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Sacrament: 7:00 AM. Mass at 8:00 AM

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BAPTISM: Inform the parish 2 months in advance to allow for baptismal preparation

FAITH FORMATION (CCD & OCIA): Contact coordinator.

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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:

- 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.”

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 2026

FOCUS: Trusting Jesus as Lord, let us ask for God’s grace to follow him.

Who do you say that I am? If we confess, like Peter, that Jesus is Messiah and Lord, there should be evidence of this in our lives. If Jesus is Lord of Sunday morning, he should be Lord of Saturday night. He should also be Lord of our speech and our actions. When we walk closely with Jesus as disciples, we will begin to look more like him.

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” An easy answer if you just report what other people say and what you have heard. No commitment. No revelation. No risk. But it all changes when the question is more to the point: “Who do you say that I am?” Tell me what you know, not what you heard. The silence is almost deafening. Vulnerability, not just anonymous reporting, is required in the asked-for response.

No surprise—it is Peter who answers. Never one to hide his emotions or edit his thoughts, it is Peter who reveals what he knows, perhaps even what he is unsure of, perhaps the truth that he only hopes for but has not yet declared. “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16).

Jesus responds with a prayer of blessing; the apostles, on the other hand, remain silent. Although we are very familiar with Peter’s assent of faith, his declaration was almost unheard-of or unexpected from a first-century Jewish man. It was dangerous to identify someone as Messiah. It was blasphemous to name someone as the Son of the Living God. Yet, in faith and humility, Peter made the declaration and, in the naming, entrusted his life, his hope, and all that he believed firmly into the hands of Jesus. This was no simple act. This was no ordinary day.

● **Reflect:** How would you answer if Jesus asked you, “Who do you say that I am?” (He is asking you!)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, August 24:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Emiliana Marcos - RS)
6:30 PM PPBC Meeting
6:30 PM YAM Meeting

Tuesday, August 25:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Ferdinand Ordonia and +Felipe Madamba - RS)
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 26:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Zachrie Gatdula-Cao - Birthday Blessings)
5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)

Thursday, August 27:

No Mass
10:30 AM Funeral Services for **+Philip M. Pavao, Sr.** at Mililani Mauka.
12:30 PM Burial at Mililani Memorial Park

Friday, August 28:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Rudy Hulog - 1st Death Anniversary)
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, August 29:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning *
9:00 AM Basic Adult Catechesis (Dcn. Keith)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)

Sunday, August 30:

6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Emiliana Marcos - 1st Death Anniversary)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Pedro Estrada - 1st Death Anniversary)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Alexander H. Hill IV - RS)

CHURCH CLEANING, AUG. 29th

* We are in need of **volunteers** to help clean our church on **Saturday, August 29th**, starting at 8 am. If you can help us, please call the office to let us know.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



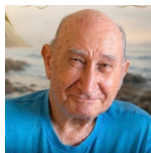
CCD, OCIA, AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR REGISTRATIONS

Mahalo to our catechists and volunteers who have been there at every Mass helping our parents register their children for CCD, OCIA, and Children's Choir. They will continue to be there after the Masses until the end of the month. Classes for OCIA begin on Wednesday, September 2nd, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. CCD Classes will begin, Sunday, September 13th, starting at 8:15 a.m. in either the parish hall or classrooms. More info will be given at the time of registration and the start of classes.

LEGACY SUNDAY

Legacy Sunday, or Planned Giving, is an opportunity for you to leave a lasting impact on our Catholic faith. There are several ways to give, such as cash, real estate, appreciated securities and stock, personal property, life insurance, or retirement plans. Legacy giving can benefit both you and the Church. We are launching Legacy Sunday this weekend, and brochures will be passed out to those interested. Please see our Stewardship Committee for more information.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR + PHILIP M. PAVAO, SR.



Funeral services for the late **+Philip M. Pavao, Sr.**, who passed away on June 13, 2026 and was the husband of Lydia Pavao, our former lector, will be held on **Thursday, August 27th**, Mililani Mauka Chapel. **Visitation** begins at **9:30 a.m.** followed by a **prayer service at 10:30 a.m.** **Burial** will take place at **12:30 p.m.** at Mililani Memorial Park. Fr. Sieg will preside over the services.

Dear Padre,

August 23, 2026

Can a non-Catholic serve and hold an office in a Catholic parish organization?

According to their knowledge, competence, and position, the Christian faithful have an obligation to assist in the necessary works of the Church and promote the common good of the parish—its worship, its apostolic mission, its charities, the care of its ministers, and its care of the poor. (See Code of Canon Law, 222.) In general, canon law and most diocesan regulations stipulate that members of primary decision-making entities must be active, registered Catholics who participate in the sacramental life of the Church. For example, members of a pastoral council must be “in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL 512 §1). However, non-Catholics—such as spouses of parishioners or experts in their fields (e.g., finance, law, architecture)—are sometimes invited to lend their skills by serving on advisory boards and committees or in other support roles that are usually in a non-voting capacity. In all cases, the pastor or bishop has the discretion to involve non-Catholics in specific initiatives. For instance, a bishop “can invite as observers to the diocesan synod other ministers or members of churches or ecclesial communities which are not in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL, 463 §3). A non-Catholic interested in serving should consult the local priest about available opportunities, based on the norms of a diocese.

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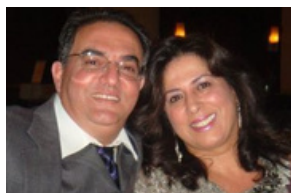
Do you have a question for the Padre? Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION ROSARY



Some of our faithful parishioners gathered last **Saturday, August 15th**, despite the threat of the hurricane to pray the rosary in honor of **Mamma Mary** and the **Feast of Her Assumption**. We are inspired by their faithfulness and thank them for their continuous prayers.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHRISTIANS



The **Little Bethlehem Christian Group** will be here on the weekend of **September 5th - 6th** with their hand-carved olive wood products for sale. Their mission is to help provide the livelihoods of the families back home in Bethlehem as they uphold their Christian faith in the Land of Christ. Their group consists of about 400 Christian and Catholic families that live as woodcarvers in Bethlehem Jerusalem, and the Shepherd's Field. They ask for your support by purchasing their beautiful hand-carved wooden items. They will be in the **Parish Hall** after all the Masses on that weekend. Please stop by to check their items out.



FARM FRESH FRIDAY, ALOHACARE



AlohaCare

sponsored a Farm Fresh Friday event at our parish on Friday, August 14th, between 10am - 12pm. AlohaCare is a community outreach program designed to promote healthy eating, improve

food security, and support local Hawai'i food systems. Other agencies were there to provide assistance to those who were interested, such as immigration assistance, health and well-being, and other services. Mahalo to Roxanne Whalen, our Food Pantry volunteer, who provided the pictures and assisted AlohaCare with their event. (By the way, there was an error in the bulletin last week showing another Farm Fresh Friday this past Friday, Aug. 21st. We forgot to delete it from the week prior. Our apologies!)

BASIC ADULT CATECHESIS

Due to last week's storm, our Basic Adult Catechesis class was canceled on August 15th. The first class will take place this coming Saturday, **August 22nd** instead. The remaining classes will take place on **August 29th, September 5th, and September 12th** from **9am - 2pm**. If you haven't signed up and would like to join us, it's not too late. Please call the parish office, so that we can get a head count. All are welcome to join us.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	AUG 1 - 2		AUG 8 - 9		AUG 15 - 16	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	156	25	191	31	148	11
	Sun. 7:00 AM	235	3	226	2	0	0
	Sun. 9:30 AM	219	31	269	48	97	8
	Sun. 5:00 PM	159	14	151	8	99	12

Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 15 - 16, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$2,082.50
Sat. 5 pm -	\$1,195.00
Sun. 7 am -	No Mass
Sun. 9:30 am -	\$396.00
Sun. 5 pm -	\$491.50
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,047.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
Book of Intentions	\$50.00
Mass Intentions	\$75.00
Flowers	\$3.00
Candles	\$25.00
Religious Education	\$210.00
Hawaii Quilt Guild (R/M)	\$85.00
Father's Special Projects	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$3,802.50



PARISH SOFT

July 1-31, 2026

Book of Intentions	\$210.00
Building Fund	\$1,328.00
Candles	\$2.00
Flowers	\$60.00
Food Pantry	\$400.00
Funeral	\$300.00
Joseph Dutton Offering	\$20.00
Monthly Donation	\$2,320.00
Mother's Day	\$55.00
One Time Gift	\$120.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$560.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$415.00
Weekly Offering	\$2,707.00
Youth & Young Adult Ministry	\$70.00
Total	\$ 8,567.00

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

I genuinely hope that our Christian lifestyle will always reflect this fraternal, "Samaritan" spirit—one that is welcoming, courageous, committed, and supportive, rooted in our union with God and our faith in Jesus Christ. Enkindled by this divine love, we will surely be able to give of ourselves for the good of all who suffer, especially our brothers and sisters who are sick, elderly, or afflicted.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK,
ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Church Cleaning Schedule

Aug 29:	Volunteers Needed
Sep 5:	Sacred Heart Society
Sep 12:	Knights of Columbus
Sep 19:	Couples for Christ

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Rose of Lima – Feast Day is Aug. 23rd. This 17th c. 1st native-born saint from the Americas was born Isabel Flores de Oliva in Peru. Called Rosa because of her great beauty, she had deep spirituality and became a Dominican tertiary. She dedicated her life to Christ at a young age & refused many marriage proposals. She lived a life of intense prayer, extreme asceticism, & dedication to the service of caring for the sick, poor, & elderly in Lima, while supporting her family with her garden work & needlework. She's considered the Patroness of the New World & is the patron saint of Peru, South America, the Philippines, florists, gardeners, embroiderers, & those suffering from family problems or ridicule for their piety. Many miracles have been attributed to her during her lifetime, one of the famous ones being saving Lima from Dutch pirates in 1615 by confronting them at a church. Upon her death, fragrant roses fell from the sky.



St. Bartholomew – Feast Day is Aug 24th. This feast day honors one of Jesus' original 12 Apostles, who was from Cana in Galilee. In John's Gospel, he's often identified with the name, Nathanael. Jesus called him a "true Israelite in whom there is no deceit." Before Philip called him, Jesus saw him sitting under a fig tree. After Jesus' death & resurrection, this saint received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost & became a traveling missionary by preaching extensively in India & Armenia. He performed some major miracles during his ministry, including casting out a deceitful demon from a pagan idol temple in India, healing the physically & mentally afflicted, & preventing townspeople in Italy from being crushed by falling walls with his heavy statue. He suffered a brutal martyrdom in Armenia by being flayed alive & then beheaded after preaching led to the conversion of the king's brother. He's the patron saint of Armenia, leatherworkers, tanners, tailors, bookbinders, & butchers. He is depicted in Michelangelo's famous Renaissance art piece entitled *The Last Judgment* in the Sistine Chapel.



St. Louis of France – Feast Day is Aug. 25th. Also known as King Louis IX, this 13th c. saint reigned as king of France for 44 years from 1226 - 1270 and was the only French king to be canonized a saint. Known for his deep piety, justice reform, & charity to the poor, he became one of France's greatest medieval monarchs. He brought domestic peace & was a fair & wise ruler, who led by example & earned respect & affection from his people. He exhibited deep humility as a monarch by washing the feet of the poor. He showed leadership by leading 2 Crusades - the 7th Crusade to the Holy Land & a Crusade to Tunisia, which he died in. He's the patron saint of France, the French monarchy, barbers, sculptors, building workers, parents with large families, Secular Franciscans, prisoners, the Archdiocese of New Orleans, & the city of St. Louis, MO, which was named in his honor. Posthumous miracles that have been attributed to him from pilgrims flocking to his tomb include physical healings, restoration of sight & hearing, & recoveries from debilitating illnesses.

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