



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH *of the* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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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

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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.”

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 10, 2025

FOCUS: We can trust God to provide for us.

Faith is a gift from God who provides all things for us. God provided as he promised to Abraham, the Israelites, and the disciples. As what they hoped for was realized, their trust grew and deepened. We, too, have received the gift of faith and can trust God to provide for us. We can always be ready, and our waiting will not be in vain.

LIFE IS A GAME OF GOLF FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When the British colonized India, they brought with them the game of golf. A worse hazard than sand traps turned out to be monkeys. Wherever the ball landed, a monkey would run onto the fairway, pick it up, and drop it somewhere else—from the fairway into the rough, out of a sand trap onto the green, from the green back onto the fairway. The Brits tried everything to keep the monkeys off the course—fences, sirens, booming noises. Nothing worked.

In the end, they ended up changing the rule book: play the ball where the monkey drops it. The scriptures today tell of people who lived with an openness to wherever it was that God would take them. They played the ball wherever the monkey dropped it. It is the story of the Hebrews enslaved in Egypt when they were about to be led out into a God-knew-where desert. It is the story of aged Abraham and Sarah, called to travel to an alien land and then into parenthood in their old age. Faith is not trusting that God will always take us to where we want to be; it is trusting that wherever it is that God takes us will ultimately bring us into fuller life. So, watch and be ready to recognize the coming of God. It may be in times of darkness for you (as when the master comes late at night, says Luke’s Gospel) or when you find yourself in an “alien land,” a place in life you’ve never been before.

● Reflect: What surprising places has God led me?

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:

- First Friday hours: 3–5 PM
- Remaining Fridays: 4–6 PM

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 11:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Gerald Lim – Birthday Blessings)
6:00 p.m. Council of Ministries Meeting

Tuesday, August 12:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Richard Alcos – RS)

Wednesday, August 13:

6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
5:00 PM Centering Prayer
(Dewey Lee Terpening – RS)
6:30 p.m. O.C.I.A. Classes begin

Thursday, August 14:

• No Mass

Friday, August 15 (Holiday – Office closed)

8:00 AM Mass
(+Magdalena Adaro – RS)
NO FOOD PANTRY

Saturday, August 16:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Lourdes Acojido – RS)

Sunday, August 17:

5:40 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Vicencio Tacadena-Querubin – RS)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(Mass for the People)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Benjamin Yucoco – RS)
6:30 PM Youth Ministry Meeting



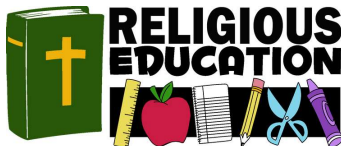
NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BINGO NIGHT – FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND!!!



All are invited to join us for Bingo...it's gonna be a fun night!!! It will be held on **Friday, August 22nd** in the **Parish Hall** starting at **6:00 p.m.** Tickets are being sold for the Bento dinner which includes a choice of: chicken with spam musubi, chicken with 6 pcs. of maki sushi, or kalua pig, 2 scoops of rice and lomi salmon. The bento comes with water, dessert, and a bingo card. Additional bingo cards can be purchased that evening. There will be other ways to win more prizes by purchasing raffle tickets at either \$5 or \$10. Snacks will be available for purchase at our Snack Bar. Proceeds will benefit our Religious Education, OCIA, and Youth Ministries.

CCD REGISTRATION



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Registration has begun for CCD classes. Our DRE, Shirley Sunio, will be outside after every Mass to help you register your child(ren). The cost is \$35 per child, but if you have 3 or more children, the cost is \$75. If this is your child(ren)'s first time registering, we ask that you bring a copy of their baptism certificate. Please see Shirley for any inquiries.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS WANTED!

Our Religious Education program is looking for catechists! If you would enjoy teaching our keiki and are interested, please call the parish office or speak with Shirley Sunio, our DRE. All catechists are required to do a background check and be certified with our Safe Environment program in the Diocese.

O.C.I.A. REGISTRATION



Our O.C.I.A. Registration continues also. If you want to become a Catholic or need to receive your Sacraments of Initiation: **Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist**, then O.C.I.A. is for you! The first day of class for O.C.I.A. is on Wednesday, August 13th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please contact the parish office with any questions.

ADMISSION'S DAY: OFFICE & FOOD PANTRY

CLOSED

This coming Friday, August 15th is Admissions Day. The office will be closed. We will reopen on the following Monday, August 18th. The Food Pantry will also be closed and reopen the following Friday, August 22nd.

Dear Padre,

August 10, 2025

Where did the Virgin Mary spend her last days on earth? Ephesus or Jerusalem?

Shortly before Jesus died on the cross, he entrusted his widowed mother to the protective care of John the Evangelist. (See John 19:26–27.) Accordingly, when John lived his final years in Ephesus, it is believed that Mary also spent her last days nearby in a modest stone dwelling, before being assumed body and soul into heaven “to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb” (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950). Moreover, it is likely in Ephesus (present day Turkey) where the tradition of Mary's Assumption started. Pope Benedict XIV (1740–1758) declared Ephesus was “where the Blessed Mother...proceeded from this life into heaven.” More recent popes, such as Paul VI in 1967 and John Paul II in 1979, prayed in this venerable home, known as Mother Mary's House. However, close to Gethsemane in Jerusalem is the Basilica of the Tomb of Mary from the fifth century. It is built around an ancient crypt where Mary's body was believed to have been laid before it was assumed into heaven. While both Ephesus and Jerusalem claim to be the location where the Virgin Mary spent her last years on earth, experts contend the latter is the older tradition and the more credible place. Even if Mary temporarily left Jerusalem, it is probable she returned to the land of her birth and resided there at the end of her earthly life.

● Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

2ND COLL: CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII



Last weekend, August 2 – 3, 2025, our parish collected a total of **\$1,767.23** for **Catholic Charities Hawaii**. There is still time to give on their website: <https://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org/donate/>. Thank you for your generous support.



FAITH DIRECT – JUNE 2025

DISBURSEMENTS	June 1-15	June 16-30
Weekly Offering	\$1,355.00	\$1,830.00
Monthly Offering	\$1,445.00	\$855.00
One-Time Gifts	\$50.00	\$210.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$165.00	\$625.00
Building Fund	\$615.00	\$708.00
Book of Intentions	\$0.00	\$400.00
Candles	\$10.00	\$7.00
Flowers	\$30.00	\$140.00
Food Pantry	\$110.00	\$445.00
Youth & Young Adult Ministries	\$605.00	\$55.00
Father's Day	\$60.00	\$0.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$10.00	\$0.00
Peter's Pence	\$10.00	\$0.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$0.00	\$305.00
TOTALS	\$4,465.00	\$5,580.00
Less Credit Card Fees	(\$79.57)	(\$112.74)
Less ACH Fees	(\$6.33)	(\$5.89)
Less Faith Direct Fees	\$0.00	\$306.60
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT	\$4,379.10	\$5,154.77

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 2 – 3, 2025		
Weekly Offering		\$4,810.47
Sat. 5:00 PM –	\$1,238.00	
Sun. 7:00 AM –	\$1,355.00	
Sun. 9:30 AM –	\$1,089.00	
Sun. 5:00 PM –	\$1,128.47	
Repair & Maintenance		\$931.00
Building Fund		\$265.00
Flowers		\$5.00
Candles		\$90.00
Mass Intentions		\$275.00
Book of Intentions		\$25.00
Funerals		\$600.00
Donation – Liturgical Supplies		\$100.00
Bingo Tickets		\$160.00
TOTAL		\$7,261.47



Second Collection: Catholic Charities Hawaii \$1,737.23

FOODLAND GIVE ALOHA

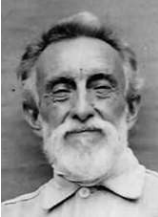


During the month of **September**, our parish will again be participating in **Foodland's Give Aloha Matching Gift Program**. This program honors Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan, who was the founder of Foodland Super Market, Ltd. and continues his legacy of giving back to the community. The Give Aloha program will match a portion of a donor's contribution up to \$249. One must be a Maika'i member in order to participate. The methods of giving are:

- Round up their purchase
- Donate spare change
- Donate 250 Maika'i points to equal a \$5 donation
- Purchase Give Aloha merchandise designed by artist Suzanne Jennerich

Every organization is assigned a unique code, which is **#77809**. There will be a banner hanging up in the Foodland Store in Ewa. Please consider giving as it will greatly benefit our parish.

ALLEGED MIRACLE ATTRIBUTED TO THE INTERCESSION SERVANT OF GOD, JOSEPH DUTTON!



We are happy to announce that the Acts of the Process conducted by the Diocese of Rockford, Illinois regarding an alleged miracle attributed to the intercession of Servant of God Joseph Dutton has been sent to the Dicastery of the Causes of the Saints at the Vatican for study and judgment.

A decision will be made if and when the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV has officially declared the Servant of God Joseph Dutton to have lived a heroically virtuous life. Since this will take some time, everyone is encouraged to pray for a favorable outcome.

We would like to encourage our followers to continue to pray for the intercession of Servant of God Joseph Dutton, in their moments of need and inform us of the potential miracles that may have been granted.

From the Joseph Dutton Guild, in the Diocese of Honolulu E-Newsletter, August 5, 2025

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	JUL 19 –20		JUL 26 –27		AUG 2 – 3	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	127	12	152	7	156	18
	Sun. 7:00 AM	186	18	236	16	249	8
	Sun. 9:30 AM	260	50	237	34	225	51
	Sun. 5:00 PM	180	30	209	31	167	21

Readings for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10
Hebrews 12: 1-4
Luke 12: 49-53

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV



"Unity and communion are essential charisms of the life of the Order of St. Augustine, and a fundamental part of understanding what the Church is and what it means to be in it."

Church Cleaning Schedule

- Aug. 16: Couples for Christ
- Aug. 23: Chamorro Group
- Aug. 30: Volunteers needed
- Sep. 6: Sacred Heart Society

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 & 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. Clare – Feast Day is Aug. 11th. Named Chiara Offreduccio at birth, this 13c. Italian saint was one of the first followers of St. Francis of Assisi. Inspired by his teachings, she founded a religious order called the "Order of Poor Ladies" or better known today as the "Poor Clares." She was best known for embracing a life of radical poverty, prayer, profound spirituality, courage, and dedication to her contemplative order. Several miraculous events occurred in her life, especially two: her holding a monstrance of the Blessed Sacrament to ward off invaders to her convent and receiving a vision of a Christmas midnight Mass on the wall of her room when she was very ill. She's thus become the patron saint of television, those with eye diseases, and embroiderers. Her motto is "Steadfast in faith, forward in hope."



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast Day is Aug. 15th. This solemnity commemorates the belief that Mary, at the time of her death, was assumed body and soul into heaven. This has been based on tradition, rather than being explicitly mentioned in the Bible. Pope Pius XII defined this feast as a dogma in 1950 and is one of four Marian dogmas. The significance of this event is a reminder of the power of God's grace, her holiness, her unique role in salvation history, as well as her freedom from original sin which preserved her from the corruption of death. Her Assumption is a sign of hope for all believers, whose bodies and souls will be glorified like hers at the final resurrection. This feast is celebrated each year on this date and is a holyday of obligation in many U.S. dioceses.



St. Roch – Feast Day is Aug. 16th. This saint was a 14th c. Catholic confessor from the island of Majorca near Spain. After his parents died, he distributed his worldly goods among the poor and entered the Franciscan Third Order. He set out for Rome as a mendicant pilgrim during a plague epidemic and is known for his miracles of healing many sick people of this plague with a sign of the cross. After he contracted the disease, he withdrew to a forest. While he was there, a dog brought him bread daily stolen from his master's table and also licked his wounds. He's become the patron saint of dogs, those afflicted with pestilence and contagious diseases, and the falsely accused. His symbols are: a plague wound on his leg (representing his suffering & healing), a dog with a piece of bread (symbolizing miraculous sustenance), and a pilgrim's staff and hat (denoting his journey of faith).
