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## MASS TIMES

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

Saturdays: 4 – 4:30 PM or by appointment

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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.”

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 20, 2025

**FOCUS:** The Lord is abundant in mercy and generosity.

The Liturgy of the Word today highlights God’s goodness through generosity. From blessing Abraham and Sarah with their long-awaited child to assuring Martha that she need not worry, the Lord knows our deepest needs and responds to them. May we model this compassionate response in all our relationships.

## KEEPING YOUR BALANCE FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

These days, when people come to confession, they seldom list their sins by name and number. Quite often, it seems, they simply talk about their lives, about the chaos in which they seem to be living, about the relationships that are less than what they would hope, about the values they’ve let slide sometimes into the muck, about how they’ve turned in upon themselves, and about how caring for others has faded from their lives. After they’ve told their stories, I will usually ask if they take any time in the day to be quiet and if they pray in whatever way they find helpful and with some regularity. Invariably, they will say that they’ve let such prayer time slip away; that they have not been praying the way they once did. In such cases, I often suggest that as penance, they take some time—even just a little time—in the next day or two to simply quiet themselves in the presence of God. Life will always tend to be chaotic.

These days, there is too much going on for life not to be. But, quiet and reflective prayer seems to bring a balance, a refocusing upon what is important and what is trivial. Without that, we can become overwhelmed and lose our way. It is what the Martha/Mary story is about. It’s not that our own Martha-service is not worthwhile. It’s crucially important in order to make life hum along in an orderly fashion. But without Mary’s reflective part, our lives can become muddled drudgery.

● **Reflect:** How would prayer help me keep myself grounded and centered?

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, July 21:

6:50 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Rudy Avera - RS)

### Tuesday, July 22:

6:50 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Felipe Madamba, Jr. - RS)  
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

### Wednesday, July 23:

6:40 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(Noah Simbajon - Prayers as he enters Seminary)  
5:00 PM Centering Prayer

### Thursday, July 24:

- No Mass

### Friday, July 25:

6:40 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(Kairo Cabantan - Birthday Blessings)  
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry

### Saturday, July 26:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(Michael & Esther Cantu - 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Annv.)

### Sunday, July 27:

5:40 AM Rosary  
7:00 AM Mass  
(+Eugenio & Epifania Alfeche - RS)  
8:45 AM Rosary  
9:30 AM Mass  
(Mass for the People)  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(+Heralda Tibayan - RS)  
6:30 PM Youth Adult Meeting

## CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

**July 26:** Chamorro Group  
**Aug. 2:** Sacred Heart Society  
**Aug. 9:** Knights of Columbus  
**Aug. 16:** Couples for Christ



## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FR. SIEG'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, JULY 25TH



Don't forget to save-the-date for **Fr. Sieg's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration** on **Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>** starting at 6:30 p.m. with dinner starting at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to this joyful occasion. We will celebrate this important milestone with dinner, music, and fellowship! Come join us! If you want to share a dish, there is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the church.

### O.C.I.A. "ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION for ADULTS"



The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process for adults, who desire to join the Catholic faith and to receive their Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. If you or know of someone who would like to receive their Sacraments of Initiation, please call the parish office to set up an appointment with our OCIA Team. Classes will be held every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. starting August 13<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall.

### FUNERAL SERVICES FOR +ANTHONY SANTIAGO, SR.



#### Thursday, July 24th:

6:30 p.m. - Wake Services at Mililani Mauka, presided by Dcn. Richard Abel

#### Friday, July 25th:

10:30 a.m. - Funeral Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, presided by Fr. Sieg  
1:30 p.m. - Burial at Mililani Memorial Cemetery

### TRAVELING RELICS OF STS. DAMIEN AND MARIANNE



The Diocese of Honolulu's traveling relics of St. Damien, right, and St. Marianne, left, were displayed June 15 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. They were joined by a fragment of a tree planted by St. Damien on topside Molokai. Thanks to the efforts of Mark Jechura from Arkansas, whose life was changed 8 years ago by St. Damien, their relics can now be venerated at sites across the mainland from Arkansas to Washington D.C. on what he has named the Tree of Hope tour. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, "the Church is inviting us to become pilgrims of hope in a world that desperately needs it. Their legacy deserves to be carried across the country by planting hope in parishes large and small, one step at a time." C. Downes, HI Cath. Herald, Issue 7-2 25

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Weekend Appointments  
Available

## HAWAII FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



This coming Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, our Food Pantry will be helping the Hawaii Food Bank (2611 Kilihaui St., Honolulu, 96819), by putting boxes of food together for those in need. They need 50 volunteers from our parish between 8am -12pm. If you can help, please call the office or you may email our Food Pantry Coordinator, Dami Espiritu, at CoachD808@gmail.com. Volunteers must be 16 or older, who can stand on their feet throughout the designated time. Mahalo for your kokua.



Our Food Pantry Volunteers come every week to help bag and distribute food to our community. On the first Fridays of each month, they partner up with

Hawaii Food Bank to distribute fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as other foods that are made available to them.

## PRIESTS ON THE MOVE

Bishop Larry has assigned several priests to their new assignments that were effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**Fr. Alfred Omar Guerrero** – New Director of Vocations

**Fr. Edgar Brillantes** – currently on sabbatical

**Fr. Nicholas Apetorgbor** – Our Lady of the Mount, Honolulu

**Fr. EJ Resinto** – St. Catherine, Kauai

**Fr. Eseeese "Ace" Tui** – Sacred Heart, Honolulu

**Fr. Lawrence "Larry" Denis III** – St. Anthony, Maui

**Fr. Kurt Meyer** – Newman Center/Holy Spirit Parish, Honolulu

**Fr. Preston Castro** – Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ewa Beach

**Fr. Robert Ni Ni** – Missionaries of Faith. Returned to Myanmar temporarily.



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Father Kurt Meyer



Father Preston Castro



Father Robert Ni Ni

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 12 – 13, 2025

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Weekly Offering      | <b>\$3,729.00</b> |
| Sat. 5:00 PM –       | \$1,018.00        |
| Sun. 7:00 AM –       | \$987.00          |
| Sun. 9:30 AM –       | \$891.00          |
| Sun. 5:00 PM –       | \$833.00          |
| Repair & Maintenance | <b>\$1,795.25</b> |
| Building Fund        | <b>\$564.00</b>   |
| Flowers              | <b>\$15.00</b>    |
| Candles              | <b>\$90.00</b>    |
| Book of Intentions   | <b>\$40.00</b>    |
| Mass Intentions      | <b>\$175.00</b>   |
| Father's Day         | <b>\$2.00</b>     |
| House Blessing       | <b>\$100.00</b>   |
| Car Blessing         | <b>\$100.00</b>   |
| Refunds              | <b>\$21.68</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>\$6,631.93</b> |



### Second Collection

|                               |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Peter's Pence</b>          | <b>\$20.00</b> |
| <b>Seminarian Edu. Found.</b> | <b>\$8.00</b>  |

## MAHALO, DEXTER!



Shout out to, **Dexter Vasquez**, who fixed our choir loft door recently! He removed the old door, constructed a new one, and installed it. He also fixed the locks on the vestry and church entry doors. We are grateful for his gifts of time and talent in repairing our doors and other areas of the church. Mahalo, Dexter!!!!

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## "Lead us not into temptation..." God does not lead us into temptation, so what is this saying?

You are of the same mind as the pope! In 2019, Pope Francis approved changing the Lord's Prayer, that is, changing the phrase "lead us not into temptation" to "do not let us fall into temptation." Pope Francis said that the original appeared to suggest that God caused the temptation. However, most Scripture scholars agree that "lead us not into temptation" is the best translation from the Greek. It's a subjunctive verb. It's used in the second person, addressed directly to God. And it really does say "do not lead us into temptation." What did the pope hope to accomplish? Those who are most familiar with the pope say that what he was trying to clarify was not anchored in the intricacies of translation but rather anchored in pastoral life. He wanted to focus the attention of God's people on their action, "falling into temptation," and not on a misunderstanding of what Jesus was teaching. It was a point of focus and clarification to help us in our spiritual journey and our understanding of our relationship with God. Understood in this sense, the new translation would accomplish this pastoral purpose. ● *Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre*

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### A Quote from POPE LEO XIV



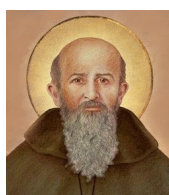
"We have to look together how to be missionary Church, building bridges, dialogue, always open to receiving with open arms for everyone, like this square, open to all, to all who need our charity, our presence, dialogue, love."

Urbi et Orbi, May 8, 2025

### PARISH MINISTRIES

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Parish Council of Ministries
- Finance Council
- Parish Planning & Building
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Stewardship Committee
- Music Ministry
- Money Counters
- Bereavement
- Religious Education
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Altar Servers
- Flowers and Environmental
- Knights of Columbus
- Event Planners
- Food Pantry
- Couples for Christ
- Youth & Young Adult Min.
- Sacred Heart Society
- Secular Franciscans
- Chamorro Group

### FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



**St. Lawrence of Brindisi** – Feast Day is July 21<sup>st</sup>. This 16th c. Franciscan saint was a Capuchin friar from Brindisi, Italy and is noted for being a Doctor of the Church and a brilliant theologian. Born Giulio Cesare Russo in 1559, he was known for his preaching, diplomatic work for various European powers, service as a missionary to Jewish communities, and a force against the spread of Protestantism. His vast knowledge led to fluency in multiple languages, including Hebrew. He took the religious name of Lawrence after being ordained a Franciscan priest and became a minister general of the order, but favored preaching. He later became a chaplain of a Christian army and led troops against the Turks by holding a crucifix up high. He's the patron saint of Brindisi, brewers, cooks, and librarians.



**St. Mary Magdalene** – Feast Day is July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also known as Mary of Magdala, she was a close disciple of Jesus by accompanying him and helping to financially support his ministry. She's known for not only being a witness to Jesus' crucifixion and burial, but most importantly, being the first witness to his Resurrection. She announced this Good News to the apostles and has been named the "Apostle to the Apostles." Her life is one of transformation, repentance, and unwavering faith, which have inspired many believers. Despite popular tradition, she was not identified as a prostitute in the New Testament. Instead, she was a person healed by Jesus by his casting out of seven demons from her. She has become the patron saint of women, converts, repentant sinners, glove makers, hairdressers, and pharmacists.



**St. James, Apostle** – Feast Day is July 25<sup>th</sup>. This 1st c. fisherman, also known as James the Greater, was one of the 12 Apostles called by Jesus to be a "fisher of men." A brother of St. John the Evangelist, he was chosen to join Jesus in his innermost circle of friends. He spent time with Jesus on some significant occasions, such as the Transfiguration. Having been instructed to preach the Good News to people of every land, he went to preach in Spain. He became the 2<sup>nd</sup> Apostle to die after Judas Iscariot and the 1st to be martyred (in Jerusalem in 44 AD and the only one recorded in the New Testament). It's believed that he was buried in the Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela in Spain, which has become a major pilgrimage site. His feast day, also known as "St. James' Day," is a significant religious and cultural event there. He's the patron saint of hatmakers, rheumatoid arthritis, and laborers.

|                         |              | JUN 28 -29 |       | JUL 5 -6 |       | JUL 12 -13 |       |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------|-------|----------|-------|------------|-------|
| WEEKLY<br>MASS<br>COUNT | Day/Time     | Adult      | Child | Adult    | Child | Adult      | Child |
|                         | Sat. 5:00 PM | 116        | 9     | 136      | 7     | 135        | 13    |
|                         | Sun. 7:00 AM | 219        | 4     | 247      | 13    | 202        | 14    |
|                         | Sun. 9:30 AM | 258        | 41    | 270      | 49    | 233        | 43    |
|                         | Sun. 5:00 PM | 188        | 26    | 167      | 28    | 161        | 13    |

**Readings for the 17th  
Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Genesis 18:20-32**  
**Colossians 2:12-14**  
**Luke 11:1-13**