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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."

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2026

FOCUS: Those who have the Spirit of Christ belong to him and will share his resurrection.

Today's Gospel is not just about the resurrection of Lazarus. It is also about ours. Because the Spirit lives in us, death has no power over us. We, too, will share Christ's resurrection. May this hope inspire and guide us through these final days of Lent.

I AM THE RESURRECTION

ANN M. GARRIDO

The prophets before Jesus had long spoken of God's dreams for our world. In seasons of darkness and despair, they would offer snapshots of hope for what it would be like in the "kingdom of God." Those who were blind would see. Those unable to walk would dance. Those imprisoned would be free. And those who had died would be raised to life again. In today's gospel, we hear that Martha shared in the prophets' hope. When Jesus tells her that her brother Lazarus will rise, she replies, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." In other words, Martha believes in the coming "kingdom of God." But then, Jesus stuns her with his response: "I am the resurrection and the life." That is, "I am the kingdom of God."

Origen of Alexandria—a third-century theologian—spoke of Jesus as the *autobasileia*. The term comes from two Greek words: *auto*, meaning "self," and *basileia*, meaning "kingdom." It was his way of expressing that Jesus was the fulfillment of all that the prophets had preached. He was all of God's dreams for us manifest, not as had been anticipated in a future time, but in a living person.

We still wait for God's dreams to be realized on a global scale, but, like Martha, we have seen what that realization will look like already in our experience of Jesus. With Martha, we can confess that he is "the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

● **Reflect:** Where do I see signs or snapshots of the kingdom of God?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, March 23:

7:00 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+David & +Maggie Alcos & +Theresa Dano - RS)
 6:30 PM PPBC Meeting
 6:30 PM Young Adult Ministry

Tuesday, March 24:

6:50 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Reynaldo Ruiz Braga - RS)

Wednesday, March 25:

6:50 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (Don & Adelaida Cabanatan - 32nd Wedding Anniversary)
 5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)
 6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

Thursday, March 26: Prince Kuhio Day

- No Mass. Office Closed for the holiday.

Friday, March 27:

6:50 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Luis Robino, Jr. - RS)
 9:00 AM Palm Weaving (Parish Hall)
 4-6:00 PM Food Pantry
 4-6:00 PM Lenten Bento Pick up
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (CFC, Baptism, and Parents & Families Ministries)

Saturday, March 28:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
 8:30 AM HI Food Bank Senior Food Box Program (Meet at Hawaii Food Bank)
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (Rodolfo & Nelly Rentiquiano - 50th Wedding Anniversary)

Palm Sunday, March 29:

6:00 AM Rosary
 7:00 AM Mass
 (+Eusebio & + Torcela Valeriano - RS)
 8:45 AM Rosary
 9:30 AM Mass
 (Rodolfo & Nelly Rentiquiano - 50th Wedding Anniversary)
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (Hans Paulsen - Healing)
 6:30 PM Youth and Parent & Family Ministry Night (Parish Hall)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

2026 HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 Saturday, 5pm, March 28, Vigil Mass
 Sunday, 7am, 9:30 am & 5pm, March 29

Holy Monday, March 30, 2026

8:00 a.m. - Mass

Holy Tuesday, March 31, 2026

8:00 a.m. - Mass
 7:00 p.m. - Chrism Mass, Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

Holy Wednesday, April 1, 2026

8:00 a.m. - Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026

7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper/Washing of Feet/
 Transfer of Holy Eucharist
 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday (Celebration of the Passion of the Lord), April 3, '26

5:00 p.m. - Outdoor Stations of the Cross
 7:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Word/Veneration of the Cross/
 Holy Communion

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026

7:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil/Service of the Light

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

7:00 & 9:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. - Resurrection of the Lord



STATIONS OF THE

CROSS

The coming Friday, March 27th will be the last Friday for our Stations of the Cross in the church. All are welcomed to join us at 7:00 p.m. It will be led by the Couples for Christ, Baptism, & Parents & Families Ministries. The following Friday, **April 3rd** is Good Friday. On this day, we will walk thru the Stations in the back parking lot, which was put together by our Knights of Columbus. We invite everyone at 5:00 p.m. to help us commemorate the Passion of Jesus. Later that evening, we will celebrate Good Friday with Veneration of the Cross and Communion Service at 7:00 p.m. in the church.



LAST BENTO PICK

UP, FRIDAY, 4-6PM

This coming Friday, March 27th, between 4 - 6 p.m., is the last Bento Pick up under the tent. Mahalo from our Knights for your support.

PALM WEAVING, FRIDAY, MARCH 27th, 9AM

Join us on **Friday, March 27th** at **9:00 a.m.** at the picnic tables (near the parish hall) to help us weave crosses and braid palms for our Palm Sunday Masses. If you have any palms at home, we encourage you to bring them.



HAWAII FOOD BANK: SENIOR FOOD BOX PROGRAM



We continue our quest for more volunteers who can assist us at the Hawaii Food Bank for the **Senior Food Box Program**. We will be preparing food boxes for distribution to our kupuna around the island. About 50 volunteers, 16 years or older and able to lift at least 30 pounds, are needed to help us with this task. If you can help, please meet us at the Hawaii Food Bank located at 2611 Kilihaui St., Honolulu, HI 96819, on Saturday March 28th starting at 8:30 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. Please contact our Food Pantry Coordinator, Dami Espiritu, by emailing her at coachD808@gmail.com. There is some important information she would like to share with you when you sign up.

Dear Padre,

March 22, 2026

I've offered many Masses for wife and family, thinking if perhaps they are in Purgatory, it would help shorten their time. How can we tell if our prayers and Masses are beneficial? How do we know?

It has been a long-and well-established expression of Catholic faith and practice to pray for the departed. Our prayers help us as we grieve and mourn the passing of the people we love. Our prayers help us keep their passing in perspective—not as the end of something, but rather as the beginning of new life in Christ. This is beneficial and needs no further evidence to illustrate the value of the practice.

Your question, on the other hand, goes beyond what the tradition emphasizes. It seems like you are seeking some sort of guarantee or warranty, which you assume will be reassuring. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee or warranty either promised or implied in this spiritual practice. In death, indeed in the whole of Christian life, we bump up against mystery, not certitude. We are invited to enter into the mystery. To grow in the mystery. To be graced by the mystery. Nothing more is possible. We hope because we believe. We believe because we practice what we hope for.

● Fr. Thomas M. Santa, 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.

CCD RETREAT

The students in our Religious Education Classes attended a retreat at the parish hall last Saturday, March 14th. Below our students and their parents participate in the different activities put together by our teachers/catechists and Director of Religious Education, Shirley Sunio.



BAPTISM OF LILIANA AUTUMN SHIMIZU TEVES



Congratulations to our newly baptized, **Liliana Autumn Shimizu Teves**, who was baptized last Saturday, March 14th. We congratulate her, her ohana, and sponsors and ask for prayers over them.

YOUTH MINISTRY – SPRING RETREAT, MAY 1 – 3, 2026



Our yearly youth retreat will be on **May 1-3, 2026** at **Camp Waianae**. We welcome all youth, grades 7 thru 12, to attend and enjoy a faith filled weekend. Parents, you may access the retreat registration form on our parish website or take home a copy of the bulletin for more information.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

We ask for your continued support of our **Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal**. We hope to reach our goal of **\$17,161** by the deadline of June 30, 2026. We are grateful for your continued support. To give, please scan the QR code which can be found in the pews.

HOLY HOUR, MARCH 25 – FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION



Please join our parish for a **Holy Hour for Life** on **March 25, 2026** from **6 – 7 p.m.** in the church. We will adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Together, we renew our reverence for the dignity of every human life and pray for: mothers facing difficult pregnancies; fathers and families; our community and nation; and healing and mercy for all who suffer.

Let us stand spiritually beside Mary and echo her “Yes” to God’s gift of life.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Mahalo for your generosity in last weekend’s second collection for the Catholic Relief Services. Together, so far, we have collected **\$2,037.65**. Your support of the Catholic Relief Services enables them to carry out their mission with the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas by preserving and upholding the sacredness and dignity of all human life. For more information, please log onto www.crs.org.

		FEB. 28-MAR. 1		MAR. 7-8		MAR. 14-15	
WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	129	10	141	10	116	8
	Sun. 7:00 AM	186	9	216	5	189	2
	Sun. 9:30 AM	216	61	278	65	242	51
	Sun. 5:00 PM	155	23	138	28	151	19

Readings for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Matthew 21:1-11
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 14 – 15, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$4,620.25
Sat. 5 pm –	\$647.00
Sun. 7 am –	\$1,305.00
Sun. 9:30 am –	\$1,302.00
Sun. 5 pm –	\$1,366.25
Repair & Maintenance	\$421.00
Building Fund	\$210.00
Book of Intentions	\$110.00
Mass Intentions	\$240.00
Flowers	\$475.00
Candles	\$85.00
Baptism	\$150.00
House Blessing	\$200.00
Father’s Special Projects	\$234.10
TOTAL	\$6,745.35



Second Collection:

Catholic Min. Ann. Appeal	\$110.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,537.65

QUARTERLY PROFIT & LOSS: OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2025

INCOME:	
Offertory Collection	\$110,666.95
Other Regular Income	\$13,595.78
Revenue Subject to GET	\$8,734.00
Unusual (Non-Scheduled) Income	\$8,698.80
TOTAL INCOME	\$141,695.53
GROSS PROFIT	\$141,695.53
EXPENSES:	
Employment Costs	\$43,309.27
Professional Services	\$419.50
Leadership Development	\$5,219.68
Supplies and Other Services	\$14,096.31
Fundraising Expenses	\$6,981.23
Repairs and Maintenance	\$8,028.85
Utilities	\$8,275.08
Contributions and Assessments	\$15,615.00
Taxes	<u>\$777.92</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$102,722.84
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$38,972.69
OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE:	
Temporarily Restricted Assets	\$39,246.78
NET INCOME	\$78,219.47

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

A very widespread ailment of our time is the fatigue of living: reality seems to us to be too complex, burdensome, difficult to face. And so, we switch off, we fall asleep... But reality has to be faced.... Let us go to Jesus: he can heal us; he can revive us. Jesus is our hope!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 25, 2025

Church Cleaning Schedule

Mar. 28:	Chamorro Group
Apr. 4:	Sacred Heart Society
Apr. 11:	Knights of Columbus
Apr. 18:	Couples for Christ

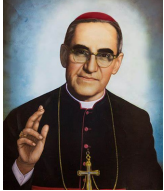
OFFICE CLOSED, PRINCE KUHIO DAY, MARCH 26TH

The parish office will be closed on **Thursday, March 26th** due to the **Prince Kuhio Holiday**. We will reopen on Friday, March 27th. Mahalo!

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Turibius of Mogrovejo - Feast Day is March 23rd. This saint was a 16th c. Spanish-born scholar, lawyer, & university professor, who became a noted missionary, preacher, & Archbishop of Lima, Peru during the Spanish colonization. His reputation for holiness & learning was reflected in his dedication to defending the rights of the indigenous people. He was also known for traveling extensively throughout his huge diocese showing them the love of a Christlike shepherd & learning their languages. He founded the first seminary in the New World and reformed the Church there. He's the patron saint of Peru, Latin American bishops, & native peoples' rights.



St. Oscar Romero - Feast Day is March 24th. This 20th c. Archbishop of San Salvador has been honored as a staunch advocate for the poor & oppressed. Becoming the "voice of the voiceless," he spoke out against social injustices & violence during the Salvadoran Civil War. He was known for his radio sermons and parish work including organizing catechism classes, helping & providing food for the poor, & visiting prisons. In 1980, while celebrating Mass at a hospital chapel in San Salvador, he was assassinated by a single bullet. He's the patron saint of El Salvador and persecuted Christians. His legacy lives on in his efforts to aid the poor & marginalized and to promote peace in his country.



The Annunciation of the Lord - Feast Day is March 25th. This feast honors both our Lord and Mother Mary. It marks the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promises & preparations in which the Archangel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary to announce that she was chosen to be the mother of Jesus as our Savior & the Son of God. This major Marian feast, which is a Solemnity, is also significant as it announces the Incarnation of Jesus with Mary's "fiat" in her response to the angel Gabriel. During this Lent, the Church acknowledges the coming of the Savior into the world as fully human with hope & joy. This feast day also celebrates the anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's encyclical "Evangelium Vitae," (The Gospel of Life), which emphasizes the value of every human life.

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