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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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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.

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.”

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 28, 2025

FOCUS: Blessed is he who secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.

The word of God teaches us to pursue righteousness rather than selfishness. When we ourselves suffer, as Jesus did for us, we grow in humility and empathy toward others. We learn to re-evaluate our priorities and place love for God and our neighbor above pleasure, power, and wealth. Though not a good in itself, suffering can change our hearts, move us to repentance, and return us to God.

ADRIFT

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In A Christmas Carol, Ebenezer Scrooge found himself confronted by the person he had become: someone forced to accept the reality painted by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. Scrooge hadn't realized how he had slowly drifted into becoming an uncaring and greedy person, unable to show compassion because he never really saw someone else's pain. The story of Ebenezer Scrooge is the story of the rich man in this Sunday's gospel who was unmoved by poor Lazarus, sitting at the gate of the rich man's sumptuous life. They are both stories of human beings drifting into emptiness. St. Thomas Aquinas suggested that our motivations in life can ultimately be reduced to eight different categories. If we're interested in understanding what sort of people we are becoming, we might ask ourselves which of these questions best describes our motivation: Am I making my decisions and choices about life based on wealth? Or am I looking to be admired by others and be praised? Is it lasting glory that I seek? Or power so that I can be noted for "making a difference?" Is what I seek a life of ultimate pleasure and comfort? Is it health that I look for? Or perhaps something related to my inner life—some intangible good, like virtue or knowledge? Or is it to see God already in this life what I truly want? It is always a challenge to know our true selves because all too often we may be adrift, unaware of who we are becoming.

● **Reflect:** Which of St. Thomas Aquinas' questions describes me and my choices?

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 29:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Christopher Santos/Family – Faith, Hope & Love)
6:30 PM. Feast of St. Michael Mass followed by fellowship under the tent.

Tuesday, September 30:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Belinda Manlapaz – RS)
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 1:

6:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Franz Jeffrey Ordonia – Birthday Blessings)
6:30 PM O.C.I.A. Class

Thursday, October 2:

- No Mass

Friday, October 3:

6:10 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 AM Mass
(Varez Family – Thanksgiving)
3-5 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, October 4:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
8:30AM-2:30PM Day of Study, St. Joseph Chu.
3:00 PM First Saturday Devotion
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Emiliana Marcos and the +Holy Souls in Purgatory – RS)

Sunday, October 5:

6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Jeffrey Ordonio – 1st Death Anniversary)
8:15 AM CCD Classes
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Mel Borja – Death Anniversary)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)
6:30 PM Youth Ministry Meeting

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAHALO LA SALETTE PRIESTS!



We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Fr. Eric, Fr. Jiju, and Fr. Valentine for presiding over the Masses, while Fr. Sieg was away on his vacation. It was a blessing to have them here and we greatly benefitted from their presence and their inspiring homilies. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their service at St. Joseph's.

DAY OF STUDY – LEEWARD VICARIATE



This is a friendly reminder of the **Leeward Vicariate Day of Study**, this coming **Saturday, October 4th, 2025** at **St. Joseph Church, Waipahu**. All are encouraged to participate in this final Day of Study for our Diocese. If you haven't registered, please do so as soon as possible on the Event Brite website:

f <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jubilee-2025-day-of-study-leeward-oahu-tickets-1657944760409?aff=oddtcreator>

ROSARY RALLY FOR OUR LADY OF FATIMA



A few of our parishioners gathered at the church on Saturday, September 13th for a Rosary Rally in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. Afterwards, they gathered for fellowship.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On **Saturday, October 4th**, at **6:30 p.m.**, Fr. Sieg will be blessing all the animals in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi at the front of the church. Please bring your pets for this special blessing.



FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY

This coming Friday, October 3rd is the First Friday of the month. We will have rosary starting at 6:10 a.m., followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 7:00 a.m. Holy Hour will follow before the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

ST. MICHAEL NOVENA



The last night for the St. Michael novena will be on Sunday, September 28th at 6:30 p.m. We will celebrate the Feast Day on Monday, September 29th with Mass at 6:30 p.m. followed by fellowship under the tent. All are welcomed to join us.

Dear Padre,

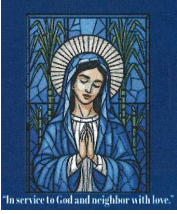
September 28, 2025

Why does my parish priest preach about love practically every Sunday?

"Through the course of the liturgical year, the homily sets forth the mysteries of faith and the standards of the Christian life on the basis of the sacred text" (Lectionary, 24). A translation of the English word "love" appears in the Bible more than 500 times; by comparison, "sin" appears approximately 400 times. Thus, insofar as the homily "should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from sacred Scripture" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 65), God's word on "love" is far too prevalent to overlook. Pope Francis called God's word "a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best." In the Bible, this God who desires to bestow his love on us (See 1 John 3:1), is essentially telling us, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways." How we love God in return may be likened to two partners in a committed relationship. Over time, they become so intertwined that they can even assume each other's speech patterns, mannerisms, and views. Likewise, for those who love God, over the years we can begin to internalize the words from God's "love letter" and reflect them in our Christian speech, actions, and outlook! "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him" (John 14:23).

● Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

ICC FEAST DAY T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!



A couple of weekends ago, our Stewardship Committee passed out order forms for our Immaculate Conception T-shirts after all the Masses. The goal is to wear the shirts as a show of unity on December 8th, the annual ICC Feast Day. If you haven't received a form, please contact the parish office. Order forms are due October 5th. Members of our Stewardship Committee will be outside after the Masses to help with your order. Please click on the QR code if paying via Faith Direct.



FOODLAND GIVE ALOHA

This is the final week of Foodland's Give Aloha Matching Gift Program, which ends on September 30th. We encourage all to remember our parish and mention code #77809 when donating. Foodland will match a portion of your donation up to \$249. Your generosity is appreciated!

FAITH DIRECT: JULY 1-31, 2025

	July 1-15	July 16-31
Weekly Offering	\$1,212.00	\$2,225.00
Monthly Offering	\$1,450.00	\$1,020.00
One-Time Gift	\$0	\$80
Repair & Maintenance	\$220.00	\$625.00
Building Fund	\$620.00	\$708.00
Mass Intentions	\$25.00	\$0
Book of Intentions	\$10.00	\$30.00
Candles	\$30.00	\$7.00
Flowers	\$95.00	\$140.00
Food Pantry	\$20.00	\$490.00
Youth & Young Adult Ministries	\$50.00	\$0
Blessing	\$100.00	\$0
Peter's Pence	\$270.00	\$0
Seminarian Education Fund	\$0	\$0
Catholic Charities	\$0	\$180.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement	\$0	\$5.00
TOTALS	\$4,102.00	\$5,510.00
Less Credit Card Fees	(\$78.24)	(\$108.93)
Less ACH Fees	(\$5.50)	(\$5.97)
Less Faith Direct Fees	\$0.00	\$306.60
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT	\$4,018.26	\$5,088.50

PARENT CAFE, OCT. 5TH



MINISTRY FAIR



Next weekend, **October 4-5**, our second collection will be taken up for the **'Ohana in Christ Diocesan Appeal**. This is the start of the annual appeal for 2025-26. This appeal supports several programs in our Diocese such as seminarian formation, food and shelter assistance to families, care of our retired priests, and fostering the faith of our youth and young adults. Please give generously.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

This month commemorates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, which is on October 7th. This date marks the victory of Christian forces over the Ottoman Turks at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571. This occurred after Pope St. Pius V asked the faithful to pray the Rosary for victory. He established this feast day to thank the Virgin Mary for her intercession. This month is dedicated to devotion to her and to the Rosary. Catholics are encouraged to pray the Rosary for peace in the world and the conversion of souls. The faithful have the opportunity to deepen their devotion to her and meditate on her life and the life of Jesus. Praying the Rosary is a sign of hope for deliverance from the dangers facing this world.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	SEP 6-7		SEP 13-14		SEP 20-21	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	154	16	154	17	151	23
	Sun. 7:00 AM	244	14	194	6	211	12
	Sun. 9:30 AM	237	59	238	51	212	40
	Sun. 5:00 PM	187	26	181	18	167	21

Readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 20 - 21, 2025

Weekly Offering	\$3,520.00
Sat. 5:00 PM -	\$1,049.00
Sun. 7:00 AM -	\$1,071.00
Sun. 9:30 AM -	\$612.00
Sun. 5:00 PM -	\$788.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,660.00
Building Fund	\$70.00
Flowers	\$2.00
Candles	\$50.00
Book of Intentions	\$80.00
Mass Intentions	\$385.00
Hawaii Quilt Guild	\$20.00
Word Among Us	\$50.00
Father's Special Projects	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$5,937.00
Second Collections:	
Joseph Dutton Fund	\$3.00



A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

In our day, there is a widespread thirst for justice, a desire for authentic fatherhood and motherhood, a profound longing for spirituality, especially among young people and the marginalized, who do not always find effective means of making their needs known. There is a growing demand for the Church's social doctrine, to which we need to respond.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

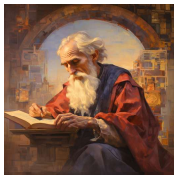
Church Cleaning Schedule

Oct 4:	Sacred Heart Society
Oct 11:	Knights of Columbus
Oct 18:	Couples for Christ
Oct. 25:	Chamorro Group

PARISH MINISTRIES

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Parish Council of Ministries
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- 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



St. Jerome – Feast Day is September 30th. Also known as Jerome of Stridon, this 1st c. Christian priest, confessor, theologian, and translator was best known as the translator of the Bible into Latin (the Vulgate). He also did commentaries on the whole Bible and was profoundly dedicated to Sacred Scripture. This Doctor of the Church was also known for his teachings on Christian moral life and also focused often on women's lives by showing how those devoted to Jesus should live their lives. Having embraced an ascetic lifestyle, he spent his final year in Bethlehem by establishing a monastery and also a convent for women, continuing intense study of scripture, and working on the Latin Bible. He's the patron saint of librarians, translators, scholars, students, and archaeologists. His famous quote was: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."



The Holy Guardian Angels – Feast Day is October 2nd. The Universal Church celebrates this feast on this date each year. Belief in our guardian angels dates back to ancient times. Catholic teaching tells us that each person has a guardian angel appointed at birth to protect, guide, and intercede for him. They provide watchful care of individuals from infancy to death by acting like shepherds and leading them on their life journeys toward God. They not only protect from physical dangers, but also from spiritual perils. People are encouraged to have a relationship with their guardian angels by being attentive to their voices and subtle guidance, while not trying to name them. This feast began with the birth of the monastic tradition and was first kept by the Franciscan Order in 1500. Pope Paul V placed it on the General Roman Calendar in 1607. Some consider it to be a supplement to the St. Michael feast day.



St. Francis of Assisi – Feast Day is October 4th. This 12th & 13th c. Italian mystic, poet, and friar is regarded as one of the most venerated and inspiring saints. Having experienced a spiritual conversion as a young man, he completely renounced his wealth and material possessions and embraced a life of radical poverty and service to God. He developed a deep love for God and focused on spiritual riches by trusting in God's providence and imitating Christ's self-emptying humility. Also exhibiting deep compassion, simplicity, and selflessness, he founded the Franciscan Order with its 3 branches: the Order of Friars Minor, Order of Poor Ladies (Poor Clares), and 3rd Order of Brothers and Sisters of Penance. He's also well known for his deep love of animals and all of creation and for his ministry of serving the poor and sick, especially lepers. He's the patron saint of Italy, ecology, and animals. He's also credited with arranging the 1st living Nativity scene and was the 1st person recorded to have borne the stigmata, which he bore for the last 2 years of his life.

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