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Saturdays at 5:00 PM

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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

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 PMRemaining 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."

First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025

FOCUS: Stay awake, for you do not know when the Lord will come.

The four weeks of Advent are meant for us to prepare our hearts for three comings of Christ: his birth in Bethlehem (which we celebrate on Christmas); his return at the end of time; and his coming to us here and now. Our preparations include prayer, reception of the sacraments, good works, and sacrifices. Although everyone's preparations will look different, they are all meant to cleanse us from sin and teach us to welcome Christ with love.

WAITING, BUT QUICK!

This is the first Sunday of Advent, and the excitement is palpable. Writing 800 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah sounds like breaking news: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." The psalmist announces we are already there: "And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem." Saint Paul tickles our fancy with another whole round of "revelation" yet to come "on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." Only Jesus himself seems a little cautious: "Be watchful! Be alert!" The Lord "is coming," but he's not here yet. Leave it to Jesus to force the paradox for which Advent seems to have been created: Jesus is present, but we dare not "sleep," lest we miss him!

How do we wait for Christmas? After Halloween, the Christmas lights go up, the carols start, the "Merry Christmas!" / "Happy Holidays!" debate begins. Lent is a time for repentance, alms, and fasting. But there's no fasting in Advent: we fill bags with gifts and stockings with goodies. The Church tries to slow us down and encourage a little reflecting to prepare the way, led by John the Baptist. So, let's keep waiting; let's hold on to our peace. Christmas Eve will be here soon enough. But let's not be too austere. A full menu of holiday parties and concerts and family feasts can legitimately "anticipate" Christmas. Let's cheer each other: Merry Advent!

• Reflect: What can I do to prepare for Christmas mindfully, peacefully, and joyfully?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, December 1:

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

11:00 AM Funeral Mass for +Priscilla

> Camat Fabro followed by burial at 1:30 p.m. at Mililani

6:30 PM ICC Novena

Tuesday, December 2:

6:50 AM Rosarv 8:00 AM Mass

(+Diega & Diego Agravante - RS) 6:30 PM ICC Novena

Wednesday, December 3:

6:50 AM Rosarv 8:00 AM Mass (+Benjamin Yucoco - RS)

Lectio Divina (Church) 5:00 PM

6:30 PM O.C.I.A. Class 6:30 PM ICC Novena

Thursday, December 4:

No Mass

6:30 PM ICC Novena

Friday, December 5:

6:50 AM Rosarv

Adoration of the Blessed 7:00 AM

Sacrament

8:00 AM Mass

(+Marvic Esquibil & +Simproso Farinias - RS)

3 - 5:00 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM ICC Novena

<u>Saturday, December 6:</u>

8:00 AM Church Cleaning

4:15 PM Rosary 5:00 PM Mass (Holy Souls in Purgatory - RS) 6:30 PM ICC Novena

Sunday, December 7:

6:00 AM Rosary 7:00 AM Mass

(Demetrio & Modesta Sanidad and Family in

honor of Immaculate Conception)

8:45 AM Rosary 9:30 AM Mass

(Cecilia Redor - Birthday Blessings)

4:15 PM Rosary 5:00 PM Mass (Mass for the People)

6:30 PM ICC Novena

6:30 PM Youth Ministry Meeting

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

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES **DECEMBER 24**

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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:

Please note that our Diocese has only 2 Holy Days of Obligation and they are both in the month of December:

December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception. There will be two Masses: 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

December 25:

Christmas. There will be four Christmas Masses: 7 p.m. (Dec. 24th), 12 a.m., 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Our Simbang Gabi Masses begin on December 15^{t.h} starting at 7 p.m., except on weekends, which begin at 5 p.m.

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" envelopes 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.

ICC NOVENA, November 29th - December 7th, 2025

Our novena to the Immaculate Conception continues this week until Sunday, December 7th, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the church. On Monday, December 8th, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, our Feast Day. The celebration will include a procession, followed by the crowning of our Blessed Mother, Mass, and a dinner in the hall. See the schedule above and outside on the posters.

Dear Padre,

November 30, 2025

Is Advent a penitential season?

Strictly speaking, the penitential times in the Church are "every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent" (Code of Canon Law, 1250). Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas when Christ's First Coming is remembered, and this remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. (See Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, 39.) While Advent is more anticipatory than penitential, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops states, "Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas." Although, historically, Advent was similar to Lent as a forty-day period of prayer and fasting, it was less severe than the season preceding Easter, and it lacked uniformity in the Western Church. The Eastern Church still begins the Nativity Fast on November 15, while in the Western Church, Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas. Regardless, the significant focus of Advent is our Lord's coming (adventus in Latin). The Church reflects this anticipation of Advent through such practices as limiting floral arrangements in the sanctuary, simpler liturgical music, and omitting the Gloria at Mass until Christmas. We can also reflect the anticipation of Advent through such spiritual practices as participation in works of charity, moderation in shopping, celebration of the sacrament of penance, fasting on Fridays, and prayerful contemplation on our Savior's Incarnation.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR +PRISCILLA CAMAT FABRO



A funeral Mass for the late **+Priscilla Camat Fabro** will be held here at our parish on **Monday, December 1st.** Visitation begins at 9:00 a.m. **Mass** will begin at **11:00 a.m.**, followed by **burial** at **1:30 p.m.** at Mililani Memorial Park.

ADVENT PENANCE SVCS



Our **Advent Penance Service** will be held on **Friday**, **December 12, 2025**, at **7:00p.m.** in the church. Several priests

from the Leeward Vicarate will be here for confessions. If you cannot make it to our penance service, below are the dates and times for the Vicariate:

Mon. Dec. 1st - Sacred Heart, Waianae, 7 p.m. Tue., Dec. 2nd - St. Joseph, Waipahu, 6:30 p.m.

Thu., Dec. 4th – St. Jude, Kapolei, 7 p.m. Tue., Dec. 9th – St. Rita, Nanakuli, 7 p.m. Thu., Dec. 11th – OLPH, Ewa Beach, 7 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 12th - ICC, Ewa, 7 p.m.

Church Cleaning Schedule

Dec. 6: Sacred Heart Society
Dec 13: Knights of Columbus
Dec. 20: Couples for Christ
Dec. 27: Chamorro Group

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.

1st FRIDAY/1st SATURDAY

Please join us for our **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** this coming Friday, **December 5**th starting with Holy Hour at **7 a.m. Mass** will follow at **8 a.m.**

On **Saturday**, **December 6**th, our Servants of Mary will have their **First Saturday devotions** by praying the rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. It will begin at 3 p.m. Their devotions will conclude with the **5:00 p.m. Mass**.

ICC T-SHIRTS 4 SALE!

We still have a limited number of T-shirts left and will be selling them after the Masses again this weekend.

If you haven't picked up your shirts already, please do so after any of the Masses. Please wear your shirts on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

<u>Please note:</u> The ICC T-shirt fundraiser is taxdeductible. You may deduct \$10 per shirt as an itemized deduction for charitable contributions.

MAHALO, DEXTER VASQUEZ



Many thanks to
Dexter Vasquez for
his continuous gift of
stewardship to our
parish. His latest
project: repairing the
pews. Dexter has
been tirelessly
working to fix our
pews which are
termite-eatened.
Thank you, Dexter, for
all your hard work!

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised \$1,245.75, so far, to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www. usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources." #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection.

Also, although we announced the 2nd collection as the Catholic Campaign for Human Development for this past weekend at the Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses, the collection was actually intended for Repair & Maintenance. We apologize for announcing the wrong collection at these Masses. The CCHD collection was specified by the diocese for the weekend of November 15 – 16, 2025, which we undertook that weekend. Thank you for your kind understanding in this matter.

		NOV. 8-9		NOV. 15-16		NOV. 22-23	
MEDICI M	Day/Time	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>
WEEKLY	Sat. 5:00 PM	147	19	95	8	138	15
MASS	Sun. 7:00 AM	222	25	220	6	233	9
COUNT	Sun. 9:30 AM	221	36	224	42	210	45
COUNT	Sun. 5:00 PM	157	25	171	19	159	18

Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 22-23, 2025

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Weekly Offering

Weekly Offering	\$3,955.77
Sat. 5:00 PM - \$7	35.00
Sun. 7:00 AM- \$1,3	891.02
Sun. 9:30 AM - \$8	51.00
Sun. 5:00 PM - \$9	78.75
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,657.97
Building Fund	\$205.00
Flowers	\$22.50
Cand l es 🔭	\$70.00
Book of Intentions	\$160.00
Mass Intentions	\$310.00
House Blessing	\$140.00
Thanksgiving	\$345.00
Food Pantry	\$1,060.00
All Sou l s Day	\$30.00
Baptisms	\$100.00
Funera l s	\$300.00
Hawaii Quilt Guild (R/M	\$50.00
ICC T-Shirts	\$1,500.00
Light A Star	\$223.00
Visiting Blessed Virgin N	Mary <u>\$100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$10,229.24

<u>A Quote from</u> POPE LEO XIV

We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people. Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

A BIG MAHALO TO EWA ELEMENTARY!



Mahalo to
the Teachers
and Staff of
Ewa
Elementary
School. For
the past few
years, our
parish has
been the
recipient of
their Annual

"Thanks For Giving Bake and Craft Sale Fundraiser." It is a fundraiser held among their staff to help an organization within the community. Our Food Pantry has been blessed to receive their proceeds. Pictured above is Mrs. Cecelia Camarillo, teacher and treasurer for their Social and Aloha Committee, presenting Fr. Sieg with a check in the amount of \$1,060. Mahalo Ewa Elementary Teachers and Staff for your donation!

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



<u>St. Andrew</u>. Feast Day is November 30th. This feast day honors the "First-Called" Apostle and one of the first to follow Jesus. Along with his brother, Simon Peter, he was a fisherman who was called by Jesus to be a "fisher of men." After Jesus was crucified, he did missionary work by preaching the gospel in regions around the Black Sea, Greece, and Turkey. Arrested and sentenced to death by the Roman governor in Greece for spreading Christianity and refusing tc renounce his faith to worship the Roman gods, he was crucified on an X-shaped cross (he felt unworthy to die on an upright cross as Jesus did). His miracles included healing the sick, casting out demons, and raising the dead. As the patron saint of Scotland, he's honored there with celebrations. He's also the patron of other countries, fisherman, spinsters, those with throat ailments, and even social networking due to his outreach efforts.



St. Francis Xavier. Feast Day is December 3rd. This 16th c. Spanish Jesuit missionary is considered one of the first great missionaries, since the time of the Apostles. He did extensive missionary work in the Far East, especially in India and Japan, by spreading Christianity through preaching and ministering to the people. His great zeal for the faith led to his desire to be Christ's disciple in distant lands, where he served the poor and sick (particularly lepers) with great humility. He was also the co-founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) along with St. Ignatius of Loyola. He's the patron saint of all foreign missions, navigators, India, Japan, and Australia. His miracles include the divine recovery of his cross, which was lost at sea and caused a turbulent sea to become calm, as well as the conversion of hardened sinners. He's an inspiration of one who preached by his life, sacrificing selfish gain for the greater good of devoting his time to help and listen to those in need.



St. Nicholas. Feast Day is December 6th. This well-known 3rd & 4th c. saint was an early Christian bishop of Myra in modern day Turkey. He dedicated his life to serving God and was known for his immense generosity, piety, and charity. After his parents died in an epidemic, he gave away his inherited wealth to assist the poor, sick, and suffering. His feast, which falls during Advent, is a reminder to emulate his charitable spirit in giving and by showing love to others. The news of his charity spread to all parts of Europe and has inspired the idea of gift giving, especially in secret and of our modern day notion of Santa Claus. He's celebrated as the patron of children, sailors, travelers, bakers, and merchants. He suffered for his faith during the emperor's persecutions and was imprisoned. After his death, he was buried in a cathedral, where a liquid called "manna" formed in his grave and was found to have healing powers. This

fostered more devotion to him and his death anniversaries since then have been celebrated as "St. Nicholas Day."

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