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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.

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- 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."*

## The Baptism of the Lord

### January 11, 2026

**FOCUS:** Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power at his baptism.

The prophet Isaiah says that God's chosen one is called to be a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness. When the Spirit descended upon Christ at his baptism, these promises were fulfilled. But these promises aren't only for Jesus; we, too, are called to be signs and instruments of God's presence in the world.

## JESUS, SERVANT LEADER

### MIGUEL DULICK

John, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as "the Baptist," offers a "baptism of repentance." Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, "to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15).

At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today's beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father's Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, "This is my beloved Son!" (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St. Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped."

● **Reflect:** This week, I'll think about my baptism, when I was called to serve as Jesus served.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, January 12:

7:00 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Richard L. Alcos - RS)  
6:30 PM Council of Ministries Mtg.  
6:30 PM Young Adult Ministry

### Tuesday, January 13:

6:50 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Rose Oreta - RS)

### Wednesday, January 14:

6:50 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Violeta Caing Pedro - RS)  
9:00 AM Red Mass (Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu)  
6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

### Thursday, January 15:

8:45 AM Santo Nino Triduum  
- No Mass -

### Friday, January 16:

6:50 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Esperanza Zamora Magday - RS)  
8:45 AM Santo Nino Triduum  
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry

### Saturday, January 17:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning  
9:00 AM Secular Franciscan Mtg.  
10:00 AM Santo Nino Triduum  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(Lilian Sojot - Birthday Blessings and Jocelyn Willis - Birthday Blessings)

### Sunday, January 18:

6:00 AM Rosary  
7:00 AM Mass  
(+Esperanza Zamora Magday - RS)  
8:45 AM Rosary  
9:30 AM Santo Nino Feast Day Mass  
(Rhea Lynn Gonzaga - Birthday Blessings)  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(Mass for the People)  
6:30 PM Youth Ministry Meeting

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SANTO NINO TRIDUUM AND FEAST DAY



Next Sunday, **January 18<sup>th</sup>**, we will be celebrating the Feast of Santo Niño at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Prior to the Celebration, we will gather together to pray the holy rosary in honor of Santo Niño.

The name, "Santo Niño" was taken from the Spanish words, "Santo" which means "Holy" in its masculine form and "Niño" which means "Child" in its masculine form. Thus, it is translated as "Holy Child". The image of the Santo Niño is the oldest surviving Catholic relic in the Philippines. A church to house Santo Niño was built on the spot where the image was found by Juan Camus. The church was later rebuilt as a permanent structure using coral stone, which is the present basilica.

The schedule is as follows:

**Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** - Devotional prayers starting at **8:45 a.m.**

**Friday, January 16** - Devotional prayers starting at **8:45 a.m.**

**Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>** - Devotional prayers starting at **10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** - Celebration at the **9:30 a.m. Mass**. Fellowship under the tent after Mass.

### ANNUAL RED MASS, JAN. 14, 2026



The Diocese of Honolulu invites all to attend the 2026 Red Mass, scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. Bishop Larry Silva will celebrate the Mass; the keynote speaker is Connie Mitchell, executive director of the Institute for Human Services.

Mitchell's topic is "Radical Justice in Tumultuous Times." Her talk will explore how each generation presents unique challenges to people of faith as they strive to heed God's call to "do justice, while loving mercy and walking humbly with God" (Micah 6:8). Parking at the co-cathedral is free. For special accommodations for persons with disabilities, call (808) 585-3347. Those who are unable to attend in person can watch a livestream of the Red Mass at honolulucathedral.org/redmass.

### ST. MARIANNE COPE MASS – JANUARY 23RD

Come and celebrate St. Marianne Cope's Birthday!!! Her celebration will be held on **Friday, January 23, 2026**, at the **Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa**, 712 N. School Street, Honolulu. **Mass** will begin at **7:00 p.m.** All those in attendance will receive a special gift and delicious treats!

Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Newmann Communities



### TALKS FOR FAMILIES, YOUTH, AND ADULTS



All are warmly invited to join talks on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-8 PM at St. John the Baptist Parish in Kalihi. These sessions share the Good News of Christ, who offers guidance and hope in the challenges of life, along with the gift of love and forgiveness. Through this program of Catholic formation in small parish communities, we can explore and deepen the richness of our baptism. For more information, please contact Dr. Anthony Ramos at 808-721-0557.

Dear Padre,

January 11, 2026

Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.

This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition. With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change. In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow.

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

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## PARISH SOFT COLLECTION: AUGUST – NOVEMBER 2025:

	Aug. 1 - 31	Sep. 1 - 30	Oct. 1 - 31	Nov. 1 - 30
Weekly Offering	\$3,275.00	\$3,067.00	\$2,767.00	\$3,518.00
Monthly Offering	\$2,285.00	\$2,295.00	\$2,035.00	\$2,145.00
One-Time Gifts	\$80.00	\$95.00	\$20.00	\$101.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$750.00	\$800.00	\$530.00	\$530.00
Building Fund	\$1,388.00	\$1,378.00	\$1,298.00	\$1,328.00
Flowers	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$170.00
Candles	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$17.00
Book of Intentions	\$240.00	\$210.00	\$210.00	\$0
Food Pantry	\$610.00	\$540.00	\$540.00	\$605.00
Bingo Ticket Sales	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$0	\$0
Youth & Young Adult Ministries	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
T-Shirt Sales	\$60.00	\$272.00	\$702.00	\$106.00
Thanksgiving	\$0	\$65.00	\$0	\$155.00
All Souls Day	\$0	\$0	\$125.00	\$190.00
Archdiocese for the Military, USA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$305.00
Catholic University of America	\$55.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
World Mission Sunday	\$0	\$0	\$100.00	\$0
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund	\$0	\$75.00	\$0	\$0
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,305.00</b>	<b>\$9,194.00</b>	<b>\$8,564.00</b>	<b>\$9,230.00</b>

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 3-4, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$4,719.25
Sat. 5:00 PM	-\$997.00
Sun. 7:00 AM	-\$1,720.00
Sun. 9:30 AM	-\$1,091.00
Sun. 5:00 PM	-\$911.25
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,650.00
Building Fund	\$1,550.00
Flowers	\$106.00
Candles	\$70.00
Book of Intentions	100.00
Mass Intentions	\$30.00
Wedding	\$100.00
Word Among Us	\$50.00
Christmas	\$111.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,365.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,851.25</b>



## WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS: RYOT MENDOZA and THEODORE NALEY!

We welcome with open arms, the newest members of our parish: **Ryot Loreto F. Mendoza** and **Theodore Xavier A. Naley**. Ryot was baptized on November 23, 2025 and Theodore was baptized on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Below are pictures of Ryot and Theodore with their families. Let us keep them in our prayers as they continue to raise their children in the faith. Congratulations to the Mendoza & Naley Ohanas!



Ryot Mendoza and Ohana



Theodore Naley and Ohana

## MASS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATORS

Bishop Larry Silva will preside over a Mass for the **Annual Conference of Catholic Educators** on **Friday, January 30, 2026**, starting at **8:30 a.m.** at **St. Patrick's Church, 1124<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kaimuki**. All are welcomed to attend.



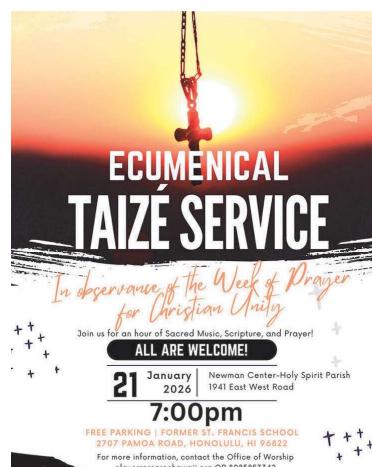
In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 1, 2025

## Church Cleaning Schedule

Jan. 17:	Couples for Christ
Jan. 24:	Chamorro Group
Jan. 31:	Volunteers Needed
Feb. 7:	Sacred Heart Society

## Ecumenical Taize Service



All are welcome to join the Newman Center-Holy Spirit Parish, 1941 East West Road, Manoa, for an Ecumenical Taize Service. It will take place on January 21, 2026 starting at 7:00 p.m. Parking is free at the former St. Francis School. For more info, contact (808) 585-3342.

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL:

The **Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal**: Sharing God's Gifts, or CMAA, replaces the Ohana in Christ campaign.

**It begins in February and ends June 30.** The funds raised in the new annual appeal will go toward a number of ministries and services that touch all of the diocese's 65 parishes, some 124,000 Catholics and those in the community who turn to the church for support regardless of faith.

The ministries and services include youth and young adult evangelization and catechesis; hospital ministry; prison ministry; food and housing assistance; the Respect Life Office; and schools.

The CMAA will also help provide for the current operational needs for clergy retirement and vocations, which include deacon and seminarian formation; support in retirement; and medical expenses.

The annual appeal's financial goal will increase from \$1.125 million to \$1.5 million, which comprises the Ohana in Christ goal of \$1.125 million as well as the \$375,000 average annual amount collected for vocations and clergy retirement. Please mark your envelopes **CMAA** when giving to this appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

<https://hawaiicatholicherald.com/2025/12/31/revamped-annual-appeal-to-focus-on-supporting-ministries/>

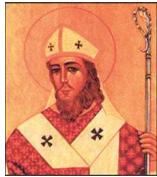
	DEC. 20-21	DEC. 27-28	JAN. 3-4			
WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	
Sat. 5:00 PM	143	13	106	8	141	8
Sun. 7:00 AM	209	12	214	6	241	7
Sun. 9:30 AM	218	40	226	46	245	41
Sun. 5:00 PM	171	14	143	21	187	18

Readings for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
**Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**  
**1 Corinthians 1:1-3**  
**John 1:29-34**

## FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



**St. Marguerite Bourgeoys** - Feast Day is Jan. 12th. This 17th c. French nun was Canada's first woman saint. Her life was one of faith, education, and service to the marginalized. She traveled to "New France" (now Canada) from France to become a teacher in the settlement of Ville-Marie (now Montreal) and played a vital role in the educational & social development of the pioneers and indigenous people there. She founded a non-cloistered religious community called the "Congregation of Notre Dame of Montreal," which was dedicated to the education of girls and to the apostolic work of assisting settlers in that area. Known as the "Mother of the Colony," she was instrumental in building the first church & opening the first school in 1658 in Montreal, which was in a stable. She also mentored young women for family life and witnessed many marriages. She's the patron saint against poverty, of loss of parents, of those rejected by religious orders, and of teachers.



**St. Hilary of Poitiers** - Feast Day is Jan. 13th. This 4th c. French Bishop of Poitiers, philosopher, theologian, and Doctor of the Church was known as the "Hammer of the Arians." He was known for his strong defense of Trinitarian doctrine against Arianism, which was a heresy that denied Christ's divinity. He also defended the sacred humanity of Christ. Born into a pagan family, he became well-educated and converted to Christianity after studying the scriptures. As a great defender of the faith, he wrote some of the greatest theology on the Trinity and was the first person to compose hymns from scripture. This gentle and courteous man is the patron saint of lawyers, the sick, and children with disabilities, as well as against rheumatism and snakebites.



**St. Berard & Companions** - Feast Day is Jan. 16th. St. Berard and four other Franciscan friars were the first Franciscan proto-martyrs (first martyrs) of the Order. Honored for their missionary zeal, they were sent by St. Francis of Assisi in 1219 to preach the Gospel in Muslim-controlled southern Spain and Morocco in Africa. They refused to abandon their faith despite being offered bribes. They repeatedly preached in the marketplace in Morocco, while denouncing Islam, which angered the people. They were arrested, suffered severe beatings, and were eventually executed in 1220 by the enraged Sultan himself with beheading by his own sword. Their sacrifice greatly inspired an Augustinian, Fernando Martins de Bulhoes, who learned of their work & sacrifice and witnessed their relics being returned to Portugal in a procession. He joined the Franciscan Order and changed his name to Anthony in honor of St. Anthony of Egypt and later became the well-known saint, St. Anthony of Padua.

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