



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, EWA

## DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

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**MASS TIMES**

Saturdays at 5:00 PM  
Sundays: 7:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 5:00 PM  
First Fridays: Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament: 7:00 AM. Mass at 8:00 AM

**CONFESION**

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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.

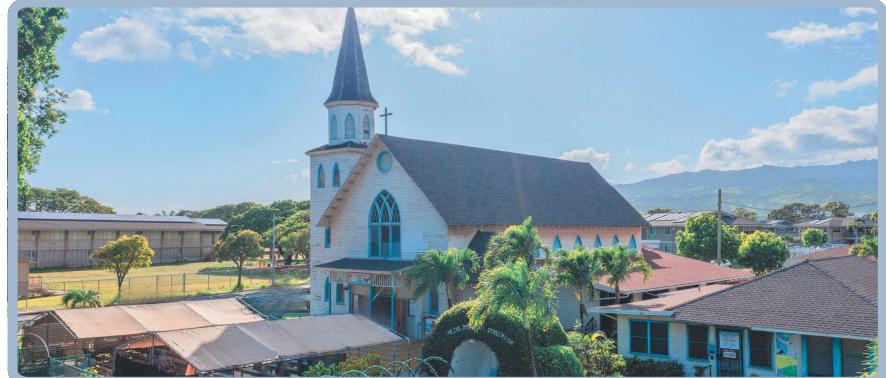
**MARRIAGE:** Notify the parish 6 months prior to proposed date. Attending an Engaged Encounter Weekend is required prior to marriage ceremony.

**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."

## The Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2026

**FOCUS:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The Magi undertook an arduous journey to see Jesus. For us, sometimes even a short trip to Mass can feel like a challenge. Yet the God who set the stars in the sky desires an intimate relationship with each of us. This year is a good time to renew our commitment to grow closer to God. A star revealed Jesus' birth to the Magi; let us ask God to reveal himself to us today.

## FOLLOWING JESUS WITHOUT A STAR TO GUIDE US

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage" (Matthew 2:2) describes the spark that sent the Magi on their journey. Something unusual in the sky, interpreted as a sign of something wonderful—in response, they changed direction in their lives and devoted themselves to a completely different path. As wonderful as it might well be, a special star in the heavens is not the ordinary experience of how we learn to follow the Lord or discern his will. If only there could be a sign in God's universe for each of us, beckoning us forward, clarifying what we need to do, setting down the path that needs to be followed. Perhaps life would be much simpler. Or perhaps not?

Would it truly be less complicated if everything were made clear and certain? Is the manifestation of God's grace and blessings confined to the straight and narrow, or can we also experience God in the chaos—"in the weeds," so to speak. Human experience seems to suggest that life is more "gray" than "black and white." There is real grace in the journey, in making mistakes, even in choosing something that is incomplete. Thankfully, God's grace does not need perfection to be powerful. We can know and follow God's will for us in the ordinary moments of day-to-day living. We do not need the extraordinary or the dramatic.

● **Reflect:** How can I resolve to look for God in the unplanned, the unexpected, the interruptions?

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, January 5:

7:00 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Esperanza Zamora Magday- RS)  
10:00 AM Prayer Service for  
**+Segunda Arume** at Mililani Makai, followed  
by burial at 11 am, Mililani Mortuary

### Tuesday, January 6:

6:50 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Anselmo Valencia - Death Anniversary)

### Wednesday, January 7:

6:50 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Violeta Pedro - RS)

### Thursday, January 8:

- No Mass

### Friday, January 9:

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

### Saturday, January 10:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning  
10:00 AM Food Pantry Annual  
1:00 PM Training/Retreat  
Sacred Heart Society  
General Assembly  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(Mass for the People)

### Sunday, January 11:

6:00 AM Rosary  
7:00 AM Mass  
(+Esperanza Zamora Magday - RS)  
8:45 AM Rosary  
9:30 AM Mass  
(+Richard Alcos - RS)  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(Varez Ohana - Thanksgiving)

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SIMBANG GABI CONTINUED...



The last night of our Simbang Gabi Masses! Here, **Fr. Leonard Tubana** presides over the Mass as Fr. Sieg concelebrates. After the Mass, everyone gathered under the tent for their last fiesta before we welcomed the Birth of Our Lord on Christmas. Again, we thank everyone who was involved from the beginning of our Advent Season. So many people were there to help in every aspect, and we are grateful for their gifts of time, talent, and treasure. May God bless you in abundance for all that you have done in preparation for Christmas!

### CHRISTMAS 2025...A JOYFUL CELEBRATION!



Many thanks to all who celebrated the Birth of Our Lord Jesus with us at the Christmas Vigil and the Christmas Day Masses. Thanks to all who donated the poinsettias and those who decorated our altar, Light A Star tree, Nativity Scene, and Blessed Mother statue so beautifully.

Dear Padre,

January 4, 2026

I recently lost my husband of sixty years. I prayed for him through his four-year illness. Since he has died, I cannot pray. Any advice for me?

My heartfelt condolences on your profound loss. When someone we love dies, a part of us dies too. Sometimes, the trauma is so severe that it can even affect our relationship with God. Psychiatrist Elisabeth Kübler-Ross identified five stages of grief. In the denial stage, some people can't accept the reality of the death. It becomes too much to handle. In the anger stage, some may question their belief in God—especially if their prayer requests (such as, "Please God, if you heal my loved one, I will...") weren't successful in the bargaining stage. People in the depression stage feel overwhelmed by the reality of the loss and may not always feel like connecting with others—even with God in prayer. However, in the acceptance stage, emotions stabilize, and a person comes to terms with their new reality. Nothing makes up for the absence of a loved one, but people manage to cope and live on. It's because you loved so deeply that the loss feels so deep. God accepts you completely; God understands how you feel. He wants you to be at peace and live life fully. Our compassionate God yearns to help console you and offer assistance in your healing process until you can embrace him again in prayer. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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# ANNUAL RED MASS



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.

## FUNERAL SERVICE FOR +SEGUNDA "SIGGIE" ARUME



Funeral Services for the late **+Segunda "Siggi" Arume** will be held on **Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>** at **Mililani Makai**. Visitation begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by a **prayer service at 10:00 a.m.** **Burial** will take place at **11:00 a.m. at Mililani Mortuary**. Segunda was a long-time member of our parish and was involved with many ministries, most notably as a Sacred Heart Society member. We pray for the repose of her soul. May she rest in peace.

## NEW FOOD PANTRY BULLETIN BOARD

We're grateful to our parishioners, Dexter Vasquez and Roxanne Whalen, who have donated their time and talent to our new bulletin board hanging on the side of the parish hall. Dexter carefully installed the plexiglass-covered board to the outside wall and Roxanne nicely decorated the inside with general information and credentials. Mahalo to both of them for their stewardship!



## JUBILEE YEAR ENDS, HOLY DOORS TO BE CLOSED



The Jubilee Year, whose theme was "Pilgrims of Hope" and which began on December 24, 2024, will be officially ending with the closing of the Holy Doors at St. Peter's Basilica by Pope Leo XIV on January 6, 2026. It has already been happening in stages at the other major basilicas in Rome. The final closure concludes the Jubilee, but spiritual themes of hope, mercy, and conversion extend beyond the year. Even though the closing of the doors signify the conclusion of the "Year of Hope," God's mercy remains open and the call to live in Christian hope should continue.

Archbishop Rino Fisichella, the Vatican's chief organizer of jubilee events, said the year had revealed "the great thirst for spirituality that resides in so many men and women". It also showed the need for "pilgrims of hope" in a world devastated by multiple wars. "As believers we have found the courage to be witnesses to the 'hope that does not disappoint' not only where armed conflicts are being fought but, in every place, where illusion, uncertainty, and desperation reign," Fisichella told the Italian Catholic daily newspaper Avvenire. (www.thetimes.com)

The jubilee will be remembered above all for the extraordinary connection forged between the people and the papacy. We will discontinue praying the Jubilee Prayer at the conclusion of our Mass on January 6th.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ST. MARIANNE!

Celebrate our beloved saint's feast day and birthday!

Friday, January 23, 2026  
7 p.m. Mass

Celebrant: Bishop Larry Silva

Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa  
712 N. School St., Honolulu

(Attendees will receive a special gift and delicious treats.)



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## TALKS FOR FAMILIES, ADULTS, & YOUTH - JAN. 20 - MAR. 10



TALKS FOR FAMILIES  
ADULTS & YOUTH  
**I LOVE YOU**  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
@7pm  
January 20 - March 10, 2026  
Saint John the Baptist Parish Hall  
Honolulu, HI

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.

	DEC. 13-14		DEC. 20-21		DEC. 27-28		
WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	143	13	230	22	106	8
	Sun. 7:00 AM	209	12	182	5	214	6
	Sun. 9:30 AM	218	40	205	41	226	46
	Sun. 5:00 PM	171	14	261	26	143	21

Readings for the Baptism of the Lord:

**Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

**Acts 10:34-38**

**Mark 1:7-11**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December 22 - 25, 2025

Christmas Offering	<b>\$7,440.00</b>
Vigil: 7:00 PM	\$1,547.00
Midnight Mass	\$1,608.00
Christmas 7AM	\$1,660.00
Christmas 930AM	\$2,625.00
Weekly Offering	<b>\$65.00</b>
Simbang Gabi	<b>\$1,588.00</b>
Repair & Maintenance	<b>\$2,029.25</b>
Building Fund	<b>\$320.00</b>
Candles	<b>\$40.00</b>
Light A Star	<b>\$25.00</b>
Solemnity of Mary	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,512.25</b>

December 27 - 28, 2025

Weekly Offering	<b>\$8,489.00</b>
Sat. 5:00 PM	\$2,347.00
Sun. 7:00 AM	\$1,066.00
Sun. 9:30 AM	\$2,041.00
Sun. 5:00 PM	\$3,035.00
Repair & Maintenance	<b>\$2,328.00</b>
Building Fund	<b>\$495.00</b>
Flowers	<b>\$2.00</b>
Candles	<b>\$15.00</b>
Book of Intentions	<b>\$230.00</b>
Mass Intentions	<b>\$70.00</b>
Funeral	<b>\$50.00</b>
Blessings	<b>\$90.00</b>
Light A Star	<b>\$10.00</b>
Food Pantry	<b>\$25.00</b>
Christmas	<b>\$273.00</b>
Simbang Gabi	<b>\$20.00</b>
Solemnity of Mary	<b>\$160.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,257.00</b>



## A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

Let us resolve to bring [God's] love everywhere, never forgetting that each of our sisters and brothers is a dwelling place of God and that his presence is manifested above all in the little ones, in the poor and the suffering, who ask us to be thoughtful and compassionate Christians.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 25, 2025

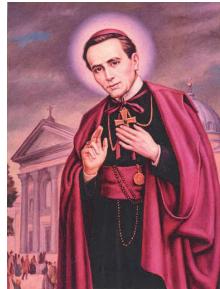
## Church Cleaning Schedule

Jan. 10:	Knights of Columbus
Jan. 17:	Couples for Christ
Jan. 24:	Chamorro Group
Jan. 31:	Volunteers Needed

## FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.** Feast Day is January 4<sup>th</sup>. As the 1st native born American canonized by the Catholic Church, this 18th & 19th c. saint embraced God's will with a faith journey of constantly striving for self-improvement and spiritual growth. She's known for founding the 1st American parochial school system in the U.S. and establishing the 1st Catholic girls' school in America. Also known as Mother Seton, she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, which was the 1st congregation of religious sisters in the U.S. after she became a widow and converted to Catholicism. She had deep devotion to the Eucharist, Sacred Scripture, and the Blessed Virgin Mary. A model for charity & service, she left a legacy of faith, education, and service to the poor as a devout teacher & leader in establishing schools & orphanages. She's the patron saint of Catholic schools, teachers, widows, & orphans, to name a few.



**St. John Neumann.** Feast Day is January 5<sup>th</sup>. This 19th c. 1st male American saint was born in Bohemia (now the Czech Republic), but emigrated to the U.S. as a missionary priest and became Bishop of Philadelphia. A member of the Redemptorist Order, he was the first one to profess vows in the U.S. Known for his missionary zeal, he served a diverse group of immigrants by learning to hear confessions in multiple languages. As a promoter of Catholic education, he founded the U.S. diocesan school system. He's thus become the patron saint of educators and immigrants. In addition, he founded the Sisters of the 3rd Order of St. Francis, also known as the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia. He also supported & invited several other religious orders to establish themselves in his U.S. diocese to staff schools & orphanages. His motto was: "Passion of Christ, strengthen me," as he relied on Christ's suffering for strength in his apostolic work.



**St. Andre Bessette.** Feast Day is January 6<sup>th</sup>. Commonly known as Brother Andre, this 19th & 20th c. Canadian saint was the "Miracle Man of Montreal," for his being a man of deep faith, humble service, & many miraculous healings. He joined the Congregation of the Holy Cross as a lay brother and served as a porter for the seminary at Notre Dame College in Montreal, where he greeted visitors at the door and tended to the sick & poor. His tireless work & prayers to St. Joseph led to construction of St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, which he founded and has become a renowned basilica & major pilgrimage site. He constantly pointed people to St. Joseph for healing & intercession, which led to the oratory's growth. Nicknamed "God's Doorkeeper," he not only opened doors for people, but touched their hearts & lives by opening the door of God's love, blessings, & gift of healing. He's the patron saint of the sick, poor, marginalized, & family caregivers. Even though his death anniversary date is on January 6th, his feast day in Canada is celebrated on January 7th, which is the perpetual memorial date for that country & his religious community.