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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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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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- Religious Education
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Altar Servers
- Flowers and Environmental
- Event Planners
- Food Pantry
- Sacred Heart Society
- Knights of Columbus
- 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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2023

Readings for next week:

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

FOCUS: Always be prepared to welcome Christ, for we know neither the day nor the hour of his arrival.

The Gospel parable reminds us to keep vigil for Jesus. It is easy to get distracted by the details of work, family life, and other responsibilities so that we forget the real purpose and mission of our lives. Let's each take a moment to contemplate how we can live out our vocation in life, readying ourselves for the Lord's coming.



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.

Funeral Services for:

+Christopher Sabey, Jr. and Vivian "Tutu" Wysocki



Funeral services for both the late **+Christopher Sabey, Jr. and Vivian "Tutu" Wysocki** will be held on **Monday, November 13th**. Blessing will start at 10:00 a.m., followed by **Mass at 11 a.m.** Burial will take place at a later time.

+Abelardo "Cardo" Balala



Funeral Service for the late **+Abelardo "Cardo" Balala** will be held on Friday, November 17th. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by wake service at 11 a.m. at Mililani Makai Chapel. Burial will take place at 1:30 p.m. at Mililani Cemetery.



In honor of our Veterans

We thank all our Veterans for their service to our country, present and past. In recognition of their sacrifice, Fr. Sieg will be honoring our parishioners who are veterans at our weekend Masses with a special blessing and token of our appreciation. We honor and salute you!

Weekly Schedule

Monday, November 13:

(+Jocelyn Bandalan Vernon)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, November 14:

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, November 15:

(+Rosario & Maria Galutira – RS)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

Thursday, November 16:

- No Mass -

Friday, November 17:

8:00 a.m. Mass

4 – 6 p.m. Food Pantry (Hall)

Saturday, November 18:

(Mass for the People)

4 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, November 19:

6:15 a.m. Rosary

7:00 a.m. Mass (+Carlito Flores Camat, Jr. & Rufino Camat Bacatat, Jr.)

8:15 a.m. Religious Edu Classes

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass (+Mayette Smith-Mauleon)

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass (+Francisca Dioz)

Church Cleaning:

Nov 18 Chamorro Group

Nov 25 Couples for Christ

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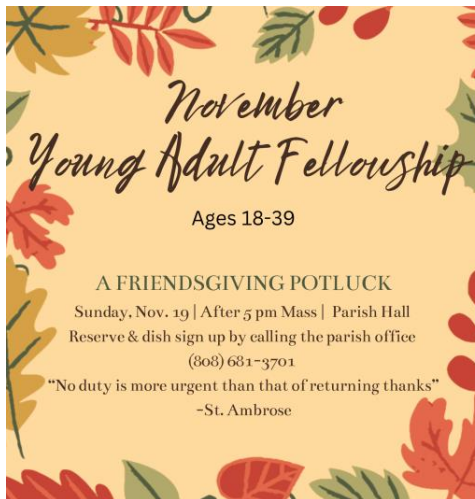
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Food Pantry Holiday Closures

Our food pantry will be closed on the following Fridays due to the holiday season:
Nov. 24th – Thanksgiving, Dec. 22nd, Christmas and Dec. 29th New Year's Holidays. We will be open on all other Fridays of the month.



November
Young Adult Fellowship
 Ages 18-39

A FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK
 Sunday, Nov. 19 | After 5 pm Mass | Parish Hall
 Reserve & dish sign up by calling the parish office
 (808) 681-3701
 "No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks"
 -St. Ambrose

Come and join our Young Adult Ministry for fellowship on Sun., Nov. 19th, 6 pm, Parish Hall.

End of October Rosary Celebration



The month of the Most Holy Rosary concluded on October 31st with a gathering of faithful parishioners, who recited the rosary near the grotto and enjoyed food & fellowship afterwards.

Stewardship of

Treasure

Nov 4 - 5, 2023

Weekly Offering	\$ 5,209.00
Repair/Maint. Fund	2,023.59
Building Fund	90.00
Book of Intentions	130.00
Mass Intentions	660.00
Funeral	400.00
Flowers	45.00
Candles	200.00
Food Pantry	83.00
Light A Star	312.00
All Souls	1,914.59
Total	\$ 11,067.18

SAVE-THE-DATES:

Christmas Photoshoots

Stop by the church grounds for a mini-Christmas photoshoot and get exclusive Christmas cards/portraits!

Available:

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

Photos will be taken after each Mass, although the lighting is better for evening photos.

Open for solos, couples or groups up to 6-8 people. A professional photographer will be on-site and a digital photo gallery will be available by Dec. 10 for your holiday cards.

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

October Count

Every year during the month of October, the Diocese takes a count of all our parishioners for statistical purposes. Below is a comparison for the past 2 years. This October, the average number of people (adults and children) attending Mass every weekend was **728**. In 2022, there were 582, an increase of **146** more people. This is very encouraging as we are seeing a steady increase since Covid.

<u>October</u>	<u>2022</u>			<u>2023</u>		
	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sat, 5pm	538	86	624	658	57	715
Sun, 7am	721	43	764	1070	41	1111
Sun, 930am	747	141	888	969	198	1167
Sun, 5pm	<u>543</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>634</u>	559	87	<u>646</u>
Total	2549	361	2910	3256	383	3639
Avg # of Parishioners	510	72	582	651	77	728
Difference	35	22	57	141	4	146

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend, Nov. 18th – 19th, our special collection will support the Catholic people in the United States who live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the CCHD at www.usccb.org/cchd.



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Always be Ready

Have you ever thought to yourself that it would be better to have fun and be bad now, and then be good later? That's what some of the bridesmaids in today's parable were like. They only brought enough oil for their lamps, and didn't bother to bring any extra. But the other bridesmaids had been wise and took along extra flasks to refill their lamps when it got late. When the bridegroom came, those who hadn't brought extra oil were gone, getting more oil, and missed the feast!



Sometimes people say that they have lots of time to change from their evil ways, so they don't repent right away. This parable shows us that it is very foolish to leave important things until later. Nobody knows when they will die, so we should always be ready.

The oil of the bridesmaids is like the grace in our souls. We need to make sure that our soul always has sanctifying grace, which we need to get into Heaven. We lose that grace when we do a serious sin. That is why if we ever commit a serious sin, we should go to confession as soon as we can so that we will always have grace and be ready for when we die.



Answer to front puzzle: 5 had extra oil. Answer to Word-Find: My soul thirsts for Thee.

Psalm 63 Word-Find

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Psalm. The leftover letters will spell out a little prayer to God when you write them in the blanks at the end.



PARCHED POWER
 MWYSBANQUETW
 OITHIRSTSULI
 SLIPSTOWARDT
 ALTHPHUFLESH
 NAMEIGLORYIO
 CALLNOIRSTWU
 TGAZEDVSFOAT
 UBLESSEMOUTH
 ALIFEHANDSER
 RICHESGOODRT
 YHEEKINDNESS

O GOD, you are my God whom I SEEK;
 for you my FLESH PINES and my soul THIRSTS
 like the EARTH, PARCHED and WITHOUT WATER.

Thus have I GAZED TOWARD you in the SANCTUARY
 to see your POWER and your GLORY,
 for your KINDNESS is a greater GOOD than LIFE;
 my lips shall glorify you.

Thus WILL I BLESS you while I LIVE;
 lifting up my HANDS, I will CALL upon your NAME.
 As with the RICHES of a BANQUET shall my SOUL be
 satisfied,
 and with exultant LIPS my MOUTH shall praise you.

Saints and Feasts of the Week



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini – Feast Day is Nov. 13th. An Italian-American religious sister, she was the first US citizen to be canonized a saint in 1946. She changed her name to honor St. Francis Xavier and founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She organized catechism and education classes for the immigrants and provided for many orphans' needs and is the patron saint of immigrants.



St. Albert the Great – Feast Day is Nov. 15th. Known as Albertus Magnus, OP, he was a German Dominican Friar, philosopher, scientist, bishop, and Doctor of the Church. He's noted for his extensive knowledge and writings on natural science, philosophy, and theology. He was the only scholar of his age to be called "the Great." He is the patron saint of natural scientists, philosophers, and medical technicians.



St. Margaret of Scotland – Feast Day is Nov. 16th. Also called the Pearl of Scotland, she was an English princess and Scottish queen. She founded churches, monasteries, and pilgrimages hostels. Her outstanding virtue was love of the poor and was very charitable the "messy way" like Christ, by nursing the sick with her own hands. Of all canonized saints, she alone is known as the "happy mother of a large family" giving birth to 8 children. She's the patron saint of Scotland.

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