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MASS TIMES

Saturdays at 5:00 PM
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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 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.”

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 17, 2025

FOCUS: As Christians, we do not always fall in line with the ways of the world.

In the Gospel, Jesus warns us that following him will not always bring peace into our lives. In fact, if we follow his ways, we might encounter division, even within our own families. Jesus taught his followers a new way of living which is contrary to the “ways of the world.” With his grace, we can be faithful to this call to witness to the ways of God.

WHERE I STAND FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day, as I was walking in a local nature preserve, I came across what someone had written in the sand: “It’s time to take a stand.” Though the person never suggested what we should take a stand on, all of us take stands in life. In many ways, those stands define our lives: Republican or Democrat, pro-life or pro-choice, NRA and guns, save the whales, vax or anti-vax, ecology. As we all know so well, where we stand on any given issue can become divisive among friends and even family.

The Scriptures this weekend tell of the prophet Jeremiah, who took a stand of faith against the king who trusted in military arms rather than in God. The Letter to the Hebrews mentions an Old Testament “cloud of witnesses” who placed faith in God without knowing where that would take them. And, Jesus himself recognizes that those who place their faith in him and the vision of life he proclaimed would find themselves in conflict with others. For every person who professes faith in Jesus Christ, the question becomes how this faith affects all the other stands we take. To “keep our eyes fixed on Jesus” influences the lifestyle we choose, how we spend our time and our money, who our friends are, and even who we vote for. At some point, faith insists we take a stand.

● **Reflect:** How does my faith affect all my other beliefs and practices?

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 18:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Benjamin Yucoco & +Benito Paulino - RS)

Tuesday, August 19:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Josefa Bandalan - RS)
6:30 PM Music Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, August 20:

6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
5:00 PM Centering Prayer
(+Benjamin Yucoco & +Brandon Paulino- RS)
6:30 p.m. O.C.I.A. Class

Thursday, August 21:

- No Mass

Friday, August 22:

8:00 AM Mass
(+Benjamin Yucoco & Jacobina Paulino - RS)
4-6 PM Food Pantry
6:00 PM Bingo Night

Saturday, August 23:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
10:00 AM Usher/Hospitality Meeting (Hall)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Leannza Yucoco - Birthday Blessings)

Sunday, August 24:

5:40 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(Mass for the People)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Rosario Pascua - RS)
11:00 AM Parents Cafe (Hall)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Benjamin Yucoco - RS)
6:30 PM Young Adult Meeting

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

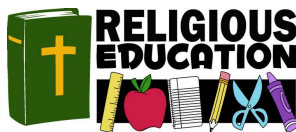
BINGO NIGHT – FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND!!!



Bingo Night is happening this **Friday, August 22nd** in the **Parish Hall** starting at **6:00 p.m.** We still have Bento Tickets to sell, so if you are interested, please see our Event Planning volunteers outside after the Mass. There are 3 different bentos to choose from: chicken with spam musubi, chicken with 6 pcs. of maki sushi, or kalua pig, 2 scoops of rice and lomi salmon. The bento comes with water, dessert, and a bingo card. The bento orders are due by Monday, August 18th, so please purchase your tix by then!

Additional bingo cards can be purchased that evening. You can also purchase raffle tickets for either \$5 or \$10 to win more prizes. Snacks will be available for purchase at our Snack Bar. Donations for raffle prizes are due at the office by August 19th. Proceeds will benefit our Religious Education, OCIA, and Youth Ministries.

CCD REGISTRATION



Registration for CCD classes continues outside after all the Masses. Our DRE, Shirley Sunio, will be outside after every Mass to help you register your child(ren). The cost is **\$30 per child** (correction to the previous bulletins), but if you have 3 or more children, the cost is \$75. If this is your child(ren)'s first time registering, we ask that you bring a copy of their baptism certificate. Please see Shirley for any inquiries.

O.C.I.A. REGISTRATION



Our first O.C.I.A. class started this past Wednesday, August 13th. Many thanks to our O.C.I.A. Team of catechists for helping our parishioners prepare for the reception of their sacraments. We are still accepting registrations, so if you need or know someone who would like to receive their sacraments, please call the office during regular business hours to register.

LABOR DAY PICNIC, SEPT. 1ST



Join us on Monday, **September 1st** at **10 a.m.** for our **Labor Day Picnic!** It will be a potluck lunch, so please bring a dish to share. We will also have a dunking booth, bouncer for the keiki, games, shaved ice, and popcorn. All are welcomed. Please mark your calendars, and join us for a day of fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Dear Padre,

August 17, 2025

Is “co-redemptrix” a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Church does not officially regard Mary as a co-redemptrix with Christ. Her “‘unique holiness’...‘from the first instant of her conception’ comes wholly from Christ: she is ‘redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son’” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 492). According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the title “co-redemptrix” would “obscure” the origin that “everything comes through Christ,” as written in Ephesians and Colossians. “Mary, too, is everything she is through Him,” stated the future Pope Benedict XVI, adding that “co-redemptrix” is a departure “from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers, and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings.” Likewise, in 2019, Pope Francis quoted St. Bernard, who said that no praise is sufficient to talk about Mary, but, ultimately, her title as a humble “disciple” best represents Mary’s faithfulness to “her Son, the only Redeemer.” “She never wanted for herself something that was of her Son,” explained the pontiff. “She never introduced herself as co-redemptrix. No. Disciple.” Pope Francis reiterated the Church’s position on this matter in 2021, saying that Jesus entrusted the universal Church and all the faithful to Mary, “Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother.” Incidentally, “Mother of God” (Greek: Theotokos, “God-bearer”) is Mary’s oldest title, established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus.

● Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

PARENT & FAMILY MINISTRY



WE WANT YOU TO JOIN US!

PARENTS CAFÉ: FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, AND FAMILY

Sunday, August 24, 2025

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Immaculate Conception Hall

Join us for refreshments, activities, and conversations with fellow parents from our parish community.

WELCOME TO OUR OHANA, AUDREY SANDHU!



We welcome our newest member of the church, **Miss Audrey Magat Sandhu**, who was baptized on July 20th at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. We ask for prayers for Audrey and her family, as they embark on her new life in Christ. Congratulations to the Sandhu Ohana!

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR +PACIENCIA BALBREN



Funeral Services for the late **+Paciencia Balbren** will take place on **Tuesday, August 19, 2025**, at **Mililani Mortuary, Makai Chapel**. Visitation begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the prayer service at 6:30 p.m.

On **Wednesday, August 20, 2025**, her **burial** will take place starting at **10:00 a.m.** at the **Hawaii State Veteran's Cemetery**. Dcn. Richard Abel will preside.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	JUL 26 - 27		AUG 2 - 3		AUG 9 - 10	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	152	7	156	18	144	11
	Sun. 7:00 AM	236	16	249	8	219	12
	Sun. 9:30 AM	237	34	225	51	242	39
	Sun. 5:00 PM	209	31	167	21	164	29

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Mahalo to **Terrance Salvido** who has been helping us trim and manicure the grotto. We are grateful for the time

he gives to beautify the shrine for Mamma Mary, the Immaculate Conception.

FOODLAND GIVE ALOHA



During the month of **September**, our parish will again be participating in Foodland's Give

Aloha Matching Gift Program. This program honors Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan, who was the founder of Foodland Super Market, Ltd. and continues his legacy of giving back to the community. The Give Aloha program will match a portion of a donor's contribution up to \$249.

One must be a Maika'i member in order to participate. The methods of giving are:

- Round up their purchase
- Donate spare change
- Donate 250 Maika'i points to equal a \$5 donation
- Purchase Give Aloha merchandise designed by artist Suzanne Jennerich

Every organization is assigned a unique code and ours is **#77809**. There will be a banner hanging up in the Foodland Store in Ewa. Please consider giving as it will greatly benefit our parish.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 9 - 10, 2025

Weekly Offering	\$3,310.00
Sat. 5:00 PM -	\$765.00
Sun. 7:00 AM -	\$900.00
Sun. 9:30 AM -	\$934.00
Sun. 5:00 PM -	\$711.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,584.00
Building Fund	\$245.00
Flowers	\$5.00
Candles	\$95.00
Mass Intentions	\$165.00
Blessings	\$110.00
Baptisms	\$140.00
CCD Registration Fees	\$125.00
Bingo Tickets	\$700.00
Refund	\$21.92
Use of Hall donation	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$7,600.92



Second Collection:

Catholic Charities Hawaii **\$65.00**

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV



"Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words."

May 16, 2025

Church Cleaning Schedule

Aug. 23: Chamorro Group
Aug. 30: Volunteers needed
Sep. 6: Sacred Heart Society
Sep 13: Knights of Columbus

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

Readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66: 18-21
Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13
Luke 13: 22-30

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Bernard of Clairvaux – Feast Day is Aug. 20th. This 12th c. Frenchman was an abbot, mystic, co-founder of the Knights of Templar, and a major leader in reform of the Benedictines through the Cistercian Order. He's credited with being responsible for the early expansion of the Cistercian Order throughout Europe. Through his powerful preaching of inspiring sermons, hundreds of men were attracted to follow a call to the monastic life. This peacemaker and unifier was a Doctor of the Church and his true calling was to invite others to love God more deeply and more fully. Many miracles have been attributed to his intercession, such as healing the sick, casting out demons, calming storms, multiplying food, and raising the dead. He's the patron saint of the Cistercians, Burgundy, beekeepers, and candlemakers.



The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast Day is Aug. 22nd. Always celebrated on the octave of the Assumption, this feast honors our Blessed Mother as the Queen of Heaven and Earth. After declaring her Assumption, Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954, which has roots in scripture with the Annunciation and Visitation feasts. This observance primarily honors Mary as the "Mother of God" and is God's Queen as the "Queen Mother of Jesus." It also honors her participation in the kingship of her Son with her special role in salvation history. She also intercedes for humanity before God as a powerful advocate for those seeking her help and guidance as the spiritual mother of all believers. She is symbolized as "a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars."



St. Rose of Lima – Feast Day is Aug. 23rd. Born Isabel Flores de Oliva in a Spanish colonial family in Peru, this 17th c. saint was affectionately called "Rosa" because of her great beauty. From a young age, she had deep spirituality and a desire for prayer and penance. Facing opposition from her family for not desiring marriage, she lived a secluded life of praying, caring for the poor and sick, practicing severe self-inflicted penances, and tending a garden. She had a deep love of God and did many charitable works. She became a laywoman of the 3rd Order of St. Dominic and was the 1st canonized saint of the Americas. Her symbols were roses, crown of thorns or roses, and a crucifix. Many miracles followed her death, especially fragrant roses falling from the sky.

Her famous quote was: "When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus." She's the patron saint of Peru, South America, the Philippines, florists, and gardeners.

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