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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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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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**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 us for the following:**

**Baptism:**

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

**Faith Formation: CCD & OCIA**

Religious education for adults and children

**Marriage:**

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

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

## December 31, 2023



*Readings for next week:*

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

**FOCUS:** Imitate the Holy Family, the true model of life.

Even in their holiness, Mary, Joseph, and their child Jesus were not exempt from suffering, and the difficulties of life. Yet they never wavered in their commitment to God or to each other. Theirs was a home where *the child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.* Let us strive to make our homes a haven for others to grow in love, virtue, and favor.

### Mahalo from Fr. Sieg

*"I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your stewardship of time, talent, and treasure this past Advent Season. First of all, I want to thank the priests from our Diocese who came and helped us celebrate the Simbang Gabi Masses: Fr. Jaroslaw "Yarek" Skrzypek, Fr. Ed Barut, Fr. Boniface Sakala, Fr. Jaime Jose, Fr. Adondee Arellano, and Fr. Francisco Sanchez.*

*We also thank the various ministries who participated in the preparation of food and drinks for our gatherings after the Mass. Many thanks to the Sacred Heart Society, Couples for Christ, Environment, Visayan Group, Knights of Columbus and their wives, Money Counters, Finance, Parish Planning and Building Committee, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Event Planners, Food Pantry, Musicians (Derrick Alcayde and Rudy Flores), Religious Education, and Youth and Young Adults.*

*To our sponsors for each Mass, we are truly grateful for your generosity: Sacred Heart Society, CFC, Environment, Visayan Group, Knights of Columbus, Money Counters, Lectors, Dami Espiritu and the Food Pantry Ministry, Ben and Sandra Toyama, and Normand and Sarah Robert.*

*Others that I would like to personally thank are: Bunny Rizando, Lio and Yolly Loria (lights/decorations), Jesse & Mary Leon Guerrero (setting up of the nativity), Brian Nepomuceno, Ariel and Allan Pesquera, along with the Knights of Columbus who helped with the decorations also, and Sherrie Alcos for taking care of our Light A Star. I am grateful to your service for the Lord. I wish continued Christmas blessings to all and a joyful New Year! – Fr. Sieg"*

### Weekly Schedule

#### Monday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary (Office Closed):

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Tuesday, January 2 (Office Closed):

(+Pablo Luab – RS)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Wednesday, January 3:

(+Rufino Camat Bacat, Jr. – RS)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Thursday, January 4: (No Mass)

#### Friday, January 5:

7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

3:00 p.m. Food Pantry

#### Saturday, January 6:

(Holy Souls in Purgatory)

4 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions

3:00 p.m. First Saturday Devotion

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

#### Sunday, January 7:

6:15 a.m. Rosary

7:00 a.m. Mass (Mass for the People)

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

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## CCD Retreat

Our CCD Program held a retreat for those who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. As part of their preparation, they did some artwork which depicted the cross and lamb and included the reconciliation prayer. After they were done, they each went into the church where Fr. Sieg heard their confessions. Mahalo to Shirley Sunio, our DRE, as well as our catechists who are preparing them to receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. Below are our children w/Fr. Sieg.



## Simbang Gabi Masses and Celebrations



Above are some of the pictures that were taken at our Simbang Gabi Masses. After each Mass, our sponsors brought food to share as we fellowshiped. Mahalo to all who participated in the gathering after and those who prepared the dinners.



## Religious Ed Students

Our CCD students made some arts and crafts on the last day before the winter break. After class, those who attended the 9:30 a.m. Mass sang "Come on Ring those Bells" before they left for the Children's Liturgy.

## Solemnity of Mary



Tomorrow is January 1<sup>st</sup>, the first day of the year. We begin the year in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary with the Holy Mass starting at

8:00 a.m. All are welcomed.

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## Office Closures

The office will be closed on Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of the New Year's Holiday. We will reopen on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Happy New Year!

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Dec. 18 - 24, 2023

Simbang Gabi Masses	\$ 2,007.68
Mon., Dec. 18 -	\$ 437.36
Tue., Dec. 19 -	\$ 405.00
Wed., Dec 20 -	\$ 338.32
Thu. Dec. 21 -	\$ 528.00
Fri., Dec. 22 -	\$ 299.00
Weekly Offering -	\$ 2,807.00
Repair/Maint. Fund	1,445.75
Building Fund	63.00
Flowers	20.00
Candles	60.00
Thanksgiving	20.00
Christmas	297.00
ICC Feast Day	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,725.43</b>

The Christmas Day collections will be reported in next week's bulletin as well as the regular collections.

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In imitation of the Holy Family, we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit: it requires being founded on the love that always regenerates relationships.... If you quarrel within the family, do not end the day without making peace...And do you know why? Because a cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous.

**How much should we support our adult children? We have a niece and a daughter who are both healthy, capable, and in their twenties. We have set boundaries and continue to give to them but they just can't seem to get their act together. Would it be unchristian to cut them off?**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes in detail the duties of family members toward each other (CCC 2214–33). Parents are responsible to ensure that their children grow up in faith and to meet their basic needs. Children should show respect toward their parents and, as they grow older, assist them as needed. As children become adults, they should take on responsibility for themselves and parents are not to pressure them into choices of a profession or a spouse, while at the same time, “giving their children judicious advice....” (CCC 2230). At some point, children need to become responsible adults, which brings us to your point. You seem to have done what is required as parents. At the same time, you would not want to abandon young adults if physical, mental, or emotional factors prevent them from assuming the responsibility of adulthood. If they are healthy, capable young people they should be able to progress in life without your financial assistance. To help them toward this goal, you may want to set very specific limits, perhaps with the help of a counselor, and then consistently follow those limits.

●Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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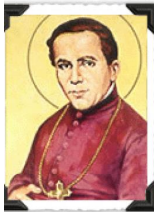
## Saints and Feasts of the Week



**Most Holy Name of Jesus** - Feast Day is January 3rd. This feast gives honor to the Name of Jesus and is celebrated 8 days after his birth. This was the name given to the Virgin Mary by God's messenger, the Angel Gabriel, before he was conceived in the womb. His name has been invoked as an instrument of personal faith in the Son of God. The IHS Monogram is the abbreviation of the Greek name for Jesus. Because of his strong devotion, St. Ignatius of Loyola adopted this monogram as the official seal of the Jesuit order.



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** - Feast Day is January 4th. She was the first native born American to be canonized by the Catholic Church. She was a convert to the Catholic faith and founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first American congregation of religious sisters. As an educator, she established the parochial school system in the U.S. as well as the first American Catholic orphanage. Her Sisters educate the poor, care for the sick, and feed and clothe orphans. She's the patron saint of Catholic schools, widows, loss of parents, and seafarers.



**St. John Neumann** - Feast Day is January 5th. He was a Catholic immigrant from Bohemia, who came to the U.S. where he was ordained, did missionary work, joined the Redemptorists, and became a Bishop of Philadelphia. Being devoted to education, he founded the first Catholic diocesan school system in the U.S. When he was canonized in 1977, he became the first male U.S. saint. Known for his holiness, learning, spiritual writing, and preaching, he's the patron saint of educators and took Jesus's words seriously to "Go and teach all nations."



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