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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.”

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31, 2025

FOCUS: God calls us to humble service.

Humility helps us to see ourselves clearly and not to grasp at what is beyond our strength. Both the reading from Sirach and Luke’s Gospel tell us that those who humble themselves will find favor with God. They also point to a connection between humility and service. Those who give alms – who give without expecting repayment – will receive their reward in heaven.

LIFE OUT OF FOCUS FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I found myself angry the other day, as we all do, I suppose, whenever we put our foot in our mouth, or forget about an important engagement, or scramble whatever it was we had hoped would be picture-perfect. What I had scrambled was a homily. For some reason, the image came out wrong, or the example did not fit, or it just did not come together the way I had hoped. And I was angry with myself to the point that it caught me off guard. It was an unexpected glimpse of what I didn’t want to admit: the fact that the way people might perceive me as a preacher had taken on more importance than preaching God’s word. Life had gotten out of focus. A perspective had been lost.

It happens to us all in the course of our lifetimes, and more than once. Grades become more important than learning, or being right more important than the relationship, or the address of where we live more important than the people living together. It happens between parent and child when a parent places greater significance on the son’s or daughter’s profession than on that son’s or daughter’s happiness. Like in the parable of Jesus, where we sit at table takes on greater meaning than the people who gather or the meal that is shared. That is what pride does. It distorts what is real and shifts the focus of life to ourselves. The antidote? A prayerful awareness of who we are and who God is.

● **Reflect:** What is more important to me than it should be?

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 1 - Labor Day Holiday:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass **Office closed**
(Varez Ohana - Mass in Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, September 2:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Christopher Sabey, Jr. - RS)

Wednesday, September 3:

6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Benjamin Yucoco - 40th Day Prayer)
6:30 PM O.C.I.A. Classes

Thursday, September 4:

- No Mass

6:30 PM Parent & Family Mtg. (Malasig's)

Friday, September 5:

6:10 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament followed by Holy Hour
8:00 AM Mass
(Charlotte Callahan - Birthday Blessings)
3-5 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, September 6:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
3:00 PM First Saturday Devotion (Chu)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Holy Souls in Purgatory - RS)

Sunday, September 7:

5:40 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(Tyler Anderson - Birthday Blessings)
8:15 AM CCD Classes begin
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Rodrigo & Elmer Doles - RS)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)
6:30 PM Youth Ministry Meeting

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LABOR DAY PICNIC, SEPT. 1ST



FIRST FRIDAY - FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

This coming Friday, **September 5th**, is **First Friday**. We welcome all to come adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament beginning with the recitation of the **rosary** at **6:10 a.m.** (Please note the change in time.) **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** starts at **7:00 a.m.** followed by **Holy Hour**. Afterwards, **Mass** will begin at **8:00 a.m.**

On Saturday, **September 6th**, our **First Saturday** Servants of Mary will come together to pray in honor of Mamma Mary as she requested. Please join them at the church starting at **3:00 p.m.**

CCD & O.C.I.A. REGISTRATION



Registration for CCD classes continue outside after all the Masses. Our DRE, Shirley Sunio, will be outside after every Mass to help you register your child(ren). The cost is \$30 per child, but if you have 3 or more children, it is \$75. Classes start September 7th, 8:15am

FOODLAND GIVE ALOHA



The Foodland's Give Aloha starts tomorrow, Monday, **September 1st**. This program honors Foodland's founder, Maurice J. Sullivan, to continue his legacy of giving back to the community. The Give Aloha program will match a portion of each donor's contribution up to \$249.

One must be a Maika'i member in order to participate. The methods of giving are: Round up their purchase, donate spare change, donate 250 Maika'i points to equal a \$5 donation, and purchase Give Aloha merchandise designed by artist Suzanne Jennerich. Please mention our church or organization's unique code, which is **#77809**. Mahalo for your kokua!

Dear Padre,

August 31, 2025

Is it sacrilegious to throw away a sacramental?

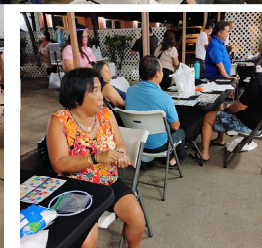
"Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church's prayer, they prepare us to receive and dispose us to cooperate with it" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1670). Therefore, sacramentals confer grace through the Church's power of prayer and, if blessed, should not be thrown away but burned and/or buried. If the object has not been blessed, it can be discarded; however, it could also be donated to a Catholic ministry (school, prison, hospital, etc.) that would benefit from its distribution. (If a religious object was included in an unsolicited appeal letter from a charitable organization, it is safe to assume that it was not blessed.) If the object is worn or broken, it should be substantially altered so that it loses its form as a sacramental and then returned to the earthly elements. For example, a worn scapular should be burned and the ashes buried; a damaged statue should be further broken into smaller fragments and buried. A European tradition on the Vigil of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (June 23) is to burn old sacramentals in bonfires and bury the ashes. Burning and/or burial respects the sacred nature once held by these items and prevents their adaptation for trivial use. Reverence and discretion are proper for whatever method of disposal.

● Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

BINGO NIGHT BLAST!



Many thanks to Rosie Tabaranza and all who helped organize our Bingo Night and also to those who came to participate in another successful event. It was a great night for food, fun, and fellowship. A big Mahalo to all those who donated opportunity prizes which were so appreciated by the winners!



YOUTH & FAMILIES NIGHT: AUGUST 31ST, 6:30 PM

ICC Youth Ministry Presents:
Youth & Family Night

"Engaging the Mass as a Family:
From Spectators to Participants"

Presented by: Phillip Malasig from the Parent & Family Formation Ministry

Open to families with youth grades 7th to 12th

Sunday | August 31, 2025
6:30 pm | Parish Hall

Potluck, please bring a dish to share.

For FAMILIES with youth Grades 7 – 12 this Sunday, August 31st at 6:30 pm. in the Parish Hall.

		AUG 9 - 10		AUG 16 - 17		AUG 23 -24	
WEEKLY MASS COUNT	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>
	Sat. 5:00 PM	144	11	166	15	128	15
	Sun. 7:00 AM	219	12	228	21	198	6
	Sun. 9:30 AM	242	39	245	52	260	57
	Sun. 5:00 PM	164	29	162	26	178	38

LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHRISTIANS – SEPT. 7–8,



The Little Bethlehem Christian Group will be here to sell their hand-crafted, olive wood products. These beautiful works of art are made by wood carvers in Bethlehem and the proceeds go to over 400 families who live in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and Shepherd's Field. Please support them through your purchase.

They will be here at our parish on the weekend of **September 7 – 8, 2025**, in the Parish Hall after all the Masses.

Readings for the 23rd
Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 9:13–18b
Philomen 9–10, 12–17
Luke 14:25–33

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 23 – 24, 2025

Weekly Offering	\$3,473.82
Sat. 5:00 PM –	\$784.20
Sun. 7:00 AM –	\$940.00
Sun. 9:30 AM –	\$1,098.00
Sun. 5:00 PM –	\$651.62
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,574.50
Building Fund	\$240.00
Flowers	\$2.50
Candles	\$45.00
Mass Intentions	\$90.00
Book of Intentions	\$75.00
Food Pantry	\$2.00
CCD Registration Fees	\$280.00
Bingo Night	\$1,090.00
TOTAL	\$6,872.82



A Quote from POPE LEO XIV



“Beginning with St. Peter and up to myself, his unworthy successor, the pope has been a humble servant of God and of his brothers and sisters, and nothing more than this.”

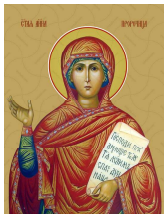
Church Cleaning Schedule

Sep. 6:	Sacred Heart Society
Sep 13:	Knights of Columbus
Sep 20:	Couples for Christ
Sep 27:	Chamorro Group

PARISH MINISTRIES

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- Ushers
- Altar Servers
- Flowers & 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. Anna the Prophetess – Feast Day is Sept. 1st. This early Christian saint, an elderly prophetess of the tribe of Asher, encountered the baby Jesus at the Temple of Jerusalem for his dedication. She became a widow after 7 years of marriage and had dedicated her life to worshipping God in the Temple by spending days and nights there in prayer and fasting. She was present in the Temple, when the infant Jesus was brought in by his parents. Like Simeon, she gave thanks to God and proclaimed him as the promised Messiah to everyone in Jerusalem, who were awaiting the redemption of Israel. She's mentioned in the Gospel of Luke and was blessed to be among a handful of witnesses to understand the significance of Jesus' birth.



St. Rose of Viterbo – Feast Day is Sept. 4th. A 13th c. poor virgin saint, she led a life of prayer, penance, and solitude. When there was a revolt in Viterbo against the pope, she and her family were exiled when she had spoken up against the emperor and took the pope's side. Even as a child, she gave up everything for the love of God to devote her life to one of penance and prayer, especially for the conversion of sinners and the poor. At the age of 10, the Blessed Mother instructed her to become a Secular Franciscan and she soon began preaching about sin and the sufferings of Jesus in the streets. She was also known for her mystical gifts of prophecy and miraculous powers. Having been refused entry into the Poor Clares Order, her incorrupt body after her death at age 18, was ordered by the pope to be enshrined at that monastery. She's the patron saint of florists and flower growers.



St. Teresa of Calcutta – Feast Day is Sept. 5th. Also known as Mother Teresa, this 20th c. saint named Anjeze Gonxhe Bojaxhiu at birth, was an Albanian-Indian nun, who was known for founding the Missionaries of Charity to serve the world's poor and sick. At age 18, she left home to pursue missionary work and joined the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland. Soon after, she was assigned to Calcutta, India, where she became a teacher at a girls' school and then the principal. During a retreat, God revealed his desire for her to be "his light" in establishing a new Order for service to the poorest of the poor, which she did in 1950 to share God's thirst for loving. She has been admired for her faith, extraordinary charity, compassion, courage, and above all, her humble works of love. She has received numerous honors for her humanitarian work, especially the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. She died at age 87 and was canonized by Pope Francis in 2016. She's the patron saint of her Order, World Youth Day, and the Archdiocese of Calcutta.

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