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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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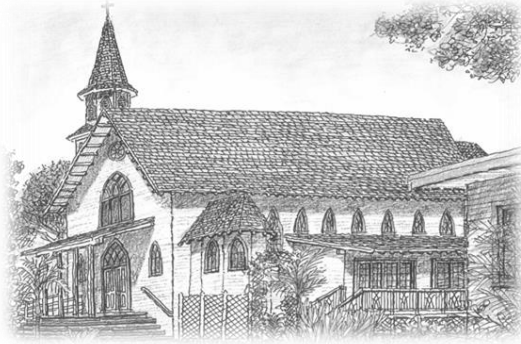
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Mission Statement: “We, the people of Immaculate Conception Parish in Ewa, declare our firm loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ, our Roman Catholic Church, and to the Diocesan Bishop of Honolulu. Our strength is in our unity as a Christian Family of Faith, and we inspire to reach out to everyone with the embrace of Christ.”



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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



Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024

Readings for next week:

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

John 1:35-42

FOCUS: We are meant to reflect and shine the light of Christ to the world.

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord – the revelation of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to the whole world. Isaiah had prophesied that nations would walk by God’s light, gathering under his radiance. He spoke of caravans from Midian and Ephah and Sheba coming to praise God, bringing gold and frankincense.

MARCH FOR LIFE



Thursday, January 18, 2024 - 6 p.m., Mass and Adoration with Bishop Larry Silva, St. Theresa Co-Cathedral

Friday, January 19, 2024 - 3 - 6 p.m. – March for Life, State Capitol

We are called to Love One Another. Our prayers and presence in the public square can change policies to promote a Culture of Life!

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If you are interested in this service, please call the Catholic Charities Hawaii Senior Help Line at **808-527-4777**.

This project is funded by a grant from AmeriCorps Senior Demonstration Project grant.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, January 8:

(+Carolyn Ronque Somera)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, January 9:

(+Kenneth Nitta – Death Anniversary)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, January 10:

(+Carolyn Ronque Somera)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday, January 11: (No Mass)

Friday, January 12:

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

4 - 6:00 p.m. Food Pantry

Saturday, January 13:

(Holy Souls in Purgatory)

4 - 4:30 p.m. Confessions

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 14:

6:15 a.m. Rosary

7:00 a.m. Mass

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

Church Cleaning



Jan. 13 – Knights of Columbus

Jan. 20 – Couples for Christ

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RED MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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Downtown Honolulu (1184 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813)



The **Red Mass** has been a tradition since 1955 for government officials and the community to gather at the beginning of the Legislative Session to pray together.

Bishop Larry Silva will be the principal celebrant and this year will feature guest speaker Eva Andrade, President of Hawaii Family Forum & Director of Hawaii Catholic Conference, speaking on *“Navigating Politics with Positivity and Purpose.”*

The general public is welcome to attend the Red Mass. The Red Mass will also be livestreamed at <https://romancatholicdiocese.cmail20.com/t/j-l-sihdyut-bihiujt-ju/>

Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals

This is a friendly reminder that there are certain requirements when planning for sacraments such as Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals, etc.:

Baptisms: Please call the parish at least 2 months prior to the proposed baptism date. This will allow the parish to complete the necessary paperwork to complete the baptism. A copy of the child’s birth certificate is required.

Marriages: Please allow 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date. Couples must attend marriage preparation classes, as well as attend an Engaged Encounter Weekend. There are other requirements if any of the parties have prior marriages.

Funerals: Please call the church office BEFORE you go to the mortuary. This is to ensure that Father or Deacon is available to perform the services on the chosen date.

Call the parish office for any inquiries or to set up an appointment to meet with our catechists, deacon, or Father. Thank you for your cooperation.

Light A Star Angel Ornaments

If you offered up the Masses during Advent and your ornament is hanging on our Light A Star tree, we welcome you to take them home. If the tree is taken down, you may pick them up at the parish office.

Stewardship of Treasure

Christmas, Solemnity of Mary, Dec. 30 - 31, 2023

Weekly Offering - \$	3,780.41
Sat., 5pm	- 772.41
Sun., 7am	- 1,054.00
Sun., 930am	- 1,541.00
Sun., 5pm	- 413.00
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Refund	21.34
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Mass Intentions	115.00
Building Fund	1,284.00
Flowers	40.00
Candles	115.00
Thanksgiving	20.00
Light A Star	100.00
Christmas	7,517.00
Sun., 7pm	- 1,162.00
Mon., Mid	- 3,276.00
Mon., 7am	- 1,744.00
Mon 9:30am	- 1,335.00
Solemnity of Mary	695.00
Total	\$ 15,606.75

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Dear Padre

January 7, 2024

On what date was Jesus born? Was it December 25 or some time between December and April, when shepherds watched over their sheep?

Due to the complexity of history's various calendars and ways of calculating time, we cannot be sure of the date. Matthew and Luke, the two Gospels that detail the birth of Jesus, do not give a date.

Early Christians observed an annual feast to remember Jesus' death and resurrection, focusing on the paschal mystery rather than on his birth. As Christianity grew and spread, however, Christians wanted to celebrate more events from Jesus' life. The celebration on December 25 has more to do with an expression of faith in Jesus as Emmanuel, "God with us," than with establishing the exact date of his birth. December 25 is listed as the date of Jesus' birth in a fourth-century calendar of martyrs, but how this date was chosen is unclear. Some scholars believe Christians in Rome chose December 25 to counteract the celebration of the pagan sun god Emesa. Another theory follows the influences of the seasons: early Christians believed John the Baptist was conceived on the autumnal equinox and born at the summer solstice. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus' conception took place six months after John's. That time line would place Jesus' birth at the winter solstice, December 25 on the Julian calendar. A third theory says Jesus' birth would have occurred on the same date as his death, which we believe to be in the spring at Passover. Regardless of the exact date, we celebrate Jesus as the true Son of God who came to enlighten us and, by his death and resurrection, to give us life.

●Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR / DearPadre.org

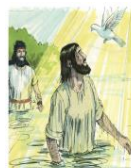
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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



Like a rising star (see Numbers 24:17), Jesus comes to enlighten all peoples and to brighten the nights of humanity. Today, with the Magi, let us lift our eyes to heaven and ask: "Where is the child who has been born?" (Matthew 2:2). Where can we find and encounter our Lord? HOMILY, ROME, JANUARY 6, 2023

Saints and Feasts of the Week



Baptism of the Lord - Feast Day is January 8th. This feast commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist. This significant event marked the start of Jesus' public ministry and afterwards he began to gather his disciples. John the Baptist proclaimed Jesus as the "Lamb of God," whose way he prepared. The Triune nature of God was also manifested at this time.

The Black Nazarene - Feast Day is January 9th. This feast, which is also known as the "Traslacion," is a religious festival held in Manila, Philippines centered around the Black Nazarene, an image of Jesus Christ. It commemorates the anniversary of the transfer of this image from its original location at a church in Luneta to one in Quiapo. This image is believed to be miraculous by devotees. It's observed with a procession, Mass, and prayers in other parts of the country as well and also beyond to other countries such as the United States and Australia.



St. Hilary of Poitiers - Feast Day is January 13th. He was a convert to Christianity through his reading of the Sacred Scriptures. He became the Bishop of Poitiers, France and a Doctor of the Church. An outstanding writer and philosopher of the 4th century, his writings were highly influential for centuries. He was sometimes referred to as the "Hammer of the Arians," but known to those who knew him as friendly, charitable, and gentle. He's the patron saint of scholars, students, and theologians.



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