



# Roman Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception

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**Office Hours:** Monday thru Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **Sunday**

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

### **Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri**

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

### **Wednesday**

RCIA (Adults) 6:00 p.m.

### **Thursday**

No Daily Mass

### **First Friday**

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

### **Saturday**

RCIA (Children) 9:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m. Mass

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

#### **Saturday**

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

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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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Fr. Nick



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## PARISH MINISTRIES

- Parish Council of Ministries
- Finance Council
- Choirs
- CFC Youth Activities
- Couples & Singles for Christ
- Devotional Societies
- Food Pantry
- Knights of Columbus
- Parish Planning & Building Committee
- Emergency Response Team

## Contact us for the following:

### **Baptism:**

An interview is required at least 2 months before the desirable month of infant baptism.

### **Faith Formation CCD & RCIA**

Religious instruction for adults and children.

### **Marriage:**

Please call at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. An Engaged Encounter Weekend is recommended prior to Marriage Ceremony.

### **Communion to the Homebound**

Please call parish office to arrange for someone to bring the Blessed Sacrament to your sick family member

### **Funerals**

Please call the parish office prior to making arrangements with the mortuary.

### **Food Pantry**

Every Friday except on holidays, between 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.



# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 9, 2023

*Readings for next week:*

Isaiah 55:10-11

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23

**FOCUS:** *Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened.*

Many Jews expected a militarily strong messiah who would lead them into battle to be free of the Romans. Instead, Jesus humbly submitted to the will of his Father, even unto death. Yet he said his burden was light. Motivated by love of God and neighbor, our burdens can be lighter when carried with Jesus.

### Eucharistic Revival: I Thirst

## I THIRST HAWAII

**July 14 - St. Elizabeth, Aiea**  
 6pm Registration  
 Music Ministry - Ke AKUA Aloha Ministries  
 6:30 Mass – Msgr. Stephen Doktorczyk  
 7:30 Exhortation - Deacon Larry  
 8:30 Eucharistic Exposition/Healing Service  
 9:30 Closing

**July 15 - St. Ann, Kaneohe**  
 7a.m. Mass – Bishop Larry Silva  
 8:00 Registration / Music Ministry  
 8:30 Talk - Deacon Steve Greco  
 9:30 Talk - Andi Oney  
 10:30 Talk - Barbara Heil  
 11:30 Lunch / Reconciliation  
 12:15p Praise & Worship  
 12:30 Talk - Kathleen Beckman  
 1:30 Talk - Deacon Larry Oney  
 2:40 Call to Action  
 3:00 Closing

To register, please log onto [www.jesusthirstsforamerica.com](http://www.jesusthirstsforamerica.com) or click on the QR Code. Cost is \$30 per person. You may also register 5 people for \$100 (\$20 each). On Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be Mass, followed by a healing service and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Elizabeth, Aiea. On Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be talks on the Eucharist at St. Ann's, Kaneohe.

### Weekly Schedule

**Monday, July 10:**

8:00 a.m. Mass

**Tuesday, July 11:**

8:00 a.m. Mass

**Wednesday, July 12:**

8:00 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

**Thursday, July 13:**

- No Daily Mass -

**Friday, July 14:**

8:00 a.m. Mass

4 – 6 p.m. Food Pantry (Hall)

**Saturday, July 15:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, July 16:**

7:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Mass

### Saints of the Week Feast Days

July 11<sup>th</sup> – St. Benedict

July 14<sup>th</sup> – St. Kateri Tekakwitha

July 15<sup>th</sup> – St. Bonaventure

### Church Cleaning Schedule

Jul 15: Chamorro Group

Jul 22: Couples for Christ

Jul 29: Volunteers Needed

Aug 5: Sacred Heart Society

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July 10 – July 21, 2023

Mondays through Fridays,  
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*"The Spiritual direction course was an inspiring experience in my life. Through the lectures, prayer experiences, and direction practices, I developed a deeper understanding and many skills involved in spiritual direction. I registered expecting a great course, but I also grew a deeper faith perspective that has guided my life since."*

Joseph Nugent, Director of Mission and Community Relations, Saint Louis School

Fr. William Meyer, SM, has been a spiritual director for over 40 years and holds a Doctorate in Ministry with a specialty in clinical pastoral counseling and spiritual direction from Andover Newton Theological School and Weston Jesuit School of Theology. He currently serves as the Rector of St. Mary's University in San Antonio.



Community members  
(non-credit auditors): \$600

Graduate students  
(3 credit RE 687): \$1,700

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For registration assistance or more information, contact  
claire.nishiguchi@chaminade.edu or  
dustyn.ragasa@chaminade.edu

There's still time to register for the "Intro to Spiritual Direction" course from July 10 – 21, 2023, Mon – Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Contact Claire at [claire.nishiguchi@chaminade.edu](mailto:claire.nishiguchi@chaminade.edu).

## Mahalo to our Beekeeper



Many thanks to Steve Montgomery, the Beekeeper, who along with some volunteers came to remove the bees from the church and later patched the front above the door last month.

## Guam Mawar Relief

The parish of **St. Peter and Paul, 800 Kaheka St., Honolulu, HI** will be accepting donations for the people of Guam this coming **Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.** The **ONLY** acceptable items are:

- Canned: Meats, Vegetables, Fruits, and Seafood
- Crackers
- Bottled Water
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Soap
- Clorox/Lysol Wipes & Spray
- Hand Sanitizers
- Baby Wipes
- Paper Towels (individually wrapped)
- Toilet Tissue (individually wrapped or 4-pack)



## Guam Mawar Relief

Items must be **NEW** and **Non-Expired**. Monetary donations are also welcomed for their Ministry shoppers. All donations benefit the Catholic Social Service on Guam. Mahalo for your kokua.



## U.S. Citizenship Free Clinic

**Saturday, July 22, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Parish Hall**

The Legal Aid Society of HI will be here on **Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> (Parish Hall)** to assist anyone who would like to become US Citizens.

To qualify, you must:

- Be a current lawful permanent resident (green card holder for 5 years or 3 years if married to a U.S. Citizen or you are a U.S. National residing in Hawaii for more than 3 months)
- Show good moral character
- Pass a reading, writing, and civics exam or qualify for an exemption

Call the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii at (808) 380-5235 to pre-register or find out more about eligibility, as there are limited appointment times. Interpreters will be provided as needed.



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## Mahalo for your generosity: Peter's Pence Collection



Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected **\$ 718**. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church. Mahalo for your generosity.

## Spanish Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend



- Fri, 04 Aug 2023 - Sun, Aug 6, 2023
- Where: St. Anthony Retreat Center, 3351 Kalihi St., Hon.

A priest and couples from California will present to married couples who communicate more freely in Spanish. It will be at St. Anthony Retreat Center from August 4-6. This is a special opportunity for our Spanish-speaking married community.

## Calling Catholic Women to Spiritual Motherhood



The Diocese of Honolulu Spiritual Moms Apostolate is a small and quiet apostolate of devout Catholic women devoted to praying for our Bishop, priests and seminarians here in Hawaii.

Our diocese is blessed with many priests and seminarians and as their numbers continue to grow, they are in need of a spiritual mom to pray for them. Our apostolate is therefore seeking more women to spiritually adopt all of them. This means praying for their spiritual son daily. As an example, some spiritual moms offer their rosary intentions for their priest, they remember to pray for them at Mass, offer up their sacrifices for them, or even something as simple as praying a Hail Mary for their intentions.

Please pray about it and if you feel called to spiritually adopt a priest or seminarian, or would like more information, email us at [estherjoeymom@gmail.com](mailto:estherjoeymom@gmail.com) or [easter4g@yahoo.com](mailto:easter4g@yahoo.com). You can also call or text (808) 222-2469.

## Next Summer Sunset Rosary and Potluck, July 21<sup>st</sup>



The next Summer Sunset Rosary will be held on July 21<sup>st</sup> at Ala Moana Beach Park. Dinner takes place from 6:45 – 7:15 p.m. Rosary begins at 7:15 p.m.

## Stewardship of Treasure

July 1-2, 2023

Weekly Offering	\$	3,144.00
Repair/Maint. Fund		2,860.90
Building Fund		55.47
Book of Intentions		100.00
Flowers		34.87
Candles		55.00
Food Pantry		50.00
Church Renovation		3.00
Wedding Anniversary		20.00
Couples for Christ		100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,423.24</b>

### Second Collections

Seminarian Edu. Fd.	\$	20.00
Peter's Pence		718.00



## Thoughts from Fr. Sieg

*(Excerpts from his homily)*


We often say that money is the root of all evil, but actually, it's the love of money or being attached to material possessions that can lead us away from God.

We tend to "love things and use people," but the opposite is true where we should be "loving people and using things."

Our priorities in life should be:

**J – Jesus**  
**O – Others**  
**Y – You**

When these are your priorities, you will live a **JOYFUL** life!



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