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MASS TIMES

Saturdays at 5:00 PM
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Sacrament: 7:00 AM. Mass at 8:00 AM

CONFESSION

Saturdays: 4 – 4:30 PM or by appointment



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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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 15, 2026

FOCUS: Seek God’s wisdom and follow his commandments.

As disciples, we strive to follow God’s wisdom, and yet we are presented with so many other competing claims of “wisdom” in our world. Our readings today enlighten us on what God’s wisdom is and what it is not. May Jesus’ wise teachings in the Sermon on the Mount help us grow closer to God.

SOME WALK AWAY

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No’” (Matthew 5:37). This teaching of Jesus seems to get lost, perhaps because it comes at the end of a long listing of commandments. Regardless, it seems to get right to the point, almost making the other commandments unnecessary or perhaps clarifying them. Either you are going to be a child of your heavenly Father and live like one, or you are not. If you are a child of God, you would not contemplate any evil behaviors, let alone actually do them.

That is the clarity of the teaching of Jesus. It is authentic. It is compelling. It invites a response. Yet, there are those who were present with him who did not understand. Who missed the point. Who insisted on another way. Who could not discern the simplicity of the truth. To each of these men and women, including some with the religious title of scribe or Pharisee, he observed, “And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be” (Matthew 6:23). Even sadder is that not only did they miss the point, they also simply walked away.

Do you want to say more than a simple “Yes” or “No”? Do you want to say, “Yes, but... I can’t do it now.” Or “I can’t forgive this particular person.” Or “I can’t welcome this particular stranger.” Or “I can’t love him or her or them.” Have you also missed the point? Do you also want to walk away?

● **Reflect:** What teachings of Jesus are too hard to consider?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, February 16: Presidents' Day Holiday

7:00 AM Rosary (Office closed)
8:00 AM Mass
(Russel John Alegre – Birthday Blessings)

Tuesday, February 17:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Avelina Corpuz – RS)
6:30 PM Burning of the Palms Ceremony

Wednesday, February 18:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Ash Wednesday Mass
(+Avelina Corpuz – RS)
5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)
6:30 PM O.C.I.A.
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass
(+Merlin Agcamaran – Death Anniversary)

Thursday, February 19:

– No Mass
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

Friday, February 20:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Avelina 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 21:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
9:00 PM Secular Franciscans Mtg.
12:00 PM Rosary Rally
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Marcelina Benjie Ang – RS)

Sunday, February 22:

6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(Gregoria Calvan – Birthday Blessings)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass (Rite of Sending)
(+Avelina Corpuz – RS)
1:00 PM Rite of Elect (Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN REGULATIONS



In our last bulletin, we announced a couple of regulations as mandated by the Church and Diocese of Honolulu. We continue to share some of the regulations here for the Lenten Season:

EASTER DUTY

All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept is to be fulfilled during the Easter Season unless it is fulfilled, for a just cause, at some other time during the year. This period is extended to include all the weeks of Lent and the Easter Season up to Trinity Sunday (May 31st).

LENTEN PRACTICES

The faithful are encouraged during Lent to attend daily Mass, receive Holy Communion, participate in penance services, and receive sacramental absolution; to take part in public and private exercises of piety, give generously to works of religion and charity, perform acts of kindness toward the sick, aged, and the poor; to practice voluntary self-denial, especially regarding food, drink, and worldly amusements; and to pray more fervently, particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls this year on February 18, 2026. Ashes are to be blessed as a sign of our entry into a season of conversion, repentance, and reconciliation. Ashes are to be blessed by a bishop, priest, or deacon. Others may be associated with the clergy in the distribution of ashes.

To afford the faithful opportunities to participate in Lenten prayer services, pastors are encouraged to have such prayer services at least twice a week, including the Way of the Cross on Fridays, Exposition and Benediction, Evening Prayer, and evening Masses. A homily or instruction should be included.

BURNING OF PALMS CEREMONY & ASH WEDNESDAY

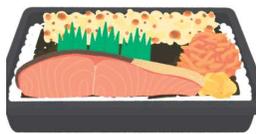


Please **bring your blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday**, so that we may use them to make ashes for our Ash Wednesday Masses. Our **Burning of the Palms Ceremony** will be held on **Shrove Tuesday, February 17th**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the courtyard outside of the Parish Hall

and our Ash Wednesday Masses will take place on Wednesday, February 18th at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



LENTEN BENTOS FOR SALE AFTER THE MASSES



"It's Lent, again! **Lenten Bentos** will be sold 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. under the tent starting

February 20th. There are different bentos being sold every week. The first bento consists of **garlic salmon and panko shrimp**. The following week will be **teri fish and panko shrimp**. Each bento includes a weekly option of **veggies, rice, noodles, stir-fried vegetables**. Thank you for your support!

Dear Padre,

February 15, 2026

My grandkids' parents don't want them to be baptized. Can I do it myself secretly so as not to cause problems?

Your concern is understandable, but secret baptisms are prohibited in the Catholic Church. The decision to baptize a child is determined by his or her parents. To secretly usurp their decision may cause problems of its own. For an infant to be baptized, "The parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent," and "There must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion" (Code of Canon Law, 868 §1). An exception is permitted when the child's life is in immediate danger: "An infant of Catholic parents or even of non-Catholic parents is baptized licitly in danger of death, even against the will of the parents" (CCL 868 §2). Here, the Church's pastoral concern is for the child to receive the immediate graces from the sacrament; the question of raising the child in the faith becomes moot in a life-or-death situation. "Since the earliest times, baptism has been administered to children, for it is a grace and a gift of God that does not presuppose any human merit.... Entry into Christian life gives access to true freedom" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1282). Continue to pray that your family may see baptism as a sign of God's love, which offers true freedom for humanity.

● Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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

PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY



Monday, February 16th, is the Presidents' Day Holiday. The parish office will be closed on that day. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 17th.

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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.

AUGUSTINE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



Mahalo for your support of the Augustine Educational Foundation Second Collection last weekend. **"Make a Student Smile – Give the Gift of Catholic Education Campaign!"** Your generous support has allowed us to collect **\$1,232**, so far, to help make a difference in our students' lives. These funds help the student's first in our parish and then all the other children who need assistance to attend Catholic schools in our Diocese. Mahalo for your generosity!

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	JAN. 24-25		JAN. 31-FEB 1		FEB. 7-8	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	134	14	160	12	157	9
	Sun. 7:00 AM	221	8	228	4	166	6
	Sun. 9:30 AM	267	48	262	52	245	53
	Sun. 5:00 PM	155	19	167	17	101	7

ROSARY RALLY, SAT., FEBRUARY 21st, 12:00 P.M.

Next week Saturday, **February 21st**, our prayer warriors will hold a **Rosary Rally**. All are invited to join them starting at **12:00 p.m.** under the tent. Thank you for your support.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL (CMAA)

The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) replaces the 'Ohana in Christ Appeal. Starting next weekend, February 21-22, 2026, the diocese will launch this new collection. There will be a video shown at all the Masses that 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 a good opportunity to take up alms for those who are in need. For more info, please scan the QR code.

LENTEN RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN 18 & OVER

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A Lenten Recollection
 (women 18 years and above)

February 20, 2026, 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm
 St. Anthony Retreat Center,
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COST - Donation is accepted
 Please call Sr. Ivy at (808) 845-0065
 Or email: sarc3351@gmail.com
 RSVP - By February 17, 2026

"Come away by yourselves to a quiet place and rest a while."
 —Mark 6:31

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 7 - 8, 2026

Weekly Offering		\$3,411.01
Sat. 5:00 PM -	\$1,147.00	
Sun. 7:00 AM -	\$804.00	
Sun. 9:30 AM -	\$914.01	
Sun. 5:00 PM -	\$546.00	
Repair & Maintenance		\$494.00
Building Fund		\$320.00
Flowers		\$3.00
Candles		\$55.00
Book of Intentions		\$110.00
Mass Intentions		\$50.00
Baptism		\$100.00
Sacred Heart Society		\$35.00
Father's Special Projects		\$100.00
TOTAL		\$4,678.01



Second Collection:

Augustine Edu. Found. **\$1,232.00**



A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts. He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves... Sadly, oddly enough, in a world of burgeoning "social" media, we risk being ever more alone

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 8, 2025

SACRED HEART ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE



The Sacred Heart Academy is having an Open House on Sunday, February 22nd at 11 am. To register, click on the QR code. The school offers classes for students in

grade Preschool to Grade 12. Check out their website by logging onto www.sacredhearts.org.



Church Cleaning Schedule

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

Readings for the First Sunday of Lent:
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order – Feast Day is February 17th. This feast celebrates the role of 7 Florentine noblemen, who founded the Order of the Servants of Mary (the Servites) in 1233. Bound by spiritual friendship, they belonged to the Florentine Confraternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and worked as cloth merchants in Florence, Italy. Devout in their faith & devoted to the Blessed Mother, they experienced a vision of her, which led them to adopt a mendicant & contemplative life. Living as hermits, they dedicated their lives to prayer, penance, & intense devotion to the 7 Sorrows of Mary. They adopted the Rule of St. Augustine & their order was approved by the Holy See in 1304. This feast date was chosen as the anniversary date of the last survivor, St. Alexis Falconieri, in 1310. They were all canonized together in 1888 by Pope Leo XIII. This order now has missions in many parts of the world.



St. Conrad of Piacenza – Feast Day is February 19th. This 14thc. Italian nobleman from Piacenza, Italy was known for his life of holiness, penance, & repentance. After starting a massive forest fire while hunting, he later confessed to having caused it when an innocent man was condemned for starting it. Having experienced a conversion, Conrad sold his property to pay for the damages and then lived as a hermit & 3rd Order Franciscan for 36 years, while practicing strict solitude, prayer, & penance. Meanwhile, his wife entered religious life by joining the Poor Clares Order. As his reputation for holiness grew, many sought his spiritual counsel. Several miracles were attributed to him while he was alive & after his death, especially of healings & his ability to read hearts. He's the patron saint of hernia sufferers & of Noto, Sicily, where his remains are entombed in the Cathedral, which is a pilgrimage site.



Sts. Jacinta & Francisco Marto – Feast Day is February 20th. This feast day honors the two youngest non-martyr saints in the history of the Church, who lived in the early 20th c. It commemorates the holiness of these two shepherd siblings, who were from Aljustrel, near Fatima in Portugal. They witnessed 3 apparitions of the Angel of Peace in 1916, which prepared them for witnessing 6 monthly apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary from May to October, 1917. The Blessed Mother requested that they dedicate themselves to sacrifice & the conversion of sinners as well as pray the rosary daily for peace & an end to WWI. Both children died from the Spanish flu epidemic – Francisco at age 10 in 1919 & Jacinta at age 9 in 1920. This feast date was chosen as the anniversary of the death of St. Jacinta. They are patrons of sick people, bodily ills, & Portuguese children. They were canonized by Pope Francis on May 13, 2017, exactly 100 years after the Blessed Mother's 1st apparition.

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