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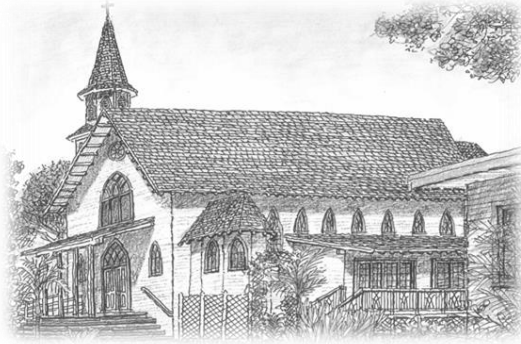
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Mission Statement: “We, the people of Immaculate Conception Parish in Ewa, declare our firm loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ, our Roman Catholic Church, and to the Diocesan Bishop of Honolulu. Our strength is in our unity as a Christian Family of Faith,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



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Fr. Sieg



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- Food Pantry
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- Couples & Singles for Christ

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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

Readings for next week:

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-46

FOCUS: We are given talents to share.

The Lord has told us that he will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Though the timing is unpredictable, this end is inevitable and inescapable. Let us be prepared to give an account of the ways in which we have used our gifts for the benefit of others.



Our **Thanksgiving Day Mass**, on **November 23rd** will begin at **8 a.m.** All are welcomed to give God praise and thanksgiving for all that He has done for us. Our office will be closed on Nov 23rd & 24th. We will reopen on Mon., Nov. 27th.



Light A Star

Our Advent Season will be here in a couple of weeks and there will be a lot of excitement going on as we prepare for the coming our Lord Jesus. Every year during Advent, we are given an opportunity to remember our loved ones by offering up the Masses for them through our **Light A Star** event. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for you to write the names legibly of your loved ones. We will then place an angel ornament with their names and hang them on our Christmas trees.



Immaculate Conception Novena

December 8th is our Feast Day, Immaculate Conception. To honor our Blessed Mother on this day, we will pray a novena of rosaries beginning next week Wednesday, November 29th. Time to be announced.

December 8th is also a holy day of obligation. We will honor our Blessed Mother with two Masses: **8 a.m.** and **7 p.m.** A celebration of our Feast Day with a potluck dinner and entertainment will follow in the parish hall after the 7 p.m. Mass. More info will follow in the next bulletin.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, November 20:

(+Bryan Lau, veteran – RS)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, November 21:

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, November 22:

8:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

Thursday, November 23:

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass

Friday, November 24:

8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, November 25:

(Daclison Ohana – Thanksgiving)

4 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, November 26:

6:15 a.m. Rosary

7:00 a.m. Mass (+Francisca Dioz)

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass (Archie & Mady

Agcamaran & Family – Thanksgiving)

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass (Mass for the People)

Church Cleaning:

Nov 25: Couples for Christ

Dec 2: Sacred Heart Society

Dec 9: Knights of Columbus

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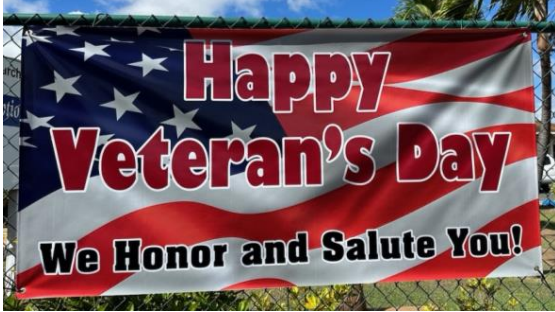
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Mahalo to our Veterans!

With a grateful heart, we say Mahalo to our 60 or so Veterans, who were honored at our weekend Masses for their service to our country. Fr. Sieg prayed and blessed them and each veteran received a bookmark with a St. Michael medal (Patron Saint for our Military). We are proud to call them ohana!



Stewardship of Treasure
Nov 11 - 12, 2023

Weekly Offering	\$ 5,729.00
Repair/Maint. Fund	1,849.00
Building Fund	582.00
Book of Intentions	280.00
Mass Intentions	225.00
Funeral	300.00
Flowers	48.47
Candles	15.00
Food Pantry	328.83
Sound System	25.00
Hawaii Quilt Guild	35.00
Light A Star	60.00
All Souls	240.00
Total	\$ 9,717.30

Second Collection:

Ohana in Christ	\$ 10.00
CCHD	20.00
Maui Fires	100.00

Christmas Photoshoots

Starting next week Sunday, November 26th, we will be offering Christmas Photoshoots for our parish ohana. Please stop by the church for a mini-Christmas photoshoot and get exclusive Christmas cards/portraits! A professional photographer will be on-site and a digital photo gallery will be available by Dec. 10 for your holiday cards. Open for solos, couples or groups up to 6-8 people. Photos will be taken **between 6 – 8:30 p.m.** on the following dates:

Nov. 26, Dec. 2, 3, & 9.

Monetary donations are welcomed to support active ministries at Immaculate Conception Church. Mahalo!



Eucharistic Pilgrimage

The Diocese of Honolulu offers a Hawaii Eucharist Revival virtual pilgrimage called **Hawaii Pilgrim** [HERE](#) or by getting the **Polarsteps - Travel Tracker app** for your digital device.

Sign up for a free Polarsteps account. Enter "Hawaii Pilgrim" on the Explore (Search people & places) tab. Click on "Follow" and begin your journey. Use Hawaii Pilgrim to find church addresses, Mass, adoration and other regularly scheduled events when the church will be open.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, more than 110% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins. Learn more about the CCHD at www.usccb.org/cchd.

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Dear Padre

November 19, 2023

My grandmother says Catholics used to fast from midnight until they received Communion. When did the fasting time change to only one hour, and why?

The ancient discipline of fasting before Communion became a universal practice by the fifth century. Until 1953, those who would receive holy Communion refrained from consuming food, water, and medicine from midnight to the time of Communion. In 1953 and 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the fast from food to three hours and from water for one hour (*Christus Dominus* and *Sacram Communionem*).

In 1966, Pope St. Paul VI further reduced the fast to one hour and allowed water and medicine at any time (*Paenitemini*). In 1973, he reduced the fast for the sick and elderly to fifteen minutes before Communion when one hour is prohibitive (*Immensae Caritatis*).

The loosening of the restrictions was in no way intended to lessen the reverence for the holy Eucharist. The changes were made to allow as many Catholics as possible to receive the Eucharist, which can be difficult when priests are in short supply. For the same reason, *Immensae Caritatis* also allowed the practice of having extraordinary ministers give Communion. Despite the changes to the Communion fast, unity and uniformity have been maintained. And of course, Catholics are free to fast before Communion beyond the duration and degree currently prescribed. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today the Church tells us: "Use what God has given you and look at the poor." At times, we think that to be Christian means not to do harm. And not doing harm is good. But not doing good is not good. We must do good, come out of ourselves and look...at those who are more in need.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 15, 2020



Saints and Feasts of the Week



Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast Day is Nov. 21st. This feast commemorates a visit by 3-year old Mary to the Temple in Jerusalem, where she was dedicated to the service of God and left to be raised as a consecrated virgin. This fulfills a sacred promise by her parents, Sts. Anne and Joachim, during their long struggle with childlessness. Before her birth, they received a heavenly message that they would bear a child. Their pilgrimage reminds us that we can go on a pilgrimage of thanksgiving to give thanks to God for a blessing received.

St. Cecilia – Feast Day is Nov. 22nd. She was a Roman virgin martyr, who was honored as a patron saint of church music since the 16th century. Married against her will to future St. Valerian (then a pagan), she told him that an angel of God wanted her to remain a virgin. She prayed to God and sang sacred chants while being led to the altar on her wedding day. Later an angel descended to her and her groom and placed wreaths of roses and lilies on their heads. She was an example of trusting in the Lord's plan and being fearless in the face of death. She was able to convert others and reminds us to be examples of our faith for others.

St. Andrew Dung-Lac – Feast Day is Nov. 24th. He was a Catholic convert ordained to the priesthood and is one of 117 people, who were martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862 as persecuted Christians. He was beheaded by execution during the reign of Minh Mang, who banned all foreign missionaries. Between 130,000 and 300,000 Vietnamese martyrs were canonized together in one single feast day by Pope John Paul II. He is the patron saint of Vietnamese Martyrs.



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