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

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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
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MARRIAGE: Notify the parish 6 months prior
to proposed date. Attending an Engaged
Encounter Weekend is required prior to
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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.”

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2026

FOCUS: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Christ’s words in today’s Gospel are puzzling and can seem unfair. Why does it seem that he initially rejects the woman’s request to heal her daughter because she is not Jewish? And did Jesus know she would be persistent in her request? Regardless, Jesus is impressed with her great faith and it provides him a “teachable moment” because he heals the woman’s daughter, showing that the kingdom of God is indeed for all people.

STILL REDEEMABLE?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Not once, not twice, but three times in today’s gospel, Jesus dismisses the Canaanite woman who comes to him for help. First, he refuses to speak to her. Then, he says he has come only for “the lost sheep” of Israel. Finally, he compares her to a dog. In ancient Judaism, dogs were considered unclean animals, and to call someone a dog was a harsh insult. How does it feel to hear Jesus speak to a woman in this way? We must admit that it does not sound like the Jesus we know and love.

With the trajectory of the encounter headed downhill (and picking up speed), it is hard to imagine that anything could be done at this point to change the outcome. If I were in her situation, I would have been so offended after the third dismissal that I would have simply slammed the door on the way out. But, remarkably, the story takes a 90-degree turn when the Canaanite woman enters into a verbal joust with Jesus and jolts him into taking her seriously. Very seriously. Jesus praises her for her faith.

“Faith in what?” one might ask. Perhaps faith that this relationship could still turn around. Faith that the antagonistic plotline of history between Jews and Canaanites could still change. Faith that Jesus could still be something other than a dismissive man. Faith that an ignored voice might still be worth hearing. Do we have the praiseworthy faith of the Canaanite woman? Do we still believe that troublesome interactions can yet be redeemed?

● **Reflect:** How strong is my faith? Strong enough to be persistent?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, August 17:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Gil Gatdula – Birthday Blessings)

Tuesday, August 18:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Pedro Savellano – 2nd Death Anniversary
Kayla Savellano – Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, August 19:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Eva Marie Martin Agudo – Birthday Blessings
Landon Jose Ordonia – Birthday Blessings)
5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)

Thursday, August 20:

No Mass

Friday, August 21 (Admission Day – Office closed):

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Emiliana Marcos – RS)
10 AM–12 PM Farm Fresh Friday (Hall)
4–6:00 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, August 22:

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 23:

6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(Noah Simbajon – Special Intentions)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Felicitas Aguilar – RS)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Leanza Yucoco – Birthday Blessings)

ADMISSION DAY HOLIDAY

The parish office will be closed this coming Friday, August 21st, due to the state holiday, Admission Day. We will reopen on Monday, August 24th.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BISHOP MICHAEL CASTORI'S ORDINATION

Below are some pictures of Bishop Michael Castori's Ordination and some of our parishioners who were there in attendance.



Mark, Maricel, and their son, **Micah Sebastian** were honored to have represented our parish and the Filipino community at the Ordination of Bishop Michael Castori. Pictured, are them as they



gifted him with a traditional Barong Tagalog. They are truly blessed to have witnessed and been a part of this historical transition in our Diocese. Maricel shared that, "...being that we were able to take part as a family also feels we represented Catholic young families, which shows how much our Church is alive and growing!" Bishop Michael looks so happy in these photos with the Sebastians! Thank you, Mark, Maricel, and Micah for honoring Bishop with your gifts. Below are members of our Divine Mercy Choir, the Ayala Ohana, and Noah Simbajon, seminarian and grandson of parishioner Delia Simbajon.



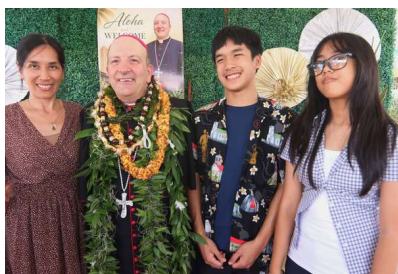
Divine Mercy Choir Members and Bishop Michael



Noah Simbahon, Seminarian



(L) Bishop Michael sits on the cathedra for the first time as our Bishop after Ordination.



Ruth, Noah & Hannah Ayala with the Bishop



Bishop Michael shows the decree from Pope Leo. ((L)), and receives a blessing (R) from Bishop Michael Barber, SJ, Diocese of Oakland, CA.



Dear Padre,

What does the Church teach about evolution?

In 1950, Pope Pius XII assured believers that there is no intrinsic opposition between Christianity and the theory of evolution, provided that God is affirmed as the Creator of all things and that the human soul is acknowledged a direct creation of God. (See *Humani Generis* [On the Human Person], 36.) In section 6 of his October 22, 1996, address to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Pope St. John Paul II sanctioned the acceptance of evolution theories but added that the nature of the soul and its relationship to God are beyond the realm of science. Thus, the Catholic Church maintains that while evolution explains the development of life, it is God who initiated and guided the evolutionary process, and that our providential God is ultimately responsible for creating the human soul.

Many people find Darwin's evolutionary theory (On the Origin of Species, 1859) hard to reconcile with their literal interpretation of the biblical account of origins in Genesis 1 and 2. But views on whether God created human beings in evolutionary stages that span millennia, or literally created human beings in an instant, can coexist for Catholics. Yet, regarding the latter view, the Catechism of the Catholic Church discourages an overall literal interpretation of the Bible, encouraging readers instead to recognize its various literary genres. (See CCC 109–117.) Recall, too, that the Bible wasn't written for scientific information, nor was Darwinian biology written for theological revelation.

● Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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August 16, 2026

LABOR DAY PICNIC, SEPTEMBER 7th



Save-the-Date
SEPTEMBER 7TH
9AM - 1PM

Save-the-Date for our **Labor Day Picnic** which will be held on **Monday, September 7th** from **9am - 1pm**, on our church grounds. It is a day to honor and recognize the contributions of American workers to our nation's social, economic, and cultural achievements.

There will food and games and a whole lotta fun! Bring your special dish to share or bring your meats and the Knights of Columbus will be there with their grills to cook them up. Join us for a day of fun, food, and fellowship!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED OHANA MEMBERS



Phillipa A. Conception and her ohana.



Kaiane R. Richardson and her ohana.

We welcome our newly baptized keiki to our ever-growing ohana here at Immaculate Conception! On Sunday, July 19th, **Ms. Phillipa A. Conception**, daughter of Jett and Magdalena Conception was baptized at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Then on Saturday, August 1st, **Ms. Kaiane F. Richardson**, daughter of Kainoa and Kayla Richardson, was baptized at the 5p.m. Mass. We congratulate them, their sponsors, and their families on this joyous occasion. Let us pray for them as they begin their new journey in the Catholic faith.

+ROBERT MONDOY: MUSICIAN, COMPOSER, DIRECTOR



Robert M. Mondoy was a prolific musician, composer, director and arranger of sacred music who brought an enthusiastic infusion of island culture into his life's work. Mondoy, who was the Diocese of Honolulu's longtime director of music, died July 3 in his Kalihi home at age 74 after a long illness. He did not keep his talents to himself. A consummate teacher, Mondoy passed on his knowledge to proteges of all ages. He had a boundless passion to bring the joyful gift of music to others.

Father Vincent Vu, pastor of St. John Vianney where Mondoy called his home parish, said that Mondoy a "hardworking and faithful man." Father Vu once asked Mondoy if he ever tired of working multiple Masses each weekend. Mondoy's funeral took place on Saturday, Aug. 1 at St. John Vianney Church in Kailua. His music continues to be used in the parishes of our Diocese today...a beautiful legacy for a man who inspired us.

Taken from the Hawaii Catholic Herald, Issue dated 7/15/26

BASIC ADULT CATECHESIS

This Saturday, August 15th, we held our first Basic Adult Catechesis Class with Dcn. Keith Galang. The next class will be held next Saturday, August 22nd. We highly recommend that our catechists join us for these sessions, but all are also welcome. If you miss any of the classes, you will have an opportunity to make up the classes later at St. Joseph Church, Waipahu.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	JUL 25-26		AUG 1 - 2		AUG 8 - 9	
	Sat. 5:00 PM	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sun. 7:00 AM	127	13	156	25	191	31
	Sun. 9:30 AM	214	5	235	3	226	2
	Sun. 5:00 PM	248	46	219	31	269	48
		116	17	159	14	151	8

what is Catholic Palliative Care?

How does the Ethical Religious Directives view Palliative Care?

Saturday, August 22, 2026

**St. Stephen Catholic Church
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Utu'a'silii Jacinta McDermott, MPT
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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 1 - 2, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$4,695.00
Sat. 5 pm -	\$891.00
Sun. 7 am -	\$1,777.00
Sun. 9:30 am -	\$1,203.00
Sun. 5 pm -	\$824.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$819.00
Building Fund	\$345.00
Book of Intentions	\$60.00
Flowers	\$3.00
Candles	\$55.00
TOTAL	\$5,977.00

Second Collection:

Joseph Dutton	\$154.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$1,775.00

August 8 - 9, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$4,511.30
Sat. 5 pm -	\$1,036.00
Sun. 7 am -	\$1,300.50
Sun. 9:30 am -	\$926.80
Sun. 5 pm -	\$1,248.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,234.00
Building Fund	\$230.00
Book of Intentions	\$225.00
Mass Intentions	\$260.00
Flowers	\$3.00
Candles	\$95.00
Rosary	\$100.00
Religious Education Fees	\$280.00
Use of Hall donation	\$75.00
Father's Special Project	\$100.00
Electrical Upgrade	\$10,000.00
TOTAL	\$18,113.30

Second Collection:

Joseph Dutton	\$29.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$50.00

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

[T]he pain that moves us to compassion is not the pain of a stranger; it is the pain of a member of our own Body, to whom Christ our Head commands us attend, for the good of all. In this sense, our service is identified with Christ's own suffering and, when offered in a Christian spirit, hastens the fulfillment of the Savior's prayer for the unity of all.

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

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Church Cleaning Schedule

Aug 22:	Chamorro Group
Aug 29:	Volunteers Needed
Sep 5:	Sacred Heart Society
Sep 12:	Knights of Columbus

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Roch – Feast Day is Aug. 16th. This 14th c. French saint was born into a noble family, but he renounced his wealth after his parents died and gave his worldly goods to the poor. He entered the Franciscan Third Order and became a lay penitent and chose life as an itinerant mendicant pilgrim, who set out for Rome. During a plague epidemic, he cared for the sick in hospitals in Italy & cured many sick people by prayer, sign of the cross, & touch of his hand. After he contracted the plague himself, he retreated to a forest, where a loyal hunting dog brought him food & licked his wounds until he was miraculously healed. He's the patron saint of dogs, invalids, the falsely accused, & those affected with pestilence & contagious diseases. He is symbolized as a pilgrim with a walking stick, open sore on his leg, an angel by his side, & a dog by his feet. Many miracles of healing were performed by him during his lifetime.



St. John Eudes – Feast Day is Aug. 19th. This 17th c. French priest was also a parish missionary and founder of 2 religious orders: The Order of Our Lady of Charity in 1641 and the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (Eudists) in 1643. He had also been a professed member of the Oratory of Jesus until he founded the Eudist Order. His life was spent in promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which he actually started. Central themes in his writings were Jesus as the source of holiness and Mary as the model of Christian life. Pope Pius XI, who canonized him in 1925, called him "the father, doctor, and apostle of liturgical devotion to the hearts of Jesus and Mary." Spiritual improvement of the clergy & seminarian formation were also important to him. During severe plagues, he volunteered to take care of those stricken in his diocese. He's the patron saint of missionaries, his 2 religious orders, & those seeking physical & spiritual refuge.



Pope St. Pius X – Feast Day is Aug. 21st. The feast day of this beloved 19th & 20th c. Italian pope is a Memorial. As pope from 1903 – 1914, he was known as the "Pope of the Eucharist" and lowered the age for children to receive First Communion to age 7 & encouraged frequent & daily reception of Holy Communion. He promoted teaching of the faith & advocated for solid religious instruction. He also defended the faith by strongly opposing Modernism as a threat to core Christian teachings. His motto, which guided his pontificate, was to "Restore all things in Christ." His core focus was to bring the modern world back to a life centered on Jesus Christ. He began collection & codification of church laws into the first unified Code of Canon Law & reformed the Roman Curia. To enhance the liturgy, he promoted the Gregorian Chant & active participation of the faithful. With a focus on charity, he was especially friendly toward children to whom he often passed out candy from his pockets. Numerous instantaneous healing miracles were attributed to him during his lifetime & after death. Canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1954, he is the patron of First Communicants, the Holy Eucharist, & diocese catechists.

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