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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

7 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Mass
8:15 a.m. CCD (K--12 grade) *

Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri

8:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. OCIA (Adults)

Thursday

No Mass

First Friday

7:00 a.m. First Friday Benediction
and Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday

9:00 a.m. OCIA (Children) *
3:00 p.m. 1st Sat. Marian Devotion
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday

4:00p.m. - 4:30p.m. (or by appt.)

*September – May (School year)

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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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Contact us for the following:

Baptism:

Contact the parish to enroll in the baptism preparation for your children.

Faith Formation: CCD & OCIA

Religious education for adults and children

Marriage:

Contact office at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. An Engaged Encounter Weekend is required prior to Marriage Ceremony.

Communion to the Homebound

Contact parish office to arrange for someone to bring the Blessed Sacrament to the Sick.

Funerals

Call the parish office *prior* to making arrangements with the mortuary.

Food Pantry

First Friday hours: 3 – 5pm
All other Fridays: 4 – 6pm
Please bring an ID



Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

Readings for next week:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

FOCUS: Have zeal for the dwelling place of the Lord.

Jesus has such reverence for the temple, God's dwelling place, that he overturns tables and drives away those who are abusing its true purpose. This place here, where we are gathered and will receive Jesus in the Eucharist, is God's dwelling place as well. Let us allow Jesus to cleanse our hearts and our minds, that he might renew us as his dwelling place, his temple.

Leeward Vicariate Lenten Penance Service Schedule

Please join us for one of our Leeward Vicariate Lenten Penance Services:

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| St. Joseph, Waipahu | - | Tue., Mar. 5 th | - | 6:30 p.m. |
| Immaculate Conception, Ewa | - | Thu., Mar. 7 th | - | 7:00 p.m. |
| St. Rita, Nanakuli | - | Tue., Mar. 12 th | - | 7:00 p.m. |
| OLPH, Ewa Beach | - | Thu., Mar. 14 th | - | 7:00 p.m. |
| St. Jude, Kapolei | - | Fri., Mar. 15 th | - | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sacred Heart, Waianae | - | Thu., Mar. 21 st | - | 7:00 p.m. |

Lent and Easter Schedule

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| <u>Lenten Penance Service</u> | - | Thursday, March 7 th at 7:00 p.m. |
| <u>Stations of the Cross</u> | - | Every Friday until March 22 nd , 7pm |
| <u>Palm Weaving</u> | - | Friday, March 22 nd (after Stations) |
| <u>Palm Sunday</u> | - | Sunday, March 23- 24 th regular Masses |
| <u>Chrism Mass</u> | - | Holy Wednesday, March 27 th 7:00 p.m., Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa |
| <u>Holy Thursday</u> | - | Thursday, March 28 th 7 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| <u>Good Friday</u> | - | Friday, March 29 th : 5:30 p.m. - Outside Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. - Veneration of the Cross followed by Communion Service |
| <u>Holy Saturday</u> | - | Saturday, March 30 th 7:00 p.m. - Service of the Light |
| <u>Easter Sunday</u> | - | Sunday, March 31 st , Mass of the Resurrection: 7 & 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. |

Weekly Schedule

Monday, March 4:

(+Rufino Camat Bacatat, Jr.)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, March 5:

(+Bernardo & +Grace Tandal and +Ignacio Castenera Corpuz)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, March 6:

(+Michael Santos)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday, March 7: (No Mass)

Friday, March 8:

(+Mayette Smith-Mauleon)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

4 - 6:00 p.m. Food Pantry

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 9:

(Mass for the People)

4 - 4:30 p.m. Confessions

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 10:

6:15 a.m. Rosary

7:00 a.m. Mass

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass (+Linda M. Ritchie)

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

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Outdoor Stations of the Cross



A big Mahalo goes out to our Knights of Columbus who spent the past weeks building the crosses and preparing the back parking lot for our Stations of the Cross. Bruce St. Germain used his jeep drill to dig the holes in the ground, while the Knights poured the concrete to prepare the posts for the crosses. Many thanks to Lio Loria for providing the concrete mixer. Our Stations of the Cross is being held in the church every Friday, but on **Good Friday, March 29th**, we will hold our very first outdoor Stations starting at 5:30 p.m. All are encouraged to join us.

Celebration of 70th Wedding Anniversary of Pio & Leda Barbieto



At the 9:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday, our parish community celebrated the **70th Wedding Anniversary of Pio & Leda Barbieto!** They were married on **February 27th, 1954** in this very parish. Their roots in Ewa go back generations. Their children, grand and great grandchildren were raised in our parish, as well! What an honor to witness this beautiful testament of God's gift of Holy Matrimony. Praise God! Congratulations, Pio & Leda!

Stewardship of Treasure

February 24 - 25, 2024

Weekly Offering - \$ 3,708.56
 Sat., 5pm - 559.00
 Sun., 7am - 959.01
 Sun., 930am - 1,009.55
 Sun., 5pm - 1,181.00

Repair/Maint. Fund 978.00
 Building Fund 127.50
 Book of Intentions 60.00
 Mass Intentions 125.00
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 Candles 55.00
 Baptisms 110.00
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Total \$ 5,215.56

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Ohana in Christ. \$ 1,158.00

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February 1 - 15, 2024

Weekly Offering \$ 1,117.00
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 One-Time Gifts 135.00
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 Food Pantry 35.00
 Ash Wednesday 155.00
 Candles 10.00
 Flowers 45.00
 Mass Intentions 20.00
2nd Coll: Augustine
 Education Foundation 15.00
Total \$ 3,827.00
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My thoughts are my worst enemy. Sometimes they turn to lust and anger. When I recognize what I am thinking, I pray to Jesus and Mary, but I still struggle. What else can I do?

When angry and lustful thoughts enter our consciousness, we should say a prayer and turn our mind to something else. Such thoughts become sins only when we deliberately encourage them or when we make plans to commit the sin. The thoughts themselves are temptations, not sins.

Continue to put your trust in Jesus and Mary and try to focus on what is good and peaceful. You might also consider what you are letting into your thoughts or imagination: What are you watching on TV or the internet? What music are you listening to? What are you reading? Are those helping to shape your thoughts and imagination in a new direction, or are they contributing to the problem?

A good thing to turn your attention to is God's word in Scripture. You might want to memorize all or part of the following New Testament verse: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). Peacefully reflect on these words when troubled by temptation.

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The Father sent (his Son) to cleanse the temple; not only the Temple of stone, but above all the temple of our heart. Jesus could not tolerate his Father's house becoming a marketplace (see John 2:16); neither does he want our hearts to be places of turmoil, disorder, and confusion.

Homily, Iraq, March 7, 2023

Saints and Feasts of the Week



St. Katharine Drexel - Feast Day is March 3rd. She was an American Catholic heiress, philanthropist, and educator, who founded a religious order - the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, which served Black and Indigenous Americans. Being the second American-born saint, she was the first born as a U.S. citizen. Pope John Paul II both beatified and canonized her during his pontificate. She's the patron saint of racial justice and philanthropists. She's also noted for her love of the Eucharist, her efforts to achieve quality education for all, and her selfless service, which included donating her inheritance for victims of injustice.



Sts. Perpetua and Felicity - Feast Day is March 7th. These two young women were Christian martyrs of the 3rd century, who lived during the early persecution of the church in Carthage, North Africa. Vibia Perpetua was a 22 yr. old noblewoman, who was a newly married and well-educated mother of an infant son. Felicity was a 20-21 yr. old slave woman, who was pregnant and imprisoned with Perpetua. They were both martyred for their faith with the sword after being wounded by wild animals. Prior to their execution, they gave each other the kiss of peace. They're the patron saints of mothers, who have lost their children.



St. John of God - Feast Day is March 8th. He was a Portuguese soldier turned health-care worker in Spain in the 15th-16th centuries. Having turned away from God in his early life, he repented receiving mercy and began his new commitment to love others and showed selfless dedication with great humility. God blessed him with gifts of prudence, patience, courage, enthusiasm, and the ability to inspire others. His followers later formed the Brothers Hospitallers of St. John of God, who cared for the poor, sick, and those with mental disorders. He's the patron saint of hospitals, nurses, heart patients, and booksellers.

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