



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, EWA

DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

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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



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."

Third Sunday of Lent March 8, 2026

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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

FOCUS: We are invited to bring our thirst to God.

In the sacred season of Lent, we are invited to acknowledge our thirst and our need for God. Let us not mask it or hide it with distractions or goods which cannot ultimately satisfy. We are invited instead to bring our thirst to God and, like the Samaritan woman, simply ask: Lord, give me this water, the water which will make us never thirst again.

ARE YOU LISTENING?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (See Psalm 95.) Our psalm prayer invites us to respond to the Word of God. A positive response should be assumed as ordinary: very few among us would deliberately ignore God's voice. The challenge is not in responding "yes" to the invitation of the Lord but rather in "hearing" his voice.

There are so many voices that daily compete for attention. We seem to be bombarded every waking moment with some kind of noise that demands attention and action. At one time, Neil Diamond might have been able to celebrate the "Beautiful Noise" of the city, but it is far more difficult for us today. Frankly, the noise around us is deafening, and most people long for true silence, a break in the pattern, a vacation from the frantic anxiety that seems to be present.

A wonderful Lenten practice—indeed, a spiritual practice that goes well beyond Lent—is to freely choose to disconnect from distraction. Resist the temptation to plug in the earbuds. Refrain from the distraction of social media content. Leave your cell phone in the living room, go sit in the backyard, and pay attention to nothing. "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:11), the psalmist reminds us. Listen for God's voice, hear his call, and respond to the invitation.

● **Reflect:** Do I need more silence? Do I find silence difficult?

Monday, March 9:

7:00 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Denver Lanuza - RS & Denver Lanuza - BD)
 6:30 PM Young Adult Ministry Mtg.
 6:30 PM Council of Ministries Mtg.

Tuesday, March 10:

6:50 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Melchor Amor - RS)
 7:00 PM Lenten Penance Service at St. Rita, Nanakuli

Wednesday, March 11:

6:50 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (Varez Family - Thanksgiving)
 5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)
 6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

Thursday, March 12:

- No Mass
 9:00 AM Clergy Workshop (SSDC)
 7:00 PM **Lenten Penance Service at ICC, Ewa**

Friday, March 13:

6:50 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Richard Alcos - 1st Death Anniversary)
 4-6:00 PM Food Pantry
 4-6:00 PM Lenten Bento Pick up
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (+Diosdado "Dado" Daclison - RS)

Sunday, March 15:

6:00 AM Rosary
 7:00 AM Mass (2nd Scrutiny)
 (Annie Cruz and Family - Thanksgiving)
 8:45 AM Rosary
 9:30 AM Mass
 (Mass for the People)
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (Ashleigh & Ronny Rennoe - Birthday)

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES FOR LEEWARD VICARIATE

Below is the schedule for the remaining Lenten Penance Services for the Leeward Vicariate.

Tue., Mar. 10th, 7:00 p.m. - **St. Rita, Nanakuli**
Thu., Mar. 12th, 7:00 p.m. - **ICC, Ewa ***
Tue., Mar. 24th, 7:00 p.m. - **OLPH, Ewa Beach**

*Please mark your calendars to attend our Penance Service on Thursday, **March 12, 2026**, at **7:00 p.m.** Let us be reconciled to God as we prepare for His Resurrection.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross, or the Way of the Cross, is a devotion commemorating the Passion of Jesus. Is it a time of reflection as we focus on His last day, beginning with His condemnation to His Crucifixion. We encourage all to join us for the **Stations of the Cross** every **Friday during Lent** starting at **7:00 p.m.** in the church.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

2026 HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 Saturday, 5pm, March 28, Vigil Mass
 Sunday, 7am, 9:30 am & 5pm, March 29

Holy Monday, March 30, 2026
 8:00 a.m. - Mass

Holy Tuesday, March 31, 2026
 8:00 a.m. - Mass
 7:00 p.m. - Chrism Mass, Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

Holy Wednesday, April 1, 2026
 8:00 a.m. - Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026
 7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper/Washing of Feet/Transfer of Holy Eucharist
 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday (Celebration of the Passion of the Lord), April 3, 2026
 5:00 p.m. - Outdoor Stations of the Cross
 7:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Word/Veneration of the Cross/Holy Communion

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026
 7:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil/Service of the Light

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026
 7:00 & 9:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. - Resurrection of the Lord



HAWAII FOOD BANK: SENIOR FOOD BOX PROGRAM



Our Food Pantry Ministry is asking for volunteers who can help Hawaii Food Bank with their **Senior Food Box Program**. We assist them by preparing boxes of food for distribution to our kupuna around the island. We need about 50 volunteers, 16 years or older, able to lift at least 30 pounds and stand on their feet for about 2-3 hours to help us on Saturday, March 28th from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Volunteers will be meeting at the Hawaii Food Bank located at 2611 Kilihaui St., Honolulu, HI 96819. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact our Pantry Coordinator, Dami Espiritu, by emailing her at coachD808@gmail.com. There is some important information she would like to share with you when you sign up.

Mahalo for your kokua!

March 8, 2026

Dear Padre,

When I was young, my parish covered all the statues during part of Lent. What did it mean exactly? Do any churches still do this?

In 2001, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the practice of veiling statues and crosses during the last two weeks of the season of Lent, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent. This practice is optional, at the discretion of the local pastor. According to the Roman Missal, "Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

Covering crosses and statues in violet cloth in the final weeks of Lent indicates a shift in the Church's focus from Jesus in the desert (gospel for the first Sunday of Lent) to Christ during his Passion. Similar to other Lenten disciplines of penance and fasting that align us in solidarity with Christ, the veiling custom is meant to deepen our appreciation for Christ's ultimate sacrifice. It represents our "fasting" from sacred depictions of the cross on which hung our salvation and from images of the saints, who glorify Christ and in whom he is glorified. This concealment creates an absence to make our hearts grow fonder for the Lord, who "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

● Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 28 – March 1, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$4,361.54
Sat. 5 pm -	\$699.00
Sun. 7 am -	\$1,649.54
Sun. 9:30 am -	\$899.00
Sun. 5 pm -	\$1,114.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,191.00
Building Fund	\$55.00
Book of Intentions	\$80.00
Mass Intentions	\$60.00
Flowers	\$199.00
Candles	\$115.00
Funeral	\$500.00
Rice Bowls	\$100.00
Ministry Retreat donation	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$7,761.54



Second Collection:

Catholic Min. Ann. Appeal **\$145.00**

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

We feel a deep and burning thirst that no drink in this world can satisfy. Knowing this, let us not deceive our hearts by trying to satisfy them with cheap imitations!...

Let us turn this thirst into a step stool, like children who stand on tiptoe, in order to peer through the window of encounter with God. HOMILY, ROME, AUGUST 3, 2025

I OFFER MY LIFE, BCCH RETREAT

www.BCCHawaii.com

I OFFER MY LIFE
Retreat

What does it mean to truly hold nothing back? In the hustle of daily life, we often offer only pieces of ourselves—our time, our energy, our spare moments.

But what happens when we offer the whole? Join us for a transformative weekend retreat, where we will explore the profound theme: "I Offer My Life."

This is an invitation to pause, breathe, and surrender the burdens of control.

Through quiet reflection, guided sessions, and shared community, we will explore what it means to live a life fully offered—in service, in love, and in faith.

All are invited to a retreat, "I Offer My Life" by the BCC Hawaii on March 20, 2026. For more information, please scan the QR code above.

Church Cleaning Schedule

Mar. 14: Knights of Columbus
Mar. 21: Couples for Christ
Mar. 28: Chamorro Group
Apr. 4: Sacred Heart Society

LENTEN BENTOS FOR SALE AFTER THE MASSES



Lenten Bentos will be sold every week during Lent by the Knights of Columbus, Council 6734. **Tickets are on sale** after all Masses. Each bento is **\$20**. Acceptable forms of payment are: **Cash, Venmo, and Zelle**. Pick up will be every Friday during Lent from 4 – 6 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY

RETREAT



The Youth Ministry will be having their Spring Retreat on the weekend of May 1 - 3, 2026 at Camp Waianae. If you have a youth between the ages of 13 - 17, (Grades 7th - 12th), we encourage parents to bring them to experience a weekend with other youth to learn about more about God. If interested, please scan the QR code to register or get more information.

We also encourage our Youth to attend the youth Mass every 1st and 3rd Sundays at 5:00 p.m. where they can participate in the liturgy with other youths. After Mass, they meet in the Parish Hall for the youth meetings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Parents, we encourage you to bring your youth to join them.

OPERATION RICE BOWLS



Mahalo to those who took Rice Bowls home with you, which is sponsored by the Catholic Relief Services (CRS). CRS helps families access nutritious food for their children and vulnerable communities not only to survive but thrive. They are helping to fight hunger and poverty in more than 100 countries. If possible, our money counters ask that you exchange your coins for bills or write a check. Your rice bowls will be collected on Holy Thursday. Mahalo for your help.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Next weekend, **March 14th - 15th**, 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. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

MOVIE NIGHT: "DAVID"



Saturday, March 21st
6 p.m. - Parish Hall

PIO AND LEDA BARBIETO 72nd WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations to **Pio and Leda Barbieto** who celebrated their **72nd Wedding Anniversary** last weekend at Mass. They were originally married on February 27, 1954 here at our parish. Congratulations, Pio and Leda!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL (CMAA)

We continue with the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). This appeal provides funds for: Evangelization and Catechesis, Pastoral and Social Ministries, Clergy Support, and Communications (Catholic Herald.) Our goal is to raise **\$17,161** from now until June 30, 2026. You may scan the QR code which can be found on the pledge cards which were passed out last weekend, or in the pews. We thank you in advance for helping us reach our goal!

		FEB. 14-15		FEB. 21-22		FEB. 28-MAR. 1	
WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	132	12	160	8	129	10
	Sun. 7:00 AM	191	4	211	10	186	9
	Sun. 9:30 AM	246	64	215	55	216	61
	Sun. 5:00 PM	157	15	158	16	155	23

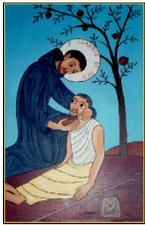
Readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent:

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

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FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. John of God – Feast Day is March 8th. This 16th c. Portuguese saint, who led a varied life, turned away from God in his early years. He was a shepherd & then became a soldier. He then experienced a profound religious conversion, when he was moved to repent & dedicate his life to caring for the sick, poor, & marginalized in Granada, Spain. He founded the Brothers Hospitallers, who cared for the poor & mentally ill. Known for his humility, dedication to the vulnerable, & compassionate work of his Order, he founded a hospital where he showed immense love for those suffering from illnesses, especially mental disorders. He was the face of God's mercy toward those he served. His famous miracle was the rescue of inmates during a fire in a hospital, where he passed through unscathed through the flames. He is the patron saint of hospitals, nurses, the sick, heart patients, alcoholics, firefighters, & booksellers. It was said that he received the name "St. John of God" from Jesus in a dream.



St. Frances of Rome – Feast Day is March 9th. This 15th c. Italian mystic & Benedictine oblate organized charitable services and is remembered for her dedication to serving the poor & sick in Rome. Born into a wealthy family, she was interested in entering religious life, but was forced into an arranged marriage. She still yearned for a life of service & prayer, especially after losing two children to the plague. Her suffering led her to start an informal outreach to the sick, poor, & imprisoned, whom she spent much time with. Her good works inspired other wealthy women, so she founded a community of oblates, the Olivetan Oblates of Mary, who shared a common life without religious vows. She's the patron saint of widows, Benedictine oblates, pilots, Rome, as well as of motorists. It's been said that her angel always went before her lighting the way, as headlights illuminate the way for a car. A common tradition on her feast day has thus become the blessing of cars.



St. Macarius of Jerusalem – Feast Day is March 10th. This 4th c. Gentile & citizen of the Roman Empire was Bishop of Jerusalem during the First Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. He served during a critical time in church history, as Christianity transitioned from persecution to imperial support under Emperor Constantine. He played a key role in the Council of Nicaea by defending the divinity of Christ against the Arian heresy. He also assisted St. Helena in finding the True Cross and oversaw the construction of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre over the site of Jesus' tomb by order of Emperor Constantine. He was also one of the two main authors of the Nicene Creed, which we still profess today. He worked tirelessly to promote orthodoxy & strengthen the faith of the growing Christian community. He's the patron saint against epidemic diseases and has left a lasting legacy of faith & devotion.