

# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

#### **ADDRESS:**

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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.

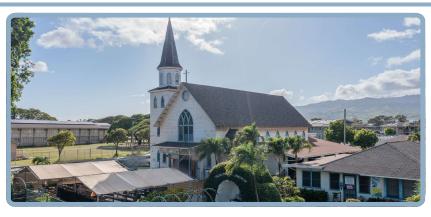
**COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND:** Contact the office to arrange for someone to bring the Blessed Sacrament to the Sick.

**FUNERALS:** Call the parish before making arrangements with the mortuary.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Distribution happens in Parish Hall, bring **I**D:

o First Friday hours: 3-5 PM

o 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."

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 27, 2025

FOCUS: Ask and you will receive.

All of Scripture tells of the necessity of prayer, and Jesus exhorts us to be persistent because something powerful happens in that repetition. As we ask, as we return to the source of mercy and love, we are changed by our encounter with God. God is faithful. God is merciful.

#### THE WAYS OF PRAYING

#### FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Consider how there are five levels of communication, each level taking us deeper into a relationship and what it means to be human. One, the greetings we offer as we pass: Good morning! How's it going? Two, a sharing of activities: what we did, what someone said. Three, an expression of ideas, as in what we think about raising children or our political opinions or why we believe there may be conflicts in the world. Four, revealing our feelings both positive and negative: feelings of love or gratitude or contentment as well as of being hurt or rejected or disappointed. Five, a sense of intense closeness and being with, perhaps even without speaking or using any words. Each level, then, takes us deeper into a shared relationship.

Consider, then, how ever-deepening prayer may follow that same pattern. One, memorized or rote prayer. Two, telling God what is on our mind, even though it is a one-sided conversation. Three, commonly called "meditation" but, more simply, thinking about God and life and our faith response, as in the musing that may follow spiritual reading. Four, often referred to as "praying our feelings," such as reflecting on our human emotions and what they might say about us, our faith, and how the journey of our faith life is unfolding. Five, a sense of simply being with God, even without words, and simply resting in that holy presence. Each level of prayer, then, leads us ever more into a shared relationship with our God.

● Reflect: How do I pray? Should I ask for the grace to grow in my prayer life?

#### SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

6:50 AM Rosary 8:00 AM Mass

(Varez Ohana - Thanksgiving) 6:30 PM **PPBC** Meeting

Tuesday, July 29:

6:50 AM Rosary 8:00 AM Mass Wednesday, July 30: 6:40 AM Rosary

(Don Juan Cabanatan - Birthday Blessings)

5:00 PM **Centering Prayer** 

Mass

#### Thursday, July 31:

No Mass

8:00 AM

#### Friday, August 1:

7:00 AM First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by rosary.

8:00 AM

(+Luciana "Luz" Ibana - RS) 3-5:00 PM Food Pantry

#### Saturday, August 2:

Church Cleaning 8:00 AM

3:00 PM First Saturday Devotions

4:15 PM Rosary 5:00 PM Mass

(+Luciana "Luz" Ibana and the Holy Souls in Purgatory - RS)

#### **Sunday, August 3:**

5:40 AM Rosary 7:00 AM Mass

(+Marie Rabago - 1st Death Anny. and +Norma Montero - 1st Death Annv.)

8:45 AM Rosary 9:30 AM Mass (+John Britt - RS) 4:15 PM Rosary 5:00 PM Mass (Mass for the People)

6:30 PM Youth Ministry Meeting

#### **CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE**

Aug. 2: Sacred Heart Society Aug. 9: **Knights of Columbus** 

#### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **THANK YOU!**



Next month, I will continue my formation to become a priest for the Honolulu Diocese. Thank you, all my ICC Ohana, for your hospitality this summer. My experiences this summer will comfort me while I'm away on the mainland.

But, our friendship does not have to end. I invite you to join me through your prayers as I continue to follow God's will in my life. Also, I wanted to hear from you. Please send me your responses to these questions:

- What kind of priest does the Church need right now?
- What kind of priest do you need?

You may email me at: 808.ministry.partners@gmail.com. I will reply to every message. Mahalo and God bless you,

#### **ROSARY RALLY**







Several of our parish prayer warriors participated in the Rosary Rally for America Needs Fatima on Saturday, July 19th under the tent. The rosary was offered for peace in the world and reparation for sins.

#### **FUNERAL SERVICES FOR +JUAN TANODRA**

Funeral Services for the late +Juan Tanodra will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 2025. Blessing of his urn will be at 9 am. with Visitation to follow. The funeral Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. Fr. Sieg to preside.



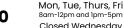
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Throughout the month of August, we will begin our registrations for Religious Education for grades pre-Kindergarten through high school. If this is your child(ren)'s first time entering our program, we ask for a copy of their baptism certificate. The fee is \$35 per student, but if there are more than 3 children in your family, there is

a flat fee of \$75. The fees are collected for the books. Please see our Religious Education Director, Shirley Sunio, or one of our CCD Staff after all the Masses outside near the tent. You may address any questions to them at that time.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS WANTED!**

Our Religious Education program is looking for catechists! If you would enjoy teaching our keiki and are interested, please call the parish office or speak with our Shirley Sunio, our DRE. All catechists are required to do a background check and be certified with our Safe Environment program in the Diocese.

#### O.C.I.A. REGISTRATION CONTINUES...



Our O.C.I.A. Registration continues also. If you want to become a Catholic or need to receive your Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist, then O.C.I.A. is for you! The first day of class for O.C.I.A. is on Wednesday, August 13th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please contact the parish office with any questions.

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> COLL: CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAI'I

In this Jubilee Year, we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope, and one of the ways we can carry hope is to support the mission of Catholic Charities Hawaii. The collection next weekend, August 2-3, 2025, is being taken up for them. A flyer from the bishop is inserted in our bulletin asking for your generosity. Please take the time to read it.

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEED DRIVERS & CHAPERONES!



Catholic Charities Hawai'i is looking for more volunteers as a driver and/or chaperone to assist kupuna 60 years and older for our Transportation Friends for Kupuna (TFK) Project. As a volunteer driver, you will use your own vehicle to transport kupuna clients to needed destinations, and as a chaperone, you will assist in accompanying kupuna to and from their destinations. Your contribution as a volunteer

will make a meaningful impact on the lives of frail kupuna who live independently. If you or someone you know needs Transportation Friends for Kupuna, you may be eligible for services. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Program Volunteer Coordinator at (808) 527-4783

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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\$1,432.00

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\$45.00



#### **TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATION OF JOHN AKAU**



Bishop Larry Silva ordained and welcomed a new deacon to our Diocese on July 12th at St. Joseph Church, Hilo. His name is John Akau and he is originally from Holy Rosary Parish in Pahala.

He will be going back to begin his Pastoral Year, and God-willing, he will be ordained a priest next year. We ask for your prayers as he continues his journey toward God.



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Dear Padre, July 27, 2025

## Who wrote the Lord's Prayer? I know the Lord's Prayer comes from Scripture, but who composed it as we say it today?

When the disciples asked the Lord to teach them to pray, he taught them the prayer we know as the Our Father. Two versions of that prayer appear in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The version used in the Church's liturgies is derived from Matthew 6:9–13. In fact, citing St. Thomas Aquinas' Summa Theologiae, the Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the Lord's Prayer the "most perfect of prayers" (2774), teaching us not only what things to pray for in our prayer but also in what order, or priority, we should desire them. It is at the heart of every individual and communal prayer. We pray the Our Father, bearing in mind and heart the intimate relationship we have with our God as sons and daughters by adoption through our baptism. The specific wording of our prayers is a work in progress. What we think of as the final wording is that which the Church has approved and makes the most sense for prayer as a community. What is most important is that the substance of the prayer reflects the same matter the Lord used in the prayer. 

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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#### <u>A Quote from</u> POPE LEO XIV



"We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs his light. Humanity needs him like a bridge to reach God and his love."

#### 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 Chrysologus – Feast Day is July 30th. This 5th c. Italian prelate served as Bishop of Ravenna, capital of the Western Roman Empire. He was noted for his fierce loyalty to the Church in its teaching as well as in its authority and became a Doctor of the Church. He's best known as the "Doctor of Homilies" for his preaching of concise and power–packed sermons on theologically rich reflections, which had a great impact on his listeners. He also earned the title of "Peter of the Golden Words" with Chrysologus meaning "golden speech" in Greek. His words focused on Christ's full humanity and divinity and were also full of moral applications,

that were meaningful for Christian life and served as weapons against abuses of paganism. He also stressed the importance of expanding our learning as an opportunity and an obligation to develop our God-given talents and give support for worship.



St. Ignatius of Loyola - Feast Day is July 31st. This 16c. Basque Spaniard priest and theologian was known for establishing the religious order called the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) along with 6 companions in 1534 and became its 1st Superior General. This community of apostles has scattered globally, who maintain a union of mind and heart, and are known for their missionary, educational, charitable, and humanitarian works. This order was a leading force in the modernization of the church and is now in 112 countries. This saint's spiritual journey began with a "Cannonball Moment," as this knight was injured when a cannonball shattered his right lea at the Battle of

Pamplona in 1521. During his recovery, he read a book on the lives of Jesus and the saints, which brought him a spiritual conversion and a call to religious life. His motto became "Ad maiorem Dei gloriam" meaning "For the greater glory of God" honoring God in all aspects of life.



**St. Alphonsus Liguori** – Feast Day is Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori CSsR was an 18th c Italian bishop of diverse talents: musician, composer, artist, poet, lawyer, spiritual writer, scholastic philosopher, theologian, and Doctor of the Church. He's well known for founding a religious order – the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (the Redemptorists) in 1732. It's a missionary order of priests and brothers, who follow in the footsteps of Jesus by preaching the Word and serving the poor and marginalized in more than 100 countries today. As a prolific writer of many devotional works, his

greatest contribution was his 9 volume work entitled "Moral Theology," which focused on moral issues of Church doctrine and practices that are followed today. His other writings and prayers emphasize love for God and devotion to Mary and a popular prayer has been his "Night Prayer." He's the patron saint of arthritis and rheumatism sufferers, confessors, and moral theologians.

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	WEEKLY	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>	Adult	<u>Child</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>	
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	MASS	Sun. 7:00 AM	247	13	202	14	186	18	
	COUNT	Sun. 9:30 AM	270	49	233	43	260	50	l
		Sun. 5:00 PM	167	28	161	13	180	30	l

Readings for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Eccl 1:2; 2:21–23 Col 3:1–5, 9–11 Lk 12:13–21