

# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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#### **MASS TIMES**

Saturdays at 5:00 PM

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**CONFESSION** 

Saturdays: 4 - 4:30 PM or by appointment

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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:

o First Friday hours: 3-5 PM

o 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."

## Feast of Saints Peter and Paul June 29, 2025

**FOCUS**: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

While preaching and spreading the Gospel after the Resurrection, Peter was arrested by King Herod. Meanwhile, prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God on his behalf. The early Church offers us an example of intercessory prayer that we should imitate by praying fervently for the successor of Peter, the pope.

## **ROOTS AND WINGS**

## FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

"There are two things we should give our children: one is roots and the other is wings." So goes the adage. It is in knowing our roots that we know who we are. It is with wings that we then shape the future—a future sprouting from those roots but also blossoming into something new. If there were only the roots, we would never know life's richness. Without wings, never would we come to beauty. The solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul honors both of these dynamics in the Church. It was Peter who was the Rock, who was able to recognize God's presence made flesh among us, who would say to Jesus, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). It was Paul who pushed the envelope, who proclaimed that God's saving love was for Jews and Gentiles—both members of the household of God—without distinction. It was Paul who argued that circumcision was not necessary for a believer. It was Paul who recognized that the Law was indeed a blessing, yet also that obeying the Law does not save us—it is the love of Christ Jesus that saves us.

Many are rooted through faith in Christ Jesus. Some live out that faith as Catholics, others as Lutherans or Methodists, still others as Orthodox or Anglicans. All of us rooted in Christ, all of us living out faith, each blossoming in our own fruitfulness as guided by the Spirit, for the purpose of tradition is to pass on the flame and not to preserve the ashes.

■ <u>Reflect</u>: Am I more comfortable with roots or wings? Am I more like St. Peter or St. Paul, and why?

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

## Monday, June 30:

6:50 AM Rosary 8:00 AM Mass

(+Soly Santa Elena-Kane - RS)

## Tuesday, July 1:

6:50 AM Rosary 8:00 AM Mass

(+Varez Family - Thanksgiving)

## Wednesday, July 2:

6:40 AM Rosary 8:00 AM Mass

(+Lydia Pascua Ramelb - RS) 5:00 PM Centering Prayer

## **Thursday, July 3:**

No Mass

## Friday, July 4:

## (July 4th Holiday - Office closed)

6:40 AM Rosary

7:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament, followed by Rosary

8:00 AM Mass

(+Lydia Pascua Ramelb - RS)

## Saturday, July 5:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning

3:00 PM 1<sup>ST</sup> Saturday Devotions

4:45 PM Rosary 5:00 PM Mass

(+Tino Villanueva and the Holy Souls in Purgatory - RS)

## Sunday, July 6:

5:40 AM Rosary 7:00 AM Mass (Mass for the People) 8:45 AM Rosary 9:30 AM Mass

(+Lydia Pascua Ramelb - RS)

4:15 PM Rosary 5:00 PM Mass (+Aurora Amor - RS)

# PARISH OFFICE AND FOOD PANTRY CLOSURE, JULY 4<sup>TH.</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

The Parish Office as well as the Food Pantry will be closed, on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> due to the Independence Day Holiday. The office will reopen Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> and the Food Pantry resumes on Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

## CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

July 5: Sacred Heart Society
July 12: Knights of Columbus
Couples for Christ
July 26: Chamorro Group



## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## FR. SIEG'S 20th PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY

## **CELEBRATION**

**CONGRATULATIONS, FR. SIEG** on the **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of your Priesthood**. We are grateful to God for allowing us to be a part of your journey and we thank Him for choosing you to be our shepherd. Your dedication in serving Him is an inspiration for us. May the Lord bless you with strength, wisdom, and unwavering faith as you continue your vocation. We ask Him to bless you with many more happy years of service to Him.

























## CORRECTION: FUNERAL SERVICE FOR +WINCHESTER PANOKE

Last weekend, there was an error on the dates for the funeral service of the late **+Winchester "Chester" Joseph K. Panoke.** Please note the following corrected date: Funeral Services will be held on **Monday, June 30**th (not Saturday, June 21st as

previously announced), at **Mililani Mauka Chapel**. **Visitation** begins at **9:00 a.m.** Prayer Service begins at **11:00 a.m.** Dcn. Richard Abel to preside.

## **HAWAII FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



We are still in need of **50 volunteers** to come and help at the **Hawaii Food Bank**, 2611 Kilihau St., Honolulu, 96819, on **Saturday**, **July 26**, **2025**, from **8:00** am - **12:00** p.m.

Volunteers must be 16 or older who can stand while packing.

To sign up, please email Dami Espiritu, Food Pantry Coordinator at CoachD808@gmail.com For more info, you may contact Alison at the parish office.

## <u>ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY STILL NEEDS HELP</u>



Our Environment Ministry is still in need of volunteers who can help trim the hedges and trees on our church property. If you are able to come just once a week for a few hours, please call the parish office for more info. We's appreciate your help!!! Mahalo!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER, ELIZIA ANN DUMPIT

## **RUIZ**

Let us welcome the newest member of our parish, Ms. Elizia Ann Dumpit Ruiz!

Elizia Ann was baptized last Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. We pray for her as she begins her new life in the church. Congratulations to her and her ohana!



## **SECOND COLLECTION: PETER'S PENCE**



Our second collection next weekend, July 5-6, will be taken up for the annual Peter's Pence. This collection supports the Holy Father's mission of

proclaiming the Gospel by promoting the human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among God's people. It supports the numerous charitable works in aid of people and families that are in difficulty, such as natural disasters and wars, and in need of humanitarian assistance. We ask that you be generous in your giving. For more info, please log onto their website:

https://www.usccb.org/nationalcollection/peters-pence

## **FAITH DIRECT - MAY 2025**

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<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>May 1-15</u>	<u>May 16-31</u>
Weekly Offering	\$2,220.00	\$1,107.00
Monthly Offering	\$825.00	\$1,465.00
One-Time Gifts	\$270.00	\$25.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$655.00	\$210.00
Building Fund	\$713.00	\$620.00
Book of Intentions	\$30.00	\$0.00
Candles	\$7.00	\$5.00
Flowers	\$140.00	\$25.00
Food Pantry	\$490.00	\$95.00
Youth & Young Adult Ministries	\$235.00	\$5.00
Mother's Day	\$0.00	\$40.00
Father's Day	\$100.00	\$0.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$25.00	\$0.00
Peter's Pence	<u>\$40.00</u>	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$5,755.00	\$3,597.00
Less Credit Card Fees	(\$116.41)	(\$63.78)
Less ACH Fees	(\$6.03)	(\$5.53)
Less Faith Direct Fees	<u>\$306.60</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT	\$5,325.96	\$3,527.69

## STEWARDSHIP **OF TREASURE**

June 21 - 22, 2025

\$4,114.27

\$416.00

\$65.00

\$55.00

\$230.00

\$85.00

\$3.00

Weekly Offering Sat. 5:00 PM -\$760.00 Sun. 7:00 AM -\$1,421.01 Sun. 9:30 AM -\$1,019.00 Sun. 5:00 PM -\$914.26

**Building Fund Flowers** Candles **Book of Intentions** Mass Intentions

Repair & Maintenance

Father's Day Youth Retreat Fees/Donations

\$50.00 \$855.00 **TOTAL** \$5,873.27

**Second Collections** 

Seminarian Education Fund \$1,690.00

Mahalo for your generosity!

## SIP & SAVOR



The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Hawaii is sponsoring a Sip & Savor fundraiser to help their organization which focuses on helping men develop & carry out their duties of spiritual vocation.

When: July 18, 2025

Where: Japanese Cultural Ctr.,

2454 S. Beretania St.

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Cost: \$200

Contact: Ron Gochenouer at (808)

306-7502.

## PREPARING YOUR HANDS FOR BATTLE!

Jesse Romero, dynamic Catholic author, speaker, and radio host will present "Preparing Your Hands for Battle" for three consecutive evenings. This event is sponsored by the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Hawaii. For more information, please contact Ron Gochenouer at (808) 306-7502.

When: Sun -Tue., July 13 - 15, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Blessed Sacrament Church, Honolulu



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Dear Padre, June 29, 2025

## What does the Church say about free will and predestination? I am confused and wonder if there is any fundamental difference?

The Church can be viewed as the champion of free will, for it is descriptive of God's grace at work in his creation. On the other hand, the Church does not champion predestination. The Church understands that this concept is in direct opposition and contradicts the creative act of God. It is understandable how someone might confuse these two different perspectives. In fact, some Christian belief systems have historically confused them; for example, those who follow the thought of John Calvin (1509–1564), including various Congregational, Reformed, and Presbyterian churches. But, regardless of the confusion, the two positions are not complementary, and someone cannot hold both positions because they are incompatible with each other. Catholics believe that we have been created by God with free will. In response to this wonderful gift, we are invited to form our consciences and live our lives lovingly and deliberately as people who choose to respond, in total freedom, to the Way, the Truth, and the Life that is found in Jesus.

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## A word from POPE FRANCIS



What can I do for the Church? Not complaining about the Church, but committing myself to the Church. Participating with passion and humility.... That is what a synodal Church means: everyone has a part to play, no individual in the place of others or above others. There are no first- or second-class Christians; everyone has been called. HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 29, 2022

#### PARISH MINISTRIES

- Parish Pastoral Council
- · Parish Council of Ministries
- Finance Council
- Parish Planning & Building
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Stewardship Committee
- Music Ministry
- Money Counters
- Bereavement
- Religious Education
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Altar Servers
- Flowers and 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



**St. Junipero Serra** - Feast Day is July 1st. This 18th c. Spanish Franciscan friar (OFM) and missionary is credited with converting modern-day California to Catholicism. He traveled by sea and by foot and pushed back obstacles to evangelize the indigenous people and Spanish settlers across the West Coast. He walked approximately 24,000 miles throughout his ministry, mostly on foot. He established 9 missions - 1 in Baja, CA and 8 of 21 Spanish missions from San Diego to San Francisco. His motto and primary focus was "Siempre Adelante" (Always Forward), which showed

his profound commitment and dauntless will. The second major lesson he taught was "Always keep your arms outstretched toward God," which greatly inspired his life and work. Widely known as the "Apostle of California," he's also quoted as saying: California is my life and there I hope to die."



St. Thomas the Apostle - Feast Day is July 3<sup>rd</sup>. One of the 12 Apostles, this 1st c. saint was also known as "Didymus" (Greek for Twin) and "Doubting Thomas." He was the one who doubted the Resurrection and wanted physical proof, which he received when he was allowed to touch Christ's wounds. He became overwhelmed by the light of the Resurrection. HIs lack of faith ultimately led to his believing and his famous statement of faith became "My Lord and my God." He was one of the most famous figures in the Gospel of John. He was a dedicated follower of Christ and continued

his work of teaching, preaching, healing, and spreading the gospel throughout the known world, particularly in India, where he is considered the "Apostle of India." He was martyred there by beheading in 72 AD. His symbols are a spear (for martyrdom) and a ruler (for his profession as a builder).



St. of Elizabeth Portugal – Feast Day is July 4<sup>th</sup> .This 13th – 14th c. saint was very devoted to God and was known for her piety, charity, and peacemaking efforts. Born Elizabeth of Aragon in Spain, she became the Queen of Portugal when she married King Denis at the age of 12. She was named for her great aunt, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, and she managed to maintain devout habits, serve the sick and poor, and found charitable establishments, despite living in a corrupt court life environment with an unfaithful husband. Exhibiting virtues of diplomacy and peacemaking and depicted often holding a dove or olive branch, she mediated conflicts between her husband and relatives, and thus his work of

teaching, preaching, healing, and spreading the gospel throughout the known world, particularly in India, where he is considered the "Apostle of India." He was martyred there by beheading in 72 AD. His symbols are a spear (for martyrdom) and a ruler (for his profession as a builder).

		JUN 7 - 8		JUN 14 -15		JUN 21 -22	
WEEKLY MASS COUNT Sat. 5:00 I Sun. 7:00 I Sun. 5:00 I	PM AM AM	Adult 151 219 242 156	Child 17 6 38 22	Adult 140 256 240 181	Child 25 15 25 18	Adult 128 222 230 157	Child 12 5 31 18

Readings for the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 66:10-14c Galatians 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20