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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.”*

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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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 8, 2026

FOCUS: The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

At our baptism, we receive the light of Christ. While this light of faith certainly illumines our path, it is also meant to be shared with others. Through our good works, the light of Christ shines forth, helping others to recognize the work of God in our lives and drawing them to give him thanks and praise.

THAT OUR WOUNDS MIGHT BE QUICKLY HEALED ANN M. GARRIDO

Some years ago, I took a crash course in chaplaincy. Chaplains are often called on to accompany people through life’s gloomier seasons—be it in a hospital, in a nursing home, in prison, or following a disaster. As you might imagine, our training involved sessions on how to best alleviate the isolation and despair many people experience in these places and situations. Pray with people? Invite them outside into nature? Make sure physical discomfort is mitigated? All of these are good practices, my chaplain supervisor emphasized, but research indicates that the quickest way to lift the heaviness many feel is to get them involved in alleviating the suffering of others.

I suspect neither Isaiah nor Jesus would have been surprised by this research. In today’s first reading, Isaiah says that if we feed the hungry and give shelter to the homeless, if we clothe the naked and care for our family members in need, we will know what it means to have light in the midst of darkness, and our gloom will melt away as if under the noonday sun. Similarly, Jesus describes our good deeds as being like light, meant to be shared generously with others.

In recent years, we have seen an uptick in depression and anxiety, even among the young. We can be tempted to focus more inwardly on our own lives, our own griefs and shortcomings. Self-awareness is certainly a good trait to have! But, perhaps counterintuitively, today’s readings remind us that our “wounds shall quickly be healed” more readily when we focus on the needs of others.

● **Reflect:** Why does helping another lift our own spirits?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, February 9:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Modesta Ferrer Sanidad – Healing)
6:30 PM Council of Ministries Meeting

Tuesday, February 10:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Christopher Nino Agustin – RS)

Wednesday, February 11:

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

Thursday, February 12:

– No Mass

Friday, February 13:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Arlene Alegre Hong – Birthday Blessings)
4–6:00 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, February 14:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
1:00 PM Sacred Heart Society Meeting (Officers Only)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Erenio Agustin, +Irenio Agustin, and +Joel Ayson – RS)

Sunday, February 15:

6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(Elena Chancheck – Thanksgiving)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(Mass for the People)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Emilio and +Virginia Saroni – RS)
6:30 PM Youth Ministry Meeting

2025 TAX STATEMENTS

Please call the parish office if you need a tax statement for your 2025 donations! Mahalo

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT SEASON IS UPON US!

Lent Season begins next week on **Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026**. It is the liturgical season that prepares us for Christ's death and Resurrection. In this season of penitential preparation, we turn our hearts and minds to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Below are some of the important regulations that the faithful must abide by:



FASTING: In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (February 18, 2026) and Good Friday (April 03, 2026). 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 (except 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.

BURNING OF PALMS CEREMONY – TUE., FEB. 17th



We are asking for everyone to **bring in your blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday**, so that we can burn them to make ashes for our Ash Wednesday Masses. Please place your palms in the boxes found at the back of the church. Our **Burning of the Palms Ceremony** will be held on **Shrove Tuesday, February 17th**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the courtyard outside of the Parish Hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES – WED., FEB. 18th

Please join us for our Ash Wednesday Masses next week Wednesday, February 18th, at either **8:00 a.m.** or **7:00 p.m.**



LENTEN BENTOS FOR SALE!!!!



It's Lent, again! **Lenten Bentos** will be sold by the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Knights of Columbus Council 6734.

Tickets go on sale after all Masses starting this weekend. Pick up will be every Friday during Lent from 4 – 6 p.m. under the tent starting February 20th. **Cost** for each bento is **\$20**. Accepted forms of payment are **Cash, Venmo, and Zelle** only. See insert for more info.

OPERATION RICE BOWLS



The Catholic Relief Service's "Operation Rice Bowl" collection will begin on Ash Wednesday. Ushers will be passing out rice bowls starting that day. This is a good opportunity to take up alms for those who are in need. For more info, please scan the QR code.



Dear Padre,

February 8, 2026

Are the readings at the beginning of Mass equal to the celebration of the Eucharist?

The Mass is celebrated in two major parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These parts complement each other in a balance of word and sacrament. In his 2004 apostolic letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine* (Stay With Us Lord), Pope St. John Paul II described these complementary elements. Using the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on the night of Easter Sunday, the Pope likened the two parts of the revised liturgy to these disciples' journey. First, Christ breaks open the word for them, preparing their hearts with an interpretation of the Scriptures. Then, they recognize Christ as they break bread.

The Liturgy of the Word, proclaimed and preached well, allows time for silence and reflection on the wisdom offered. It becomes the necessary overture for the celebration of thanks and praise and the gift of the sign and sacrament to follow. Parishes are called to take the Liturgy of the Word most seriously and to bring it to a new level of proclamation. Pope St. John Paul II admonished all involved, but especially preachers, to cherish the word and preach it so the depths of the mysteries celebrated may be recognized and received into the burning hearts of Christians. In this context, the Scripture readings are given a prominence they didn't have in the older Roman rite.

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ICC EWA'S YOUTH MINISTRY

Immaculate Conception's Youth Ministry provides on-going faith formation/religious education for teenagers grades 7 through 12. The Youth, with enthusiastic parental support, are drawn into active participation in the faith community through pastoral care, catechesis, service, worship, and leadership development. The Youth Ministry conducted a successful retreat last year while maintaining their monthly meetings every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays in the parish hall. At the same time, the Young Adult ministry has been recruiting members, gathering twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. They provide consistent space for spiritual growth and community building. During gatherings, they engage in a variety of enriching activities such as teaching and faith formation, testimonies on our personal faith journeys and experiences, and offering inspiration and mutual support. The Young Adult ministry actively fosters relationships by connecting with other young adult ministries within the diocese, broadening our community and collaborating on events and initiatives. For those interested in enrolling their children with the Youth Ministry, please contact the Parish Office for a form. For any young adults seeking community, please feel free to join any of our Monday meetings in Portable 1."

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

World Marriage Day will be celebrated this year on **Feb. 8** to honor husbands and wives as the foundation of the family and to pay tribute to the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy that comes with the daily life of married couples. There are a couple of ways a couples could celebrate.

- **Go on a Date:** Whether it is a weekend getaway, a romantic dinner or a simple picnic in the park, taking time for couples to enjoy each other is essential.
 - **Join a World Marriage Day Event:** Look for local events hosted by churches or organizations that honor the occasion.
- Congratulations to all our married couples!

We honor our couples with a special blessing from Fr. Sieg or Dcn. Richard at every Mass for their chosen vocation. Below are pictures of the Whalens and the Suarezes who celebrated their marriages recently.



Roxanne & Robert Whalen – 55 years



Melody & Ariel Suarez – 34 years

MARCH FOR LIFE



Mahalo to our parishioners and other "marchers" who stood up for the sanctity of life at the March for Life Rally. On **Thursday, January 22nd**, Bishop Larry Silva started the rally with Mass at the Co-Cathedral of St Theresa. On **Friday, January 23rd**, people gathered at the State Capitol with signs saying, "Choose Life." Every year, the faithful gather to show support for the unborn and the vulnerable by marching around the Capitol in hopes that their voices will be heard by those in Congress.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED!

Congratulations to our newly baptized children: **Elijah Nisperos Geiger**, who was baptized on Friday, January 30th, and **Liliaonawawa Jane Marcos**, who was baptized last Sunday, February 1st. We ask for your prayers upon them as they begin their new life in their Catholic faith. We pray also for their families and sponsors as they guide them on this life journey.



Elijah Nisperos Geiger



Liliaonawawa Jane Marcos

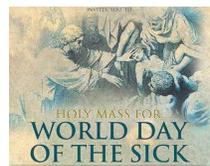
AUGUSTINE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



Today, the second collection is for the Augustine Educational Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation is to help families in Hawaii that are economically challenged to be able to send their child or children to a Catholic school. Make a Student Smile – Give the Gift of Catholic Education! Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	JAN. 17-18		JAN. 24-25		JAN. 31-FEB 1	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	112	8	134	14	160	12
	Sun. 7:00 AM	199	3	221	8	228	4
	Sun. 9:30 AM	282	52	267	48	262	52
	Sun. 5:00 PM	146	15	155	19	167	17

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK



On **Wed., Feb. 11th**, at 12 p.m., Msgr. Gary Secor will celebrate a Mass for the World Day of Prayer for the Sick at the Kamiano Center next to the Cathedral Basilica with Anointing of the Sick. Only those who are seriously ill are invited to receive this sacrament of healing and strength.

Readings for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Sirach 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 31-February 1, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$3,927.50
Sat. 5:00 PM -	\$977.00
Sun. 7:00 AM -	\$1,082.00
Sun. 9:30 AM -	1,206.25
Sun. 5:00 PM -	\$662.25
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,889.00
Building Fund	\$260.00
Flowers	\$3.00
Candles	\$440.00
Book of Intentions	\$150.00
Mass Intentions	\$255.00
Baptism	\$100.00
T-Shirt Sales	\$40.00
Word Among Us	\$50.00
Special Projects	\$100.00
LA Congress donation	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$7,314.50



Second Collection:

Catholic Ministries Appeal **\$10.00**



PARISH SOFT eGIVING

December 1 - 31, 2025

Book of Intentions	\$210.00
Building Fund	\$1,353.00
Candles	\$17.00
Christmas	\$950.00
Flowers	\$170.00
Food Bank	\$590.00
T-Shirts	\$66.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$250.00
Light a Star	\$155.00
Monthly	\$1,850.00
Catch Up	\$35.00
One-Time-Giving	\$220.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$535.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$545.00
Weekly Offering	\$3,335.00
Youth/Young Adult Ministry	\$55.00
Totals	\$10,336.00

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

In a divided and troubled world, the Holy Spirit teaches us to walk together in unity. The earth will rest, justice will prevail, the poor will rejoice, and peace will return once we no longer act as predators but as pilgrims. No longer each of us for ourselves but walking alongside one another. Not greedily exploiting this world but cultivating it and protecting it.
 HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 7, 2025

Church Cleaning Schedule

Feb. 14: Knights of Columbus
Feb. 21: Couples for Christ
Feb. 28: Chamorro Group
Mar. 7: Sacred Heart Society

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Scholastica – Feast Day is February 10th. This 6th c. Italian saint was the twin sister of St. Benedict of Nursia and was the founder of the female branch of the Benedictine monastic order – the Benedictine nuns. Her feast day commemorates her life of deep spiritual devotion & close holy relationship with her brother, whom she met with once a year to discuss spiritual matters. She's the patron saint of Benedictine nuns, education, and protection against storms & rain. She's often invoked for being a role model of a life devoted to simplicity, faith, prayer, study, work, & community. Through her intercession, she has brought about spiritual "storms" of change. During her last long conversation with her brother, her prayers were answered to prevent his departure that night, when a violent storm happened. After her death 3 days later, he witnessed a vision of her soul ascending into heaven in the form of a dove. She passed 40 days before he did & they are buried together in the same grave at the abbey in Monte Cassino, Italy.



Our Lady of Lourdes – Feast Day is February 11th. This feast day commemorates the 1st of 18 apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Bernadette Soubirous from February 11 – July 16, 1858 in a grotto in Lourdes, France. Pope Leo XIII established this feast in 1890 to a diocese in France and later in 1907, Pope St. Pius X proclaimed that it be observed throughout the Universal Church. It's recognized worldwide for its association with healing & as the World Day of the Sick, which Pope St. John Paul II established in 1992. The message of Our Lady of Lourdes, where she identified herself as the "Immaculate Conception," was one of prayer & penance along with a request for a chapel to be built at the grotto. This shrine, dedicated to the Patroness of the Sick, is one of the most visited pilgrimage sites in the world and is known for its physical & spiritual healings. The spring there has been the source of many thousands of healings since 1862 with 70 cases reported as miraculous cures.



St. Valentine – Feast Day is February 14th. This 3rd c. Roman bishop & martyr is honored on this special day, known globally as Valentine's Day. It was established as a feast in the 5th c. by Pope Gelasius, possibly as a replacement for a pagan festival. Due to the lack of clear historical info on his life & more on legends, the Catholic Church removed it in 1969 on the general calendar (replaced by the feast day of Sts. Cyril & Methodius). However, St. Valentine's feast is still observed on many local calendars & by traditionalist Catholics. Romantic traditions through medieval poetry have led to our modern day customs of sending flowers, cards, & gifts. These evolved from St. Valentine's virtues of faith, love, & compassion as well as his acts of charity during his persecution. Having defied the Roman Emperor by secretly marrying soldiers, he was martyred. He's the patron saint of lovers, happy marriages, engaged couples, beekeepers, & epileptics. He's also known for his healing miracles, the last one being restoring sight to his jailer's blind daughter & sending her a love message signed "from your Valentine."

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