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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.”

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 5, 2026

FOCUS: Our rest comes in walking side-by-side with Christ.

The God who defeated death – this mighty one whose dominion shall be from sea to sea – promises to carry our burdens with us, to never leave us alone in our struggles, to humble himself to walk beside us in our smallness and our need. Our rest comes in walking side-by-side with Christ.

TAKE UP THE YOKE

ANN M. GARRIDO

The invention of the yoke 6,000 years ago marked one of the great advances in human history. The yoke—a wooden beam fitted across the neck—harnessed the energy of two cattle pulling in the same direction, hastening the tilling of soil and transport of goods.

It is easy to see why, among many ancient peoples, the yoke became a symbol of subjugation. When the Roman army won a battle, they forced defeated soldiers to walk beneath a “yoke” of spears to indicate they were now in a state of servitude. The prophet Jeremiah once walked through Jerusalem wearing a yoke to warn the people they were about to be conquered by Babylon.

In Judaism, however, the Torah was also sometimes referred to as a yoke. It was a law to be submitted to, but it also was a way of life that offered an alternative to the cruel “yokes” imposed by kings. The Book of Sirach encourages youth to “Take [Torah’s] yoke upon your neck; that your mind may receive her teaching.... See for yourselves! I have labored only a little but have found much” (Sirach 51:26–27).

It is unclear exactly what Jesus meant when he invited us to accept his yoke, but it is likely that he was echoing the invitation of Sirach. He wanted us to know that following God’s law makes it possible for us to work together, accomplishing much that we could not do on our own. And that God’s law is a gentle law—one that enables rather than oppresses. Are you willing to receive Christ’s gentle teaching and make it your own?

● **Reflect:** Is there a teaching of Jesus you find challenging?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, July 6:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Maggie Adaro - 1st Death Anniversary)

Tuesday, July 7:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Yanna Jo & Paulyanna Mae Balajadia -
Thanksgiving Mass)
6:30 PM Wake Service for the late
+Benita P. Manuel at Mililani Mauka (Fr. Sieg)

Wednesday, July 8:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Lorna Andres Villanueva - Healing)
10:30 AM Funeral Service for +Benita P.
Manuel at Mililani Mauka, followed by 1 pm Burial.
5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)

Thursday, July 9:

No Mass at Immaculate Conception
6:00 PM Bicentennial Mass at the Co-
Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu

Friday, July 10:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Herminia and +Thomas Garcia - RS)
3-5:00 PM Food Pantry
6:00 PM Prayer Service for +Felicitas
Aguilar at Mililani, Makai Chapel (Fr. Sieg)

Saturday, July 11:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
4:15 PM Rosary
10:00 AM Wake Service of +Lydia Antonio
followed by Burial at 1 p.m. at Valley of the
Temples (Dcn. Bruce)
10:00 AM Funeral Mass for +Felicitas
Aguilar (Fr. Sieg)
1:00 PM Sacred Heart Society Meeting
5:00 PM Mass
(+Amarita Bolo - RS)

Sunday, July 12:

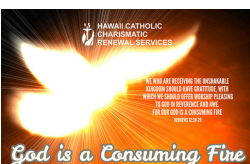
6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(Mass for the People)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Richard Alcos - RS)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mitzy Paulsen - Healing and Happiness)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

In commemoration of 200 years in the State of Hawaii, the Roman Catholic Church will have a special **Bicentennial Celebration** beginning with Mass, which will be held on **Thursday, July 9, 2026**, at the **Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu, 6:00 p.m.** There will be other events during the year to celebrate this historical moment. We are grateful to the Fathers and Brothers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and of Perpetual Adoration (ss.cc.) who braved the journey overseas. They arrived in Honolulu's Harbor on July 7, 1827, and in celebration, they offered their first Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on July 14, 1827. We will pray the special Diocesan Bicentennial Prayer during the Mass. You can find the prayer cards in the pews.

GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE!



All are invited to the **46th Catholic Charismatic Regional Conference** on **Saturday, July 25, 2026**, from **9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at **Catholic Charities Hawaii**, 1822 Keeamoku St., Honolulu. Admission is free. Love offering accepted. Lunch is also available for purchase onsite while supplies last. Come join Fr. Alfred Omar Guerrero, Dcn. Ken Bissen, Jr., Dcn. Raffy Mendoza, and the HCCRS Worship Team!

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR +BENITA P. MANUEL



A wake service for the late **+Benita P. Manuel** will be held on **Tuesday, July 7th, 2026** at **Mililani Mauka**. Visitation begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the **Prayer Service** at **6:30 p.m.**

On **Wednesday, July 8, 2026**, visitation will be at 9:30 a.m., followed by a **prayer service** starting at **10:30 a.m.** at **Mililani Mauka**. Afterwards, her **burial** will take place at **1:00 p.m.** at **Green Haven Memorial Park, Kaneohe**.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR +LYDIA ANTONIO

A wake service for the late **+Lydia Antonio** will be held on **Saturday, July 11th, 2026** at Valley of the Temples. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by the **prayer service** at **10:00 a.m.** **Burial** will take place at **1:00 p.m.** at **Valley of the Temples**.



FUNERAL SERVICES FOR +FELICITAS AGUILAR



Funeral services for the late **+Felicitas Aguilar** will be on Friday, **July 10, 2026**, at **Mililani Mortuary, Makai Chapel**. Visitation begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a prayer service at 6:00 p.m.

On **Saturday, July 11, 2026**, a funeral **Mass** will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, starting at **10:00 a.m.**

MAHALO LISA & CHARLIE VISITACION!!!

Just wanted to give a special "Shout Out" to **Lisa and Charlie Visitacion** for decorating our church during the different seasons and occasions that we've celebrated. Most recently, they put up the festive Independence Day decorations to remind us of our freedom! We are truly grateful for their gifts of time, talent, and treasure!

Dear Padre,

July 5, 2026

Is it appropriate to display the American flag in our church?

A diocesan bishop—who often delegates this matter to the discretion of the pastor—determines regulations on whether and how to display the American flag in a Catholic church. Displaying the flag, and a book of remembrance for those serving in the armed forces, seems to have originated in many US parishes during World War II. The practice has continued through subsequent wars and national tragedies.

While the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy advised that national symbols should not be permanent fixtures of a worship space, they may be appropriate at worship services on a civil holiday, etc. This same committee discouraged pastors from displaying the American flag within the sanctuary itself—a space reserved for the altar, ambo, presidential chair, and tabernacle—but instead to place the flag in the vestibule of the church together with a book of petitions for the living and deceased.

Fundamentally, a church building is where the liturgical assembly gathers as one body in Christ—the same Christ of the Eucharist who is beyond time and place, who came to unite our divisions. "The church building is a sign and reminder of the immanence and transcendence of God—who chose to dwell among us and whose presence cannot be contained or limited to any single place" (US Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Built of Living Stones*, 2000).

● Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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Do you have a question for the Padre? Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

WE GIVE THANKS

we give thanks again to our very hard-working volunteers who continue to repair and improve the church facilities. This past week, **Carlos Bulan, Ariel Suarez ***, **Allan Pesquera, and** helped to build a concrete platform for the trash bins located behind the parish hall. We are grateful for their dedication and support of our parish. (* We'd like to apologize to Ariel for the error we made in last week's bulletin! We entered an incorrect last name for him! Sorry, **Ariel SUAREZ!!!!**)



To the right is a picture of **Dexter Vasquez**, who helped to re-paint our picnic tables near the parish hall. The tables look amazing in its fresh coat of paint. A little paint goes a long way! Dexter will also be helping to build the concrete brick wall around the trash bin platform. Mahalo to all for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure!



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION



Thank you for the generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected **\$1,273**, so far. Our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters world-wide to help Pope Leo XIV in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

IMPROVING YOUR SERVE WORKSHOP

Creating a Culture of Welcome in Our Parishes



Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa, invites everyone to an inspiring workshop called, "Improving Your Serve," on **Saturday, July 11, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** This workshop is designed to explore simple, effective ways to foster a culture of hospitality with their featured presenter, **Dr. Dan Chun, Co-Founder of Hawaiian Islands Ministries**. You will learn practical strategies which can be helpful for greeters and ushers. Learn how to welcome newcomers by engaging and connecting

with them. Dr. Dann will also talk about building a parish culture that reflects Christian charity and Aloha. These are simple ideas that can be implemented immediately in the parish.



Dr. Dann Chun is a former Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu. He is a nationally recognized speaker on leadership, evangelization, hospitality, and parish renewal.

To register, scan the QR code to the right or visit their website: <https://form.jotform.com/oechawaii/hospitality>.

E Mau Ke Aloha o Ke Akua: The Love of God endures forever!



		JUN 13 - 14		JUN 20 - 21		JUN 27 - 28	
WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	128	13	148	12	119	11
	Sun. 7:00 AM	247	8	296	9	223	2
	Sun. 9:30 AM	236	31	283	58	244	39
	Sun. 5:00 PM	149	19	125	15	164	18

**Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

June 27 - 28, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$3,574.25
Sat. 5 pm -	\$772.25
Sun. 7 am -	\$1,234.00
Sun. 9:30 am -	\$799.00
Sun. 5 pm -	\$769.00

Repair & Maintenance	\$817.00
Building Fund	\$260.00
Book of Intentions	\$110.00
Mass Intentions	\$20.00
Flowers	\$5.00
Candles	\$25.00
Funeral	\$300.00



TOTAL \$5,111.25

Second Collection:

Diocesan Priests' Rtrmt Fund	\$40.00
CMAA	\$25.00
Peter's Pence	\$1,253.00

SAVE-THE-DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

Save-the-Dates for the following upcoming workshops:

Remain in Me Workshop:

Prayer as the Source of Fruitful Ministry
Friday - Sunday, July 17 - 19, 2026
St. Stephen Diocesan Center
Presenter: Pat Kane

Workshops for Evangelization:

Practical training for Parish Missions.
Choose from 3 different workshops: *Host Alpha at the Parish (presented by Jason Kidd)*, *Parent & Families at the Center of Faith Formation (Jayne Monday)*, and *Small Group Host Training (Malcolm Zara)*
Saturday, August 1, 2026
St. Stephen Diocesan Center

More information will follow in the next bulletin.

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

There is a burning question in our hearts, a need for truth that we cannot ignore, which leads us to ask ourselves: what is true happiness? What is the true meaning of life? What can free us from being trapped in meaninglessness, boredom, and mediocrity?... We need to lift our eyes...to the "things that are above" (Colossians 3:2).

HOMILY, TOR VERGATA, AUGUST 3, 2025

Church Cleaning Schedule

Jul 11:	Knights of Columbus
Jul 18:	Couples for Christ
Jul 25:	Chamorro Group
Aug 1:	Sacred Heart Society

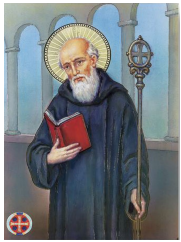
FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria – Feast Day is July 5th. This 16th c. Italian saint was a Catholic priest, preacher, philosopher, physician, & founder of religious Orders. He was best known for his leadership role in the Counter-Reformation, for popularizing the Forty Hours Devotion, for promoting Eucharistic Adoration, & for encouraging ringing of church bells on Fridays. He became a medical doctor at age 22, but then changed his path to follow a call to the priesthood. He then merged his medical background with his spiritual mission by treating physical & moral ailments of the sick & poor. He founded the Barnabites Order (Clerics Regular of St. Paul) & the Angelic Sisters of St. Paul, who helped to reform the Church & minister to the needy. He also promoted devotion to the Passion of Christ & renewed religious life among the laity. This patron of physicians led a life of resilience, compassion, unwavering faith & was a beacon of hope & selfless love.



St. Veronica Giuliani – Feast Day is July 9th. This saint's feast day is celebrated primarily on her death day of July 9th, but is observed on July 10th in the Capuchin Order. She was an 18th c. Italian Capuchin Poor Clare mystic. Named Ursula at birth, she took the name of Veronica when she entered the Poor Clare Monastery. Her deeply religious education was one of frequent prayers & exercises in self-denial. She was known for her profound visions & writings and kept a massive 22,000-page spiritual diary on her mystical encounters with Christ. She had deep devotion to the Passion of Christ & received the stigmata, which she bore on her body for the last 50 years of her life. As one of the greatest mystics, she lived a hidden life within the walls of her monastery where she was the abbess. She's the patron saint of embroiderers, those suffering from bodily ills, & the Franciscan Order. Her incorrupt body lies enshrined at her monastery.



St. Benedict of Nursia – Feast Day is July 11th. Even though this 6th c. saint's death day was on March 21st (observed by Benedictine monks & traditional Catholics), July 11th was established to commemorate the transfer of some of his relics to an abbey in France in 672 and to honor his designation as the "Patron Saint of Europe." Known as the "Father of Western Monasticism," he founded the Benedictine Order, which evangelized Europe during the Middle Ages. He was known for his balanced approach to spiritual life & manual labor, which was summarized by his motto "Ora et labora" (pray & work). He was also renowned for writing his Rule, which became a practical guide for monastic living of balancing prayer, manual labor, & spiritual study. It has been the foundation of many religious orders & has greatly shaped Christianity for over 1500 years. He's also the patron of monks, students, & those suffering from kidney diseases. He's buried alongside his twin sister, Scholastica, at the most famous of his 12 monasteries at Monte Cassino, Italy.

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