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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**

7 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Mass  
8:15 a.m. CCD (K--12 grade) \*

**Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri**

8:00 a.m. Mass

**Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. OCIA (Adults)

**Thursday**

No Mass

**First Friday**

7:00 a.m. First Friday Benediction  
and Rosary  
8:00 a.m. Mass

**Saturday**

9:00 a.m. OCIA (Children) \*  
3:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. Marian Devotion  
5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday**

4:00p.m. - 4:30p.m. (or by appt.)

\*September – May (School year)

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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.”



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**Contact us for the following:**

**Baptism:**

Contact the parish to enroll in the baptism preparation for your children.

**Faith Formation: CCD & OCIA**

Religious education for adults and children

**Marriage:**

Contact office at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. An Engaged Encounter Weekend is required prior to Marriage Ceremony.

**Communion to the Homebound**

Contact parish office to arrange for someone to bring the Blessed Sacrament to the Sick.

**Funerals**

Call the parish office *prior* to making arrangements with the mortuary.

**Food Pantry**

First Friday hours: 3 – 5pm  
All other Fridays: 4 – 6pm  
Please bring an ID



# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## January 14, 2024

*Readings for next week:*

Jonah 3:1-5,10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

### We are back to Ordinary Season!

Christmas Season is always a meaningful and joyful time for most, if not all of us. It has always been attached to festivities, celebrations, gatherings, giving, and renewal. This past Christmas, we were blessed here in our parish with dedicated volunteers who prepared our church for the season in terms of physical and spiritual preparations. Our decorations created a spark of a cheerful atmosphere, making our church a

spiritual home for many. Our liturgies and services genuinely moved us to become connected to our faith in Jesus.

The Christmas season ended this past Monday, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Now, we are back to the Ordinary Time of our Church's calendar. The term "Ordinary Time" may be misleading. In the context of the liturgical year, the word "ordinary" does not mean "usual or average." Ordinary here means "not seasonal." Ordinary Time is that part of the Liturgical Year that lies outside the seasons of Lent-Easter and Advent-Christmas. There is no ordinary time for Christians! The green color that symbolizes the Ordinary Time does not give us the go signal to do whatever we want. It's still a season for growth and renewal.

Let us always make our journey new. And, you know what makes something new? It is our faith. It is our faith that sustains us. Faith gives us a broader perspective, so we won't easily be discouraged by what comes along the way. It is the faith that gives and enriches our sense of purpose and direction in life. Although we might have already put our decorations away and family members went back home after the Christmas holidays, our faith remains. Our faith brings newness and joy to our pursuits.

God makes everything new; God does not only create things, but He also recreates them. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (2 Col. 5:17)

Let us bring the best as we return to the ordinary season and continue to find something new that nourishes and sustains. Let us invite Jesus to be central in all our endeavors, circumstances, and occasions in our life.

### Weekly Schedule

#### Monday, January 15 (Office Closed):

7:15 a.m. Rosary  
8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Tuesday, January 16:

(+Priscilla Lucena)  
7:15 a.m. Rosary  
8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Wednesday, January 17:

(+Efren Bayan)  
7:15 a.m. Rosary  
8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Thursday, January 18: (No Mass)

#### Friday, January 19:

(+Eddie Fajardo)  
7:15 a.m. Rosary  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
4 - 6:00 p.m. Food Pantry

#### Saturday, January 20:

(+Efren Bayan)  
4 - 4:30 p.m. Confessions  
4:15 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Mass

#### Sunday, January 21:

6:15 a.m. Rosary  
7:00 a.m. Mass (+Isabel Alabanza)  
8:45 a.m. Rosary  
9:30 a.m. Mass  
4:15 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Mass (Mass for the People)

### Church Cleaning

Jan. 20 – Couples for Christ  
Jan. 27 – Chamorro Group  
Feb. 3 – Sacred Heart Society



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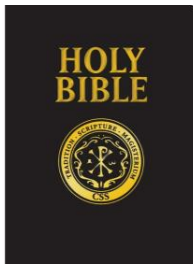
## Santo Nino Celebration

Every year, the **Feast of Santo Nino** is celebrated on the third Sunday in January. This year, the third Sunday falls on January 21<sup>st</sup>. In honor of the Feast of Santo Nino, we will have a **Triduum of Masses** starting on Monday, **January 15<sup>th</sup>** – through Wednesday, **January 17<sup>th</sup>** at **8:00 a.m.**

On **January 21<sup>st</sup>**, Sunday, at the **7:00 a.m. Mass**, all are invited to bring your Santo Nino statues to be blessed by Father.

### WORD OF GOD - JANUARY 21, 2024

“... It is fitting, then that the life of our people be constantly marked by this decisive relationship with the living word that the Lord never tires of speaking to his Bride, that she may grow in love and faithful witness. Consequently, I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This *Sunday of the Word of God* will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the *Sunday of the Word of God* has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity” (Pope Francis, *Apostolic Letter, Aperuit Illis*, nos 2-3, dated September 30, 2019) Please bring your bibles in next weekend to have them blessed by Father.



## Office Closed – Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> due to the Martin Luther King holiday. We will reopen on Tue, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Stewardship of Treasure January 6-7, 2024

Weekly Offering - \$	4,785.53
<i>Sat., 5pm</i>	- 887.00
<i>Sun., 7am</i>	- 1,394.00
<i>Sun., 930am</i>	- 1,338.53
<i>Sun., 5pm</i>	- 1,166.00
Repair/Maint. Fund	2,035.00
Building Fund	97.00
Book of Intentions	147.00
Mass Intentions	191.00
Flowers	40.00
Candles	120.00
Funeral	300.00
Blessing	50.00
Christmas	6.00
Solemnity of Mary	50.00
Sacred Heart Society	35.00
Miscellaneous	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,976.53</b>

### Second Collections

Priest Retirement Fund	\$50.00
Ohana in Christ	5.00
Black & Indians Missions	5.00
<i>Mahalo for your support always!</i>	

### 2023 Donation Statements

Please call the parish office if you need a donation statement. It will be mailed to you. For our Faith Direct users, a statement will be mailed to you. You may also access it online.

## RED MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.  
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### MARCH FOR LIFE



**Thursday, January 18, 2024** - 6 p.m., Mass and Adoration with Bishop Larry Silva, St. Theresa Co-Cathedral

**Friday, January 19, 2024** - 3 - 6 p.m. – March for Life, State Capitol

### Mahalo, Bruce!

Mahalo to parishioner, Bruce St. Germain (Drill Pro, Inc.), for helping us remove the huge rocks off our back property.



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# Dear Padre

January 14, 2024

**If St. Matthew was an apostle, why do we have Gospels from other writers who were not apostles of Jesus? Since he knew Jesus personally, wouldn't his Gospel be the definitive one?**

There are two assumptions that need to be addressed. One is that the Apostle Matthew is the same as the evangelist Matthew. The book's title, the Gospel According to Matthew, was added to the text in the second century. Whether it was written by the same Matthew or someone else, it still traces back to the experience of the apostles. The Scriptures are the inspired word of God, and Christians can rely on the truth of the Gospel message through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The other assumption is that one Gospel is somehow more "definitive." All four Gospels are the inspired word of God. A Gospel is not a history of the life of Christ. It is a collection of stories that each evangelist arranged in a specific way so that they would make sense to a particular audience. For the Gospel of Matthew, the audience was predominantly Jewish, but these Jewish Christians were being excluded from mainstream Judaism and perhaps were wondering among themselves if Jesus was really the Messiah for whom they had waited so long. Matthew's Gospel asserts repeatedly that Jesus is a true Israelite who fulfills Old Testament prophecies, while also reinterpreting the Law of Moses in a new direction that includes all nations.

•Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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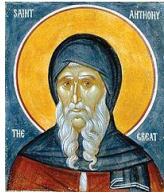


May the Virgin Mary help us make of our lives a hymn of praise to God in response to his call and in the humble and joyful fulfillment of

his will. But let us remember this: there was a moment in each of our lives in which God made himself present more strongly, with a call.

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 17, 2021, Pope Francis

## Saints of the Week



**St. Anthony the Great** - Feast Day is January 17th. He was a Christian monk from Egypt, who has been revered since his death in the 4<sup>th</sup> century as a saint. An Egyptian hermit, he is considered the founder of organized Christian monasticism. Even though he was a solitary ascetic and practiced great mortification and prayer, he still drew many people to himself for spiritual healing and guidance. His life in a way resembled the likes of St. Francis of Assisi in that both gave up their wealth for the poor. Unlike Francis who went about preaching the gospel in the countryside, he spent his life in solitude.

**St. Fabian** - Feast Day is January 20th. He was one of the great popes in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century during unstable political times. He was selected as a new pope in quite an unusual way. As clergy and people were preparing to elect a new pope, layman Fabian who came in from his farm, was chosen when a dove flew in and settled on his head. He proved to be an outstanding administrator, who divided Rome into seven districts that were assigned to seven deacons and founded several churches in France. He died as a martyr for his faith most likely in prison and was buried in the catacombs of Calixtus in Rome.



**St. Sebastian** - Feast Day is January 20<sup>th</sup> - He was believed to be an army officer, who died as a martyr for his belief in Jesus. He was shot with arrows while tied to a tree by his fellow soldiers for shielding Christian martyrs who defied the emperor, but actually died from being bludgeoned to death when the arrows didn't kill him. He's the patron saint of archers, soldiers, those who desire a saintly death, and plague victims. He was venerated as a protector with his intercessory powers from the bubonic plague, which occurred in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. He's also the patron saint of athletes, due to his physical endurance and energetic way of spreading and defending the faith. His name means "venerable."

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