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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

CONFESSION

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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 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.”

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 12, 2026

FOCUS: My Lord and my God!

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II designated the Second Sunday of Easter as the Sunday of Divine Mercy. As we continue to celebrate and give thanks for the Resurrection, we acknowledge that we need the risen Christ; we need his healing and his steadfast mercy.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TRUST

ANN M. GARRIDO

We can readily understand Thomas’ insistence upon seeing things with his own eyes. Would you believe it if someone told you that a friend whose funeral you had attended was now walking through walls?

At some time or other, all of us have been tricked into believing something we later found out was untrue and remember how foolish we felt. Haven’t our parents told us not to believe everything we hear? Haven’t our teachers taught us to do our own research? Doubt serves a valuable purpose, and we would be naïve to disregard it. At the same time, we know that doubt can become a way of life, overstepping its usefulness. During the COVID pandemic, for example, some refused to believe even the most knowledgeable medical voices in the nation. Like Thomas, they insisted that unless they’d “done their own research,” they wouldn’t believe. Such a stance ignores that unless you are a scientist working in a medical lab, even “your own research” will be based on an act of belief that what you are reading of others’ research is correct. Doubt is good, but only in combination with a healthy dose of humility. In the end, the world turns on an axis of trust.

At the close of today’s gospel, Jesus names as “blessed” those able to discern what is true and believe not only because of what they have seen with their own eyes but also because of what they have heard through their ears from sources worthy of their trust.

● **Reflect:** When has doubt served a purpose, and when has it gotten in my way?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 13:

7:00 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Lucila Villar - RS)
 6:30 PM Council of Ministries Mtg.
 6:30 PM Young Adult Ministry Mtg.

Tuesday, April 14:

6:50 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Lucila Villar - RS)

Wednesday, April 15:

6:50 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (Grace Ordonia & Paul Martin, Jr. - Birthdays)
 5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)
 6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

Thursday, April 16: No Mass

Friday, April 17:

6:50 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Elbert Fajardo & +William Virtucio - RS)
 11:00 AM Wedding of Brittany and Jacob Ortega
 3-5:00 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, April 18:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
 9:00 AM Secular Franciscans Mtg.
 10:00 AM Wedding of Jill and Matthew Loke
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (+Lance Flores Ordonio - 1-Year Death Annv.)

Sunday, April 19:

6:00 AM Rosary
 7:00 AM Mass
 (+Benito Miguel - RS)
 8:45 AM Rosary
 9:30 AM Mass
 (+Luis Robinol, Jr. - RS)
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (Mass for the People)
 6:30 PM Youth Ministry Meeting



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER BLESSINGS!



We congratulate our 5 catechumens who received their sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation at the Easter Vigil last Saturday.



Their commitment to their studies these past couple of years has paid off, and they can now join us fully into our

parish community. Many thanks to Eden Pulga, our OCIA Coordinator, and her catechists who have dedicated their time and talent to walk alongside our new parish members. Let us continue our prayers for them as they journey in their walk with Jesus. Congratulations to **Maryann Valladares, Giselle Brown, Adrianna Guarjardo, Malia Guajardo, and Mason Guajardo** who are now fully in communion with the Church! *Above our catechumens with their sponsors.*

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATION

Thank you to all our ministries and parishioners who supported our parish ohana throughout our Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Season. You have made sacrifices through your prayers, fasts, and almsgiving during Lent and made our Holy Week holy. We are Easter people and the Risen Lord is truly alive in our parish ohana. Mahalo to all who have shared their pictures with us to enjoy.





ALOHA AND MAHALO, DEACON RICHARD ABEL!



We would like to take this time to thank **Deacon Richard Abel** for his years of extended service as deacon in our parish. We are truly grateful for his dedication and commitment as he has done so much for our ohana. We appreciate the time he gave by preparing our couples for marriages, giving dignity to our deceased loves one, praying and blessing over our parishioners, and making us laugh, as well as, giving us insight into the Gospel readings during his homilies. Let us keep him and Maryann, his wife, in our prayers as he enjoys his retirement. May God bless them both with His grace and mercy.

Mahalo, Dcn. Richard!! We will miss you!

Dear Padre,

April 12, 2026

We are told that when we receive the Holy Eucharist, our venial sins are washed away. Does the same thing happen when we receive spiritual communion?

Yes, and there are many other ways that venial sins can be forgiven. First and foremost is each of the sacraments of reconciliation: baptism, Eucharist, penance, and anointing of the sick. In addition to the sacraments, an Act of Contrition will also suffice, as will a simple prayer of intercession, such as, "Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Forgiveness of venial sins is directly dependent on one thing: the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit at work in our world and in each one of us. Forgiveness is not merited; it is a gift, and, as a gift, it requires only that we ask and gratefully receive. It is true that we are all sinful. We are also all blessed. As wonderful as forgiveness is, and there truly is no greater gift of God's love, an equally wonderful gift is gratitude. Perhaps, with every Act of Contrition that we pray, we should also offer a prayer of thanksgiving. It might help us find balance if we remind ourselves not only how we may not have measured up but also that we are blessed and graced.

● Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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YOUTH "DISCOVERY" RETREAT, MAY 1 - 3, 2026



The time is approaching for the **Youth Retreat** which is coming up on the weekend of **May 1-3, 2026** at **Camp Waianae**. We welcome all youth, grades 7 to 12 to attend and enjoy a faith-filled weekend!

The **Youth Ministry** are kindly asking for donations to help offset the cost for their upcoming retreat. Please see the **Donation Tree** by the entrance of the church, pick some donation leaves, and follow the instructions on

how to turn in your items or monetary donations. We are still accepting retreat forms, so please register your teen for this fun-faith filled weekend! Forms will also be next to the giving tree or online at our parish website. Mahalo for supporting our future church.



FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE +BENITO MANUEL

A prayer service for the late **+Benito Manuel** will be held on **Tuesday, April 14th, 10:00 a.m.** at **Mililani Mortuary, Mauka Chapel**. Burial services will follow at **11:00 a.m.** at Mililani Mortuary.



FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE +LUCILA VILLAR

A prayer service for the late **+Lucila Villar** will be held on **Tuesday, April 14th, at 6:30 p.m.** at **Mililani Mortuary, Mauka Chapel**. Burial services will take place on **Wednesday, April 15th**, starting at **11:00 a.m.** at Mililani Mortuary.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

April 2 - 5, 2026

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Holy Thursday Offering | \$1,106.00 |
| Veneration of the Cross | \$1,029.00 |
| Easter Sunday Offering | \$9,935.70 |
| Sat. 7 pm - | \$1,932.20 |
| Sun. 7 am - | \$3,438.00 |
| Sun. 9:30 am - | \$3,164.50 |
| Sun. 5 pm - | \$1,401.00 |

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| Weekly Offering | \$125.00 |
| Repair & Maintenance | \$1,225.50 |
| Building Fund | \$590.00 |
| Book of Intentions | \$375.00 |
| Mass Intentions | \$135.00 |
| Flowers | \$67.50 |
| Candles | \$95.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$150.00 |
| Mother's Day | \$200.00 |
| House Blessing | \$100.00 |
| Car Blessing | \$100.00 |
| Fr.'s Special Projects | \$200.00 |
| TOTAL | \$15,433.70 |



Second Collection:

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Catholic Min. Ann. Appeal | \$2,638.90 |
| CRS Rice Bowl | \$1,683.93 |
| Holy Land | \$1,401.00 |

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A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

The Lord shows us his wounds and says: Peace be with you. Do not be afraid to show your wounds healed by mercy. Do not be afraid to draw close to those who are trapped in fear or guilt. May the breath of the Spirit make us, too, witnesses of this peace and this love that is stronger than any defeat.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, OCT. 1, 2025

CMAA UPDATE

We just received an update on our **Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal** which shows that we are at **39%** of our goal. So far, we have collected **\$6,734**. This doesn't include the second collection which was held last weekend, in the amount of \$2,638.90. This brings our total to \$9,372.90. Our goal is to collect \$17,161. We're getting there...but we still need your kokua!!! Thank you so much for your generosity. It is greatly appreciated!

| WEEKLY MASS COUNT | Day/Time | MAR. 21-22 | | MAR. 28-29 | | APR. 4-5 | |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------|-------|------------|-------|----------|-------|
| | | Adult | Child | Adult | Child | Adult | Child |
| | Sat. 5:00 PM | 134 | 13 | 149 | 14 | 221 | 16 |
| | Sun. 7:00 AM | 198 | 6 | 298 | 14 | 441 | 21 |
| | Sun. 9:30 AM | 264 | 52 | 410 | 68 | 475 | 139 |
| | Sun. 5:00 PM | 186 | 14 | 200 | 40 | 195 | 35 |

Mass Readings for 3rd
Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

Church Cleaning Schedule

Apr. 18: Couples for Christ
Apr. 25: Chamorro Group
May 2: Sacred Heart Society
May 9: Knights of Columbus

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



Pope St. Martin I – Feast Day is April 13th. This 7th c. Italian saint was the last of the early popes to be venerated as a martyr. His feast day marks the anniversary of the transfer of his remains to Rome. During his brief papacy of 6 years, he defended the faith against the Monothelism heresy, which claimed that Jesus only possessed a divine nature, not both divine & human ones. He was kidnapped & exiled in the Crimea region after opposition to the emperor regarding the heresy. He ultimately died in exile after being weakened by imprisonment & torture, but was saved from actual execution. He is still considered as a "martyr for the faith."



St. Bernadette Soubirous – Feast Day is April 16th. Named Marie-Bernarde Soubirous at birth, this 19th c. French saint was a miller's daughter from Lourdes, France. At the age of 14, this peasant girl experienced 18 apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the grotto of Massabielle in 1858. Our Lady's message to her focused on prayer, penance, & conversion of sinners and she revealed herself as "I am the Immaculate Conception." St. Bernadette later joined the Sisters of Charity and Christian Instruction at Nevers, France, where she lived & later died at the age of 35. She is the patron saint of illness, poverty, shepherds, people ridiculed for their piety, & Lourdes. Her body lies incorrupt in a glass reliquary at the Nevers convent chapel, which has become a pilgrimage site for those desiring her intercession.



St. Benedict Joseph Labre – Feast Day is April 17th. This 18th c. French saint was known by various titles: "Beggar of Rome," "Holy Tramp," & "Beggar of Perpetual Adoration." He was known for his deep devotion to prayer & his chosen life of poverty. After failed attempts to join several monastic orders due to his poor health & eccentricities, he embraced the life of a pilgrim. He spent years wandering across Europe to major shrines, such as Loretto and Assisi, before settling in Rome. While there, he lived in extreme asceticism in the streets. He is considered the patron saint of the homeless, as well as of beggars, pilgrims, mentally ill, rejected children, & bachelors.

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