such as the colors of the liturgical year and their meaning, as well as the different parts of the Mass. They are looking forward to the next one. If anyone wants to join the classes, you still can! The next class will be held on Saturday, September 5th, between 9am - 2pm. The last class will be held on September 12th, same time. Please call the parish if you want to attend classes, so that we can get a headcount. Mahalo to **Dcn. Keith Galang**, **Carl Arpon**, and **Berna Callejo** of St Joseph Church, Waipahu, for coming out to help us learn about our faith.

MAHALO, RICHARDSON BROTHERS!



Mahalo to the **Richardson Brothers**, (pictured L-R), **Keanu**, **Keamalu**, and **Kainoa**, who shared their gifts of time & talent to our parish this past week by fixing the leak and replacing all the toilets in the women's restroom. They are the grandsons of proud Grandma, **Charlene Richardson**, who is a long-time member of our parish. Kainoa and Keamalu, and some of their family members, will be joining us for OCIA this coming year to study their faith and receive their sacraments. Kainoa also just baptized his daughter, Kaiane, recently. We are truly grateful for their generosity.

2ND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA



Mahalo in advance for your generosity!

Next weekend, **Sept. 5th-6th**, our second collection will be taken up for the **Catholic University of America**. Your gift will make a meaningful impact! It will provide scholarships and increased financial aid to support highly qualified future leaders in their intellectual growth and development and provide essential career services such as internships, mentorships, and job placement assistance. Your gift will also help to enhance our already world-class faculty and academic programs and expand course offerings and learning opportunities. It also leverages our service-oriented cultural and community outreach and improves our campus environment.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	AUG 8 - 9		AUG 15 - 16		AUG 22 - 23	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	191	31	148	11	156	23
	Sun. 7:00 AM	226	2	0	0	190	8
	Sun. 9:30 AM	269	48	97	8	238	34
	Sun. 5:00 PM	151	8	99	12	159	23

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 22 - 23, 2026

Weekly Offering		\$4,114.25
Sat. 5 pm -	\$946.00	
Sun. 7 am -	\$1,671.00	
Sun. 9:30 am -	\$627.00	
Sun. 5 pm -	\$870.25	
Repair & Maintenance		\$5,133.25
Building Fund		\$25.00
Book of Intentions		\$90.00
Mass Intentions		\$50.00
Flowers		\$2.50
Candles		\$95.00
Word Among Us donation		\$50.00
TOTAL		\$9,560.00

Second Collection:

Joseph Dutton	\$5.00
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ZINNIAS GALORE!



If you walk to the back of the church near the men's restroom, you will see a beautiful garden of zinnias that our Environment Ministry has planted. Their beautiful colors are radiant and you can't help but appreciate the beauty of God in His pretty little garden. This black and white photo does no justice...so take some time to check it out after the Mass.

We thank His good stewards of the earth, our Environment Ministry, who took the time to plant, water, and nurture these flowers, including the grounds around the parish. We are grateful for their gifts of a green thumb!!! Mahalo for their hard work.

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

War is back in vogue, and a zeal for war is spreading. The principle established after the Second World War, which prohibited nations from using force to violate the borders of others, has been completely undermined. Peace is no longer sought as a gift and a desirable good in itself.... Instead, peace is sought through weapons as a condition for asserting one's own dominion.

ADDRESS TO DIPLOMATIC CORE, ROME,
JANUARY 9, 2026

Church Cleaning Schedule

Sep 5:	Sacred Heart Society
Sep 12:	Knights of Columbus
Sep 19:	Couples for Christ
Sep 26:	Chamorro Group

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Ingrid of Sweden – Feast Day is Sept. 2nd. Also known as St. Ingrid of Skanninge, this 13th c. saint was remembered for her holiness & her pioneering role in bringing Dominican spirituality to Sweden. After becoming widowed, she entered religious life & was the 1st Dominican nun in Sweden. She founded the 1st Dominican convent there called the Skanninge Abbey. Her life was greatly influenced by Peter of Daria, a Dominican priest, who provided her with spiritual guidance. She's the patron saint of Skanninge in Sweden, those seeking spiritual growth, those involved in charitable works, & widows. When she died in 1282, there was an aura of sanctity around her & many miracles were soon attributed to her intercession, which led to popular local veneration. The process of her canonization was initiated but was never formally completed. During the Reformation period, her convent was destroyed along with her relics.



St. Gregory the Great – Feast Day is Sept. 3rd. Also called Pope St. Gregory I, this 6th c. saint was a brilliant politician, who left that career to become a simple Benedictine monk (the happiest time of his life), then a priest, & ultimately the 64th pope. He's been honored for his great wisdom & writings, which led to his being named a Doctor of the Church. He reigned as pope for 14 years & earned the rare historical title of "the Great." He was known for reshaping Western liturgy by reforming the Mass, daily prayers, & sacred music, as well as promotion of the Gregorian Chant, for which he has been called the "Father of Christian Worship." He also was the 1st pope to use the humble title "servant of the servants of God," which popes still use today. He's noted as the patron saint of musicians, singers, students, & teachers, as well as being invoked against the plague & gout. He's often depicted with a dove on his shoulder, which symbolized the Holy Spirit inspiring his writings & homilies.



St. Teresa of Kolkata – Feast Day is Sept. 5th. Famously known as Mother Teresa, this Albanian-born saint was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in 1910. She became a well-known nun & missionary, who dedicated her life to God & to the poor. She chose the name, Teresa, after St. Therese of Lisieux. Founding a religious order called the Missionaries of Charity in 1950 in India, she cared for those in need by ministering to the poor, sick, orphaned, destitute, & the dying. Her order continues to serve globally today in over 130 countries. She has greatly inspired young people through her life of radical service & love and is thus the patron of World Youth Day. Despite a spiritual trial which lasted 50 years in which she had felt the absence of God, loneliness, emptiness, & doubt, she never stopped praying, running her charity work, or serving the poor. She's also patron of her order & co-patron of the Archdiocese of Kolkata. Her humble, humanitarian work earned her the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 & she has been revered by many. She died in 1997 & was canonized by Pope Francis in 2016.

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