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Saturdays at 5:00 PM

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Sacrament: 7:00 AM. Mass at 8:00 AM

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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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

FOCUS: God rewards those who place their trust in him.

It is hard not to relate to the worker who toiled all day and then was jealous of the worker who was paid equally for his one hour of work. But if we unite ourselves to the heart of Christ, we can understand God’s pleasure in the conversion of all souls, whether they were faithful their whole lives or came to him right before death. Thank God for the mercy shown to each of us.

NEXT UP!

MIGUEL DULICK

I keep hearing preachers say this is their least favorite gospel, because it makes people so mad! All the workers in a vineyard get a full day’s pay—which folks interpret as heaven—even the ones who came at the last hour of the afternoon. “You mean, I work hard my whole life, and some nobody from nowhere just waltzes into heaven ahead of me?” But wait a minute! You think you deserve your “pay”? None of us is anywhere or anything, even breathing, without God’s grace. It’s not a competition; it’s our only hope! We should be dancing in the street to celebrate God’s generosity. Matthew himself must have chuckled at this parable, since he was also a latecomer, having spent his life grinding his own brothers and sisters into poverty to feed the tax maw of the Roman Empire. Then, Jesus called him! I love the twist in the parable: the owner not only pays the last ones equally, but he pays them first!

If you don’t like standing in line, you could be like Paul, who wants to just skip to the end: “I long to depart this life and be with Christ” (Philippians 1:23). As he says, “To me life is Christ, and death is gain” (Philippians 1:21). We should all be so eager. Just concentrate on the “fruitful labor” of service to others. Put everyone else ahead of you, and don’t be afraid of some hard work. Any vineyard is a challenge, even when that vineyard is the Church.

● **Reflect:** Do I feel more deserving than others or struggle with envy?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, September 21:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Lucrecia Tadeo Bisquera - Death Anniversary)
6:00 PM St. Michael Novena

Tuesday, September 22:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Irene Colleen Nakano - Death Anniversary)
6:00 PM St. Michael Novena

Wednesday, September 23:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Franz Ordonia - Birthday Blessing)
5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)
6:00 PM St. Michael Novena
6:30 PM OCIA

Thursday, September 24:

No Mass
6:00 PM St. Michael Novena

Friday, September 25:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Consuelo Velasquez - Mass in Thanksgiving)
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry
6:00 PM St. Michael Novena

Saturday, September 26:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Baby Andrei Ramoran - Death Anniversary)
6:00 PM St. Michael Novena

Sunday, September 27:

6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(Mass for the People)
8:15 - 9:15 AM CCD Classes
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Catalina Bolo - RS)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Lisa Yucoco - Birthday Blessing)
6:00 PM St. Michael Novena

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION OF MAMMA MARY'S BIRTHDAY

This past Tuesday, September 8th we celebrated the birthday of Mamma Mary here at the church by offering our prayers and thanksgiving to her for continuous intercession. Many thanks to all who came to honor her and participate in our fellowship afterwards.



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

Last Sunday, September 13th was Catechetical Sunday. It is a day the Church honors our catechists and highlights the mission to teach the faith. Below are most of our catechists who were commissioned by Father Sieg. Mahalo to **Shirley Sunio** (DRE), **Eden Pulga** (OCIA Coordinator), and our Children's Liturgy catechists: **Normand Robert, Sr. Mary Rose Atuu, Rosie Nitta, Sherrie Alcos, Mady Agcamaran, Wileen Biscaino, Grace Rivera, Patrick Rivera, Regina Rivera, Leilani Faumuina, Ueka Faumuina, Lenny Sabado, Phillip Malasig, Julie Bannister, Chelsea Espiritu, Clarissa Duclayan, Mary Gauyan, Sandra Mendonza, Mimi Mangrobang, and classroom aides Ariya Cordero and Ikaika Sabado.**



Dear Padre,

September 20, 2026

Adam and Eve had two sons and maybe others not mentioned in the Bible. How were others born without having committed incest?

This is a perfectly valid question, and one that I think many people have probably asked themselves at one time or another. Unfortunately, it is the wrong question, because it does not reflect the true meaning of the story.

The story about Adam and Eve is not a literal story or, in other words, a story that would be reported by CNN or FOX News. It is a teaching story, intended to encourage belief in the creative power of God at work in his creation. It is not, nor has it ever been, a literal step-by-step tutorial of the early days of the human race.

The bible includes different literary forms: narrative or history, poetry and songs, parables, letters, genealogies, and more. Knowing what form is being used, the purpose of the passage, who is writing or talking, and the intended audience is the work of Scripture scholars. The story of creation is not intended to be literal; it is inspirational.

● 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION



All are invited to join Sts. Peter & Paul for a **Eucharistic Procession** from their parish at 800 Kaheka St., Honolulu, to Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, 712 B, School St., Honolulu on **Saturday, October 3rd**. The morning will begin with **Mass at 8:00 a.m.**, followed by the **Procession** with a **departure time of 9:00 a.m.** It is approximately 3.2 miles and the walking time will take between 2-2 ½ hrs. Registration is a must as they need a headcount for the procession. Registration forms



can be found at the back of the church or you may click on the QR code to register. Please register by September 23rd.

YOUNG ADULTS: MEET & GREET W/BISHOP MICHAEL

Calling all **Young Adults, ages 18 - 39 years old**, to **Bishop Michael Castori's "Meet & Greet"** on Saturday, **October 3rd** at Chaminade University, starting with **Mass at 5:00 p.m.** in the **Mystical Rose Oratory**. After Mass, there will be **pupus and fellowship at 6pm**, followed by a **question and answer session** with the Bishop Michael at **7 pm**. To register, please scan the QR code on the flyer below. Come and take this opportunity to meet and get to know our new Bishop!

YOUNG ADULT Meet & Greet
WITH
BISHOP MICHAEL CASTORI, SJ
NEW BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026
CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY

TIMELINE

- 5:00 PM** MASS MYSTICAL ROSE ORATORY
- 6:00 PM** PUPUS & FELLOWSHIP
- 7:00 PM** BISHOP Q&A (SUBMIT A QUESTION)

SCAN TO REGISTER!
Register & submit a question for Bishop Castori, SJ!
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30
REGISTER HERE: <https://app.joinform.com/catholic-hawaii/loc>

Come, connect, and meet our new bishop!

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-39

YOUNG ADULT COMMISSION DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

Chaminade University of Honolulu

Church Cleaning Schedule

Sep 26: Chamorro Group
Oct 3: Sacred Heart Society
Oct 10: Knights of Columbus
Oct 17: Couples for Christ

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	AUG 29 - 30		SEP 5 - 6		SEP 12 - 13	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	155	12	140	13	137	13
	Sun. 7:00 AM	242	6	276	4	170	4
	Sun. 9:30 AM	252	47	249	35	275	53
	Sun. 5:00 PM	149	20	120	27	173	15

BAC MAKE UP CLASSES

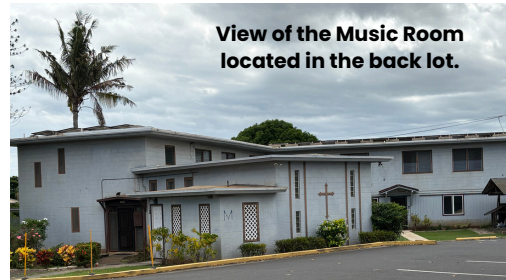


Mahalo once again to Dcn. Keith Galang and the Adult Faith Formation Team at St. Joseph who conducted the classes for our parishioners. We are thankful for all of them.

There has been a change in the dates for the Basic Adult Catechesis Classes being held at St. Joseph Church, Waipahu. The new dates are as follows:

Day 1: Sept 19 or Nov 14
Day 2: Sept 26 or Nov 21
Day 3: Oct 31 or Nov 28
Day 4: Nov 7 or Dec 5

Music Room has an "M" on the front of the building.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT

Friday, October 9 - Sunday, October 11, 2026
(Arrival at 5:30pm on Friday / Departure on Sunday at 5:00pm)

If you or a friend are hurting from a past abortion and are searching for a confidential, non-judgmental, safe place of healing and support to express and reconcile painful emotions and begin the healing process, you've found the right place and are welcomed!

Retreats are held at a private retreat center for 3 days and 2 nights. A retreat fee of \$200.00 covers materials, accommodations, and daily meals/snacks. Space is limited. Need-based scholarships are available. Calls us today for personalized assistance!

To register, contact Lisa Shorba at (808) 490-4702 or email rvinhawaii@gmail.com.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
Matthew 21:28-32



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 12 - 13, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$4,118.35
Sat. 5 pm -	\$933.00
Sun. 7 am -	\$1,333.00
Sun. 9:30 am -	\$1,091.25
Sun. 5 pm -	\$761.10
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,560.35
Hawaii Quilt Guild (R/M)	\$90.00
Building Fund	\$205.00
Book of Intentions	\$60.00
Mass Intentions	\$60.00
Candles	\$115.00
Birthday Blessing	\$25.00
Wedding	\$500.00
Baptism	\$100.00
Religious Ed (CCD) fees	\$35.00
Holy Water Bottle donation	\$10.00
Father's Special Projects	\$100.00
Total	\$7,978.70

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ST. MICHAEL NOVENA



The San Miguel Society invites every one to join them in their novena of rosaries in honor of St. Michael the Archangel. We offer this novena to thank him for his protection of us. The novena begins **Sunday,**

September 20th and will continue until **Monday, September 28th** starting at **6:00 p.m.** in the **church**. We will have a celebration on **Tuesday, September 29th** for the **Feast of St. Michael** at **6:30 p.m.** with Mass followed by fellowship in the **Parish Hall**. Presider is Fr. Melchor Palomares.

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

ANIMAL BLESSING



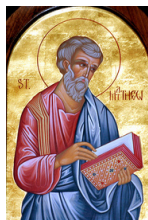
October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. A tradition on his feast day is the blessing of animals, because he is known to have a love of nature, which includes animals. We invite all animal owners to bring your pets in on **October 4th** for a blessing after the **9:30 a.m. Mass until 1 p.m.**

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

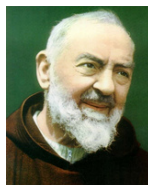
It is a great sign of hope—especially in our times, traversed by so many conflicts and wars—to know that the Church is a people in which women and men of different nationalities, languages, and cultures live together in faith: it is...a reminder and prophecy of that unity and peace to which God the Father calls all his children.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, MARCH 11, 2026

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Matthew – Feast Day is Sept. 21st. One of Jesus's original 12 Apostles, this 1st c. saint was a tax collector in Capernaum before being chosen by Jesus to "follow me" and accompany him on his earthly mission. Being of Jewish heritage, he was named Levi at birth, but his name was changed later to Matthew meaning "Gift of Yahweh." He experienced a spiritual transformation by divine grace by rising above his past & living in service of Christ & others. He became one of the 4 Evangelists, who wrote the Gospels in the NT. His work focused on details of Jesus' life and showed him as the long-awaited Messiah, who fulfilled the OT prophecies. He witnessed Jesus' Resurrection & Ascension and afterwards traveled to Persia & Ethiopia to preach. In Ethiopia, he was martyred for his faith, while celebrating Mass. He's the patron saint of accountants, bookkeepers, bankers, tax collectors, & civil servants. He's symbolized by a winged man or angel, which emphasized Christ's human nature in his Gospel.



St. Pio de Pietrelcina – Feast Day is Sept. 23rd. Named Francesco Forgione at birth, this 20th c. Italian saint was an OFM Capuchin friar & priest and one of the most popular Catholic saints of that century. When he entered his Franciscan Order at age 16, he took the name, Brother Pio, and later was known as Padre Pio. He became known for his deep wisdom about prayer, peace, prophecy, & miraculous reports of bilocation. He dedicated his austere life to healing & hearing confessions from 12 – 15 hours a day and could read souls. He was especially known for the stigmata (wounds of Christ) that he bore on his hands, feet, & side for 50 years until his death. He's also recognized for founding the "Home for the Relief of Suffering" in Italy to care for the sick & infirm. His influence reminded the faithful to love Jesus who always remains close in difficult times, to trust in his goodness, & to refuse to let sadness or worry destroy their inner peace. His famous quote was "Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." He's the patron saint of pain, suffering, healing, & stress relief.



Sts. Cosmas & Damian – Feast Day is Sept. 26th. These 3rd c. saints, who were twin brothers and skilled physicians, were born in Arabia. Showing great piety & Christian charity, they treated the sick & practiced medicine completely free of charge and refused any form of payment or material reward for their services. This earned them the title of "unmercenary healers." Their fame as healers and devotion to Christianity attracted many to the faith. Refusing to renounce their beliefs, they were subsequently martyred in Syria during the persecution of Christians under Emperor Diocletian. They're the patron saints of physicians, surgeons, pharmacists, chemists, & twins. They are also invoked against blindness, hernias, kidney stones, pestilence, & plagues. These saints are called upon in the Eucharistic Prayer I of the Mass as well as in the Litany of the Saints.

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