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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. 1st 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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- Flowers and Environmental
- Event Planners
- Food Pantry
- Sacred Heart Society
- Knights of Columbus
- Couples & Singles for Christ

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



"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

John 12: 24

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

FOCUS: Choose the path of surrender in service to the Lord.

We want to serve and follow the Lord, but we also want to enjoy our lives and ensure that our children and grandchildren have a good life. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to choose the Lord first, and the Father will honor whoever serves him. Choosing the path of surrender in service to him glorifies God and allows us to produce much fruit, including care for our own families.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, March 18:

(Darlene Tamanaha – Birthday Blessings)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, March 19:

(+Federico Bisquera – 1st Year Death Annu.)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, March 20:

(+Linda Maglangit Ritchie – RS)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday, March 21: (No Mass)

Friday, March 22:

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

4 - 6:00 p.m. Food Pantry

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 23:

(+Felipe Madamba, Jr. – RS)

4 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 24:

6:15 a.m. Rosary

7:00 a.m. Mass *(+Linda M. Ritchie)*

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass *(Mass for the People)*

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

Church Cleaning:

Mar. 23

Chamorro Group

Mar. 30

Volunteers needed

Lent and Easter Schedule

Penance Service - 7:00 p.m., March 21st – Sacred Heart, Waianae *(Please note that this is the last Penance Service for our Vicariate.)*

Stations of the Cross – Every Friday until March 22nd, 7pm

Palm Weaving – Friday, March 22nd (after Stations)

Palm Sunday – Sunday, March 24th (regular Masses)

Holy Thursday – Thursday, March 28th

7 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday – Friday, March 29th:

5:30 p.m. - Outdoor Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. - Veneration of the Cross and Communion Service

Holy Saturday – Saturday, March 30th

7:00 p.m. - Service of the Light

Easter Sunday – Sunday, March 31st,

7 & 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Mass of the Resurrection

Palm Weaving, Friday, March 22nd

Calling all those who want to learn how to weave palms into crosses for Palm Sunday! All are invited to join us on **Friday, March 22nd** after the Stations of the Cross in the Parish Hall.



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Easter Fun for the Keikis

Bring the keikis for some fun after the **9:30 a.m. Mass** on Easter Sunday, **March 31st**! There will be some activities for them to participate in: *Egg hunt, games, etc.* The Event Planning Committee is asking for donations of candy and small toys for the goodie bags. We don't need plastic eggs as we were given a large donation last year. You may bring your candies and small toys/prizes to the office during normal business hours.

Completion of the Stations of the Cross

The Knights of Columbus have completed the outdoor Stations of the Cross and are ready for Good Friday when we will journey with Jesus on His way to Calvary. It will be our first experience to reflect on the Passion of Christ. Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus, Council 6734, for spearheading this project.



Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services

This weekend, we take up the **Catholic Relief Services** Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Holy Week Collections

CRS Rice Bowls – Holy Thursday: Every year, our annual collection for the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl is due on Holy Thursday, which falls on March 28th this year. If you haven't turned your Rice Bowl collection in, please do so on or before this day. Also, please note that the 7 p.m. collection will be taken up for the CRS Rice Bowls. If possible, please convert your coins to bills or write a check.

Holy Land – Good Friday: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the **Holy Land**. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!** For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Stewardship of Treasure

March 9 - 10, 2024

Weekly Offering - \$	4,411.80
Sat., 5pm -	642.00
Sun., 7am -	1,010.00
Sun., 930am -	1,325.80
Sun., 5pm -	1,434.00
Repair/Maint. Fund	2,044.56
Building Fund	312.50
Book of Intentions	145.00
Mass Intentions	120.00
Flowers	257.50
Candles	50.00
Food Pantry	20.00
Funeral	550.00
Easter	20.00
Other: Dumpsters	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$ 8,031.36



Faith Direct

Feb. 16 – 29, 2024

Weekly Offering	\$ 2,265.00
Monthly Offertory	775.00
One-Time Gifts	150.00
Building Fund	688.00
Candles	7.00
Flowers	145.00
Food Pantry	765.00
Repair & Maintenance	660.00
Book of Intentions	30.00
2 nd Coll: Catholic Relief Svc	<u>75.00</u>
Total Disbursement	\$ 5,560.00
Less Credit Card Fees	(111.35)
Less ACH Fee	(5.45)
Less Faith Direct Fee	<u>(306.60)</u>
Total Disbursement	\$ 5,136.60

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What is the difference between temptation and sin?

The temptations of Jesus, as they are recorded in the Gospels (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1, and Matthew 4:1), give us the proper direction with regard to sin and temptation. Jesus was tempted three times, but he did not sin. More than that, Jesus put his trust in God during the temptations. Jesus' message is clear: if you feel tempted, call out to God!

The Church teaches that sin is a deliberative process. Temptation is something that happens to you without your consent: a thought or desire pops into your mind. For temptation to become a sin, you have to entertain that thought or desire, or plan to act on it, or do it. That's when temptation "turns a corner" and becomes sin.

Although the sacrament of penance is available throughout the year, the Church places a special emphasis on it during Lent. There may be a communal penance service in your area. Perhaps you can commit now to participating in the service. If it's been a while since you've been to confession or you're not sure what to do or say, just tell the priest. He will show you.

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



We are called to take on the paschal law of losing life in order to receive it renewed and eternal. And what does losing life mean?... It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to "see" and to meet the needs of our neighbors, especially the least of them.

ANGELUS, ROME, MAR. 18, 2018

Food Pantry: Please note that the Food Pantry will be **closed on Friday, March 29th, Good Friday.** We will reopen the following Friday, April 5th which is the first Friday of the month. Time: 3 – 5:00 p.m.

Saints and Feasts of the Week

St. Patrick - Feast Day is March 17th. He was a Roman/British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland during the 5th c. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland," he's noted for bringing Christianity to that country and is their patron saint. Kidnapped as a youth by Irish raiders, he was taken as a slave to Ireland and while there as a shepherd, he turned to his faith for comfort. He eventually escaped back to Britain, but returned to minister to the people, who were worshipping idols and began converting them to the true faith. He's credited with using the shamrock to demonstrate the Holy Trinity. His feast day is celebrated each year throughout the world.



St. Joseph - Feast Day is March 19th. He was a 1st c. Jew born in Bethlehem, who was the husband of Mother Mary and foster father of Jesus. He's venerated as the Patron of the Universal Church and his life has been recorded in the Gospels. Referred to as a "just man" in Scripture, he was a carpenter from the royal house of David, who was entrusted with the care of Mary and Jesus. It is believed that he died in Nazareth before Jesus started his public ministry and has been invoked by many for the grace of a happy death. He's also venerated as the patron saint of fathers, workers, expectant mothers, and unborn children.

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo - Feast Day is March 23rd. He was a 16th c. well-educated Spanish scholar, lawyer, and professor, who later became a priest and bishop. He was chosen to serve as the Archbishop of Lima, Peru during the Spanish conquest. By devoting himself for 26 years to helping the poor and oppressed people there, he showed them the love of a Christlike shepherd, especially by his preaching, baptizing, and catechizing for the salvation of their souls. He is credited with being the first known saint of the New World along with St. Rose of Lima and even predicted the exact date and hour of his own death. He's the patron saint of Peru, Latin American bishops, and native people's rights.



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