



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, EWA

DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

ADDRESS:

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Open Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Closed from 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM Also closed on
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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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 2026

FOCUS: The one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Jesus’ words at the end of today’s Gospel are some of the most reassuring in Scripture. He is present whenever God’s people gather, as we do at every liturgy. When we gather in love and unity, we are fulfilling Paul’s instruction in the second reading when he says: Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another.

LIKE A GENTILE OR A TAX COLLECTOR

ANN M. GARRIDO

As someone who works in the field of conflict management, I like to think that all situations can be worked out if we go about it in a skilled manner. If we use the right words. Ask the right kinds of questions. It’s embarrassing to admit that even the best “tools” in my “conflict belt” sometimes still effect little change. Today’s gospel can be consoling in a strange way. It acknowledges that even when we use all the tools we have on hand to heal a relationship, it doesn’t always work out. Sometimes, we may need to become strangers to one another, at least for a while—like a Jew to a Gentile or a tax collector.

Of course, when Jesus says “treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector,” it is important to consider how Jesus treated Gentiles and tax collectors. He healed the centurion’s servant. He ate in Zacchaeus’ house. Jesus did not see Gentiles and tax collectors as enemies and did not treat them as such. Rather, Jesus understood Gentiles and tax collectors as those with whom he might start a relationship should the opportunity present itself. The past cannot be rewritten, but perhaps a different kind of future is still possible.

Is there a relationship in your life that feels beyond healing at this point and from which perhaps you need some distance? Is it still possible to treat the other person with the kindness Jesus showed toward Gentiles and tax collectors?

● **Reflect:** Could I improve how I handle conflict with others?

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day Holiday:

7:00 AM Rosary [Office closed](#)
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Benito & +Brandon Paulino - RS)
 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM - Labor Day Picnic

Tuesday, September 8:

6:50 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (Gary Lim - Birthday Blessings and +Agnes Au
 Yueng - Death Anniversary)
 11:00 AM Mass and Rosary in honor of
 Mamma Mary's Birthday followed by fellowship.

Wednesday, September 9:

6:50 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (Varez Ohana - Mass in Thanksgiving)
 5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)
 6:30 PM OCIA

Thursday, September 10:

No Mass

Friday, September 11:

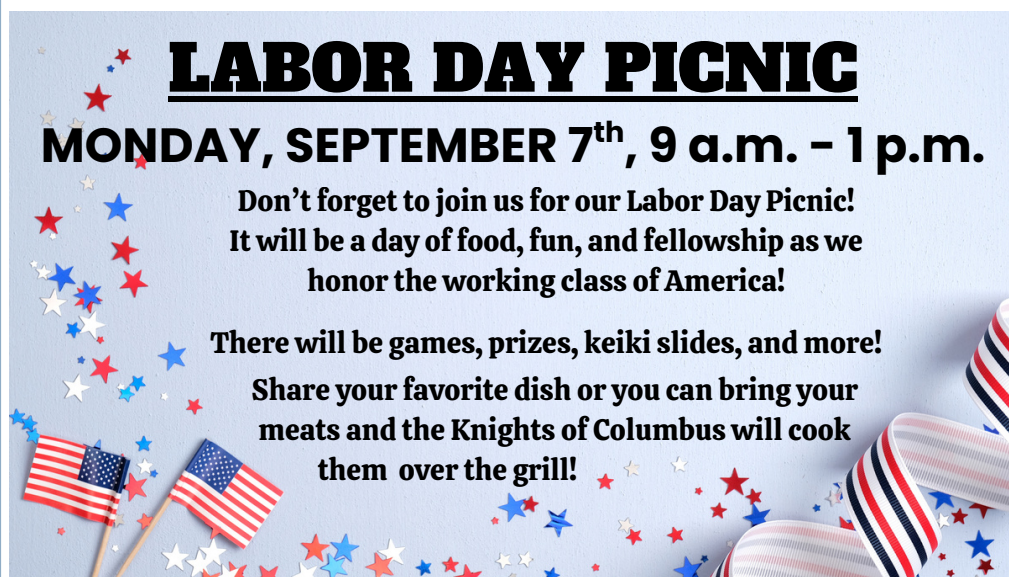
6:50 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Joseph Engbino - RS)
 4-6:00 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, September 12:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
 9:00 AM BAC Classes with Dcn. Keith
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (+Ferdinand Ordonia & +Felipe Madamba, Jr. - RS)

Sunday, September 13:

6:00 AM Rosary
 7:00 AM Mass
 (+Dado & Esther Daclison - Wedding Anniversary)
 8:15 - 9:15 AM CCD Classes
 8:45 AM Rosary
 9:30 AM Mass
 (+Richard Alcos - RS)
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (Mass for the People)



LABOR DAY PICNIC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Don't forget to join us for our Labor Day Picnic!
It will be a day of food, fun, and fellowship as we
honor the working class of America!

There will be games, prizes, keiki slides, and more!
Share your favorite dish or you can bring your
meats and the Knights of Columbus will cook
them over the grill!

CCD CLASSES & CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

CCD Classes begin next week **Sunday, September 13th**, from **8:15am - 9:15am**. It's still not too late to register your child(ren). See Mrs. Shirley Sunio at the CCD Office for more information. Next week Sunday is also **Catechetical Sunday**. Our catechists in the CCD Program, OCIA, and Children's Liturgy will be commissioned for the new catechetical year at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. We thank all our catechists, who volunteer to teach our keiki and prepare them for their sacraments. We are grateful for their gifts of time and talent.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, SEPT. 8TH



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated on September 8, commemorates the birth of Mary, Mother of Jesus, marking the beginning of salvation history and her preparation to bear the Savior.

To honor her on this day, we will have Mass and Rosary starting at **11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 8th**, in the church. Afterwards, all are invited for a potluck fellowship under the tent.

2ND COLL: CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA



Our second collection this weekend is being taken up for the **Catholic University of America**. Mahalo for your gift which provides scholarships and increased financial aid to support highly qualified future leaders in their growth and development. It allows the students to advance in their career fields by receiving the education needed to make positive impacts in society. Mahalo for your generosity.

Dear Padre,

September 6, 2026

I had not been to confession for decades until recently, and I've probably committed mortal sins I can't remember. I want God's forgiveness, but I'm unsure how to get it at this time.

You ask if God has forgiven you for sins that you may have committed in the past but that you don't remember now. You say you have been to confession recently.

A mortal sin has three criteria: it is seriously wrong; the person knows it is seriously wrong; and the person is free to commit the sin or not. In the case you are describing, you don't even remember what the mortal sin might have been, or even if there was one. So, no, you don't have to confess something you don't remember. Also, you have already gone to confession recently, and you sound truly repentant for your past sins. You do not indicate that you were deliberately trying to hide any sins from the priest. So, you have already been forgiven, not only for the sins you remembered but also for those you don't remember. That is why usually we will say something like "for these sins and for those I may have forgotten" when we go to confession.

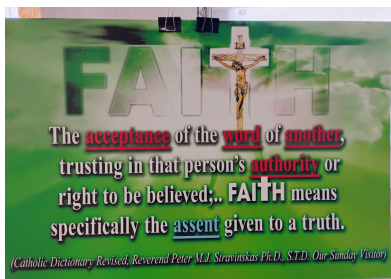
The bottom line is that confession is for you to experience God's mercy. It is not to test how good your memory is. Be at peace. God loves you and particularly wants you to experience the peace that comes from his forgiveness.

●Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR / [DearPadre.org](#)

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Do you have a question for the Padre? Go to [DearPadre.org](#) to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

BASIC ADULT CATECHESIS



Mahalo to Dcn. Keith Galang and his Adult Faith Formation team from St. Joseph, Waipahu, for coming out to help our parish family learn

more about our faith. The instructions delve deeper into the traditions and meaning of such topics as the Liturgical Year, Rites of the Mass, Faith, and the Sacraments and the participants have greatly benefited from this learning experience, so far. All are still welcome to join them at their last class, next Saturday, September 12th. If anyone has missed classes, you can attend the next session which will take place at St. Joseph Church, Waipahu. Below is the schedule of classes:

Day 1: Sept 19 or Oct 24, 2026
Day 2: Sept 26 or Nov 14, 2026

Day 3: Oct 10 or Nov 21, 2026
Day 4: Oct 17 or Nov 28, 2026

HAWAII FOOD DRIVE DAY AT KAMAKANA ALI'I

Some of Food Pantry Volunteers are not only giving time at our parish during our Food Pantry on Fridays, but at other places in the community, too. We'd like to recognize and thank our volunteers: **Roxanne Whalen, Lisa Visitacion, and Linda Spicola**, who assisted at the Food Drive Day for Hawaii Food Bank this past weekend at Kamakana Ali'i Mall. On Saturday's drive day at 3 locations on Oahu for their biggest day of the year, the Hawaii Foodbank raised a total of **\$278,241** and also collected **1901 lbs. of shelf-stable food**. At the Kamakana Ali'i site alone, 670 lbs. of non-perishable food was collected. These donations are truly appreciated, as more people are seeking food assistance in light of the recent disasters. It's a reminder that it's never too late to help. Our volunteers along with the staff handed out pamphlets with vital information of the different resources and agencies available to the public. Mahalo to our food pantry volunteers for their part in helping the community and for being good stewards of their gifts!



		AUG 15 - 16		AUG 22 - 23		AUG 29 - 30	
WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	148	11	156	23	155	12
	Sun. 7:00 AM	0	0	190	8	242	6
	Sun. 9:30 AM	97	8	238	34	252	47
	Sun. 5:00 PM	99	12	159	23	149	20

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 27:30-28:7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 29 - 30, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$4494.00
Sat. 5 pm -	\$1246.00
Sun. 7 am -	\$1621.00
Sun. 9:30 am -	\$831.00
Sun. 5 pm -	\$796.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,409.00
Building Fund	\$250.00
Book of Intentions	\$75.00
Mass Intentions	\$185.00
Flowers	\$263.00
Candles	\$110.00
Funeral	\$300.00
House Blessing	\$200.00
Religious Ed (CCD) fees	\$60.00
Total	\$8,346.00

Second Collection:
Joseph Dutton \$7.00

PARENTS & FAMILIES AT THE CENTER OF FAITH FORMATION

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis invites anyone interested to attend a workshop on **Sat., Sept. 26th**, from **9am-3pm** at **St. Elizabeth Church, Aiea**.



Parents & Families
AT THE CENTER OF
FAITH FORMATION



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at the Center of Faith Formation

PRACTICAL WORKSHOP FOR PASTORS, PARISH LEADERS, CATECHISTS, AND FAMILIES

Presented by **Jayne Mondoy**

Discover practical ways to listen to families, strengthen faith in the home, and build a parish culture that supports parents as the primary faith formers of their children.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH
99-312 Moanalua Road,
Aiea, Hawaii 96701

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Parish teams are encouraged to attend. Individuals are welcome too.

Register Today



https://pfp.jfform.com/catholic-hawaii-bcc

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

The Church is at the same time an earthly community and the mystical body of Christ, a visible assembly and a spiritual mystery, a reality present in history and a people journeying toward heaven (Lumen Gentium, 8; Catechism of the Catholic Church, 771). The human and divine dimensions integrate harmoniously, without one overshadowing the other.... [The Church] is a reality that is both human and divine.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, MARCH 4, 2026

Church Cleaning Schedule

Sep 12:	Knights of Columbus
Sep 19:	Couples for Christ
Sep 26:	Chamorro Group
Oct 3:	Sacred Heart Society

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Regina – Feast Day is Sept. 7th. This 3rd c. French virgin & martyr has been venerated by Catholics worldwide. Also known as Sainte Reine, she worked as a shepherdess and lived a life of prayer & poverty. Her father was a pagan, but she was raised & baptized secretly by a Christian nurse after her mother died. Steadfast in her faith with devotion to God, she was willing to sacrifice her life. She refused to renounce her faith or marry a Roman proconsul and then suffered martyrdom by being tortured & beheaded. A notable miracle at her tomb concerned a woman suffering from a serious illness, who was cured when she touched her relics. Her name, which means "queen" in Latin, was fitting for her due to her regal bearing & dignified demeanor, even in the face of torture & death. She's the patron saint of torture victims, shepherdesses, & those living in poverty.



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast Day is Sept. 8th. One of the most ancient Marian feasts, this day honors the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus. It's been celebrated on this day since the 6th c., but was never mentioned in Scripture. Her parents, Sts. Joachim & Anne, had been infertile & prayed for a child. They received a promise that they would have one, who would advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Mary's birth marks 9 months after her Immaculate Conception and her nativity is only 1 of 3 births with a feast day, the others being for Jesus & St. John the Baptist. Mary, who is the channel of God's love & peace to the world, foreshadowed the love that Jesus would show as the perfect expression of God's love. From the very beginning of Mary's life, there was this special presence of God. This feast day may be celebrated with special prayers, acts of devotion, attendance at Mass, & Rosaries.



St. Peter Claver – Feast Day is Sept. 9th. This 17th c. Jesuit priest & missionary left his native Spain to minister to enslaved Africans in Cartagena, Columbia by providing food, medicine, comfort, & spiritual guidance. Known for his compassion & selfless service, he tended to their physical & spiritual needs, but his primary concern was for their human needs to ease their suffering & restore their sense of dignity. He saw the suffering Jesus in the people he served. His life was as a "slave of the slaves." Despite extreme conditions & opposition, he taught the faith & baptized over 300,000 enslaved people. His life of humility & penance led to miracles occurring during his lifetime, particularly while caring for the sick, who were healed in as much by touches of his cloak. He's the patron saint of African-Americans, African missions, enslaved peoples, & interracial justice. His legacy is carried on through the Knights of St. Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary, who perform charitable works, advocate for the marginalized, & serve local communities throughout the U.S. and in South America.