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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. 1st 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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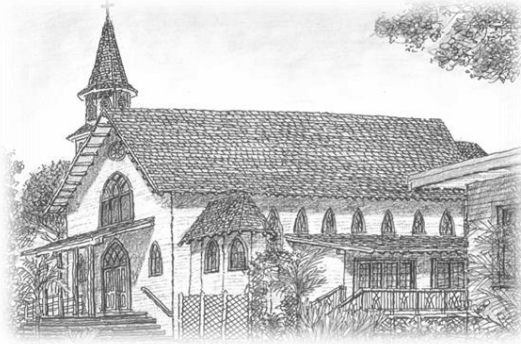
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Mission Statement: “We, the people of Immaculate Conception Parish in Ewa, declare our firm loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ, our Roman Catholic Church, and to the Diocesan Bishop of Honolulu. Our strength is in our unity as a Christian Family of Faith, and we inspire to reach out to everyone with the embrace of Christ.”



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Contact the parish to enroll in the baptism preparation for your children.

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Religious education for adults and children

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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



Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

Readings for next week:

2 Samuel 7, 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Romans 16: 25-27

Luke 1: 26-38

FOCUS: *Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.*

In today's readings Isaiah, Paul, and John the Baptist rejoice because they have Good News. God is with them and working through them. They are anointed, blessed, and sent to do God's will. On this Gaudete Sunday, we, too, find reason to rejoice. Let us rejoice in sharing the Good News of Christ.



Third Sunday of Advent

The main theme for the third week of Advent is **Joy**. The pink candle symbolizes rejoicing and is known as the "Shepherd's Candle." The color for the priest's vestments is rose. During the third week of Advent, we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on

Christmas day. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherds felt at the birth of Jesus.

Simbang Gabi Masses

Please join us for our Simbang Gabi Masses which continue until Dec. 23rd. Weekday Masses are at 7 p.m. and the weekend Masses start at 5 p.m. Below are following Mass dates and the presiders of each Mass:

- Dec. 18th, Mon. – Fr. Ed Barut, OLPH
- Dec. 19th, Tue. – Fr. Boniface Sakala, St. Jude
- Dec. 20th, Wed.– Fr. Jaroslaw Skrzypek
- Dec. 21th, Thu. – Fr. Jaime Jose, Sacred Heart
- Dec. 22nd, Fri. - Fr. Adondee Arellano, St. Joseph
- Dec. 23nd, Sat.– Fr. Francisco Sanchez, Hosp. Chaplain

Food Pantry Closures

REMINDER:

The Food Pantry will be closed on the following dates: **Dec. 22nd & 29th** due to the holiday season. It will reopen on Jan. 5th, 2024, from 3-5 pm.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Please note that the Sat., 5 p.m., Dec. 23rd and the morning Masses on Sun., Dec. 24th are for the 4th Sunday of Advent. (No 5 p.m. Mass)

Sunday, Dec. 24th – Christmas Vigil Mass – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 25th – Midnight Mass - 12 a.m. (Christmas Caroling begins at 11:30 p.m.). Christmas Day Masses: 7 & 9:30 a.m. (No 5 p.m. Mass)

Weekly Schedule

Monday, December 18:

(+Cayetano & +Magdalena Agtang - RS)

- 7:15 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi Mass

Tuesday, December 19:

(+Felipe Madamba, Jr.)

- 7:15 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi Mass

Wednesday, December 20:

- 7:15 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi Mass

Thursday, December 21:

- 7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi Mass

Friday, December 22:

(+Frank Diego – Death Anniversary)

- 7:15 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi Mass

Saturday, December 23:

(+Maria T. Rodriguez – 2nd Death Annu.)

- 4 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions
- 5:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi Mass

Sunday, December 24:

- 6:15 a.m. Rosary
- 7:00 a.m. Simbang Gabi Mass (+Cayetano & +Magdalena Agtang - RS)
- 8:45 a.m. Rosary
- 9:30 a.m. Mass (*Mass for the People*)
- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass
- 11:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling
- 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25:

- 7:00 a.m. Christmas Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Christmas Mass (*No 5 pm*)

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Dear Padre

December 17, 2023

Was Jesus born in a stable or a cave? The Christmas scene in our church has Jesus born in a little shed, but in my friend's church it looks more like a cave. The Bible says Jesus was born in a manger, so just where was Jesus born?

The Christmas scenes, sometimes called Nativity scenes or crèches, vary from church to church. In Scripture, we find more details about the Nativity in Luke's Gospel, but even he simply says that Mary wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because the inn was full (Luke 2:7).

In none of the Scriptures do we have any details about what the place looked like, but since a manger is a place where caregivers feed livestock, we can assume that Jesus was born in a stable of some kind. At that time, small caves sometimes were used as stables.

Nativity scenes, though, are not an attempt to present a historically accurate picture of where Jesus was born. Rather, scenes of the birth of Jesus remind us of the special love that God shows for us in sending the Son to us. We do not care so much about creating an exact picture of what took place as we do of beholding the beauty and wonder of God born among us.

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



"The Baptist is a model for those in the Church who are called to proclaim Christ to others: they are able to do so only by detaching from themselves and from worldliness, by not attracting people to themselves but directing them toward Jesus. This is joy: directing toward Jesus. And joy must be the characteristic of our faith."

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 13, 2020

New Norm Regarding EM's taking Communion to the Homebound

In order to safeguard the sacredness of the Holy Eucharist, Bishop Silva has forbidden that the Eucharist be given to anyone presenting a pyx in the Communion line. Only those who are authorized by the parish priest to take Holy Communion to the sick may receive the Eucharist from the priest after the Communion of the faithful, and never during the Communion procession.

Christmas Photo Shoot

A big mahalo to everyone who supported the Holiday Photohoot Pop-up by Lilikoilane Events & Design! Your generous donations all go back to Immaculate Conception Church to reignite our Young Adult Ministry and we look forward to giving back to the parish and the community. If you have any trouble accessing your digital galleries, please scan this QR code to access your photos: <https://bit.ly/iccholidays2023> OR email us at celebrate@lilikoilanehawaii.com.



Saints and Feasts of the Week

Saint Peter Canisius – Feast Day is December 21th. He was a Dutch Jesuit priest and a Doctor of the Church through his teaching, preaching, and writing of catechisms. He was known for his strong support for the Catholic faith during the Protestant Reformation in Germany. He was an excellent example of the scriptural man, who developed his talents for the sake of the Lord's work. He is the patron saint of Germany.

St. John of Kanty – Feast Day is Dec. 23rd. He was a Polish priest, whose parents named him John Cantius. He was a scholastic philosopher, physicist, and theologian. He was known for his humility, generosity, and compassion toward the poor, especially needy students at the university. He is the patron saint of Poland and Lithuania, teachers, students, priests, and pilgrims. He even made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in the hope of being martyred. He is honored in Catholic liturgy by 3 hymns.




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