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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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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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**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:**

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  
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# Second Sunday of Advent

## December 10, 2023

*Readings for next week:*

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

**FOCUS:** Prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Today's readings speak to us of preparing for the coming of the Lord through repentance. Repentance requires us to be honest about the times we have fallen short in loving God and our neighbor as the Lord commands. Knowing that we are sinners is a necessary step in recognizing our need for the forgiveness God has graciously offered us through his Son, whose coming into the world we prepare to celebrate.

### Second Sunday of Advent



The main theme for the second week of Advent is **Peace**. The Messiah would bring peace and justice to the nations. The second purple candle is lit and is called the "Bethlehem Candle." Our readings focus on preparing the way of the Lord starting with the first reading from the prophet Isaiah and concluding with Mark's gospel, in which we reflect on the role of John the Baptist in preaching repentance in preparation for the salvation Jesus would bring to the world. We continue to prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world today.

### Funeral Services for the late +Isabel S. Saniatan

Dec. 14, Thu. – Visitation at 5:30 p.m. Wake service at Mililani Mauka, 6:30 pm  
Dec. 15, Fri – Blessing at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Mass at 11:00 a.m., ICC, Ewa. Burial at Mililani Mortuary Cemetery at 1:30 p.m.

### Light A Star



If you would like to offer the Masses up for your loved ones during the Advent Season, we ask that you please pick up a Light A Star envelope which can be found at the back of the church, and write their names legibly (to prevent any misspellings). Please submit your envelope of names by Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, so that the angel ornaments can be prepared by Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Weekly Schedule

#### Monday, December 11:

(Felipe Madamba, Jr.)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Tuesday, December 12:

(+Aniceta Bacugan, +Edna & +Paul Sheleg)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Wednesday, December 13:

(+Felipe Madamba, Jr.)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

7:00 p.m. Advent Penance Service

#### Thursday, December 14:

- No Mass -

#### Friday, December 15:

(Darcey Daclison - Birthday)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Saturday, December 16:

(+Horacio Sanchez)

4 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Mass

#### Sunday, December 17:

6:15 a.m. Rosary

7:00 a.m. Mass (Mass for the People)

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass (+Melchor Amor)

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass (+Felipe Madamba, Jr.)

Church Cleaning: Dec 16 - Chamorro

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## Advent Penance Services

We invite all to join us for the Advent Penance Service at the following dates and places below for our Leeward Vicariate:

- Dec. 11, Mon. – St. Jude, Kapolei
  - Dec. 12, Tue. – OLPH, Ewa Bch
  - Dec. 13, Wed. – ICC, Ewa**
  - Dec. 14, Thu. – St. Rita, Nanakuli
- All services will begin at 7 p.m.

## Simbang Gabi Masses

Please join us for our Simbang Gabi Masses which will begin this Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Below are following Mass dates and times, as well as the presiders of each Mass:

- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, Fri., 7 p.m. – Fr. Jaroslaw Skrzypek
- Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, Sat., 5 p.m. – Fr. Sieg, ICC, Ewa
- Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Sun., 5 p.m. – Fr. Sieg, ICC, Ewa
- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, Mon., 7 p.m. – Fr. Ed Barut, OLPH
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, Tue., 7 p.m. – Fr. Boniface Sakala, St. Jude
- Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, Wed., 7 p.m. – Fr. Jaroslaw Skrzypek
- Dec. 21<sup>th</sup>, Thu., 7 p.m. – Fr. Jaime Jose, Sacred Heart
- Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fri., 7 p.m. – Fr. Eric Castro, St. Joseph
- Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sat., 5 p.m. – Fr. Sieg, ICC, Ewa

## Choir Loft Repairs

Many thanks to Carlos Bulan of CV Builders, Inc. and his crew for the repairs of our choir loft. They installed new beams to secure the choir loft, as well as install new flooring. We are grateful for their hard work in making it safe for our parishioners. Mahalo!



## Stewardship of Treasure Dec. 2 - 3, 2023

Weekly Offering	\$ 4,239.83
Repair/Maint. Fund	2,096.00
Building Fund	393.00
Book of Intentions	270.00
Mass Intentions	70.00
Flowers	60.00
Candles	115.00
Food Pantry	25.00
Religious Edu/OCIA	45.00
Light A Star	580.00
First Friday	10.00
Holy Water Bottle	3.00
Feast Day (Hermanas)	3,300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,206.83</b>

### Second Collections:

CCHD	\$ 27.00
'Ohana in Christ	100.00

### PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENTS

### QUARTERLY

### ANNUAL PROFIT & LOSS

#### Income

Offertory Collection	\$ 63,897.26
Other Regular Income	\$ 12,932.87
Revenue Subject to GET	\$ 3,523.00
Unusual ( Non-Scheduled) Inc.	\$ 7,390.47
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 87,743.60</b>

#### Jul - Sept 2023

#### FYE Jul 2022 - Jun 2023

#### Expenses

Employment Costs	\$ 35,279.75
Professional Services	\$ 1,032.90
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Leadership Development	\$ 700.00
Supplies and Other Services	\$ 11,753.04
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 975.53
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 5,767.46
Utilities	\$ 7,824.49
Contributions and Assessments	\$ 15,766.49
Taxes	\$ 150.00
Depreciation	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 79,249.66</b>

#### Net Ordinary Income

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#### Other Income/Expenses

Other Income	30,090.80
Total Other Income	30,090.80
Net Other Income	30,090.80
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 38,584.74</b>

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# Dear Padre

December 10, 2023

**Do Catholics have to marry in the Church? If a couple decides to marry outside of the Church, are they still allowed to receive Communion and other sacraments?**

Catholics are obligated to follow the laws of the Church, including those laws regarding marriage. If a Catholic marries outside the Church, meaning that they did not follow Church law, then they may not receive the other sacraments until their marriage has been witnessed by the Church.

A wedding is a sacred ceremony for the couple, but it is also a ceremony for the Church. The Christian community is called upon to witness the ceremony, with the bishop, priest, or deacon called upon to bless the union in the name of the Church. The Church can dispense from the form, that is, the place of the wedding, for good cause, and does so when necessary. When a dispensation from the law is granted, then the person has followed the marriage laws of the Church and is free to receive the sacraments.

A wedding is a sacred ceremony in which a sacrament is conferred. While the park may be pretty or the church down the street may be bigger, neither is a sufficient reason to ignore marriage law and marry outside the Church.

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## Mahalo, Kick Start Karate!



Eric Quemado of Kick Start Karate (pictured above with Food Pantry coordinator, Dami Espiritu), a non-profit organization founded by the late Chief of Police, Lee Donohue, Sr., sensei, dropped off a truck-full of canned goods to our Food Pantry, as part of their mission to do community service projects. We are grateful for their generosity. Mahalo!

**Retirement Fund for Religious** – Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education, and care for those in need – usually for little or no pay. Please support them by giving this weekend to this special collection. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Mahalo.



## Saints and Feasts of the Week

**Our Lady of Guadalupe** – Feast Day is December 12<sup>th</sup>. This feast commemorates the apparition of Mary to the Mexican peasant, Juan Diego in 1531. She is the patron saint of Mexico and this day is an important holiday there. Her messages given were love and compassion and her universal promise of help & protection to all.

**St. Lucy** – Feast Day is Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. This feast commemorates Lucia of Syracuse in Sicily, an early 4<sup>th</sup> century virgin martyr. She is the patron saint of the blind, those with eye trouble, and the Caribbean Island of St. Lucia. Legend has it that she brought food to Christians hiding in the dark Roman Catacombs, lighting her way with a candlelit wreath on her head. She is represented holding a dish with 2 eyes on it and holding a palm branch which symbolizes martyrdom and victory over evil.



**St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church** – Feast Day is Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. He was a Spanish Carmelite friar and patron saint of mystics, contemplatives, and Spanish poets. He was a major figure of the Counter Reformation in Spain and the price of reform involved his imprisonment in which he experienced the dying of Jesus as he sat for months in his cell with only his God. He was “of the Cross” – the cross that leads to union with God. He inspired many to pursue God into the mysterious heights and depths of divine love.

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