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MASS TIMES

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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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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.”

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 26, 2025

FOCUS: Humility before the Lord is its own righteousness.

In the spiritual life, it is tempting to look at others’ motivations and behaviors and compare them to ourselves. We may even comfort ourselves with the thought that at least we are “not like them.” The Lord reminds us that our focus should be on examining our own actions, recognizing our own sins, and humbly repenting for these, seeking God’s mercy.

LIKE THE RINGS OF A TREE FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

For some, going to confession can bring a sense of relief—as if the slate has now been wiped clean; as if we have gotten a do-over with life or the past has been left behind as though it never happened. Our past, however, is always with us—the good and the bad, the joys and the sadness, the grace and the sin. There are no do-overs. We carry with us the marks of our lives simply because every experience, every kindness and cruelty, every moment of generosity and selfishness, all have made us into who are. We are much like a tree that adds a ring to its trunk each year. The ring always bears the marks of that year, whether it has been a year of rain or drought, whether insects have attacked, or whether Mother Nature has been kind. The tree always remembers and carries with it forever the rings of what life has been. Our lives are the same.

The story of the Pharisee and the tax collector tells this tale. Like the Pharisee, we have much good in our lives. We too have prayed and have been generous. We have been kind and honest and cared for the poor. We have tried to be faithful. The Pharisee’s downfall was that he forgot about his sinfulness; he forgot he needed God’s mercy. The tax collector, on the other hand, remembered his failings. Both were in need of God’s love. Only the tax collector seemed to realize it.

● **Reflect:** How has my life been a mixture of sin and grace?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, October 27:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Emeterio Guillermo, Jr. - RS)
6:30 PM PPBC Meeting

Tuesday, October 28:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Inoni Dimaya - Birthday Blessings)
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 29:

6:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Emeterio Guillermo, Jr. - RS)
6:30 PM O.C.I.A. Class

Thursday, October 30:

- No Mass

Friday, October 31:

6:10 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Gloria De Guzman - RS)

Saturday, November 1: All Saints Day

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
3:00 PM First Saturday Devotions
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Sophie Victoria and the Holy Souls in Purgatory - RS)
7:00 PM All Saints Day Celebration

Sunday, November 2: All Souls Day

6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Emeterio Guillermo, Jr. - RS)
8:15 AM CCD Classes
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(Jayleen Galdones - Birthday Blessings)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)
6:30 PM Youth Ministry Meeting

PLEASE NOTE:

Our **Food Pantry** will be **closed** on Fri., **Oct. 31st**. We will resume on Nov. 7th from 3-5pm.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



We thank God for the resounding success of the Marriage Enrichment Program held on October 18, 2025. Eight couples engaged in faith-based sessions designed to

strengthen their marriages and family bonds. The topics included:

1. The Christian Marriage
2. The Christian Home
3. Communication in Marriage
4. Healing our Marriages

Participants concluded the program by developing actionable plans for personal growth and lasting positive change. Below are some of their responses:

"I appreciate this opportunity to listen, to learn, and to spend time with my husband. I think these are important topics to reflect upon, no matter how long you have been married. It was a great opportunity to remember that with God as the center of our marriage, we continue to grow in love for one another and live lives of gratitude for all that we have."

"Love and enjoyed the sessions. Communication is spot on! The exercises and couple discussions were great in strengthening our skills."

"Well delivered! I love the contrast between God's plan /Scripture and the real-world story of each presenter. Keep the videos, they're funny and break up the delivery. Timings and exercises are good."

Mahalo to all our couples who participated in this Marriage Retreat. We pray for continued blessings in your marriages.

Dear Padre,

October 26, 2025

Is it wrong for children to dress up as zombies and devils and other evil creatures for Halloween?

No. It is perfectly acceptable to choose these kinds of costumes and to participate in the festivities of Halloween. Halloween is primarily a secular celebration. Although it is true that the original celebration is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition, that tradition is more properly celebrated during the great feast days of the Church that follow Halloween: All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. Mythological representations, and the costumes that remind us of these kinds of characters, are to be understood with a sense of fun and mischief. There is no difference between a ghost, a goblin, a zombie, Captain America, Superman, or one of the Mario Brothers. They are all fictional characters in the very human stories we share with each other. The meaning we assign to them must be proportional to what they represent. On Halloween, they represent nothing more than a person in costume. It could be an entirely different story under different circumstances in which there might be the possibility of a misunderstanding about the meaning of such a costume. Halloween pretty much blurs that distinction and takes away the misunderstanding. It is meant to be entertaining and fun. That is all.

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

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES



All Souls Day is next week **Sunday, November 2nd**. On this day, we celebrate in remembrance of our loved ones who have gone before us. The Mass will be offered up for all the souls, especially for those whose names were submitted on the All Souls Day envelopes. If you would like to remember your loved ones in a special way, please pick up an envelope found at the entrance of the church and turn them in today. You may place them in the wooden box on the table. When writing their names, we ask that you write legibly to prevent any misspellings. Envelopes are due this weekend. We cannot guarantee that the names submitted after this weekend will be included on our Tree of Remembrance.

PARENT CAFE, OCTOBER 18th



This past Sunday, families gathered after the 9:30 a.m. Mass for our Parent Café, "Making Halloween Holy Again." Together, we explored how many of today's celebrated holidays — from Christmas and Easter to Halloween itself — have deep Catholic origins, rooted in the Church's calendar of feasts, saints, and seasons of grace.

Parents and children reflected on the true meaning of Halloween, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day as a sacred trilogy: remembering the reality of death, celebrating the victory of the saints, and praying for the faithful departed.

Children joyfully crafted crowns of sainthood, each one representing God's call for all people to become saints in everyday life. Through prayer, fellowship, and creativity, families were reminded that holiness is not a distant ideal but a daily invitation — to live with faith, hope, and love in every season of life.

OCTOBER 13TH – ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO



Mahalo to our prayer warriors who continually pray the rosary for our ohana. They gathered on October 13th in commemoration of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima in front of the grotto.

FIRST SATURDAY,

NOV. 1ST

This week Saturday, **Nov. 1st** is the **First Saturday**. All are welcomed to join our First Saturday, Servants of Mary Immaculate in their devotional prayers starting at 3:00 p.m. in the church.

2ND COLL: ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA

Our second collection for the weekend of Nov. 8th – 9th will be taken up for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA which happens every 3 years. Please give generously. Mahalo.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	OCT. 4 – 5		OCT. 11 – 12		OCT. 18 – 19	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	142	8	159	15	195	23
	Sun. 7:00 AM	225	13	224	9	190	7
	Sun. 9:30 AM	201	39	218	37	231	35
	Sun. 5:00 PM	174	23	188	34	166	20

Readings for All Souls Day:

Wisdom 3: 1-9
Romans 8: 14-23
Luke 7: 11-17

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

October 18 – 19, 2025

Weekly Offering	\$3,904.00
Sat. 5:00 PM –	\$1,136.00
Sun. 7:00 AM –	\$1,486.00
Sun. 9:30 AM –	\$786.00
Sun. 5:00 PM –	\$496.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,852.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
Candles	\$20.00
Book of Intentions	\$120.00
Mass Intentions	\$80.00
Rosary donations	\$40.00
All Souls Day	\$1,625.00
T-Shirt Fundraiser	\$680.00
TOTAL	\$8,346.00



A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

My own story is that of a citizen, the descendant of immigrants, who in turn chose to emigrate. All of us, in the course of our lives, can find ourselves healthy or sick, employed or unemployed, living in our native land or in a foreign country, yet our dignity always remains unchanged: it is the dignity of a creature willed and loved by God.

AUDIENCE OF THE HOLY FATHER, ROME,
MAY 16, 2025

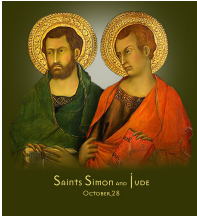
Church Cleaning Schedule

Nov. 1:	Sacred Heart Society
Nov. 8:	Knights of Columbus
Nov. 15:	Couples for Christ
Nov. 22:	Chamorro Group

PARISH MINISTRIES

- Parish Pastoral Council
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- Lectors
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- 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

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



Sts. Simon and Jude – Feast Day is October 28th. These two of the original twelve Apostles of Jesus share the same feast day and were martyred for their faith. They were both faithful and zealous in their mission of preaching the gospel in various regions often working together in Egypt, Mesopotamia, Syria, and Persia. St. Simon was formerly a member of the Zealots, a 1st c. Jewish political group dedicated to overthrowing Roman rule. His political zeal was transformed into fervent faith in Jesus after his conversion. St. Jude probably authored the NT Letter of Jude and spread Christianity through his missionary work throughout the Middle East. He's often depicted with a flame over his head, showing the presence of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In 65 AD, they traveled to Persia together, where they both suffered martyrdom. St. Simon, the patron saint of saw workers and tanners, was sawed in half, while St. Jude (aka Thaddeus) was beaten with a club and is the patron saint of hope, desperate cases, and lost causes.



St. Narcissus of Jerusalem – Feast Day is October 29th. An early patriarch of Jerusalem, this 2nd c. Greek was placed as the head of the Church there at the age of 80. He served as its 30th bishop and exercised vigor and discipline. He was known for his miracles, especially the one when he turned water into lamp oil for a Holy Saturday service. He also granted forgiveness to three enemies, who falsely accused him and led him off to a life as a hermit. When his accusers suffered misfortune, he was welcomed back and reinstated as bishop. He was also known for presiding over a council that set Easter observances for Sundays (not at the same time as Jewish Passover). He was highly regarded for his holiness and served his people until his death at over 100 years old. He's the patron saint against insect bites and of vineyards, vintners, and winegrowers.



St. Wolfgang – Feast Day is October 31st. This 10th c. saint from Regensburg in Bavaria is regarded as 1 of 3 great German saints of that century. He was a teacher for many years and then became a Benedictine monk. Later he was ordained a priest and served as a director of a monastery school in Switzerland and then was sent as a missionary to Hungary. He was later appointed a bishop and served for 22 years and was known for initiating reforms of the clergy and religious life, preaching with vigor and effectiveness, and demonstrating special concern for the poor. Continuing to wear the habit of a monk and living an austere life, he was still drawn to a life of solitude in monastic life. His responsibilities as bishop, however, led him back to service in his diocese. He's the patron saint of carpenters, woodcarvers, and Regensburg and is invoked against stomach ailments, strokes, paralysis, and internal bleeding.

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