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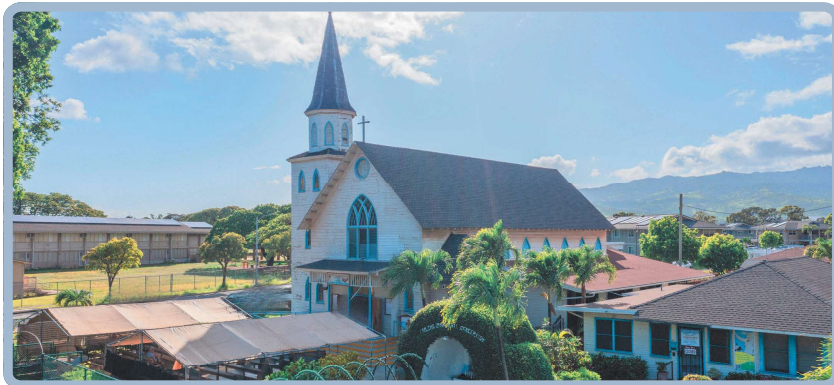
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MASS TIMES

Saturdays at 5:00 PM
Sundays: 7:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 5:00 PM
First Fridays: Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament: 7:00 AM. Mass at 8:00 AM

CONFESSION

Saturdays: 4 – 4:30 PM or by appointment



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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BAPTISM: Inform the parish 2 months in advance to allow for baptismal preparation

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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

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025

FOCUS: Christ will bring us to new life and new growth.

Through Jesus, God fulfilled the promise he made to his people to bring them salvation. Christ's death and resurrection opened the way for eternal life for all who believe, including the Gentiles. Let us prepare the way of the Lord by asking for God's healing, listening for God's voice, and raising our hearts to him.

WILL YOU NOTICE THE SHOOT?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah offers a familiar Advent image: the shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. The verses immediately preceding speak of God walking through the forest with an ax: “The tall of stature shall be felled, and the lofty ones shall be brought low” (Isaiah 10:33). But now, amidst all the destruction, a tiny sign of new life emerges, and the Spirit of God descends upon it, bearing many gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, delight. So often, when we scroll through the news, our attention is captured by violence and war and the “mighty” who make great noise when they fall. “Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees,” echoes John the Baptist in today's gospel. If we are looking for where God's Spirit can be found, however, Isaiah reminds us we will need to look elsewhere. We will need to attend to the quiet, fragile resurrections taking place below the surface when it appears as if all has been lost. If we seek wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, and delight, we will need to look where the little ones of the earth are found. We must have our eyes open for the shoots. The gospels emphasize that Jesus was one such little one. Although the glory days of his people seemed to have come to a crashing close, they have not. In him, we glimpse the truth that life is stronger than death. We see that the future has not been erased, no matter how terrible the past. In him, we find our hope.

● **Reflect:** Are my eyes open to the small signs of God's work in the world, or am I too distracted to notice?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Connie Lubera – Birthday Blessings)
6:00 PM Procession followed by the
Crowning and Offering of Flowers to Our Lady.
7:00 PM Mass
(+Jocelyn Bandalan Vernon – Death Annv.)
8:00 PM Dinner & Fellowship

Tuesday, December 9:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Evelyn Velasco & Juan Ramelb – RS)

Wednesday, December 10:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Elan Costanios – Birthday Blessings)
5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)
6:30 PM Advent Recollection Night

Thursday, December 11:

o No Mass

Friday, December 12:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Richard Alcos – RS)
7:00 PM Advent Penance Service

Saturday, December 13:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
1:00 PM Sacred Heart Society Mtg.
(Officers only)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)

Sunday, December 14:

6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Carlito Flores Camat, Jr. – RS)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Melchor Amor – Death Anniversary)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Florencia Borja – RS)



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

NOV. 29 - DEC. 7	6:30 P.M. - ICC NOVENA
DECEMBER 8	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 8:00 A.M. - MASS 6:00 P.M. - PROCESSION - CROWNING & OFFERING OF FLOWERS to OUR LADY 7:00 P.M. - MASS, PRESIDER FR. MANUEL HEWE, PASTOR OF ST. THERESA CO-CATHEDRAL AND FORMER VICAR FOR CLERGY 8:00 P.M. - DINNER & FELLOWSHIP - HALL
DECEMBER 10	6:30 P.M. - PARISH ADVENT RECOLLECTION
DECEMBER 12	7:00 P.M. - PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SVC
DECEMBER 15 - 23	MISA AGUINALDO/SIMBANG GABI MASSES: 7:00 PM, DEC. 15, MON. - FR. REYNATO MALIWAT 7:00 PM, DEC. 16, TUE. - FR. MELCHOR PALOMARES 7:00 PM, DEC. 17, WED. - FR. JOEY RANCHO 7:00 PM, DEC. 18, THU. - FR. ED BARUT 7:00 PM, DEC. 19, FRI. - FR. KURT MEYER 5:00 PM, DEC. 20, SAT. - FR. SIEG DOSDOS 5:00 PM, DEC. 21, SUN. - FR. SIEG DOSDOS 7:00 PM, DEC. 22, MON. - FR. PRESTON "PJ" CASTRO 7:00 PM, DEC. 23, TUE. - FR. LEONARD TUBANA
DECEMBER 24	8:00 A.M. MASS
DECEMBER 24	CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES 7:00 P.M. - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 11:30 P.M. - CHRISTMAS CAROLING 12:00 A.M. - MIDNIGHT MASS
DECEMBER 25	CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES 7:00 A.M. - CHRISTMAS MASS 9:30 A.M. - CHRISTMAS MASS (NO 5:00 P.M. MASS)
DECEMBER 27 - 28	HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH BLESSING OF FAMILIES
JANUARY 1, 2026	8:00 A.M. - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

We're looking forward to all of you joining us on our Feast Day, December 8th. The evening will begin with a Procession (from the front of our church, down Pahika St. toward the parking lot in the back, then back to the church). After the Procession, we will have the Crowning of Our Lady, and Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Fr. Manny Hewe presiding. We invite you to join us for dinner and fellowship in the parish hall afterwards. **All are invited to bring a dish to share with everyone.**

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:

Please note that our Diocese has only 2 Holy Days of Obligation in the year. They are Dec. 8th & 25th.

Please see the schedule for the Mass times to the left.

ADVENT RECOLLECTION NIGHT, "LIGHT UP THE WORLD WITH HIS LOVE" – DECEMBER 10TH



Immaculate Conception Church will be hosting an **Advent Recollection Night** on **Wednesday, December 10th, 2025** at **6:30PM** in the Parish Hall with guest speaker, **Nellani Tabada**. We invite you to rekindle the flame of Christ's love within us. As we receive His Light, we are called to become His reflection -- lighting up the world with His Love in our families, parishes, and communities.

ADVENT PENANCE SVCS

Please mark your calendars for our **Advent Penance Service** which will be held this **Friday, December 12, 2025**, at **7:00p.m.**

If you can't make it this Friday, you may attend the Penance Services at one of the parishes below:

Tue., Dec. 9th – St. Rita, Nanakuli, 7 p.m.
Thu., Dec. 11th – OLPH, Ewa Beach, 7 p.m.



Dear Padre,

December 7, 2025

Do non-Catholics go to heaven?

Yes, they do, because of the grace of God at work in his people. To suggest otherwise would seem to imply that Catholics somehow have a "golden ticket," or some kind of right that simply does not exist. The Incarnation of Jesus healed the division between heaven and earth, a division established by the "sin of Adam" and confirmed by our own lives of sin. Through his passion, death, and resurrection, all has been restored to the manner that the Father first envisioned through his Creation. The division was between humanity and divinity, not between religious practices and divinity. Catholics believe and celebrate that God accepts all people of a good heart and a good spirit. God is not blinded by the labels that sometimes blind his people to the bigger reality. When Catholics, or people of any religion, proclaim exclusivity and specialness, particularly when it concerns eternal life, all people should be very cautious about what they assume. To assume a certain type of arrogance—to yourself and to your belief and life of faith—that excludes others or separates another as "not one of us" simply has no place in the kingdom of God.

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

LIGHT A STAR



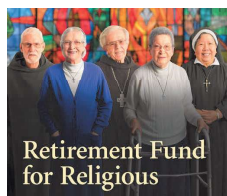
If you would like to offer the masses during Advent for your loved ones, please write their names on the "Light A Star" envelope which can be found at the entrance of the church. Please write legibly to prevent any misspelling. Their names will go on ornaments which will be hung on the Advent trees in our church. Please send your names no later than December 21st.

O CHRISTMAS TREE, O CHRISTMAS TREE!

Every year, our faithful parishioners, **Yolly and Lio Basilio**, put up our beautiful Christmas tree which is located in the yard in front of the rectory. They constructed this tree out of garland and other materials and decorated it with lights and ornaments. We are grateful for their allowing us to display it during the Advent Season. Mahalo, Yolly and Lio, for your generosity and sharing of your time and talent.



2ND COLLECTION: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS



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"A lifetime of service deserves care in return!"

Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious.

Please consider giving to this collection next weekend, December 13-14, 2025.

ICC NOVENA



Several of our parishioners have been participating in our novena prayers to the Blessed Mother this past week. This is our traditional devotion to honor her before her feast day each year. We gather to pray the rosary, recite the litany, and sing some hymns as we ask for her intercession and protection.

ICC T-SHIRTS - LAST CALL!

Please pick up your t-shirt order outside after the Masses this weekend. Don't forget to wear them on Monday, December 8th, the Feast of Immaculate Conception! We still have a limited number of shirts for sale. Please see our volunteers outside near the tent.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	NOV. 15-16		NOV. 22-23		NOV. 29-30	
	Sat. 5:00 PM	95	8	138	15	143	13
	Sun. 7:00 AM	220	6	233	9	209	12
	Sun. 9:30 AM	224	42	210	45	218	40
	Sun. 5:00 PM	171	19	159	18	171	14

Readings for the
3rd Sunday of Advent:

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 30- December 1, 2025

Weekly Offering	\$3,515.50
Sat. 5:00 PM -	\$532.00
Sun. 7:00 AM -	\$1,251.00
Sun. 9:30 AM -	\$832.00
Sun. 5:00 PM -	\$900.50
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,792.25
Building Fund	\$245.00
Flowers	\$215.00
Candles	\$155.00
Book of Intentions	\$290.00
Mass Intentions	\$111.00
Thanksgiving	\$1,354.00
Holy Water bottle	\$3.00
Light A Star	\$305.00
ICC T-Shirts	\$621.00
Baptism Certificate	\$30.00
Christmas	\$50.00
Young Adult Ministry	\$14.00
TOTAL	\$8,700.75



A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made "restless" by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

Church Cleaning Schedule

Dec 13:	Knights of Columbus
Dec. 20:	Couples for Christ
Dec. 27:	Chamorro Group
Jan. 3:	Sacred Heart Society

ADVENT STATEWIDE PRAYER MEETING



HAWAII CATHOLIC
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RENEWAL SERVICES

Advent Statewide Prayer Meeting

13 December 2025 | Saturday

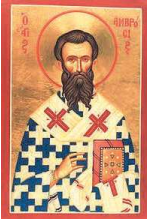
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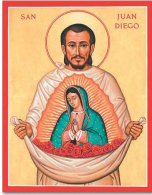
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10:00 AM	Praise and Worship HCCRS Worship Team
10:45 AM	Talk: The Beauty of Advent Fr. Adondee Arellano, MS

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Ambrose – Feast Day is December 7th. This 4th c. theologian, bishop, and one of the 4 original Doctors of the Church was one of the most notable men of that time. Working as a young lawyer in Rome, he later became a governor for his oratory skills and promotion of peace. He was later baptized and consecrated as bishop of Milan. Known for his generosity, he gave his money and estates to the poor. He was nicknamed the "Honey-Tongued Doctor" for his speaking skills and according to legend, a swarm of bees descended on him as an infant. He played a key role in the conversion of St. Augustine and was known for his strong stance on church authority. As a highly influential bishop, he composed some of the earliest hymns and introduced the lectio divina as a prayerful meditation of scripture. He's the patron of Milan, beekeepers, bishops, candlemakers, and students.



St. Juan Diego – Feast Day is December 9th. The feast of this Mexican Saint, who lived during the 15th & 16th c., has been celebrated in conjunction with the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12th. They're observed together, as they are both part of the same story: multiple apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Juan Diego and her image on his tilma (cloak). His role was to convince the bishop to have a church built in her honor, which was her request. Doubting the validity of the apparitions, the bishop finally believed when roses (that bloomed on the barren Tepeyac Hill in winter) fell from this saint's tilma with her image imprinted on it. This Aztec saint is the first indigenous saint of the Americas as well as its patron. The apparitions led to mass conversions and the spread of Christianity. He spent the rest of his solitary life dedicating his life to the BVM in the basilica built. His tilma is perfectly preserved and on display there after surviving some disasters.



St. Lucy – Feast Day is December 13th. Also called "St. Lucia's Day," this feast commemorates the 3rd & 4th c. young virgin martyr, St. Lucia of Syracuse (in modern day Sicily). She dedicated her virginity to God and desired to serve the poor. She brought food and aid to Christians hiding in the catacombs by wearing a candle-lit wreath on her head to "light her way and leave her hands free to carry as much food as possible." Having refused marriage to a pagan suitor who accused her of being a Christian, her eyes were gouged out but were miraculously restored. She was finally executed by a sword in her neck. Her feast day is celebrated in various parts of Europe, especially in Scandinavia, where festivals are held in her honor to symbolize light over darkness (her name means "light").

Children dress in white, wear crowns with candles, and bake buns to share. Processions are held in churches as well. She's the patron of the blind & those with eye disorders, electricians, glassblowers, Syracuse, and the Caribbean island of Saint. Lucia.

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