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**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."

## First Sunday in Lent February 22, 2026

**FOCUS:** Jesus is the obedient Son.

Throughout the Old Testament, the Scriptures use metaphorical language to speak of Israel as God's son. Yet like us today, the Israelites persist in disobedience, straying from their Father's will. God thus sends Jesus, who is tempted in the desert to disobey God. Jesus' example of obedience reveals what true sonship requires.

## JESUS FOR THE WIN

MIGUEL DULICK

The account of the temptations could be presented as a comical play. Pope Francis insisted, "Don't talk to the devil!" Indeed, Jesus does not engage in dialogue with Satan, much less any negotiation or any business. Stones become bread? Jesus may have fasted for forty days, but he's had plenty to eat—"every word that comes forth from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). Nor will Jesus "test" his Father by jumping off the "parapet of the temple" (like the bell tower of a gothic church). (See Matthew 5-7.) You don't play God, and you don't play with God. Satan really beclowns himself with the last temptation—promising the whole world if Jesus would just take a knee? No one would fall for that, would they?

Except—most of us. We'd do the bread; we'd do the jump; we'd definitely do the world! Look at the first reading, from Genesis. Adam and Eve give up paradise for a piece of fruit! It's a sad story because Eve does chat with the serpent, answering questions, allowing for a different point of view. But, as they say on Facebook, Satan "destroys" her! And Adam, too. If they didn't sew fig leaves for each other, the whole story would be unbearable. Even as they realize their sin, there is a little tenderness.

Saint Paul explains it clearly. Sin entered the world, but with Jesus Christ, there is an "overflow" of grace for the many. (See Romans 5:15.) And that's what Lent is about—a flood of grace.

**Reflect:** What grace do I pray for this Lent—for myself and for someone who is struggling?

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, February 23:

7:00 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Avelina Corpuz - RS)  
6:30 PM PPBC Meeting  
6:30 PM Young Adult Ministry Mtg.

### Tuesday, February 24:

6:50 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Avelina Corpuz - RS)  
6:30 PM Lenten Penance Svc. at St. Joseph, Church, Waipahu

### Wednesday, February 25:

6:50 AM Rosary  
(+Avelina Corpuz - RS)  
5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)  
6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

### Thursday, February 26:

- No Mass  
6:30 PM Lenten Penance Svc. at Sacred Heart, Waianae

### Friday, February 27:

6:50 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Zina Corpuz - RS)  
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry  
4-6:00 PM Lenten Bento Pick up  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, February 28:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(Geselle Ordonia - Birthday)

### Sunday, March 1:

6:00 AM Rosary  
7:00 AM Mass  
(Elena Chancheck - Thanksgiving)  
8:45 AM Rosary  
9:30 AM Mass  
(+Michael Santos - RS)  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(Mass for the People)

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LENTEN REGULATIONS



#### BLESSING OF THE OILS AND CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM

In order to allow participation of Catholics throughout the islands, the Sacred Oils will be blessed during the Chrism Mass to be celebrated in several locations. In Honolulu, the Chrism Mass will be held on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu starting at 7:00 p.m.

#### THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

"Since Christ accomplished his work of human redemption and of the perfect glorification of God principally through his Paschal Mystery, in which by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life, the sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year" (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, #18). Three major liturgical principles may be of help here:

- The Triduum may be viewed a single liturgical action that occurs over a period of three days.
- The Triduum is not part of Lent, but in its entirety, celebrates the Easter event.
- The entire focus of the Triduum is on the Triumph of the Cross and the Resurrection.

The Paschal Triduum begins on Holy Thursday, April 02, 2026, with the Mass of the Lord's Supper until the evening of Easter Sunday, April 05, 2026. Good Friday of the Lord's Passion is on Friday, April 03, 2026 and the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil is on Saturday, April 04, 2026.

The full Lenten Regulations can be found posted around the church.

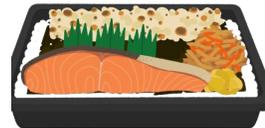
### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES FOR LEeward VICARIATE

Below is the schedule for the Lenten Penance Services for the Leeward Vicariate. All are encouraged to attend one of the services:

Tue., Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. - St. Joseph, Waipahu  
Thu., Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart, Waianae  
Thur., Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. - St. Jude, Kapolei  
Tue., Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. - St. Rita, Nanakuli  
Thu., Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. - ICC, Ewa  
Tue., Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. - OLP, Ewa Beach



### LENTEN BENTOS FOR SALE AFTER THE MASSES



**Lenten Bentos** will be sold every week during Lent by the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Knights of Columbus, Council 6734.

**Tickets are on sale** after all Masses. The cost of each bento is **\$20**. Acceptable forms of payment are: **Cash, Venmo, and Zelle**. Pick up will be every Friday during Lent from 4 - 6 p.m.

A flyer is posted up around the parish which shows the menu each week. This coming Friday, February 27th, we will be selling teri fish and panko shrimp. The weekend after that, we will be selling mahi mahi and shrimp tempura. Each bento includes a weekly option of veggies, rice, noodles, and stir-fried vegetables. We thank you in advance for supporting our faithful Knights.

*Dear Padre,*

I was taught that it is a requirement to fast at least one hour before receiving Communion. However, I've seen donuts out before Mass begins and hear candy wrappers being crumpled around me. This seems disrespectful to me.

It is important to use the correct words when describing a particular action. In this case, "requirement" does not really capture the full meaning and understanding of what the Church teaches. A better understanding is that it is a discipline and a practice of the Church to ordinarily observe the eucharistic fast for one hour before receiving holy Communion. If you are of a certain age, you may remember that there have been changes regarding the eucharistic fast. A "requirement" might suggest that the fast is integral to the sacrament itself. It is not.

The second part of your question seems to be a matter of perception. Based on your perception, you judge something to be not quite right. But, consider that there are many reasons why hospitality may be set up before Mass. The crumpling of wrappers could be something other than what you identify. Regardless, you are not required to assume the burden of policing what is taking place at Mass. It is much better to participate, celebrate, and be grateful for the sacrament that we gather to experience as a community of faith.

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

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## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL (CMAA)



The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) replaces the 'Ohana in Christ Appeal. Starting this weekend, February 21-22, 2026, the diocese is launching this new collection. There will be a video shown at all the Masses this weekend. The appeal provides funds for: Evangelization and Catechesis, Pastoral and Social Ministries, Clergy Support, and Communications (Catholic Herald.) Our goal is to raise \$17,161 from now until June 30, 2026. You may scan the QR code which can be found on the pledge cards or in the pews. Prayer cards will also be available in the pews.

## OPERATION RICE BOWLS



The Catholic Relief Service's "Operation Rice Bowl" collection will begin on Ash Wednesday. Ushers will be passing out rice bowls starting that day. This is an opportunity to take up alms for those who are in need. For more info, please scan the QR code.

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**A night of fun for our kupuna!** Sacred Heart Church, Punahou, presents a Kupuna Prom for all those who are young at heart! This event will take place on **February 28, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**, at the **Bachelot Hall**. Suggested donation is either \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. The night will feature music, dancing, fellowship, and refreshments. Please scan the QR code to register. For more information, call (808) 973-2211.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	JAN. 31-FEB 1		FEB. 7-8		FEB. 14-15	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	160	12	157	9	160	8
	Sun. 7:00 AM	228	4	166	6	211	10
	Sun. 9:30 AM	262	52	245	53	215	55
	Sun. 5:00 PM	167	17	101	7	158	16

## THE MEANING OF LENT



Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

(Taken from <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/len>)

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES



Our Youth and Young Adult Ministries invite you to join their ministries. For our Youth (grades 7-12) & Young Adult (ages 18-39 years), please scan the QR code to the left:

Here you will find:

- Young Adult volunteer forms for youth ministry
- Young Adult Ministry Social Media for events
- Youth Ministry Retreat Save the date
- Youth Ministry registration forms
- Contact information

Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent:

**Genesis 2:1-4a**  
**2 Timothy 1:8b-10**  
**Matthew 17:1-9**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**February 14 -15, 2026**

Weekly Offering	<b>\$3,898.25</b>
Sat. 5 pm -	\$980.00
Sun. 7 am -	\$1273.00
Sun. 9:30 am -	\$760.00
Sun. 5 pm -	\$885.25
Repair & Maintenance	<b>\$2,114.00</b>
Building Fund	<b>\$225.00</b>
Flowers	<b>\$3.00</b>
Candles	<b>\$90.00</b>
Book of Intentions	<b>\$40.00</b>
Mass Intentions	<b>\$140.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,510.25</b>



## PARISH SOFT

**January 1 -31, 2026**

Black & Indian Missions	<b>\$10.00</b>
Building Fund	<b>\$1,373.00</b>
Candles	<b>\$222.00</b>
Church in Latin America	<b>\$10.00</b>
Flowers	<b>\$170.00</b>
Food Pantry	<b>\$535.00</b>
ICC T-Shirts	<b>\$66.00</b>
Monthly donations	<b>\$2,030.00</b>
One-Time Gifts	<b>\$245.00</b>
Repair & Maintenance	<b>\$570.00</b>
Solemnity of Mary	<b>\$100.00</b>
Weekly Offering	<b>\$2,994.00</b>
Youth and Young Adult	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,375.00</b>

## A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

Today, signs of hope are increasingly found in care homes, communities for minors, centers for listening and acceptance, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and low-income schools. How many of these quiet signs of hope often go unnoticed and yet are so important for setting aside our indifference and inspiring others to become involved in various forms of volunteer work!

Message For World Day of the Poor  
ROME, JUNE 13, 2025

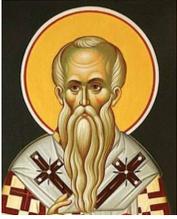
## A LENTEN PRAYER...

"Heavenly Father, as we begin this Lenten journey, we come before You with a humble heart. Forgive our sins, heal our brokenness, and help us to turn away from all that separates us from You. Grant us the grace to walk faithfully through these 40 days, growing closer to You each day. Amen."

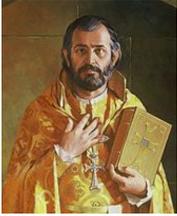
## Church Cleaning Schedule

<b>Feb. 28:</b>	Chamorro Group
<b>Mar. 7:</b>	Sacred Heart Society
<b>Mar. 14:</b>	Knights of Columbus
<b>Mar. 21:</b>	Couples for Christ

## FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



**St. Polycarp** – Feast Day is February 23rd. The feast of this 2nd c. Bishop of Smyrna (Greece) and martyr is celebrated as a commemoration during Lent. This saint was a disciple of St. John the Apostle, who ordained him as bishop. He was one of the 3 chief "Apostolic Fathers," who represented a direct link to the Apostles. He's best known for his writings, especially the non-biblical "Letter to the Philippians," which encouraged the early Christians to remain firm in the faith. With this work, he also encouraged the Philippians to follow St. Paul's original teachings by carefully studying his letter. His greatest contribution to Christianity was his refusal to renounce Christ by declaring his 86 years of service to God before his martyrdom. Since burning at the stake didn't succeed in consuming him with the flames, he was stabbed to death instead. He's the patron saint of earache sufferers and those with dysentery (intestinal disorders).



**St. Gregory of Narek** – Feast Day is February 27th. This 10th c. Armenian saint, who was a monk, poet, mystical writer, theologian, and abbot, lived most of his life in the Narek Monastery in Armenia (Turkey), where he taught & wrote mystical poems, hymns, biblical commentaries, & sacred elegies. He was declared a Doctor of the Church (#36) by Pope Francis in 2015 and was the 1st Armenian to attain that title. He's best known for his masterpiece, "Book of Lamentations," which contains 95 mystical prayers and is considered an encyclopedia of prayers for all nations. He had hoped that it would provide guidance in prayer for people of all walks of life. He is often referred to as the "Watchful Angel in Human Form," due to his many miracles that started with prayer. A Holy Mass will be concelebrated at St. Peter's Basilica this year to mark the 1st liturgical commemoration of St. Gregory of Narek in the Latin rite.



**St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows** – Feast Day is February 27th. Also known as Gabriel Possenti, this 19c. saint was known as the "Saint of the Smile." Named "Francis" at birth, he was born into a large Italian family, which had great devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows and it was the hallmark of his family life. Educated by the Jesuits, he later decided to join the order, but was rejected due to his young age. He was accepted into the Passionist Order, which gave him the name "Gabriel" and he was deeply devoted to the suffering Blessed Virgin Mary. The young monk was known for his Christian virtues of prayerfulness, care for the poor, and utmost thoughtfulness of others. He followed the Passionist mission completely and excelled in being faithful in "little things." He died from tuberculosis at the young age of 24, but his example of saintly living lives on in that even faith, goodness, & holiness can be found in young people. He's the patron saint of youth, students, seminarians, clerics, and the Abruzzi region of Italy.

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