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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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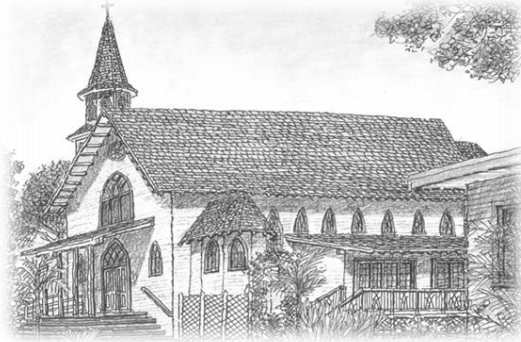
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Mission Statement: “We, the people of Immaculate Conception Parish in Ewa, declare our firm loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ, our Roman Catholic Church, and to the Diocesan Bishop of Honolulu. Our strength is in our unity as a Christian Family of Faith, and we inspire to reach out to everyone with the embrace of Christ.”



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- Flowers and Environmental
- Event Planners
- Food Pantry
- Sacred Heart Society
- Knights of Columbus
- Couples & Singles for Christ

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

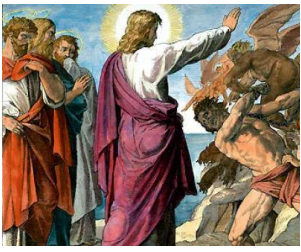
Contact parish office to arrange for someone to bring the Blessed Sacrament to the Sick.

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



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

Readings for next week:

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19

Mark 1:29-39

FOCUS: Jesus taught as one having authority – having power of his own.

When Jesus speaks or teaches, his words have power – for example in today’s Gospel by driving out demons. In our lives, Jesus can free us from anxiety and bring us into union with the Father in the kingdom to come. Unlike all the preceding prophets, Jesus does not simply convey God’s word and commands, he is God’s word in the flesh. His power derives from the Father, for he and the Father are one.

Lent will be upon us soon! Please mark your calendars!

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 14th**. To prepare for this season of praying, fasting, and almsgiving, we are asking for you to mark your calendars for the following:

Burning of the Palms Ceremony

Please bring your palms from last year’s Palm Sunday. A box will be placed at the back of the church for your palms. We will burn the palms at our *Burning of the Palms Ceremony*, which will be held on **Tuesday, February 13th, 7:00 p.m.** near the **Parish Hall**. All are invited to join us.

Ash Wednesday

On **Wednesday, February 14th**, we will have two Masses for **Ash Wednesday** beginning at: **8 a.m. and 7 p.m.**

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held **every Friday** during Lent in the church **starting on February 16th at 7:00 p.m.** and ending on March 15th.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus, Council 6734, are selling tickets for their annual **Fish Fry** fundraiser. Tickets are **\$15** and include, rice, fish, vegetable, and a drink. You may pick up your plate lunch on **Fridays** between **4-6 p.m.** under the tent outside of the church. The proceeds will fund their church projects throughout the year. More information will follow in the bulletin.



Weekly Schedule

Monday, January 29:

7:15 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, January 30:

7:15 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, January 31:

(Benjamin & Andrea Yucoco – 54th Annv.)

7:15 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass
5:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

Thursday, February 1: (No Mass)

Friday, February 2:

(Jantzen “Jay” Daclison)

7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

3 - 5:00 p.m. Food Pantry

Saturday, February 3:

(Holy Souls in Purgatory)

3:00 p.m. 1st Sat. Marian Devotion

4 - 4:30 p.m. Confessions

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 4:

6:15 a.m. Rosary

7:00 a.m. Mass

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass

(Adelaida Cabanatan-BD)

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass *(Mass for the People)*

Church Cleaning: Feb. 3 – Sacred Heart

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Funeral Service for +Araceli Castro

Funeral service for the late **+Araceli Castro** was held on Saturday, **January 27th**, at our parish. Visitation began at **9:30 a.m.**, followed by **Communion Service** with **Dn. Richard** at **10:00 a.m.** No burial at this time.

Funeral Service for +Linda Mesiona China

Funeral service for the late **+Linda Mesiona China** will be held on **Monday, January 29th**, **Mililani Mortuary**. Visitation begins at **9:00 a.m.** followed by **Wake Service** at **10:00 a.m.** **Burial** at **11:00 a.m.**, **Mililani Cemetery**.

Funeral Service for +Lavelina Bual Domingo

Funeral service for the late **+Lavelina Bual Domingo** will be held on **Monday, January 29th**, at **Valley of the Temples**. Visitation begins at 4 p.m., followed by **Wake Service** at 5 p.m. The next day, **Tuesday, January 30th**, **visitation** begins at **10 a.m.** followed by a prayer service at **11 a.m.** **Burial** will follow at **1 p.m.**

Rosary Rally for the Unborn



Mahalo to our prayer warriors who came out last week to pray the rosary for the Unborn. They were one of many groups around the nation to fight against abortion.

Santo Niño Celebration

Last week, we celebrated the **Feast of Santo Nino** at the 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. Masses. Fr. Sieg invited everyone to bring their statues to have them blessed.

Here, some of our parishioners join in the festivities by dressing up in honor of Santo Nino as they processed down the aisle with their statues.



Fr. Sieg on Vacation

Fr. Sieg is on vacation till mid-February. In the meantime, Fr. Victor Lanuevo and other priests will be here to preside over the weekday and weekend Masses.

Stewardship of Treasure

January 20-21, 2024

Weekly Offering - \$	3,238.75
Sat., 5pm -	789.00
Sun., 7am -	1,122.00
Sun., 930am -	701.75
Sun., 5pm -	626.00
Repair/Maint. Fund	1,649.50
Building Fund	225.50
Book of Intentions	115.00
Mass Intentions	120.00
Flowers	10.00
Candles	130.00
Miscellaneous	20.00
Total	\$ 5,508.75

Second Collections

Black & Indian Missions \$ 23.00

The second collection for this weekend is being earmarked for the Black and Indian Missions and the Church in Latin America. Please be generous in your giving.

2023 Donation Statements

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Dear Padre

January 28, 2024

Why is the Old Testament part of Christian worship? Parts of the Old Testament seem to be opposed to the teachings of Christ.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says it best: “The Old Testament is an indispensable part of Sacred Scripture. Its books are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value, for the Old Covenant has never been revoked” (CCC 121).

The Old Testament, also referred to as the Hebrew Scriptures, is the only Bible Jesus ever knew. That is an important reason to try to understand these Scriptures. The Pentateuch (first five books), the prophets, the Book of Psalms, and the wisdom writings all had a profound impact on Jesus. His image of God as Father, his preaching, his parables, and his proclamation of the reign of God were all influenced by the Hebrew Scriptures.

It is true that Jesus’ preaching also goes beyond the Old Testament. At times he substitutes what the law has to say with an even more demanding requirement (see, for example, the Sermon on the Mount). In general, however, the Old Testament forms a context for understanding what Jesus was doing. His passion and death made no sense to his first followers except in light of the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament (Isaiah 52:13—53:12). There are many more examples like this one. Thus, the *Catechism* says “the Old Testament bears witness to the whole divine pedagogy of God’s saving love” (CCC 122).

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



Do we listen to Jesus’ words, which are authoritative? Always...carry a small copy of the Gospel...to read throughout the day, to listen to that authoritative word of Jesus. And then...let us ask Jesus: “Jesus, you are the prophet, the Son of God, the one who was promised to us to heal us. Heal me!”

Angelus, Rome, January 31, 2021

Wheelchair Ramp Repair

Mahalo to **Allan Pesquira, Dexter Vasquez, Carlos Bulan** and **Fr. Sieg** who have taken the time to repair the ramp these past days. We are grateful for their hard work and dedication for our wheelchair bound parishioners.



Saints and Feasts of the Week



St. Thomas Aquinas - Feast Day is January 28th. He was an Italian Dominican friar and priest, who was a brilliant and influential philosopher, theologian, jurist, and Doctor of the Church. His combination of theological and philosophical ideas greatly influenced Roman Catholic doctrine for centuries and he believed that natural reason could prove God’s existence. He’s the patron saint of universities and scholars. Nicknamed the "Dumb Ox" by his peers due to his being of large size and slow in speech, he showed us how to live for Jesus.



Presentation of the Lord - Feast Day is February 2nd. This combined feast commemorates Mary’s ritual purification and Jesus’ ritual redemption as the firstborn son, according to Jewish Law. Celebrated 40 days after the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph had brought Baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. They came to complete the ritual Purification of Mary after childbirth and then to consecrate Jesus to the Lord with a sacrificial offering. This day is also known as Candlemas Day, when candles are lighted to symbolize Jesus being "a light for revelation to the Gentiles."

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