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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 – 4:00 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.”*

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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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 16, 2025

FOCUS: God lifts us up to greater things.

Our readings today emphasize that our eyes should not be fixed on things of this world. We will not find true fulfillment on earth, where things pass away. Rather, our focus is to be on the Lord and following his ways. He lifts us up, no matter what hardship we are facing.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE ROOTS FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Sometimes life calls us to a place that feels just right, as if it's where we're meant to be. I know a person who has always wanted to be a dad, and so he is—a stay-at-home dad of three, and he loves it. On the other hand, sometimes life's calls unfold in directions beyond our plans and seem to flow from a wisdom greater than our own. Author John Grisham studied to be a lawyer, something that unfolded into his becoming a writer of mysteries and thrillers instead. Calls seem to be written upon our spirits. How else would God call us? Isaiah, Paul, and Peter found themselves called by God into lives they never wanted, baffled by God's whys and wherefores. Their calls pushed them into lives they initially resisted. Such calls can happen to us as well. A man finds himself caring for his aged mother after his father's death. His siblings seem unwilling or unable to help, so there is no one else.

Grandparents find themselves raising their grandchildren because their son's or daughter's life is frayed beyond repair, and there is no one else to nurture and love the children. The calls of God at times are calls into lives not of our own choosing. They arise from greater needs when there seems to be no one else but us to say "yes." Our reluctance and anxiety may attest that these calls come from God. They then become paths to ever-deepening faith and trust in God.

● **Reflect:** Do you experience God calling you? What is your answer?

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 17 - Office closed:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, February 18:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
6:30 PM Finance Council Mtg.

Wednesday, February 19:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
5:00 PM Centering Prayer
6:30 PM O.C.I.A.
6:30 PM Liturgy Meeting

Thursday, February 20:

No Mass

Friday, February 21:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry
6:30 PM Youth Ministry Meeting (Hall)

Saturday, February 22:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
4:00 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass

(Allan & Rosie Tabaranza - 50th Wedding Anniversary and

+Benny & Vicky Apostadiro - RS)

6:00 PM CFC General Assembly

Sunday, February 23:

6:15 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(Mass for the People)
8:15-9:15 AM CCD Classes
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass

OFFICE CLOSED - PRESIDENTS' DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH



The parish office will be closed on **Monday, February 17th**, due to the Presidents' Day Holiday. We will **reopen** on **Tuesday, February 18th**.

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Feb. 22: Chamorro Group
Mar. 1: Sacred Heart Society
Mar. 8: Knights of Columbus
Mar. 15: Couples for Christ



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP AT THE HAWAII FOODBANK



Our Food Pantry Ministry is inviting you to join them at the Hawaii Foodbank on **Saturday, February 22nd**, from **7:45am-noon**. We are looking for **50 volunteers, 16 or older** who can stand while we pack and fellowship. To sign up please email **Dami Espiritu** at CoachD808@gmail.com before February 17th. For more information contact Alison at the parish office.

LENT IS UPON US!



Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent. It is a time of penitential preparation for **Easter**. During Lent, we are given the opportunity to practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We imitate Christ's sacrifice in the desert for 40-days before He began His ministry. So that we can better prepare and avail ourselves to God's mercy and forgiveness, we ask that you mark your calendars for the following:

TUESDAY, MARCH 4th, 6:30 p.m. - BURNING OF THE PALMS CEREMONY

Please bring your palms from last year's Palm Sunday Mass so that we can burn them for our Ash Wednesday services. A box will be placed at the back of the church for your palms. On Tuesday, March 4th, we will have our Burning of the Palms Ceremony. All are invited to join us in the courtyard of the Parish Hall starting at **6:30 p.m.** Light refreshments will be served after.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5th, ASH WEDNESDAY



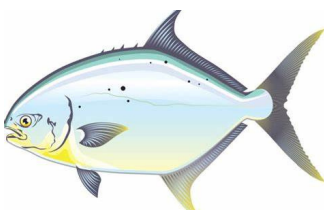
The first day of Lent starts with Ash Wednesday. It is a day of repentance for us as Catholics. The ashes are placed on our foreheads as a sign of penance as a reminder that we are sinners and need God's mercy. Please join us for one of our Masses: **8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

FRIDAYS OF LENT - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday, starting **March 7th**, we will have **Stations of the Cross**, also known as the Way of the Cross, **7:00 p.m.** in the Church. There are 14 Stations depicting Jesus' walk to Calvary. At each station, we recall and meditate on a specific event from Christ's last day, which includes Jesus falling, meeting His Mother, being stripped of His garments, and His Crucifixion. We invite everyone to make this journey every week with our Lord to really appreciate the Sacrifice He made for all us. Please join us.



FISH FRY - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, FRIDAYS DURING LENT



Our Knights of Columbus, Council 6734, will continue their tradition of selling Fish Fry plates every Friday during Lent. The cost is \$20 per plate consisting of pompano fish, rice, salad, and water. No need to cook dinner on Fridays - just purchase a plate from our Knights! They will be selling tickets after the Masses and the first pick up will be on March 7th.

2025 LENTEN REGULATIONS

The following Lenten Regulations are put forth by the Diocese of Honolulu and the faithful are asked to oblige:

FASTING:

In the dioceses in the United States, **Catholics aged 18 through 59** are bound to **fast on both Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2025) and Good Friday (April 18, 2025)**. To fast means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on days of fasting.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT:

Catholics aged 14 and up are to **abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday**. To abstain means refraining from eating the flesh, marrow and blood products of beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

LENTEN PRACTICES:

The faithful are encouraged **during Lent to attend daily Mass, receive Holy Communion, participate in penance services, and receive sacramental absolution**; to take part in public and private exercises of piety; give generously to works of religion and charity; perform acts of kindness toward the sick, aged, and the poor; to practice voluntary self-denial, especially regarding food, drink, and worldly amusements; and to pray more fervently, particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father. Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls this year on March 5th, 2025. Ashes are to be blessed as a sign of our entry into a season of conversion, repentance, and reconciliation. Ashes are to be blessed by a bishop, priest, or deacon. Others may be associated with the clergy in the distribution of ashes. ☒ Funeral Masses may not be celebrated on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday, nor on the Sundays of Lent. When pastoral reasons require that a funeral be celebrated on these days, only a Funeral Outside of Mass may be held. To afford the faithful opportunities to participate in Lenten prayer services, pastors are encouraged to have such prayer services at least twice a week, including the Way of the Cross on Fridays, Exposition and Benediction, Evening Prayer, and evening Masses. A homily or instruction should be included. *(To be continued in next week's bulletin.)*



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Feb. 8 - 9, 2025

Weekly Offering		\$3247.90
Sat. 5:00 PM -	\$857.00	
Sun. 7:00 AM -	\$1,000.00	
Sun. 9:30 AM -	\$881.90	
Sun. 5:00 PM -	\$509.00	
Repair & Maintenance		\$593.50
Building Fund		\$225.00
Flowers		\$12.50
Book of Intentions		\$125.00
Mass Intentions		\$260.00
Food Pantry		\$50.00
Funeral		\$300.00
Blessings		\$100.00
Light A Star		\$5.00
TOTAL		\$4,918.90



Second Collections

'Ohana in Christ	\$80.00
Augustine Educational Found.	\$1,123.53
Black & Indian Missions	\$25.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$10.00

2024 TAX STATEMENTS



If you need a tax statement for calendar year 2024, please contact the parish office. A statement is sent ONLY upon request. This includes your donations thru Faith Direct. You may reach us by calling (808) 681-3701, Mon-Fri, 8:30am to 4:30pm or email us at iccewa@rcchawaii.org.



MAHALO! Thank you for your support to the **Augustine Educational Foundation**. So far, we've collected **\$1,153.53**. The students and their families will benefit from this collection this upcoming September. Remember, It's never too late to give. Please log onto www.AugustineFoundation.org

'OHANA IN CHRIST UPDATE

We are almost there, ICC Ohana! According to the latest update from the Hawaii Catholic Communication Foundation, our collections show that we are at **90%** of our goal. So far, we've collected **\$ 11,248** of \$12,458, the amount set for us by the Diocese. **We need only \$1,210 more!** Please continue to give! Mahalo for your generosity!

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I have always been an “every Sunday” Catholic. My problem is that holy Communion doesn’t feel that special. I believe that it’s the Body and Blood of Christ, but receiving feels “routine.” Sometimes I’m even distracted while receiving. Help?

Do you remember the story of the transfiguration of Jesus? (See Luke 9:28–36.) Jesus took his three special disciples, Peter, James, and John, up on the mountain, and while Jesus was praying, what did they do? They fell asleep! In the very presence of Jesus, their Lord and Master. Human beings cannot maintain feelings of awe and ecstasy for long periods of time. We would be exhausted. Feelings don’t always reflect the specialness of the moment. That is why good habits are so important. Feelings may elude us, but we can fall back on the habit of Sunday Mass. Just as two contented, long-married people don’t feel like they did on their honeymoon, they still quietly enjoy the habit of each other’s company. Lent is coming soon. You might consider shaking up your routine a little. Attend one weekday Mass. Prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the Scriptures for that Sunday and praying the entrance antiphon or the psalm. If you don’t already, consider volunteering as a choir member, lector, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion. Meanwhile, continue to receive holy Communion, giving thanks that it is readily available, and perhaps offer a prayer for communities where Communion every Sunday is not possible.

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A word from POPE FRANCIS

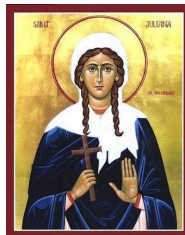
Jesus says [his people] are blessed because they are poor. In what sense? In the sense that Jesus’ disciples do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so on. These are gifts of life.

HOMILY, ROME, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

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 & SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Juliana – Feast Day is February 16th. St. Juliana of Nicomedia (city in present day Turkey) was a 3rd-4th c. virgin and young martyr. She’s noted for her unwavering commitment to her faith and virtue. She spent long hours in prayer and often experienced visions. Her father had such contempt for her faith and chastity, that he scourged and tortured her. When she refused to marry a pagan Roman prefect, she was imprisoned for her faith and love for Christ. While in prison, she had a vision of Satan whom she battled with, finally binding him and throwing him to the ground. She’s been invoked against infectious diseases and is the patron saint of the sick, especially of chronic illnesses during the Middle Ages, having suffered from an undiagnosed stomach ailment herself.



St. Conrad of Piacenza – Feast Day is February 19th. An Italian 14th c. hermit of the Third Order of St. Francis, he came from a noble family and was noted for his holiness. He was a contemplative, who yearned for solitude to spend his life in prayer and penance as a means to combat temptations. Having married while young, he and his wife decided to live separate lives – he as a Franciscan hermit and she as a 2nd Order Poor Clare Franciscan in a monastery. He went off to a remote part of Sicily, where he lived for 36 years as a contemplative by praying in solitude. He performed many miracles and is noted for his Miracle of the Bread, whereby many who sought his help received loaves of warm bread from angels during the Bubonic plague. When he died, he was found kneeling before a crucifix.



Sts. Francisco and Jacinta Marto – Feast Day is February 20th. These early 20th c. siblings from a small hamlet near Fatima, Portugal, were illiterate shepherd children and the youngest Catholic saints. With their cousin, Lucia dos Santos, they received apparitions in Fatima – 3 of an angel in 1916 and several of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1917. The Blessed Mother asked them to pray the Rosary and make sacrifices offered for the conversion of sinners. She also revealed three secrets: foretelling of WWII and the rise and fall of Communism. The children then practiced strict self mortifications to save sinners through penance and sacrifice. Both of them were victims of the great 1918 European influenza epidemic and were canonized by Pope Francis on May 13, 2017 on the centennial of the first apparition. They are the patron saints of the sick, prisoners, those ridiculed for their piety, and Portuguese children.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	JAN. 25-26		FEB. 1-2		FEB. 8-9	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	141	11	134	12	185	28
	Sun. 7:00 AM	200	12	211	11	189	4
	Sun. 9:30 AM	286	53	239	46	234	39
	Sun. 5:00 PM	158	22	114	11	94	10

Readings for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13. 22-23
1 Corinthians 15: 45-49
Luke 6: 27-38