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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday
7 a.m. Mass
8:00 a.m. CCD K-6 ***** August-May
9:30 a.m. Mass
5:00 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. CCD 7-12 *****August-May

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
8:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday
RCIA (Adults) 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Thursday
No Morning Mass
6:00 p.m. Sewing and Quilting Class

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

Saturday
RCIA (Children) 7 – 9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday
4:00a.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

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Finance Council

Choirs

CFC Youth Activities

Couples & Singles for Christ

Devotional Societies

Food Pantry

Knights of Columbus

Parish Planning & Building Committee

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 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month, between 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021

Readings for next week:

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 **James 3:16 – 4:3** **Mark 9:30-37**

FOCUS: To be a disciple is to have faith and follow Jesus.

After Christ asks, *Who do you say that I am?* Peter answers, *You are the Christ*. Let our profession of faith be the same. And then, as James implores us, let us demonstrate that commitment to our faith by our words and actions.

Priesthood Sunday – September 26th

Priesthood Sunday is on **September 26th**. It is a day to honor and reflect upon the role of priesthood in the life of the Church. It is a nationwide event coordinated and sponsored by the U.S. Council of Serra International.

In the past 50 years, the number of priests and ordinations in the United States has steadily declined. Meanwhile, the number of parishes without a resident priest pastor has sharply increased in the same period of time. The men who answer the call to priesthood are special indeed, and they are working harder than ever before. Let us keep all of our priests in prayer always as they shepherd their sheep especially during these unprecedent times.

Rachel's Vineyard Speaker at all the Masses

Former parishioner, **Izzy Jimenez**, who is with the **Rachel's Vineyard Ministry**, will be here next weekend, September 18-19, at all the Masses to speak about the next Rachel's Vineyard **Retreat** coming up on **October 15 – 17, 2021**.

Rachel's Vineyard is an organization within the Catholic Church to help those hurting from a past abortion. The retreats offer a non-judgmental place of healing and support to express and reconcile painful emotions so that the healing process can begin. Mrs. Jimenez will be here to speak with anyone after Mass who may have questions. Pamphlets on their ministry can be found at the back of the church on the table

Parish Calendar

Monday, September 13:
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
Tuesday, September 14:
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
Wednesday, September 15:
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
6:00 p.m. RCIA *(Parish Hall)*
Thursday, September 16:
- No Mass or Comm Svc -
Friday, September 17:
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
4:30 p.m. Food Pantry
7:30 p.m. Clean Living for Ewa *(Class 2)*
Saturday, September 18:
5:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday, September 19:
7:00 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Mass
5:00 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Centering Prayer *(Classroom #2)*

Church Cleaning

Sep 18: Chamorro Group
Sep 25: Couples for Christ
Oct 2: Sacred Heart Society
Oct 9: Knights of Columbus

Mahalo to all who help clean our church inside and out!

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Mass Intentions this Week

Monday, September 13 thru Friday, September 17, 2021:

No Mass Intentions – Communion Service only. (Father Nick away on Diocesan Retreat**)**

Saturday, September 18:
5:00 p.m. +Ignacio and +Mercedes Perez *(RS)*

Sunday, September 19:
7:00 a.m. Mass for the People
9:30 a.m. Wesley Baricuatro, Jr. (*Birthday Blessings)*
5:00 p.m. Mady Agcamaran *(Birthday Blessings)*

Office of Respect Life Ministry presents…

Respect Life Coordinators and Team Mini-Retreat Saturday, September 18, 2021

The Office of Respect Life Ministry, under Directors Gary and Valerie Streff, is holding a retreat for all Respect Life Coordinators and their team members on September 18, 2021 at St. Elizabeth Church, 99-312 Moanalua Rd., Aiea, HI 96701 from 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

The retreat will be led by the Respect Life Spiritual Director, Sr. Maristella Umdor, MSMHC. Come join them for a day of Prayer, Reconciliation, and the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information, call Dcn. Gary or Valerie Streff at (808) 673-3074 or email: gstreff@rcchawaii.org.

Religious Education Classes

Don't forget to register your children for Religious Education Classes. Registration is taking place after the 7:00 and 9:30 a.m. Masses on Sundays from now till the end of September at the CCD Office. Classes will begin on October 3, 2021. If this is the first time that your children is entering our program, please be sure to **bring a copy of their baptism certificates**. For any questions or concerns, please see Mrs. Shirley Sunio, our Religious Ed Director (DRE).

40 Days for Life

Come join the Opening Rally Mass for the 40 Days for Life on Saturday, September 25th at 8:00 a.m. at St. Theresa's Co-Cathedral, followed by the Rally at 9:00 a.m. in front of Planned Parenthood, 839 S. Beretania St., Honolulu, HI 96713.

Help Needed – Grounds Maintenance Volunteers

We are looking for a couple of volunteers who would like to help maintain the grounds here at the parish. Currently we have a few volunteers who come out on Tuesdays and Thursdays that help mow the lawn, trim the bushes and trees. If you have time to help out, preferable on Thursday mornings, please call the parish office.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.)

The R.C.I.A. Classes are taking registrations also. Classes have already begun. R.C.I.A. is open to children and adults who have not been baptized and/or received their Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. If you are interested in classes or want to join the R.C.I.A. team, please **call the parish office** during regular hours to make an appointment with one of our catechists.

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Second Collection: Catholic University of America

This weekend, we ask for your support in giving to our second collection which is earmarked for the Catholic University of America. Your support will provide scholarships and increased financial aid to support highly qualified future leaders in their intellectual growth and development. It will also provide essential career services such as internship, mentorships, and job placement assistance. Please be generous in your giving. Mark your envelopes **"CUA."**

Foodland's Give Aloha Program

Each year during the month of September, Foodland's customers are encouraged to make a donation toward their "**Give Aloha Annual Community Matching Gift Program.**" Their donations are matched by Foodland, where they will contribute more than $250,000 to participating non-profit organizations.

Our parish will be participating in this program for the first time this year. In order for us to receive some of their matching gifts, you must mention that you want the donation to go toward **Immaculate Conception Church**, **Code: 77809**.

Many thanks and aloha to parishioners, **Benny and Joanna Padilla** from **B & J Signs and Graphics** for graciously donating our banner in the Ewa Beach Foodland announcing our Give Aloha Fundraiser. We are truly grateful for their generosity and support. (B&J Signs & Graphics is one of Hawaii's premier signage solution companies. Please visit them at 94-672 Farrington Hwy. in Waipahu, www.bjsigns.com or call them at (808)677-2710.)

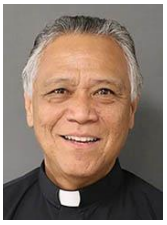
Ring Your Bell for Peace Day

Ring your bell for the International Day of Peace from our church and join with others by Zoom around the world:

Tuesday, September 21, 2021
Pre-Celebration at 8:30 a.m. (HST)
Bell ringing at 9:01 a.m. (HST)

Special guest appearance by **Jake Shimabukuro** and **Melveen Leed.** Please register in advance: https://hongwanjihawaii.com/peaceday2021. Rene Mansho, Peace Day Chair, (808) 291-6151

Congratulations to **Fr. Lane Akiona** who was elected by his religious community as the Superior of the US Province of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary overseeing 90 priests, brothers, and seminarians in 4 different countries.



Stewardship of Treasure

September 4-5, 2021

Weekly Offering	$	2,478.00
Building Fund		23.00
Mass Intentions		70.00
Book of Intentions		140.00
Flowers		81.00
Food Pantry		60.00
Blessings		50.00
Candles		100.00
Religious Education		140.00
Liturgical Supplies		50.00
1st Saturday		20.00
Repair/Maintenance		1,118.99
Total	**$**	**4,330.99**

2nd Collection:

Diocesan Priest Retire. Fd. **$ 20.00**
Haiti Relief **$ 409.00**

Reminder: Fr. Nick on Diocesan Priest Retreat:

September 13 – 17, 2021

This week, Fr. Nick is on the Diocesan Priest Retreat. Instead of Mass, we invite you to join us for Communion Services beginning at 8 a.m., which follow the Rosary that begins at 7:30 a.m.

Support for Haiti – Collection Date: Sept. 4-5

Mahalo for giving to the people of Haiti. Together, our parish collected **$ 409.00** last week during the special collection. Your generous donation helps the ***USCCB Emergency Disaster Fund*** to give aid to those in most immediate need.

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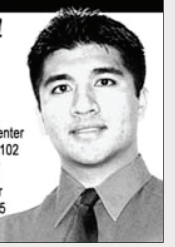

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