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FAITH FORMATION (CCD & OCIA): Contact coordinator.

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COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND: Contact the office to arrange for someone to bring the Blessed Sacrament to the Sick.

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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.”

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14, 2025

FOCUS: In the cross is our hope.

The cross, a horrible instrument of death, can be celebrated because there is no evil, no pain, no darkness which cannot be transformed by Christ. He enters into whatever we may be confronting to bring his perfect love, goodness, truth, and life to us. Lift high the cross, for through it, God has worked our salvation.

WHEN LIFE IS ON EMPTY FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As he stood in line in front of me, the back of his T-shirt read, “Pain is weakness leaving the body.” Though unsaid, it implied that the parting pain would be replaced by newfound strength. Yet, the more I thought about it, I wondered if that is always the case. Some pain simply leaves one empty, like the grief that comes with the death of one’s child. That emptiness never leaves, it is never replaced. So too, the pain of living with mental illness, as it seems to isolate one from many of life’s joys and satisfactions. Or, eventually, the aging process in all of us, as it slips in and steals the treasures of life, one by one. Pain is not always weakness leaving the body. Sometimes, it is the pain of an alien spirit settling in for the long haul.

If St. Paul’s assertion that Jesus came and “emptied himself...coming in human likeness...even [to] death on a cross,” then those times that seem to empty us of all we would hold dear are the times when we slowly take on the image of Jesus in our own lives. It is at such times when we are most powerless but also when God’s spirit shines through our broken and wounded lives, if only because we become totally dependent upon God. It is Saint Teresa of Kolkata who is said to have once remarked that even God cannot fill what is already full.

● **Reflect:** What emptying am I experiencing? Can I accept it as becoming more like Jesus?

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 15:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Dado & Esther Daclison - Wedding Annv.)

Tuesday, September 16:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Ferdinand Ordonia - Death Annv.)

Wednesday, September 17:

6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Josie Seson - Mass in Thanksgiving)
6:30 PM O.C.I.A. Class

Thursday, September 18:

- No Mass

Friday, September 19:

8:00 AM Mass
(+Simeon Tabieros - 1st Death Annv.)
4-6 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, September 20:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
9:00 AM Secular Franciscan Meeting
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)

6:30 PM St. Michael Novena begins

Sunday, September 21:

5:40 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Lucrecia Bisquera - Death Annv.)
8:15 AM CCD Classes
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Rosario Pascua - RS)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Lila Bonilla - Birthday Blessings)
6:30 PM St. Michael Novena
6:30 PM Youth Ministry Meeting

40-DAYS FOR LIFE - FALL VIGIL

The Opening Mass for the 40-Days for Life will be held on **Saturday, September 20th, 8 a.m.** at **Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu**. We will announce special events for the 40-Days for Life in subsequent bulletins.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. SIEG ON VACATION

Fr. Sieg left a few days ago to visit his family and will be there for a couple of weeks. In his absence, our La Salette Fathers from St. Joseph will be here to preside over the Masses. We are grateful to Fathers Eric, Valentine, and Jiju for being here with us. Please keep Fr. Sieg and his family in your prayers.

CATHOLIC ADVANCED HEALTHCARE PLANNING

Have you prepared your health care directive?

On **Saturday, September 27, 2025**, from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at Immaculate Conception Church, 91-1298 Renton Road, the **Hawaii Catholic Conference** and **Kokua Mau** will host a free workshop to help you understand Catholic teaching on end-of-life care, the moral decisions involved, and the difference between hospice and palliative care.

Speakers include **Fr. Mark Gantley, JCL**, **Hope Young**, and **Eva Andrade**. RSVP at www.hawaiifamilyforum.org/cahcd or email eandrade@rcchawaii.org.



Whether you already have a directive or not, this workshop will guide you in making choices that honor our Catholic faith. Fr. Sieg urges all to attend. Please click on the QR Code to register.



ST. MICHAEL NOVENA



Please join us as we pray a novena of rosaries in honor of St. Michael, whose feast we will be celebrating this month. The novena will begin on **Saturday, September 20th** and end on **Sunday, September 28th**, starting at **6:30 p.m.** inside the church. On Monday, September 29th, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Michael with Mass at 6:30 p.m., with fellowship to follow.

USHERS' TRAINING WITH SR. MERCY



On Saturday, August 23rd, **Sr. Mercy Estrella** of St. Theresa Co-Cathedral met with our Ushers for their training and formation. Sr. Mercy shared on the roles and responsibilities of an usher, emphasizing the personal qualities one should have to be an effective usher. We are grateful for her time with us, and our ushers look forward to serving God and our parishioners in this important ministry.

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Dear Padre,

September 14, 2025

A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?

Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life "as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus' death was payment for our sins doesn't mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. "It is love 'to the end' (see John 13:1) that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice "that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices," when "the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself," and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father "in reparation for our disobedience" (CCC 614). Christ "bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ's death has meaning in eternal life's triumph over sin.

● Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

DAY OF STUDY – LEEWARD VICARIATE

The Leeward Vicariate will hold a **Day of Study** on **Saturday, October 4th, 2025** at **St. Joseph Church, Waipahu**. All are encouraged to participate on this final Day of Study for our Diocese in 2025. We seek to journey to a deeper understanding and spiritual growth of our faith in the Catholic Church.

The Day of Study will open up with a Welcome from Lisa Gomes. It will include the keynote speaker, **Nellani Tabada**, who will speak on her journey, "When Light Breaks Through, Hope Begins." There will be 2 breakout sessions, and you can choose to listen to one of the many talks by any of our dynamic speakers: **Fr. Clyde Guerreiro, Fr. Dario Rinaldi, Sr. Malia Dominica Wong, OP, Jayne Mondoy, Dallas Carter, Anthony Selvanathan, Malcolm Zara, and Chrislyn Villena**.

General admission is \$23.18 and \$12.81 for Youth. For more information on the sessions or to register, go to www.eventbrite.com and search "Jubilee 2025 Day of Study".

You may also click on the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jubilee-2025-day-of-study-leeward-oahu-tickets-1657944760409?aff=erelexpmlt>.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER: IMANI LEAUMA



We welcome our newest member, **Imani Atualevao Faumuina Leauma**, who was baptized on August 31, 2025. We ask for your prayers as he begins his life with our parish ohana. Please also pray for his family and godparents as they journey with him toward our Lord Jesus. Congratulations and Welcome, Imani!

PARISH SOFT, OUR NEW ONLINE GIVING PROGRAM

ParishSOFT

Our online giving program is changing! In a couple of weeks, our online giving program, Faith Direct, will be transitioning to a new program called **Parish Soft**.

We would like to take this time to thank all our online donors. Your continued support of our parish allows us to continue the mission of helping all who are in need. Mahalo!

FOODLAND GIVE ALOHA



Please consider contributing toward our parish community by donating to Foodland's Give Aloha Matching Gift Program during this month of September! A portion of your donation will benefit our parish. Please mention our parish code **#77809** at checkout!

2nd COLLECTION: CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA



Thank you to all who generously gave to our second collection last week, Catholic University of America, which is located in Washington, D.C. So far, we collected **\$1,106** to help the students in their studies.

ICC T-SHIRTS ON SALE!



We are excited to announce the sale of our new **ICC T-Shirts** for the Feast Day Celebration of Immaculate Conception on December 8th. Order forms are being passed out this weekend for adults and youth in cotton and drifit. We are requesting payment preferably by cash or check or via online at Faith Direct, www.faithdirect.net. If making payment through Faith Direct, please enter our parish code: **H1842**. The deadline to place your order is October 5th. For further info, please call the parish office.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	AUG 23 – 24		AUG 30 – 31		SEP 6 – 7	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	128	15	157	13	154	16
	Sun. 7:00 AM	198	8	208	9	244	14
	Sun. 9:30 AM	260	57	231	43	237	59
	Sun. 5:00 PM	178	38	148	23	187	26

Readings for the 25th
Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8: 4-7
1 Timothy 2: 1-8
Luke 16: 1-13

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 6 – 7, 2025

Weekly Offering	\$4,032.00
Sat. 5:00 PM –	\$860.00
Sun. 7:00 AM –	\$996.00
Sun. 9:30 AM –	\$1,158.00
Sun. 5:00 PM –	\$1,018.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$973.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
Flowers	\$3.00
Candles	\$50.00
Book of Intentions	\$130.00
Mass Intentions	\$240.00
CCD Registration Fees	\$345.00
Special Projects	\$100.00
Refunds/Rebates	\$27.25
Wedding	\$200.00
Blessing	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$6,175.25



2nd Collection	
Catholic University of America	\$1,106.00

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

"I chose to take the name Leo XIV...mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic encyclical *Rerum Novarum* addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers...the treasury of [its] social teaching in response to...new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice, and labor."

Church Cleaning Schedule

Sep 20:	Couples for Christ
Sep 27:	Chamorro Group
Oct 5:	Sacred Heart Society
Oct 12:	Knights of Columbus

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 & 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



Our Lady of Sorrows – Feast Day is Sept. 13th. This feast commemorates the seven sorrows that the Blessed Virgin Mary experienced throughout her life. Recorded in Scripture, they are: the Prophecy of Simeon, flight into Egypt, loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple, Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary, the Crucifixion and death of Jesus, Jesus taken down from the cross, and Jesus laid in the tomb. Simeon's prophecy of Mary's heart being pierced was the first scriptural record of her knowing that her Son would suffer. The other six sorrows depict a developing picture of the fulfillment of that prophecy and express the deep sorrow that she endured. There are also promises for those who honor her sorrows and promote this devotion, which started to develop in the 11th c. The Servite Order took up this devotion in the 13th c. for their order.



St. Joseph of Cupertino – Feast Day is Sept. 18th. This 17th c. Italian, who was an OFM Conventual Franciscan friar, was also honored as a Christian mystic. Lacking all kinds of virtues, he was considered mentally disabled by being absent minded and wandering around aimlessly. Known as "The Flying Friar," he performed feats of levitation and ecstatic flights during Mass and prayer, such as floating in the air and soaring to high altars. Having done these about 70 times, he expressed deep prayer, which raised his mind and heart to God. He is also credited with reading minds, having visions of future events such as the Pope's death, and helping students pass difficult exams. He's thus the patron saint of aviation, astronauts, mental handicaps, test taking, and students.



Our Lady of La Salette – Feast Day is Sept. 19th. This Marian apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary occurred in 1846 in La Salette-Fallavaux, France in the French Alps, when she appeared to two young shepherd children. This beautiful lady, who appeared to be weeping, gave them a message of repentance for sins committed, especially of a deep lack of respect for the Sabbath and for God's name, or there would be impending disasters of sickness, war, famines, and persecutions. In 1851, the local bishop formally approved this apparition, had a shrine established on the site, and authorized devotion and prayers to our Lady. In 1852, a congregation of priests, the Missionaries of La Salette, was founded to spread her message of conversion, reconciliation to God, and hope in the promise of mercy. This site is a major pilgrimage destination with its miraculous spring, which has brought many miraculous healings and transformed lives.

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