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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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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 ID:

- 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."

MASS OF THE RESURRECTION

April 5, 2026

FOCUS: We are a resurrection people who follow the risen Christ.

The empty tomb is a sign of hope. Death does not have the final word. If our life with Christ can overcome even the seeming finality of death, God's mercy can also overcome all pain and sorrow. If we bind ourselves to Christ, earthly suffering will be vanquished. We can rejoice and be glad with hearts full of peace.

BELIEVING IS SEEING

MIGUEL DULICK

We celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring, which is also the first Sunday after Passover. The whole history of the world comes to this point, and today's gospel catches the eternal thrill of that day. A desperate Mary Magdalene cannot find her Lord in the tomb. Thinking that his body has been stolen, she alerts the apostles. Peter and John go running, and a moment of unforgettable suspense follows as first Peter and then John enter the tomb. The details are significant. They saw the burial cloths there and "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Thieves would not have taken the time to unwrap the body and fold the face cloth. These details are intended to point to the truth of the resurrection. They saw and believed!

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles follows the story of the centurion Cornelius, the first prominent pagan convert. (His story is fascinating—take time to read it this week.) Peter gives a speech including a kind of catechism that had been standardized in a formula repeated at least six times in Acts. This proclamation, or kerygma, incorporates the message and the motivation for a change of life. God anointed Jesus, raised him from the dead, and promised that all who believe in him will be forgiven their sins and rise with him. Happy Easter!

● **Reflect:** Why do I believe in the resurrection, and how does my belief impact my life?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 6:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+For the Unborn and the Holy Souls in Purgatory - RS)

Tuesday, April 7:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Lucila Villar - RS)
6:30 PM Stewardship Meeting

Wednesday, April 8:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Lucila Villar - RS)
5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)
6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

Thursday, April 9: No Mass

Friday, April 10:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Don Cabanatan - Birthday Blessings)
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, April 11:

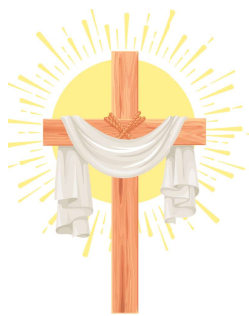
8:00 AM Church Cleaning
1:00 PM Sacred Heart Society General Assembly Meeting
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12:

6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(Maya Eve Perido - Death Anniversary)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Richard Alcos - RS)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Lucila Villar - RS)

NO CCD CLASSES: APRIL 5

Reminder: There are no classes this Sunday, April 5th, due to the Easter Break. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 12th.



An Easter Message from Fr. Siegfred...

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen—Alleluia!

Easter is the radiant heart of our faith: the victory of life over death, light over darkness, goodness over evil, and joy over sorrow. The empty tomb proclaims that no suffering, no sin, no despair has the final word – God does. And His word is life.

One of the clearest signs of Easter is **JOY!** Joy is a sign of God's presence within us. So, we ask ourselves: Is there joy in my life? Do I radiate joy? Am I a missionary of joy? A Christian is meant to be a witness of this Easter joy—alive, hopeful, and grateful. To be an Easter people means to be joyful, hopeful, and faithful. It means living in the freedom to do God's will. This does not mean that life becomes easy or free from suffering. In fact, we know the pain is real. We think of those who mourn.

Easter speaks a gentle promise to every human heart. To those who mourn, it says that sorrow will not last forever. To those burdened by problems, it assures us that struggles are not permanent. To those who feel alone, it offers hope: loneliness does not have the final word. In God's plan, there is always the possibility of new beginnings – new friendships, new love, and new opportunities waiting to unfold.

In today's Gospel, Mary Magdalene and the disciples ran to the tomb. They were alive, alert, and filled with expectation. Easter awakens the same spirit in us. We, too, are called to be alive, awake, alert, and enthusiastic—en theos, filled with God.

As Easter people, we are also Eucharistic people—people of gratitude. A grateful heart is the mark of a soul that is truly alive. When God dwells within us, we begin to reflect His presence: we become more joyful, creative, peaceful, and hopeful. But when joy fades, when gratitude disappears, and when enthusiasm is lost, it may be a sign that our spirit needs renewal.

At times, life can feel like a tomb. Yet, the Resurrection tells us that no tomb is final. Just as Jesus was raised, we too are offered new life. We are given the grace to rise – to be lifted out of despair and restored to our dignity as beloved children of God.

Today is a new beginning. God gives us another chance to grow, to heal, and to become whole again. He is always at work in our lives, raising us and freeing us from whatever holds us down. Every Sunday is a "little Easter," where we gather not just to remember, but to celebrate that Jesus is alive and with us.

So, let us live as Easter people—not just today, but every day. Choose life. Spread joy. Give thanks. Be a sign of hope to others.

Happy Easter to all! Our Lord is Risen.

Fr. Siegfred



Dear Padre,

April 5, 2026

I'm marrying my girlfriend! Although she grew up Catholic, she doesn't practice the faith. Is it still OK to marry her?

Will you enter marriage with your fiancée because of a mutual love for each other? Do you both understand that this love will be strengthened by the sacramental grace of your matrimonial union, a grace you will receive because of baptism, not practice? Will you both try to create a loving family and, together as a family, try to be open each day to the grace of God already at work in your lives? Do you both realize that this grace calls you to create, in the name of Jesus, a witness to the truth of the gospel, which is even more powerful than the love you share?

If you hesitate to answer any of these questions with a wholehearted "yes," then consider exploring these questions together with your pastor or another person helping to prepare you for marriage. Perfect faith is not required for a good, sacramental marriage. Openness to faith is believing that the Lord who has brought you together is not yet finished with either of you. You both have more to learn, and, with God's grace, you will respond to his love. Jesus will work through both of you in ways that you may not even be able to imagine. In that spirit, marry her, build a life together, and know that God's plan for you will always be there.

● Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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CHRISM MASS, MARCH 31, 2026



This past Tuesday, March 31st, Father Sieg and our OCIA team attended the Chrism Mass at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa.

At the Chrism Mass, the Bishop blesses 3 types of oils: Holy Chrism, Oil of Catechumens, and the Oil of the Sick. These oils are used to administer the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick. Our priests also recommit to their service, fidelity to the Bishop, dedication to celebrating the Sacraments, and preaching the Gospel.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 12th



Next weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday. This day is dedicated to reflecting on the mercy of God as revealed through Jesus Christ, particularly through the visions experienced by Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. The observance emphasizes the importance of mercy, forgiveness, and reconciliation, encouraging the faithful to seek God's mercy and extend it to others.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, Catholics are encouraged to participate in the sacrament of confession and receive Holy Communion. It is believed that those who do so with a sincere heart can obtain complete forgiveness of their sins and the punishment due to them. The day is marked by special prayers, devotions, and the veneration of the Divine Mercy image, which depicts Jesus with rays of mercy flowing from His heart.

YOUTH "DISCOVERY" RETREAT, MAY 1 - 3, 2026



The time is approaching for the Youth Retreat which is coming up on the weekend of **May 1-3, 2026** at **Camp Waianae**. We welcome all youth, grades 7 to 12 to attend and enjoy a faith-filled weekend! They will have an awesome time getting to know Jesus a little more, and making friends at the same time. Parents, we encourage you to register your youth, ages 12 - 17 to participate in this faith-filled weekend! Registration and more information can be found at their website. Click on the QR code to the left.



FOOD PANTRY - SENIOR BOX PROGRAM DAY



Mahalo to all the volunteers who participated in our Parish Volunteer Day at the Hawaii Foodbank this past Saturday. It was a HUGE success. We had 48 parishioners who worked hard putting

boxes of food for the elderly, alongside about 101 volunteers from other companies. We were able to fill 2,400 boxes in about 2 hours. It was a great time to fellowship and serve Our Lord. We look forward to seeing more of our parishioners at our next Parish Volunteer Day on Saturday, August 1, 2026.

-Mahalo, Dami Espiritu, Food Pantry Coordinator

PALM WEAVING



Mahalo to all who helped us last Friday to weave palms into crosses



and other creative patterns for our Palm Sunday Masses. Below are pictures of all our volunteers who generously gave their time and talent. We are grateful for the generosity of your time!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 28- 29, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$5,583.00
Sat. 5 pm -	\$864.00
Sun. 7 am -	\$2,111.00
Sun. 9:30 am -	\$1,587.00
Sun. 5 pm -	\$1,021.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$542.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
Book of Intentions	\$150.00
Mass Intentions	\$150.00
Flowers	\$98.00
Candles	\$96.00
Funeral	\$600.00
Easter Offering	\$215.00
Mother's Day	\$800.00
TOTAL	\$8,259.00



Second Collection:

Catholic Min. Ann. Appeal	\$1,939.00
CRS Rice Bowl	\$129.10

PARISH SOFT: MARCH 1 - 31, 2026

Book of Intentions	\$210.00
Building Fund	\$1,508.00
Candles	\$42.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$65.00
Flowers	\$270.00
Food Pantry	\$675.00
Monthly Gifts	\$2,336.00
One-Time-Gifts	\$35.11
Repair and Maint	\$650.00
Weekly Offering	\$3,535.00
Youth & Young Adults	\$620.00
<i>(Includes Retreat Fees for Youth)</i>	
TOTAL	\$9,946.11

CHANGE OF FOOD

PANTRY HOURS ON FRI., APRIL 17th

Please note that the Food Pantry hours will change on **Friday, April 17, 2026**. Instead of the normal hours of 4 - 6 p.m., we will be open from **3 - 5 p.m.** This day replaces the normal First Friday food distribution which was closed due to the Good Friday holiday.

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

Holy Saturday...is the day in which heaven visits earth most deeply. It is the time in which every corner of human history is touched by the light of Easter.... Nothing can be excluded from [Christ's] redemption. Not even our nights, not even our oldest faults, not even our broken bonds. There is no past so ruined, no history so compromised that it cannot be touched by mercy.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, SEPT. 24, 2025

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	MAR. 14-15		MAR. 21-22		MAR. 28-29	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	116	8	134	13	149	14
	Sun. 7:00 AM	189	2	198	6	298	14
	Sun. 9:30 AM	242	51	264	52	410	68
	Sun. 5:00 PM	151	19	186	14	200	40

Mass Readings for Divine Mercy Sunday
Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Church Cleaning Schedule

Apr. 11: Knights of Columbus
Apr. 18: Couples for Christ
Apr. 25: Chamorro Group
May 2: Sacred Heart Society

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. John Baptist de la Salle - Feast Day is April 7th. This 17th & 18th c. French priest was a pioneering educator & reformer, who dedicated his life to teaching poor children. He founded the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, which was a religious community that focused on education. He saw the need for accessible education for poor & disadvantaged children. He was known for standardizing classroom instruction by teaching students in groups rather than individually & promoting education in the vernacular instead of Latin. He established schools in 22 cities & also emphasized teacher training by founding specialized colleges for them. As the patron saint of teachers, he leaves a legacy for schools worldwide to follow his educational vision centered on faith, service, & community.



St. Gemma Galgani - Feast Day is April 11th. Often called the "Flower of Lucca," this 19th c. Italian virgin, mystic, & laywoman was deeply devoted to prayer, especially to the Passion of Christ. She's been honored for her deep humility & suffering offered to God, intense spiritual life despite illness & hardship, love for Jesus, & reparation for the sins of men. She also had a strong devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Virgin Mary. Having contracted meningitis, she experienced much suffering, but continued to be cheerful by accepting God's will & showing devotion to St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, who interceded for her healing. Rejected entrance into the Passionist Order, she became a tertiary instead & continued to meditate on the Lord's Passion. Known for having mystical experiences, she received the stigmata. She's the patron saint of those suffering from back injuries, spinal illnesses, & headaches.



St. Stanislaus of Szczepanow - Feast Day is April 11th. This 11th c. bishop & martyr was one of Poland's most beloved saints & a powerful symbol of moral courage. As the Bishop of Krakow, he was known for his strong defense of justice, truth, & the Church. He was also renowned for his preaching, influencing Polish politics, & being sought by many people as their spiritual advisor. He was very outspoken with his denunciation of the evils of the unjust government & with his public confrontation of King Boleslaw II over his immoral actions. These ultimately led to his martyrdom by being assassinated by the king himself, while he was celebrating Mass. As one of the first native Polish bishops & the National patron saint of Poland, he leaves a legacy for believers to stand firm in the truth even against powerful opposition.

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