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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 – 4:30 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

Third Sunday of Lent March 23, 2025

FOCUS: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Today’s psalm is a joyful song of thanksgiving and remembrance. We know the history of Moses’ role in God delivering the Israelites from bondage, and we have heard the story of the barren fig tree, but the psalm allows us that moment of connection to God in our own particular way. He has pardoned us; he has healed us; he redeems us from destruction; he is merciful and gracious and surpassing in kindness. Our story is not just what happened then, but what is happening now, and the Lord indeed is kind and merciful.

A GARDENER GOD FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Charles Baudelaire was a French poet and essayist in the mid-1800s. He once observed that life is like a hospital in which each patient is possessed by the desire to change beds. In other words, he thought everyone seemed to think life would be so much better if only they had a different set of circumstances, a different job, a different marriage, a different place in life. Like trees, however, not everyone grows and matures at the same pace. There are forty-year-olds who still act and think like teenagers, and there are ten-year-olds who have an attitude toward life like that of an elder. Over time, we all grow into the lives we’re given.

In this week’s Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, some think God is like the owner who planted the tree, as if God is impatient with us to begin bearing fruit and quick to uproot us if we fail. A case could be made, however, for God to be the gardener who patiently fertilizes and nurtures. In the beginning, it was God who had a garden called Eden, filled with all kinds of trees and plants among which God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening. After the resurrection, it was Mary Magdalene who went looking for the body of Jesus and mistook him for the gardener. It is God who hovers over us, watering and nudging and nurturing, waiting until in God’s good time, we begin to bear fruit.

● Reflect: What needs nurturing in my life, and what needs weeding out?

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 24:

6:50 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Federico Bermudez Bisquera - RS)

Tuesday, March 25:

6:50 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 6:30 PM Pastoral Council Mtg.

Wednesday, March 26: Office Closed

6:45 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 5:00 PM Centering Prayer
 6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

Thursday, March 27:

No Mass

Friday, March 28:

6:45 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Josephine Galapia - 1st Death Annv.)
 4-6:00 PM Food Pantry
 4:30-6 PM KoC Fish Fry Pick Up
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 29:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
 4:00 PM Confessions
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (+Angie Sexauer - 25th Death Annv.)

Sunday, March 30:

6:15 AM Rosary
 7:00 AM Mass
 (+Dominador & Albert Dela Cruz - RS)
 8:15-9:15 AM CCD Classes
 8:45 AM Rosary
 9:30 AM Mass
 (+Rosario Pascua - RS)
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (Mass for the People)

PRINCE KUHIO HOLIDAY

This coming **Wednesday, March 26th**, the parish **office will be closed** in observance of the **Prince Kuhio Holiday**. We will reopen on Thursday, March 27th.

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Mar. 29: Volunteers Needed!
Apr. 5: Sacred Heart Society
Apr. 12: Knights of Columbus
Apr. 19: Couples for Christ



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. SIEG'S EMAIL HACKED...AGAIN!

Fr. Sieg's email was **HACKED AGAIN!** Please be extra diligent if you receive an email from him. Someone reported receiving an email wanting them to reply back to him for **URGENT** matter. Again, Fr. Sieg emphasizes that he would **NEVER** ask for anything. Also, always check where the email is coming from. If it's not from his official email, sdosdos@rcchawaii.org, then it's not from him.

THE THREE SCRUTINIES

The Scrutinies are three special rites that help prepare the Elect, those participating in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), to enter the Catholic Church. They take place during the period of Purification and Enlightenment, near the end of their formation. The purpose is "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful" in the hearts of the Elect and to "strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good." The Scrutinies are associated with three specific Gospel stories on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent:

- Jesus encountering the Samaritan woman at the well, where He offers Himself as the Living Water (1st Scrutiny - 3rd Sunday of Lent)
- Jesus healing the man born blind, where He gives Himself as Light of the World (2nd Scrutiny - 4th Sunday of Lent)
- Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, where He reveals Himself as the Resurrection and the Life. (3rd Scrutiny - 5th Sunday of Lent.)

PENANCE SERVICE, THU., APRIL 3rd, 7 P.M.

Our **Lenten Penance Service** will be held on **Thursday, April 3rd, 7:00 p.m.** in the church. We will welcome several priests that evening to hear your confessions. Please mark your calendars.



RICE BOWLS FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Please continue to give to the CRS Rice bowls throughout Lent. The monies collected help to sustain a humane and dignified way of life for our brothers and sisters in need. Rice Bowls can be turned in throughout Lent up until Holy Thursday, the official collection date. (If possible, the money counters ask that you convert your coins into bills or checks.) Mahalo!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, FRIDAYS, 7PM

Stations of the Cross continue **every Friday** during Lent starting at **7:00 p.m.** in the Church. We encourage all to join us on the journey with Jesus. The following ministries will be leading us in the Stations of the Cross:

March 28th - Music, Religious Education, and Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)
 April 4th - Sacred Heart Society and Environment Ministry
 April 11th - Couples for Christ, Baptism, and Parent & Family Ministries



FISH FRY-DAYS



We ask for your continued support of our Fish Fry fundraiser sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Each plate is \$20 and consists of fried pompano fish, rice, vegetables, and water. Tickets can be purchased after all the Masses on the weekend.

PALM WEAVING FOR PALM SUNDAY MASSES

On **Saturday, April 12th**, at **7 a.m.**, we will be weaving palms to make crosses for our Palm Sunday Masses. If you would like to learn how to make the crosses (and other designs) while helping to serve the parish community, we encourage you to come and learn. We will be meeting at the Parish Hall! Mahalo for your help!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Week will be upon us soon. Please join us for our Holy Week Masses:

Saturday, April 12th, 7 a.m. – Palm Weaving (Parish Hall)
Sunday, April 13th – Palm Sunday – Regular Weekend Mass times.
Holy Monday, April 14th, 8 a.m. – Mass
Holy Tuesday, April 15th, 8 a.m. – Mass
Holy Wednesday, April 16th, 8 a.m. – Mass with Anointing of the Sick
Holy Thursday, April 17th, 7 p.m. – Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Good Friday, April 18th, 3 p.m. – Outdoor Stations of the Cross
“ 7 p.m. – Veneration of the Cross/Communion Service
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 19th, 7 p.m. – Service of the Light/Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday, April 20th, 7am, 9:30am, & 5:00 p.m. – Mass of the Resurrection

Come and join as we await the Resurrection of Our Lord!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Mar. 15 – 16, 2025

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| Weekly Offering | \$4,873.95 |
| Sat. 5:00 PM – | \$ 920.00 |
| Sun. 7:00 AM – | \$1,233.00 |
| Sun. 9:30 AM – | \$1,919.95 |
| Sun. 5:00 PM – | \$801.00 |
| Repair & Maintenance | \$2,247.04 |
| Building Fund | \$35.00 |
| Flowers | \$125.00 |
| Candles | \$142.00 |
| Book of Intentions | \$139.00 |
| Mass Intentions | \$281.00 |
| Funerals | \$650.00 |
| Car Blessing | \$150.00 |
| Hawaii Quilt Guild (RM) | \$60.00 |
| Stations of the Cross | \$10.00 |
| <u>Sacred Heart Society</u> | <u>\$35.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$8,747.99 |



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Next weekend, March 29–30, our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection.** Funds from this collection provide

food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next weekend, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ’s love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

ANOTHER MOVIE NIGHT,

APRIL 5TH, 6:30 P.M.

Our Event Planning Committee has planned another **Movie Night** on **Saturday, April 5th** starting at **6:30 p.m.** Please mark your calendars for the movie **“Stolen Summer.”** This movie is about an 8-year-old Catholic



boy named Pete, growing up in the mid-70’s, who decides that he is going to convert a Jew to Catholicism. He visits a nearby synogue and meets Rabbi Jacobson, who has a son, Danny, about the same age. When he learns that Danny is seriously ill, he decides he will be an excellent choice for conversion. We invite everyone to come and join us. There is no cost again...so please come and join us for a night of fun, food, and fellowship. Save-the-date!



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Rest in Peace, to a few Patriarchs of Immaculate Conception, Ewa

The lives of our parish ohana of Immaculate Conception are so intertwined, that we’ve all celebrated the births, baptisms, reception of Sacraments, and even death together. This past week, the Lord took Home a few of our patriarchs within a week of each other: **+Richard Alcos, +Dado Daclison, and +Kebull Pantohan!** We pray for the repose of their souls and for their families who are grieving their losses. We ask God for His Mercy and Grace and your continued prayers.

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May I receive Communion if I'm divorced and haven't gotten an annulment?

Yes, you may. Divorce, in itself, is not an impediment to the reception of Communion. Divorce, although regrettable because of the many ramifications that may be part of the experience, is not in itself a sin. There are situations when divorce may be the most loving choice and make it possible for all parties involved to live the lives God is calling them to live. Remarriage, when a person is not free to marry because of the presence of a previous bond, is an impediment to the reception of holy Communion. Although this situation is more and more common, it does not mean that the law of the Church, representative of the teaching of Jesus, can be set aside. As part of the process of healing from your divorce and moving on with your life, you may want to seek an annulment, particularly if you think you might want to marry again. The annulment process can often be healing and a source of great blessing. It also provides a rare opportunity to reflect on what was lost as a result of the original divorce and what can be learned as a way of moving forward and building a second marriage that is strong and life-giving.

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

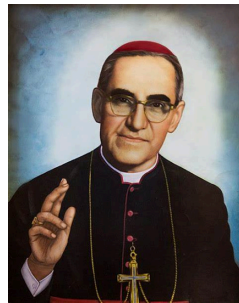
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FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

A word from POPE FRANCIS

I like to think that a nice name for God could be "the God of another possibility".... [God] does not look at the achievements you have not yet reached, but the fruits you can still bear. He does not keep track of your shortcomings but encourages your potential. He does not dwell on your past, but confidently bets on your future.

ANGELUS, ROME,
MARCH 20, 2022



St. Oscar Romero - Feast Day is March 24th. This 20th c. Archbishop in El Salvador is credited with being the "voice of the voiceless" in speaking out against social injustice and violence amid the escalating conflict that erupted between the military government and insurgents, which led to the Salvadoran Civil War. He was famous for his sermons and did a lot of parish work, such as visiting prisons, organizing catechism classes, and working to help provide food for the poor. Due to his advocacy for the poor and the oppressed and his courageous stance against violence and injustice, he became known as the patron saint of persecuted Christians, especially in the Americas and El Salvador. He was ultimately shot and killed by an assassin's bullet, while celebrating Mass in 1980. His legacy lives on in his efforts to aid the poor and promote peace in his country.



Annunciation of the Lord - Feast Day is March 25th. This major Marian feast and Solemnity of the Catholic Church commemorates the visit of the Archangel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who announced that she would conceive and become the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Her "fiat" or yes response to willingly accept God's plan was an expression of her deep faith and cooperation with divine grace, which initiated the Incarnation and our path to salvation. One of the principal feasts of the Catholic Church, it's observed almost universally throughout Christianity. It's also called "Lady Day" in some English speaking and Scandinavian countries.

Pope John Paul II established March 25th as the International Day of the Unborn in commemoration of the conception of Jesus in 1999.



St. Margaret Clitherow - Feast Day is March 26th. A 16th c. martyr for the Catholic faith, this English recusant remained faithful to her beliefs and would not submit to authorities by attending services of the Church of England. This was a time of persecution of Catholics in England and she held on to the point of going to jail. This deeply pious wife and mother put God first in her life above her family and her faith influenced every aspect of her life. She was eventually arrested and then imprisoned for refusing to enter a plea to the charge of harboring fugitive Catholic priests, saying that only God could judge her as either guilty or innocent. She suffered a torturous martyrdom by being pressed to death by an 800 lb. weight. Known as the Pearl of York, she's the patron saint of businesswomen and the Catholic Women's League.

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

| WEEKLY MASS COUNT | Day/Time | MAR. 1 - 2 | | MAR. 8-9 | | MAR. 15-16 | |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|-------|----------|-------|------------|-------|
| | | Adult | Child | Adult | Child | Adult | Child |
| | Sat. 5:00 PM | 151 | 14 | 136 | 13 | 144 | 10 |
| | Sun. 7:00 AM | 220 | 9 | 204 | 17 | 217 | 14 |
| | Sun. 9:30 AM | 218 | 43 | 284 | 55 | 238 | 60 |
| | Sun. 5:00 PM | 156 | 16 | 139 | 24 | 168 | 21 |

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent:
Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32