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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
*September - May

Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Wednesday

RCIA (Adults) 6:00 p.m.

Thursday

No Daily Mass

First Friday

7:00 a.m. First Friday Benediction
and Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday

RCIA (Children) 9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday

4:00p.m. - 4:30p.m. (or by appt.)

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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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God bless you,
Fr. Nick



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PARISH MINISTRIES

- Parish Council of Ministries
- Finance Council
- Choirs
- CFC Youth Activities
- Couples & Singles for Christ
- Devotional Societies
- Food Pantry
- Knights of Columbus
- Parish Planning & Building Committee
- Emergency Response Team

Contact us for the following:

Baptism:

An interview is required at least 2 months before the desirable month of infant baptism.

Faith Formation CCD & RCIA

Religious instruction for adults and children.

Marriage:

Please call at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. An Engaged Encounter Weekend is recommended prior to Marriage Ceremony.

Communion to the Homebound

Please call parish office to arrange for someone to bring the Blessed Sacrament to your sick family member

Funerals

Please call the parish office prior to making arrangements with the mortuary.

Food Pantry

Every Friday except on holidays, between 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.



Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

Readings for next week:

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7,10-13a

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

FOCUS: *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

Just as Jesus approaches the outcast Samaritan woman at the well with intimate knowledge of her history and her heart, so, too, does Christ approach us. He comes with the offer of living water that will forever satiate our thirst if only we soften our hearts to hear his voice.

Mahalo, Bishop Larry, for your visit to our parish



A big Mahalo to Bishop Larry for presiding over the Masses last weekend during his Episcopal Visit. On Saturday, March 4th, he met with Ministry Coordinators to see how each ministry was doing. On Sunday, March 5th, he met with the parishioners and posed 3 questions for discussion:

1. What are the blessings of our parish?
2. What are our concerns for the future of our parish?
3. What questions do we have for him?

Those in attendance shared the many blessings of our parish, one being that there is a strong sense of family here. Some of the concerns mentioned were the safety of the walkways around the church grounds, the conditions of the aging church and hall, the rejuvenation of the youth ministry, and insufficient volunteers for the ministries. The main questions posed involved how to recruit volunteers and rebuild the existing campus. Bishop replied that having a Stewardship Committee can help and offer fundraising options. The current plan though is to right size our parish. We end with this thought...who among our parish ohana would like to volunteer to be a part of our Stewardship Committee?

Parish Schedule

Monday, March 13:

8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, March 14:

8:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, March 15:

8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday, March 16:

- No Mass -

Friday, March 17:

8:00 a.m. Mass

4:00 p.m. Fish Fry Pick Up (*Tent*)

4 – 6:00 p.m. Food Pantry (*Hall*)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 19:

7:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Centering Prayer

5:00 p.m. Mass

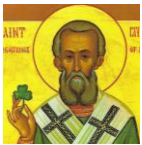
Church Cleaning Schedule

Mar 18: Chamorro Group

Mar 25: Couples for Christ

Apr 1: Sacred Heart Society

St. Patrick's Day Dispensation - Many people enjoy celebrating St. Patrick's Day, March 17, with corned beef and cabbage. In light of this tradition, Bishop Silva dispenses from the obligation of Lenten Friday abstinence from meat any Catholic living in or visiting the Diocese of Honolulu for that day only. Those who take advantage of this dispensation should choose another day that week to abstain from meat.



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Lenten Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus, Council 6734, are selling tickets for **Fish Fry** after all the Masses. Tickets are \$15 ea. All proceeds benefit our Repair & Maintenance Fund.

March 17th - Bebots
March 24th - Honolulu Kitchen **\$ 15 ea. plate**

Bebots: Pompano fish, rice, and tossed salad.

Honolulu Kitchen: Sweet & Sour Fish, Rice, Noodles, Stir-fry veg.



CRS Lenten Journey of Hope

The first CRS Rice Bowl Lenten Story of Hope this year is from the mountainous valleys in Honduras. *The changing climate has had an impact on lands in Honduras, but farmers are learning new techniques to water their crops, protect the natural resources and keep their families healthy.* Rony lives with his wife Reina and their two sons, Emilson, age 14, and Maynor, age 9. Rony is a farmer who grows corn, beans and bananas. But it's hard to get good harvests working in the Dry Corridor—an area impacted by high temperatures and lack of rain. Droughts have become more frequent and floods more damaging from the few stronger storms. Rony participated in a Catholic Relief Services project, which helped him repair an old reservoir and install a low-cost irrigation system with pipes and hoses that use very little water to grow his crops. He also learned to let the harvest residue rot—instead of burning the land—because the residue becomes the soil's fertilizer. Thanks to the watering system and his new skills, Rony can harvest his crops even if it doesn't rain. His produce and income are now enough to feed his family and help people in his community. Today, Rony has even become an advocate for caring for the environment. And he feels it is his responsibility that others do too.



To learn more about the Catholic Relief Service and how you can give through the Rice Bowl, log onto www.crsricebowl.org. Rice bowls are available at the back of the church.



Lenten Penance Services

Our Lord gives us an opportunity to be reconciled with him through the Sacrament of Penance. Below is the schedule for the Lenten Penance Services in the Leeward Vicariate. The following services start at 7:00 p.m.:

March 13th - St. Jude, Kapolei
March 20th - Immaculate Conception, Ewa
March 23rd - Sacred Heart, Waianae
March 30th - OLPH, Ewa Beach

"I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins." Is. 43:25

Stations of the Cross

Our Stations of the Cross continue every Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. The following ministries have volunteered to help lead us in the Stations:

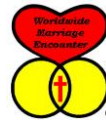
March 17th: - Knights of Columbus
March 24th: - Couples for Christ
March 31st: - Sacred Hearts/Flowers

Feedback on the Teaching Masses



The Task Force of the Eucharistic Revival wants your feedback on the Teaching Masses. Please click on the QR Code to begin the survey.

Marriage Encounter



The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will take place on **March 24 – 26, 2023.**

For more info, call (808) 258-6688. Log on to www.HawaiiWWME.org or click on the QR Code. →

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Catholic Relief Services

Next weekend, our parish will take up **the Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about CRS at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Stewardship of Treasure

March 4 - 5, 2023

Weekly Offering	\$	4,311.00
Repair/Maintenance		2,169.00
Building Fund		48.37
Book of Intentions		135.00
Flowers		123.23
Candles		285.00
Food Pantry		30.00
All Souls		30.00
1 st Saturday		11.24
Holy Water Donation		20.00
Blessings		230.00
Easter		100.00
Solemnity of Mary		1.00
Total	\$	7,493.84

Pathways to Holiness
for youth in grades 7-12
March 25, 2023
at St. Stephen Diocesan Center (6301 Pali Hwy.)
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Questions? Contact the OYYAM at oyyam@rcchawaii.org

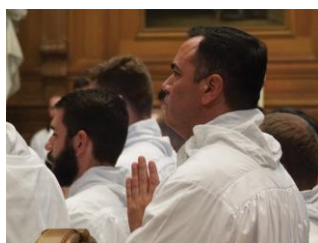
Pathway to Holiness

This retreat, held on **March 25th for youth, grades 7th -12th**, will help teens understand their current universal vocation and explore the possibilities of their personal vocations through the lives of the saints. Cost is \$10 per person. We do have a limited number of scholarships available. If needed, please contact the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. More information here:

<https://www.catholichawaii.org/oyyam/ym/retreat>. Retreat hosted by the Office of Vocations and the OYYAM.

Second Collections

Rice Bowl (Holy Thu)	\$	80.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fd.		10.00



St. Patrick's Seminary Day of Giving

Please support **St. Patrick's Seminary** and their work in preparing priests for service in our diocese. The Diocese of Honolulu currently has 10 seminarians at St. Patrick's Seminary located in Menlo Park, California. To participate in the Day of Giving which takes place on **March 16th**, please visit,



<https://igfn.us/vf/PRIEST>, text PRIEST to 71777, or scan the OR Code.

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Building Fund		580.00
Candles		15.00
Flowers		140.00
Food Pantry		35.00
Repair & Maintenance		305.00
Ash Wednesday		25.00
2 nd Coll: Augustine Edu Foundation		10.00
Total	\$	3,462.00
Less Credit Card Fees		(65.08)
Total Disbursement	\$	3,396.92

'Nursing with a Heart' - Catholic Nurses Fellowship

Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

Join the Nursing with a Heart: Catholic Nurses' Fellowship for Mass followed by a fellowship potluck to meet other Catholic nurses and for a time of sharing and reflecting. Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP to Vebs Dominguez at (908) 758-6597 or authorvebs@gmail.com.

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