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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.”

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 14, 2026

FOCUS: Let us respond to God’s love with generous hearts.

The theme of God’s unending love for us, his people, runs through our readings today. Saint Paul points out that Christ died for us while we were still sinners, and Jesus’ heart was moved with pity when he saw the troubled crowd. Let us strive to imitate this great love by obeying Jesus’ instruction in the Gospel: Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

JESUS CALLS TOGETHER THE TWELVE ANN M. GARRIDO

Almost everyone who has picked up a Bible has heard of the twelve tribes of Israel. Named after the twelve sons of the patriarch Jacob, the twelve tribes feature prominently in the Hebrew Scriptures. The twelve tribes are freed from slavery in Egypt and enter the Promised Land together. They then choose from among themselves a king. What would Vacation Bible School be without stories of the twelve tribes?

But read beyond the familiar lore of VBS, and one quickly discovers that the twelve tribes did not remain united. First, the tribes in the North were conquered by the Assyrians. Later, the tribes of the South were decimated by the Babylonians. The family once called by God to become a holy nation was scattered by war and the political machinations of their own leaders. They became like sheep without a shepherd, no longer a flock.

And that is where Jesus steps in, as we read in today’s gospel. As he looks at his people—God’s chosen family—he sees how wounded and lost they are; how polarized they have become. Jesus knows what he needs to do. He calls together the Twelve—a significant number. Jesus saw himself as reuniting his people after a season of painful separation from one another.

Today, Jesus continues to call people to participate in the ministry of reconciliation. Can you imagine your name included among the “twelve” as one who will help heal a divided nation?

● **Reflect:** Do I unite people by my words and actions, or am I more of a divider?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, June 15:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Nimfa Palabasan - Healing and Paulino Martins - Birthday Blessings)

Tuesday, June 16:

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

Wednesday, June 17:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Alvin John Balmaceda - RS)
5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)
6:00 PM Liturgy Meeting

Thursday, June 18: No Mass

6:30 PM Finance Council Meeting

Friday, June 19:

Juneteenth Holiday - Office Closed

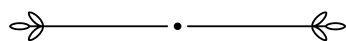
6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Ricky Pico - 2nd Death Anniversary)

Saturday, June 20:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
9:00 AM Secular Franciscan Meeting
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)

Sunday, June 21: Father's Day

6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Alfred Bonifacio, Jr. - 1st Death Anniversary)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Faustino Polendey - Death Anniversary)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Derling "Kozo" Daclison - Birthday Blessing)



JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY

The parish office will be closed on Friday, June 19th in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. We will reopen on Monday, June 22nd.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FATHER'S DAY MASS



Father's Day is next week Sunday, June 21st. If you would like to remember your fathers in a special way at the Mass, we ask that you pick up an envelope which can be found at the back table near the entrance. Write their names legibly and turn your envelopes into the collection basket or you may drop them off at the parish office. We ask that you please indicate if your fathers are deceased by placing a cross [+] in front of their names. The last day to submit the names is Thursday, June 18th.

FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR



There is an event planned in honor of the Franciscan Jubilee Year. On June 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., all are invited to a holy evening at Holy Trinity Church, led by Fr. Mike Dalton. The evening will be a time of grace, reflection, and renewal and will consist of prayer, Scripture, and an opportunity to honor the enduring legacy of St. Francis of Assisi.

Holy Trinity Church has a first class relic of St. Francis and is one of 3 pilgrimage sites designated by Bishop Larry. The 2 other pilgrimage sites recently designated on Oahu are the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa and St.

Rita's Church in Nanakuli. One may obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting one of these sites. The usual conditions for a plenary indulgence are:

- Be in a state of grace (detached from all sin, even venial)
- Have the intention of receiving the indulgence.
- Go to sacramental confession within eight days before or after the Jubilee action.
- Receive Holy Communion on the same day as the Jubilee action.
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father: one Our Father, one Hail Mary, one Nicene Creed (or other approved prayer) Optional: Invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis, St. Clare, and other saints of the Franciscan family.
- Pray the Glory Be for the intentions of the Holy Father

CHAYDEN KIM RECEIVES HIS SACRAMENTS

One of our OCIA students, **Chayden Kim**, was not able to receive his sacraments at the same time as our other students here, so arrangements were made for him to receive his sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation at St. Joseph Church, Waipahu, on May 15, 2026. We congratulate him as he continues his journey in the Catholic Faith. Pictured to the right are some pictures of him with his family and sponsors.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 GRADUATES



Congratulations to all our 2026 High School and College graduates! We wish you well in your future endeavors and may the Lord guide you as you embark on your new journey. We pray also for courage, strength, and faith to pursue your dreams, and may you always seek His light to guide your paths. Amen.

Dear Padre,

June 14, 2026

I struggle to relate to traditional devotions like the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Any advice?

Christ instructed his followers to love the Lord God with all our heart, soul, and mind. (See Matthew 22:37.) We seek a deeper union with God not only through reason and understanding but also through feelings and affections. However, as Pope Francis pointed out, "Many people feel safer...in the more readily controllable domain of intelligence and will" (Dilexit Nos [On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ], 10). Descartes said of us, "I think, therefore I am," but it can also be said that "I am my heart, for my heart is what sets me apart, shapes my spiritual identity, and puts me in communion with other people" (DN 14).

Moreover, the heart "is the place of encounter" with God (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2563). Pope Francis acknowledges that some people today may not find the Sacred Heart image to be meaningful (See DN 2.), but it's "a summons to make room for an encounter with Christ...in whatever way we wish to picture him" (DN 57). "More than any other part of his body, the heart of Jesus" represents "his boundless love" (DN 48). Therefore, "any act of love or worship of his heart is thus 'really and truly given to Christ himself,' since it spontaneously refers back to him and is 'a symbol and a tender image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ'" (DN 50).

● Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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

FATHER SIEG'S OHANA

Father Sieg's family came for a visit to spend some time with him last week. They spent time at the beach, Waikiki, Polynesian Cultural Center, and Wai Kai among other things.

Pictured, from left to right, are his brother-in-law, **Victamer** and sister, **Charyll**, from the Philippines, and youngest sister, **Viza May** (Las Vegas). To the right of Fr. Sieg, is his **Mom Vivencia**, and his nieces, **Viv & Lyam**. This picture was taken after the Sat., 5pm Mass.



SECOND COLLECTION: SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND



This weekend, our second collection will go toward the **Seminarian Education Fund**. While the Diocese of Honolulu pays the full tuition amount, including room and board, for seminarians enrolled in Theology or Pre-Theology, seminarians who are enrolled in the college program are required to pay for the full cost of their undergraduate education, totaling approximately \$32,000 annually per each collegian. We are grateful for your generosity in helping our future priests in their studies. Mahalo for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION: CMAA

Next weekend, **June 20-21**, our second collection will be taken up for the **Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA)**. We are hoping to reach our goal of \$17,161. As mentioned last week, we only need \$1,545 to be at 100%, so we're hoping this collection will help us reach our goal. Mahalo to all for your continued support!

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS



Pope Leo XIV presented his first Encyclical Letter to the world and to all the people of God. He focused on the care of the human person in the age of artificial intelligence by saying, *"I therefore invite all the members of the Church and of the human family: let us learn to listen to one another, let us courageously face the present challenges and cooperate in building a more human and fraternal society."*

Below are some excerpts taken from his encyclical as mentioned by the Office of Social Ministry in the Hawaii Catholic Herald, dated 6/3/26:

- Pope Leo invites us to have the courage to get our hands dirty in the construction site of our time. He asks us to unmask and disarm artificial intelligence; unmask the new monopolies that concentrate this technological power in private hands, making it more difficult to direct it toward the common good; and disarm it, remove it from the logic of competition, question it, make it the subject of discussion.
- This does not mean rejecting technology but preventing it from dominating the human. True progress always stems from a heart open to others: dialogue, diplomacy and forgiveness are more useful for building than any technological advancement.
- We are all called to protect humanity, choosing every day the logic of peace over that of power, acting, with honesty, integrity, empathy, and care. Let us contemplate in the face of Jesus a magnificent humanity that also enlightens the age of artificial intelligence. Even when machines excel in efficiency, the center of history continues to be a human face that asks to be seen.
- Let us take care of relationships. Let us protect them with kindness, attentiveness and generosity. Let us take care of our communities. Let us promote opportunities for encounter, for visiting those who are alone. Let us draw near to the poor.
- Digital culture multiplies the possible points of connection. But the human heart retains an irreplaceable need for genuine closeness. Let us protect our magnificent humanity.

You can read the complete encyclical which can be found on our parish website.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	MAY 23-24		MAY 30-31		JUN 6-7	
	Sat. 5:00 PM	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sun. 7:00 AM	153	18	123	8	143	13
	Sun. 9:30 AM	273	1	209	5	271	9
	Sun. 5:00 PM	278	67	231	46	226	42
		165	25	188	27	167	32

Twelfth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

June 6 - 7, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$4,198.01
Sat. 5 pm -	\$868.00
Sun. 7 am -	\$1,573.01
Sun. 9:30 am -	\$953.00
Sun. 5 pm -	\$804.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,462.11
Building Fund	\$230.00
Book of Intentions	\$155.00
Mass Intentions	\$240.00
Flowers	\$50.00
Candles	\$45.00
Easter Offering	\$10.00
Rosary Donation	\$20.00
Father's Special Projects	\$150.00
Father's Day	\$522.00
TOTAL	\$8,082.12



Second Collection:

CMAA	\$45.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$10.00

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

Humility is really freedom from ourselves.... Those who exalt themselves generally think that nothing is more interesting than themselves; yet, deep down, they are quite insecure.... Dear friends, today let us pray that the Church will always be a school of humility for everyone, a home where all are welcome, a place where rivalries are set aside and where Jesus...teaches us to imitate his own humility and freedom.
ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 31, 2025

A CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

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Young Adults are invited to a retreat, "Yoked to Christ," on the weekend of Jul 3 - 5, 2026. Click on the QR code for more information or to register.

Church Cleaning Schedule

Jun 20:	Couples for Christ
Jun 27:	Chamorro Group
Jul 4:	Sacred Heart Society
Jul 11:	Knights of Columbus

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Albert Chmielowski – Feast Day is June 17th. This 19th & 20th c. Polish saint, artist, & champion of the poor has been greatly admired throughout Poland. Named "Adam" at birth, he fought in the Polish uprising against Russian rule & was severely wounded. He became a talented painter, but later felt a calling to serve the poorest people. He gave up his artistic career to live among the homeless & destitute in Krakow. He became a Secular Franciscan by renouncing worldly comforts & embracing the spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi. Later, he founded two orders – the Albertine Brothers & the Albertine Sisters, who cared for the poor & homeless. Known as Brother Albert, his famous saying was "Be good as bread," meaning just as bread is necessary to the hungry, Christians should be available to serve those in need. He's the patron of the poor, painters, volunteers, & those who serve the needy. Pope St. John Paul II had a special devotion to him & even wrote a play about him.



St. Harvey – Feast Day is June 17th. Also known as St. Herve, this 6th c Breton monk, hermit, & minstrel was born blind in Brittany, France & has become a very popular & venerated Breton saint. He inherited his father's musical talents by singing as a traveling minstrel & troubadour as a youth. He joined a monastic school in the forest of Plouvien, where he helped students there & at the farm. He eventually became an abbot there without making vows as a monk & under his leadership, his community flourished. Seeking more solitude, he relocated his community of poet-hermits to another area of France. He was a renowned miracle worker & had a special connection with animals, whom he could tame & cure. He even tamed a prowling wolf, who accompanied him everywhere & helped on the farm. He's the patron saint of the blind, musicians, bards, & those with eye diseases.



St. Romuald – Feast Day is June 19th. This 10th & 11th c. Italian abbot was best known for combining a rigorous hermit life with communal monasticism. His dramatic conversion came when he fled to a monastery for 40 days of penance after witnessing the murder of a relative by his father. Abandoning his noble inheritance, he was transformed. He founded the Camaldolese Order & is remembered for his strict asceticism, focus on church reform, & dedication to prayer. He spent 30 years reforming degenerate monasteries by focusing on strict fasting & silence. His "Brief Rule" for his hermit order emphasized contemplative prayer by finding peace within, guarding against distractions, praying a few prayers with much devotion, & inspiring other religious orders with its blend of hermit life with community structure. He's the patron saint of hermits, hermitages, monasteries, contemplatives, spiritual retreats, & his Order.

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