



# Immaculate Conception

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**Office Hours:** Monday thru Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

#### **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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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."







Thank you for your continued support for our parish. Your generosity is truly appreciated. It is through your contributions that we are able to be of service to the parish community.

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#### **PARISH MINISTRIES**

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#### 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

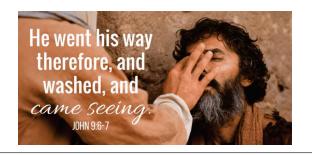
Contact parish office to arrange for someone to bring the Blessed Sacrament to the Sick.

#### 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



# Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10, 2024

Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

FOCUS: Offer gifts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving out of love and gratitude to our merciful God.

We offer our humble gifts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to God out of gratitude. We recognize that all is gift. God has poured out his grace upon us. We joyfully draw near to the giver of all good gifts in the spiritual practices we take up in this season.





#### **Weekly Schedule**

#### Monday, March 11:

7:15 a.m. Rosarv 8:00 a.m. Mass Tuesday, March 12:

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#### Wednesday, March 13:

7:15 a.m. Rosary 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday, March 14: (No Mass)

#### Friday, March 15:

7:15 a.m. Rosary 8:00 a.m. Mass

10am – 12pm Farm Fresh Friday

Food Pantry 4 - 6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, March 16:

(Mass for the People)

4 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions 4:15 p.m. Rosary 5:00 p.m. Mass

#### Sunday, March 17:

6:15 a.m. Rosary

7:00 a.m. Mass (Joanne Bolo

Fernandez – Birthday)

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass (+Lucrecia V. Baxa)

4:15 p.m. Rosary 5:00 p.m. Mass

#### **Church Cleaning:**

**Knight of Columbus** Mar. 9 Mar. 16 Couples for Christ Chamorro Group Mar. 23

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#### Funeral Services for the late +David M. Willing, Jr.

Services for the late **David M. Willing, Jr.** will be held on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at Mililani Mauka. Visitation begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by Prayer Svc. at 10:30 a.m.



#### Palm Weaving, Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Come and learn how to weave palms into crosses for Palm Sunday! All are invited to join us on **Friday, March 22**<sup>nd</sup>. Please meet after the Stations of the Cross in the parish hall.



#### **Easter Fun for the Keikis**

Bring the keikis for some fun after the **9:30 a.m. Mass** on Easter Sunday, **March 31**<sup>st</sup>. 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.

#### Silver Rose Prayer Service



Pictured above are members of our parish, who participated in the Silver Rose Prayer Service held by the Knights of Columbus. For more info on the Silver Rose, please log onto <u>Silver Rose</u> - <u>Life Programs | Knights of Columbus</u>



Our Food Pantry will be participating in the **Farm Fresh Fridays**, sponsored by 30 AlohaCare, on **Friday, March 15**<sup>th</sup>. Fresh fruits and vegetables will be given to those who come between the hours of **10:00 a.m. and Noon**, while supplies last.



#### **Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services**



Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food for the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at <a href="https://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief">www.usccb.org/catholic-relief</a>.

## Stewardship of Treasure March 2 - 3, 2024

Weekly Offering - \$ 4,248.90 Sat., 5pm - 809.00 Sun., 7am - 1,200.90 Sun., 930am - 1,268.00 Sun., 5pm - 971.00 Repair/Maint. Fund 1,878.50

**Building Fund** 230.00 **Book of Intentions** 340.00 Mass Intentions 105.00 **Flowers** 233.50 Candles 40.00 Food Pantry 50.00 Easter 100.00 Other: Dumpsters 1,100.00

Total \$ 8,325.90

#### **Second Collections**

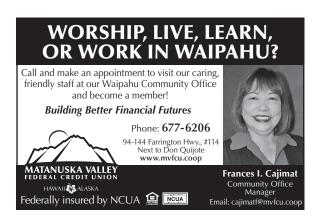
CRS Rice Bowls \$ 11.17 Ohana in Christ \$ 406.00



#### **Prayers for the Bulan Family**



Please continue to keep Carlos, Vicky, and the Bulan Ohana in your prayers as the try to recover from the fire that engulfed their house. It will be a long road to recovery, but God is always here for us even through times of trials and tribulations. Lord Jesus, send your hands of healing over them.





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## Dear Padre

### March 10, 2024

In the Church's eyes, what constitutes pornography? Art museums have statues of nude men and women, some of which are quite explicit. Is the only difference the respectability of the venue?

The "respectability" of the location or publisher doesn't matter. A product is pornographic if it was created to sexually arouse users of the product regardless of the venue. Michelangelo's intention in carving his famous statue of David was not to arouse the people who look at it, so the Church does not call it pornography.

Pornography has existed for centuries, but it didn't arrive in our homes uninvited until recently. People with internet access are regularly confronted by pornographic images and literature, and many find it a very powerful temptation. In response, the US bishops issued a helpful document, which is available online at usccb.org: *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*.

From this document: "Using and/or producing pornography is a sin against chastity and against human dignity.... The sin of pornography needs the Lord's forgiveness and should be confessed in the sacrament of penance. Pornography objectifies people and brings hurt and pain. It is an illusory substitute for real relationships and intimacy, which in the end bring true joy. Many good people struggle with the sin of pornography and [strive] to cultivate chastity. You are not alone. Jesus is with you, the Church offers you love and support. Trust in the Lord's mercy and his power to free and heal you."

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



If God is the God of life... then it is wrong for us to kill our brothers and sisters in his Name.

If God is the God of peace...
then it is wrong for us to wage war
in his Name.

If God is is the God of love... then it is wrong for us to hate our brothers and sisters.

Prayer for the victims of war, Iraq, March 7, 2021

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

#### Saints and Feasts of the Week

**St. John Ogilvie** - Feast Day is March 10th. He was a Sottish Jesuit martyr, who worked as a priest in service to a persecuted Catholic community in Scotland during the 17<sup>th</sup> c. Raised as a Calvinist, he converted to Catholicism at the age of 17. As the only post-reformation Scottish saint, he was arrested for doing secret ministry in Scotland. He was then executed for treason for refusing to accept the king's claim of supremacy over the Church. His faithfulness to the end, with even being offered his freedom, showed great courage.





**St. Leander of Seville** - Feast Day is March 13th. He was a 6<sup>th</sup> c. Catholic prelate from Cartagena, Spain, who first became a Benedictine monk and then a Bishop of Seville. He's noted for introducing the Nicene Creed at Mass and having it recited to help reinforce the Catholic faith of his people, unite the faithful, and as an antidote against the heresy of Arianism. He helped Christianity to flourish during this time of political and religious upheaval. He is honored as a Doctor of the Church. It's noteworthy that his three siblings became saints as well.

<u>St. Louise de Marillac</u> - Feast Day is March 15th. She was a 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> c. French saint, who co-founded the religious order of the Daughters of Charity along with St. Vincent de Paul. This order originally served the needs of the sick, poor, and neglected children. Despite her poor health, she established her peasant community members in hospitals, orphanages, and other institutions throughout France. She is the patron saint of social workers and serves as a model for all women as a wife, mother, widow, teacher, nurse, foundress, social service worker, and charity worker. Her incorrupt body lies in a Paris church for veneration.







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