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Saturdays at 5:00 PM
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First Fridays: Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament: 7:00 AM. Mass at 8:00 AM

CONFESSION

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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



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.”

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 26, 2026

FOCUS: All things work for good for those who love God.

Saint Paul reminds us in his Letter that we are called by God to be images of his Son. But to be truly like him we need the gifts of wisdom and understanding, and an openness to allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us in working for the kingdom of heaven. We find the kingdom in Jesus, who is the way.

WHAT IMAGE OF THE KINGDOM WILL YOU SERVE UP? ANN M. GARRIDO

Jesus’ favorite thing to talk about was a mystery he called the kingdom of God, referred to in the Gospel of Matthew as the kingdom of heaven. He was not the first to speak of it. The prophets before him spoke often of God’s dream for the world. They wanted all to know what it would look like when God reigns here on earth as God already reigns in the heavens. But Jesus added to that teaching by offering vivid new images of what God’s reign is like. Matthew 13 is filled with such snapshots. The kingdom of heaven will be like a mustard seed, a pearl, a measure of leaven, a hidden treasure. It will be like a sower casting out seed, a wheat harvest, a net that catches many fish.

At the end of this litany, however, Jesus offers an image of what he expects of those who have received his teaching about the Kingdom. They are to be like “the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52). It sounds as if Jesus’ disciples are to act like hosts of a banquet, setting the table with stories from across time to feed their guests with whatever words and images would best help them grasp the mystery of this kingdom. They are to continue Jesus’ work of developing new ways to illumine a mystery that is in the end too great for words.

● **Reflect:** What image of God’s kingdom would you offer people of the twenty-first century?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, July 27:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Benjamin Yucoco - 1st Death Anniversary)
6:00 PM Vespers for Bishop-Elect, Fr.
Michael Castori, Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

Tuesday, July 28:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Benedict Manlapaz - RS)
10:00 AM Ordination of Bishop-Elect, Fr.
Michael Castori, Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

Wednesday, July 29:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Deceased Family Members of the Daclison
Ohana - RS)
5:00 PM Lectio Divina (Church)

Thursday, July 30:

No Mass

Friday, July 31:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Emiliana Marcos - RS)
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, August 1:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
3:00 PM First Saturday Devotion
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Holy Souls in Purgatory - RS)

Sunday, August 2:

6:00 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Marie Rabago - RS)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(Mass for the People)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Don Juan Cabanatan - Birthday)

ALISON OUT OF OFFICE

The parish office will be closed from Wednesday, July 29th through Wednesday, August 5th as Alison will be off-island. We will reopen on Thursday, August 6th.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWLY-ELECTED KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OFFICERS

The Knights of Columbus, Council 6734, recently had their elections for a new council. Below is a picture of our Knights of Columbus, which include some of the new officers.



Elected Officers for the Columbian Year 2026-2027:

Chaplain:	Rev. Fr. Siegfried B. Dosdos, JCL
Grand Knight:	SK Michael Weis
Deputy Grand Knight:	SK Ivenele Cunanan
Chancellor:	SK Manny Meno
Recorder:	SK Allan Pesquira
Treasurer:	SK Tony Blas
Financial Secretary:	SK Robert Thomas (PKG)
Warden:	SK Carlos D. Bulan, Sr.
Advocate:	SK Ariel O. Suarez
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Trustee for One Year:	SK Ueka Faumuina
Trustee for Two Years:	SK Charlie Visitacion
Trustee for Three Years:	SK Archimedes A. Agcamaran



We are grateful to our Brother Knights for their active ministry in our parish. They never hesitate to assist Fr. Sieg with the various projects around the church property. We are grateful for their gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Congratulations to the newly-elected Officers of Council 6734!!

FIRST SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st



Join our First Saturday Servants of Mary in their devotion to Mamma Mary as they honor her request to pray the rosary for peace, the conversion of sinners, and for Russia. Prayers will be held on Saturday, August 1st, in the church starting at 3:00 p.m. Mass will begin at 5:00 p.m. afterwards.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

SIGN UP

If your children love to sing and you would like to get them involved in the church, please sign them up for the **Children's Choir** during the month of August after all the Masses. We are looking for children ages 4 - 12 to participate! See our choir leaders for more information under the tent.

Dear Padre,

July 26, 2026

I'm in the OCIA program. My wife and I were married civilly. She goes to a non-denominational church but is not baptized. Someone said we would have to get our marriage "convalidated." Why? And what does that mean?

Convalidation is a legal term, but it can also be understood as good pastoral practice and even more as a wise spiritual choice. Basically, from a legal point of reference, your marriage took place outside of the canonical structure of the Church. It needs to be "regularized" and "documented" for you to move forward. Because your wife is not baptized, it cannot be a sacramental marriage, which requires baptism, but it can be made valid and recorded in official Church documentation. Such documentation is helpful, particularly if you have children and intend to raise them as Catholic. Also, if your wife ever decides to become a baptized Catholic, your marriage would automatically become a sacramental marriage when she is baptized. Nothing more is required of you. All in all, it is a good decision and a positive step in your spiritual journey.

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

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REGISTRATION FOR CCD AND OCIA CLASSES



Throughout the month of August, we will have registration for **CCD** (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) and **OCIA Classes**. Children who are in Grades Pre-K through High School can register for CCD. There is a fee of \$35 per student, which is for the books, but if you have 3 or more children, there is a flat fee of \$75. Classes will begin on September 13th.



Adults and all others who have not been baptized or received their Sacraments of Initiation can sign up for our OCIA Classes. OCIA registration will also take place in August after all the Masses near the tent. Classes are held every Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The first class of OCIA will begin on September 2nd.

If this is your child's first year to register for CCD, please bring a copy of their baptism certificate.

FORMATION AND TRAINING CLASSES FOR CATECHISTS



Dcn. Keith Galang, from St. Joseph Church, Waipahu, will be offering **Formation and Training Classes** for our Religious Education and OCIA Catechists and anyone who might be interested in attending. The classes will take place on the following Saturdays: **August 15, 22, 29, and September 12**. Classes will be held from **9am to 2pm**, in the **Parish Hall**. A certificate will be given upon completion of the courses. If you have any

questions or would like to attend, please see Mrs. Shirley Sunio, our DRE, outside under the tent or you can call or email the office: (808) 681-3701 or iccewa@rcchawaii.org to register.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – A LETTER FROM BISHOP LARRY



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Peace be with you!

We are blessed every day with God's love — from the air we breathe, to the people we know and love, to the gifts we bring to His table. The Lord's generosity flows regardless of age, gender or social status; all He seeks, Isaiah tells us, is our faith: "Heed me, and you shall eat well; you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully; listen, that you may have life" (Is 55:2-3). God gives us so much, and we do not even have to ask. Because we are so blessed with His grace, mercy and love, we are therefore called to share His goodness with others — whether it is through our time, our talent or our treasures.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i is embracing that mission this year in its annual Catholic Charities Sunday campaign: "Given Much, We Give Freely." Just as Jesus revealed the extent of His Father's love by multiplying five loaves of bread and two fish for the many thousands who came to listen to him, we reflect the love of the Lord in how we care for others. This theme offers a special connection to the mission of the Maryknoll Sisters, who established Catholic Charities Hawai'i nearly 80 years ago — to "make God's love visible." Catholic Charities Hawai'i strives to serve all people of Hawaii, regardless of culture or faith, and to carry out the social mission of the Catholic Church.

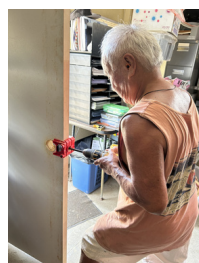
Please be generous this year in your support of Catholic Charities Hawai'i and its mission to lift up and advocate for those among us who are most vulnerable. Your donations and prayers are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva, Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Honolulu



MAHALO, DEXTER VASQUEZ, FOR REPLACING THE CCD DOORS



Mahalo to **Dexter Vasquez**, who replaced the doors in our CCD and OCIA Offices. We are always grateful for the gift of his time and talent toward our parish to repair our church facilities!

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	JUL 4-5		JUL 11-12		JUL 18-19	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	121	7	134	18	126	14
	Sun. 7:00 AM	233	4	208	6	234	6
	Sun. 9:30 AM	233	38	232	41	222	39
	Sun. 5:00 PM	184	26	175	28	167	14

Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 55:1-3
Romans 8:35, 37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 18 – 19, 2026

Weekly Offering	\$3,825.25
Sat. 5 pm –	\$728.00
Sun. 7 am –	\$1281.25
Sun. 9:30 am –	\$1167.00
Sun. 5 pm –	\$649.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,937.00
Building Fund	\$285.00
Book of Intentions	\$185.00
Mass Intentions	\$165.00
Flowers	\$6.00
Candles	\$100.00
Funeral	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$7,003.25

Second Collection:

Seminar Education Fund	\$486.00
Joseph Dutton	\$55.00



Church Cleaning Schedule

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

**Catholic Charities Sunday
Collection will be held next
weekend: August 1st - 2nd .**



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
HAWAII

A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

God speaks to us.... [T]he first attitude to cultivate is listening, so that the divine Word may penetrate our minds and our hearts; at the same time, we are required to speak with God, not to communicate to him what he already knows, but to reveal ourselves to ourselves. Hence the need for prayer, in which we are called to live and to cultivate friendship with the Lord.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JAN. 14, 2026

FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



Sts. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus – Feast Day is July 29th. This feast day is observed as a memorial to honor 3 siblings together – Sts. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus. Historically, this date honored only St. Martha, but in 2021, Pope Francis officially updated the church calendar for July 29th by combining these 3 saints from Bethany. This was to recognize their shared home in Bethany as a place of deep friendship & family spirit with Jesus. As models of faith, they were different yet complementary – St. Martha with her active service & hospitality, St. Mary with her contemplative prayer & attentiveness to Jesus, and St. Lazarus with the miracle of new life & the Resurrection. These demonstrations of evangelical witness reflected their faithfulness & meaningful friendship toward Jesus.



St. Ignatius of Loyola – Feast Day is July 31st. This 16th c. Spanish priest & theologian was primarily known for being the founder of a well-known religious order called the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits), whose spirituality emphasizes finding God in all things. As a former soldier, he was seriously wounded in the Battle of Pamplona in 1521. During his recovery, he experienced a profound spiritual conversion & a call to religious life. His famous work, the "Spiritual Exercises," is the foundational guide to prayer, contemplation, & making difficult life decisions and has been used in spiritual retreats. The motto for his order is "for the greater glory of God," which honors God in all aspects of life. He left a lasting legacy in education & missionary work, by revolutionizing Catholic education & inspiring a global action-oriented approach to the Catholic faith. He was also one of the most influential figures of the Counter Reformation. He's the patron saint of soldiers, educators, spiritual retreats, & the Society of Jesus.



St. Alphonsus Liguori – Feast Day is August 1st. This 18th c. Italian bishop was a saint of many talents, including a prolific spiritual writer, moral theologian, musician, composer, lawyer, scholastic philosopher, theologian, & Doctor of the Church. He was also well known for founding the religious order of the Redemptorists (Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer), which is a missionary order that preaches the Word & serves the poor & marginalized in over 100 countries. He left a career as a successful lawyer to become a priest. His spirituality centered on the passion of Jesus as the principal sign of our Savior's love for us. He also encouraged an intimate personal relationship with Jesus with frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament. His greatest work was his "Moral Theology," which focused on moral issues of church doctrines & practices to follow. He believed in balancing Church teachings with pastoral understanding & mercy. He's the patron saint of confessors, moral theologians, vocations, & those suffering from arthritis.

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