



# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH *of the* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## MASS TIMES

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 – 4:00 PM or by appointment



**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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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

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2025

**FOCUS:** Jesus teaches us to see others as God sees them.

Though our enemies may mistreat us, Jesus teaches us not to respond in judgment. Rather, we are to be loving and forgiving, just as our Father is kind and merciful. We must see others as God sees them, in the same way that David is able to see his enemy Saul as God’s anointed, and Jesus is able to see sinners as worthy of goodness and love.

## A NEW WORLD ORDER FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The American experiment of 1776 ushered in the dawn of a new world order, one that would redefine how nations functioned and interacted. The computer age brought about an upheaval in how we interact with one another personally—a new world order in human communication. Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians about how Adam was the first being who ushered in human life, and how Jesus was the new Adam, who ushered in a new life-giving spirit. Jesus initiated a new world order, one that redefined what it meant to be human and contained a new spiritual dimension. “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...give to everyone who asks of you...do to others as you would have them do to you.... Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:27–36).

The fact that there are many who think this is not a practical or useful way to live—to say nothing of whether it is desirable or even possible—does not negate its power to transform human relationships as well as our very own spirits. None of us do it as well as we might hope, which only attests to the fact that we live with a foot in each of two worlds—the earthly one and the heavenly one. Empowered by God’s Spirit, we are still growing into the people God created us to be.

●**Reflect:** Is there someone you are struggling to forgive? What is stopping you?

# SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Monday, February 24:

7:00 AM Rosary  
 8:00 AM Mass  
 (+Zina Corpuz - 1st Death Anniversary)

## Tuesday, February 25:

7:00 AM Rosary  
 8:00 AM Mass  
 (+Violeta Caing Pedro - RS)  
 6:30 PM Pastoral Council Mtg.

## Wednesday, February 26:

7:00 AM Rosary  
 8:00 AM Mass  
 5:00 PM Centering Prayer  
 6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

## Thursday, February 27:

No Mass

## Friday, February 28:

7:00 AM Rosary  
 8:00 AM Mass  
 4-6:00 PM Food Pantry

## Saturday, March 1:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning  
 12:00 PM Sacred Heart Gen. Assy.  
 3:00 PM First Saturday Devotion  
 4:00 PM Confessions  
 4:15 PM Rosary  
 5:00 PM Mass  
 (Holy Souls in Purgatory - RS)

## Sunday, March 2:

6:15 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  
 4:15 PM Rosary  
 5:00 PM Mass

## MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to offer a Mass for a loved one, please call or visit the parish office. Some days have already been scheduled, so please check with the office to see what days are available. An intention can also be offered by writing the names of your loved ones in our Book of Intentions.

## CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

**Mar. 1:** Sacred Heart Society  
**Mar. 8:** Knights of Columbus  
**Mar. 15:** Couples for Christ  
**Mar. 22:** Chamorro Group



## FIRST SATUDAY DEVOTIONS

This coming Saturday, **March 1st, is First Saturday**. Our First Saturday Servants of Mary will gather to pray in honor of our Blessed Mother and to make reparation for the sins committed against Her Immaculate Heart at the church starting at **3:00 p.m.** All are welcomed to join them in prayer.



## TUESDAY, MARCH 4th - BURNING OF THE PALMS CEREMONY

**Please bring your palms** from last year's Palm Sunday Masses, so that we can burn them for our Ash Wednesday services on Tuesday, March 4th. All are welcomed to join us at our "Burning of the Palms" Ceremony near the courtyard outside of the Parish Hall starting at 6:30 p.m. This day is also known as Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras ("*Mardi*" means Tuesday and "*Gras*" means Fat in French). In Hawaii, we call this day "Malasada Day."



The history behind the name is that Christians would use Fat Tuesday to consume all of the beef, bread, and any other foods in their homes that they would not be able to eat during the 40-day fasting period of Lent. So, to honor this tradition, we invite you to bring some light refreshments, such as **MALASADAS**, or any other snacks to share afterwards!

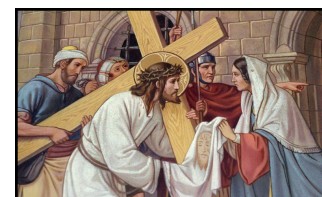
## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5th, ASH WEDNESDAY



The first day of Lent starts with Ash Wednesday. On this day, ashes are placed on our foreheads as the minister says, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you are to return." It is a reminder of our need for reconciliation. It is a day of repentance for us as Catholics. The ashes placed on our foreheads, as a sign of penance, are a reminder that we are sinners and need God's mercy. Please join us for one of our Masses at: **8 a.m. and 7 p.m.**

## FRIDAYS OF LENT - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday, starting March 7th, we invite everyone to spend some time in contemplation of Jesus' Walk to Calvary, as we journey through the 14 Stations of his last day. It is a time to reflect on the sacrifice He made for us by dying on the Cross. Please join us every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the church.



## FISH FRY - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, FRIDAYS

### DURING LENT



Fish Fry tickets are being sold by Our **Knights of Columbus, Council 6734**, for the **Fridays during Lent**. The cost is **\$20** per plate which consists of pompano fish, rice, vegetables and water. Not only will you not have to cook on Fridays, BUT you can help our Knights in their effort to raise funds for future church projects. Please see a Brother Knight after Mass!

## SACRED HEART GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Sacred Heart Society will have a General Assembly Meeting on Saturday, March 1st, from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We encourage all members of the Sacred Heart to attend this important meeting. Light refreshments and fellowship afterwards.





## 2025 LENTEN REGULATIONS (continued from last week)

The following Lenten Regulations are put forth by the Diocese of Honolulu and the faithful are asked to oblige by the following: (continued from last week's bulletin)

### EASTER DUTY

All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept is to be fulfilled during the Easter Season unless it is fulfilled, for a just cause, at some other time during the year. This period is extended to include all the weeks of Lent and the Easter Season up to Trinity Sunday (June 15, 2025).

### BLESSING OF THE OILS AND CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM

In order to allow participation of Catholics throughout the islands, the Sacred Oils will be blessed during the Chrism Mass to be celebrated in several locations. All are encouraged to join in one of the following celebrations:

- Maui-Lanai: Thursday, March 20th at 7 p.m., Maria Lanakila Church, Lahaina.
- Kauai: Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m., St. Catherine Church, Kapaa.
- Big Island: Thursday, April 10th at 6:00 p.m., St. Michael the Archangel Church, Kailua-Kona.
- Oahu-Molokai: Tuesday, April 15th at 7 p.m., Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu.

### THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

"Since Christ accomplished his work of human redemption and of the perfect glorification of God principally through his Paschal Mystery, in which by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life, the sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year" (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, #18). Three major liturgical principles may be of help here: a. The Triduum may be viewed a single liturgical action that occurs over a period of three days. b. The Triduum is not part of Lent, but in its entirety, celebrates the Easter event. c. The entire focus of the Triduum is on the Triumph of the Cross and the Resurrection.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KofC) SILVER ROSE VISITS IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH!

Written by Normand Robert, parishioner of ICC, Ewa for the Hawaii Catholic Herald. The full article will appear in the February 28th issue.

The Worthy Grand Knight (Robert Thomas) of KofC Council 6734 along with the Worthy State Silver Rose Coordinator, Jose Rafael Nater-Rodriguez, will present the "Silver Rose" to ICC in Ewa on March 9, 2025 at 12 Noon.

Upon completion of the March 9th Service, we hope and pray that the CCD Educators will reiterate to the children that the "Silver Rose" was started by children their age and no matter how old you are, if you Love The Lord, anything can happen. KofC Council 6734 prays that other Councils/Parishes will request a visit from the "Silver Rose".



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Feb. 15 - 16, 2025

Weekly Offering		\$3,688.13
Sat. 5:00 PM -	\$1,189.00	
Sun. 7:00 AM -	\$855.00	
Sun. 9:30 AM -	\$1,083.00	
Sun. 5:00 PM -	\$561.13	
Repair & Maintenance		\$1,667.01
Building Fund		\$255.00
Flowers		\$15.00
Book of Intentions		\$40.00
Mass Intentions		\$80.00
House Blessings		\$150.00
Quilt Guild donatio		\$72.00
Special Projects		\$100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6,067.14</b>



### Second Collections

'Ohana in Christ	\$10.00
Augustine Educational Found.	\$1.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$3.00

## 2024 TAX STATEMENTS



If you need a tax statement for calendar year 2024, please contact the parish office. A statement is sent ONLY upon request. This includes your donations thru Faith Direct. You may reach us by calling (808) 681-3701, Mon-Fri, 8:30am to 4:30pm or emailing us at iccewa@rcchawaii.org.



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## My ex broke up with me. I find myself hoping he gets subjected to the same emotional pain as I have. I hate feeling this way, so how do I ask God to take away this pain and help me forgive my ex?

What you are sharing is your hurt and confusion. Although your boyfriend was ready to end the relationship, you were not. It seems you are still not ready to move on. That is OK. Everyone has his or her own manner of dealing with disappointment, and there is no perfect timeframe. More than your boyfriend's suffering, you desire freedom for yourself and a return to a healthy sense of your own personhood. You perceive him as happy and perhaps wonder how that's possible while you are still struggling. This is all very normal, and it's part of the process we all experience when an important relationship changes. You will work through this. You will love again. You will no longer be triggered by strong feelings when you encounter him in the future. But you are going to have to do the hard work of growing, maturing, and learning to let go. Begin by praying for his well-being. And if you can't do that, ask God for the grace to want to pray for his well-being. Certainly, the Lord will help you, but he won't magically take away your pain. There are no shortcuts.

● Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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### A word from POPE FRANCIS

Turning the other cheek is not the withdrawal of the loser, but the action of one who has a greater inner strength. [It] means defeating evil with goodness, which opens up a breach in the heart of the enemy, unmasking the absurdity of his hatred. And this attitude...is dictated not by calculation or by hatred, but by love.

ANGELUS, ROME,  
FEBRUARY 20, 2022

### PARISH MINISTRIES

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Parish Council of Ministries
- Finance Council
- Parish Planning & Building
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Stewardship Committee
- Music Ministry
- Money Counters
- Bereavement
- Religious Education
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Altar Servers
- Flowers and Environmental
- Knights of Columbus
- Event Planners
- Food Pantry
- Couples for Christ
- Youth & Young Adult Min.
- Sacred Heart Society
- Secular Franciscans
- Chamorro Group

## FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK



**St. Polycarp** - Feast Day is February 23rd. This 2nd c. pastor was a disciple of St. John the Apostle, who ordained him as bishop of Smyrna (now part of Turkey). He taught that Jesus was the Son of God and the incarnate savior of humanity. He suffered martyrdom by refusing to renounce Jesus Christ. He was bound and burned at the stake; however, the fire miraculously avoided him in a circle giving him a heavenly glow. He was finally stabbed to death though. His martyrdom is associated with the Eucharist in that his final prayer and description of his death are similar to the eucharistic prayers (the fire gave off a smell of baking bread and incense too). He's the patron saint of ailments such as earaches (he preferred not to hear heresy) and dysentery.



**St. Leander of Seville** - Feast Day is February 27th. This monk, who was born in the 6th c. in Spain, is noted for having to help spread Christianity in Spain. He became a bishop in Seville (Sevilla in Spanish) and his life work was devoted to propagating Christian doctrine against the Arians in Spain. He was also instrumental in converting the two sons of the Arian king, whose anger caused him to be exiled in Constantinople, where he befriended the future St. Gregory the Great. He's especially known for introducing the Nicene Creed to be recited by Catholics at Sunday Mass and decreeing the consubstantiality of the three persons of the Trinity. The Spanish Church honors him as the Doctor of the Faith. His three siblings were canonized saints as well.



**St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows** - Feast Day is February 27th. Born Francesco Possenti to a professional and respected family in Italy, this 19th c. clerical student was educated by Jesuits and felt called to religious life at an early age. He was turned down by the Jesuits as he was too young, but was accepted into the Passionist congregation, where he followed their Rule perfectly. He impressed many with his cheerful attitude, spirit of prayer, love for the poor, and consideration of the feelings of others. He was particularly devoted to the sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Like St. Therese of Lisieux, he did little things with love and grace and performed small acts of kindness daily. Cured twice from serious illness, he contracted tuberculosis and died at age 24. He's the patron saint of youth, students, and seminarians.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	FEB. 1-2		FEB. 8-9		FEB. 15-16	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	134	12	185	28	145	10
	Sun. 7:00 AM	211	11	189	4	182	3
	Sun. 9:30 AM	239	46	234	39	263	57
	Sun. 5:00 PM	114	11	94	10	148	16

**Readings for the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sirach 27: 4-7**  
**1 Corinthians 15: 54-58**  
**Luke 6: 39-45**