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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

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**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



**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."*

## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph December 28, 2025

**FOCUS:** The Holy Family models a foundational community of love.

Jesus was born and grew up within a family which was marked by holiness, love, and fidelity to the will of God. Their example calls us to strive to do the same. Today's readings provide an example of ideal relationships among families. Even in the midst of broken relationships, the virtues that Paul names can send all of us on the road to healing and reconciliation.

## EMBRACING A SPIRITUALITY OF LISTENING ANN M. GARRIDO

The most treasured prayer of Jesus' people has long been and remains the Shema: "Hear O Israel, the Lord is God. The Lord is One." Jewish spirituality is grounded not in seeing or touching or tasting, but in hearing. No one exemplifies fidelity to this way of being in the world more than Joseph, as evidenced in today's gospel. Joseph is one who listens to what God's messenger says to him and immediately acts on it. He responds to the call to flee with Mary and Jesus to Egypt. Then, he responds to the call to return home with his family to Israel. As many have noted, Joseph never speaks in Scripture, but he certainly listens, and he certainly acts on what he hears.

Christmas is perhaps the noisiest season of the year. At gatherings of family and friends with festive music in the background, it often feels as if we are shouting over one another to be heard. It is a season when it can be hard to have deep conversations, even with God. Indeed, it can be such a busy season that sometimes our regular prayer practices fall by the wayside. But, if we do not make space in our daily lives to listen, might we miss messages that are important, even urgent, for us to hear, as in the case of today's gospel? Messages that require immediate response? What would it look like to carve out a bit of silence in this holiday season, to be like Joseph and reground yourself in a spirituality of listening?

● **Reflect:** Do I allow myself enough silence, or am I tempted to fill the silence with noise?

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, December 29:

7:00 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Casey Konuk Walker – RS)

### Tuesday, December 30:

6:50 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Teofilo Lubera – 4th Death Anniversary)

### Wednesday, December 31: (Office closed)

6:50 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Emiliana Marcos –RS)

### Thursday, January 1: (Office closed)

8:00 AM Solemnity of Mary, Mother  
of God Mass  
(Mass for the People)

### Friday, January 2:

6:50 AM Rosary  
7:00 AM Holy Hour  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Esperanza Zamora Magday – RS)  
3–5:00 PM Food Pantry

### Saturday, January 3:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning  
3:00 PM First Saturday Devotions  
4:15 PM Rosary  
(+Holy Souls in Purgatory – RS)  
5:00 PM Mass

### Sunday, January 4:

6:00 AM Rosary  
7:00 AM Mass  
(Noah Simbajon – Special Intentions)  
8:15 AM CCD Classes resume  
8:45 AM Rosary  
9:30 AM Mass  
(Rhea Lynn Gonzaga – Birthday Blessings  
Gonzaga Family – Special Intentions)  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(Mass for the People)

## OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

The parish office hours next week are as follows:

Monday, December 29th – **Closed**  
Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> – **Open**  
Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – **Closed**  
Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – **Closed**  
Friday, January 2nd – **Open**

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

The **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**, is a feast day that commemorates the Blessed Virgin Mary's unique role in the mystery of the Incarnation, where she bore Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This title, "Mother of God," is derived from the Greek term *Theotokos*, meaning "God-bearer," and was officially affirmed at the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD. The celebration emphasizes both the divinity and humanity of Christ, safeguarding the belief that Jesus is one person with two natures—divine and human. All are invited to join us for Mass on **Thursday, January 1, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.**

### FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY

This Friday, **January 2<sup>nd</sup>**, is the First Friday. We will begin **Holy Hour** at **7:00 a.m.** followed by the rosary, and **Mass** at **8:00 a.m.** On Saturday, **January 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the **First Saturday** Servants of Mary will pray their devotional prayers starting at **3:00 p.m.** in the church. All are welcomed to join us.

### SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD –

#### CHALK BLESSING:

The **Solemn Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord** is sometimes called Three Kings. It is one of the oldest Christian feasts. It follows the 12 days of Christmas. Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas season for the Western Church. On the Solemnity we remember the biblical event of the visit of the Magi (3 Kings) to the stable in Bethlehem following the birth of Jesus. It celebrates the revelation that Jesus was the Son of God and focuses primarily on this revelation to the Three Wise Men. While the traditional date for the feast is Jan. 6, in the United States the celebration of Epiphany is moved to the Sunday between Jan. 2nd and 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### CMB House Blessing:

Epiphany means to manifest. Pious customs among Christians have placed the letters (using chalk) **20+C+M+B+26** and the year above door posts relating to the blood on the door posts of the Old Testament. CMB means "**Christus Mansionem Benedicat**" in Latin – May Christ bless this dwelling place. CMB also stand for the 3 Magi: **Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar**.



We will be giving **blessed chalk** to everyone next weekend, **January 3–4**, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord, so that you may mark your doors with this blessing. The chalk will include the inscription and blessing.

### ANNUAL RED MASS, JANUARY 14, 2026



The Diocese of Honolulu invites all to attend the 2026 Red Mass, scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. Bishop Larry Silva will celebrate the Mass; the keynote speaker is Connie Mitchell, executive director of the Institute for Human Services.

Mitchell's topic is "Radical Justice in Tumultuous Times." Her talk will explore how each generation presents unique challenges to people of faith as they strive to heed God's call to "do justice, while loving mercy and walking humbly with God" (Micah 6:8).

Parking at the co-cathedral is free. For special accommodations for persons with disabilities, call (808) 585-3347. Those who are unable to attend in person can watch a livestream of the Red Mass at [honolulucathedral.org/redmass](http://honolulucathedral.org/redmass).

## Dear Padre,

December 28, 2025

**A friend of mine took his life. He was a very staunch Catholic. His wife wanted to know if he could be buried or have a Mass in the Catholic Church.**

Yes, your friend should most certainly receive a Catholic funeral and burial. "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2283). A person who is suffering with a mental illness or disorder, certainly a prerequisite for suicide, may not have the necessary mental freedom to choose something that is understood as grave or mortal. In other words, he or she does not have the necessary requirements for full and free consent of the will. Not that long ago, suicide was often misunderstood. Thankfully, today we understand the havoc and suffering of mental illness, and that a person can be a victim, even if it might look like he or she is not. The great suffering of those who take their own lives must not be dismissed or discarded. The family members and friends of a person who suffers suicide should also not be judged but should only receive compassion and understanding. They, too, are victims, in the fullest sense of the word and in the truest understanding of what it means to be a fragile human being.

● Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)

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# SIMBANG GABI MASS CELEBRATIONS



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**December 20 – 21, 2025**

Weekly Offering	<b>\$4,566.00</b>
Sat. 5:00 PM –	\$877.00
Sun. 7:00 AM–	\$1,208.00
Sun. 9:30 AM –	\$915.00
Sun. 5:00 PM –	\$1,566.00
Repair & Maintenance	<b>\$2,164.50</b>
Building Fund	<b>\$1,055.00</b>
Flowers	<b>\$2.50</b>
Candles	<b>\$65.00</b>
Book of Intentions	<b>\$117.50</b>
Mass Intentions	<b>\$137.50</b>
Light A Star	<b>\$450.00</b>
ICC T-Shirts	<b>\$22.00</b>
ICC Feast Day	<b>\$50.00</b>
Solemnity of Mary	<b>\$20.00</b>
Blessings	<b>\$20.00</b>
Christmas	<b>\$175.00</b>
Simbang Gabi	<b>\$3,822.31</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,667.31</b>



### Second Collection

Retirement Fund for Religious	<b>\$40.00</b>
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### A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

Young people of our time, like those of every age, are a volcano of life, energy, sentiments, and ideas. It can be seen from the wonderful things they are able to do, in so many fields. However, they also need help in order for this great wealth to grow in harmony and to overcome what...can still hinder their healthy development.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 15, 2025

### Church Cleaning Schedule

<b>Jan. 3:</b>	Sacred Heart Society
<b>Jan. 10:</b>	Knights of Columbus
<b>Jan. 17:</b>	Couples for Christ
<b>Jan. 24:</b>	Chamorro Group

After our Simbang Gabi Masses, everyone gathered under the tent for food and fellowship. We are so grateful to all our ministries who provided the food and drinks. Some of our priests who presided over the Mass stayed with us to share in the meals. We thank all our priests: **Fr. Renato Maliwat, Fr. Melchor Palomares, Fr. Joey Ranjo, Fr. Ed Barut, Fr. Kurt Meyer, Fr. Preston "P.J." Castro, Fr. Leonard Tubana**, and our own pastor, **Fr. Sieg**, for their presence with us during the 9 nights of Simbang Gabi. Many thanks to all our choir and those who helped make our Simbang Gabi a success. Mahalo to all for attending the Masses.

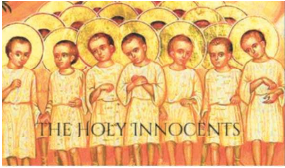
### WEEKLY MASS COUNT

	DEC. 6-7		DEC. 13-14		DEC. 20-21	
<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>
Sat. 5:00 PM	143	13	143	13	230	22
Sun. 7:00 AM	209	12	209	12	182	5
Sun. 9:30 AM	218	40	218	40	205	41
Sun. 5:00 PM	171	14	171	14	261	26

Readings for the Epiphany of the Lord:  
**Isaiah 60:1–6**  
**Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6**  
**Matthew 2:1–12**



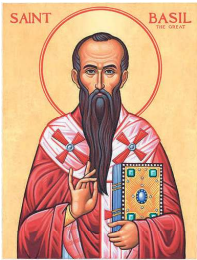
## FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



**The Holy Innocents** – Feast Day is Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. This feast, which is also known as "Childermas," is observed annually on this date in Western Christianity. It commemorates the infants, who were massacred by King Herod in his attempt to kill baby Jesus. Recorded in the 2nd chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, Herod became furious when he realized that he was deceived by the Magi, who hadn't returned to him about seeking the prophesied newborn king. He ordered the killing of all male infants under 2 years old, who lived in Bethlehem and the surrounding areas. This feast honors these children as the first martyrs for Christ, who died for him before they could even speak. They are the patron saints of babies, abandoned babies, children's choirs, students, and altar servers.



**St. Sylvester** – Feast Day is Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Also known as St. Sylvester's Day, this saint's death date symbolizes the "liturgical bookend" to Christmas and transition to a new year. This 4th c. saint was Pope for 21 years by ruling during the reign of Emperor Constantine the Great. It was a period of massive growth and transformation for the Christian Church from being a persecuted religion to one of favored faith for the Roman Empire and he's credited with Constantine's conversion. He oversaw major developments: significant Church organization, growth of Christianity as the beginning of the Christian Roman Empire, construction of major basilicas (St. Peter's and St. John Lateran), and convening of the Councils of Arles and Nicaea. He's the patron saint of domestic animals, good harvests, stone-cutters, masons, and various orders such as the Sylvestrine Benedictines.



**St. Basil** – Feast Day is Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also called St. Basil the Great, this 4th c. Bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia (now Turkey) was a very influential theologian, monk, monastic reformer, defender of Orthodox Christianity (Nicene Creed), orator for his preaching, and Doctor of the Church. His feast day celebrates him as 1 of 3 Cappadocian Fathers along with St. Gregory of Nazianzus, with whom he had a deep friendship. He's noted for his brilliant theological writings (Divine Liturgy), immense charity to the poor, founding of charitable institutions (hospitals & hospices), and establishment of monastic principles (Rule of St. Basil). He's the patron saint of hospital administrators, monks, education reformers, Russia, and Cappadocia. His feast day involves various new year traditions, such as the Greek custom of cutting the "Vasilopita" (special cake with a hidden coin for good luck). He was called "Great," as "he conquered the hearts and souls of men for Jesus Christ."

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