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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

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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.”

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 24, 2025

FOCUS: God offers salvation to all in the person of his only Son.

God’s desire is that we love him and serve him and are united to him for eternity. We are called by baptism to the salvation that he offers through his Son. What matters is our response to that loving and life-giving invitation: how we live out our lives as faithful disciples makes the ultimate difference. It is our witness that will encourage others to hear and respond to God’s call to them

THE NARROW GATE FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Some people find love in their lives; others complain of loneliness. Some find peace, while others seem to be perpetually angry. Some live comfortably amid human diversity, yet others insist that the rest of the world be like them. There are those who are able to forgive and compromise and offer compassion and those who cannot. The difference seems to be the ability to forgo one’s own desires for the sake of a greater good or the common good.

Such may be the narrow gate through which some may not be strong enough to enter. Phrases like the kingdom of God or the kingdom of heaven are not just references to places to which we go but also ways of being or states of existence. They all refer to God’s presence, to life with God. You’ve heard people say they were so happy that they felt it was like heaven on earth. It wasn’t a place they went but an experience of being filled with joy and peace. It’s pure gift. No one ever finds it by focusing on oneself. It is the narrow gate by which we find our way into such a life. It is the doorway of caring for others.

● **Reflect:** What is the “narrow gate” before me now—the most difficult challenge as a follower of Jesus?

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 25:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Benjamin Yucoco & +Estefania Paulino - RS)
6:30 PM PPBC Meeting

Tuesday, August 26:

6:50 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Maria Eleanor Alegam - 40th Day Prayer)
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 27:

6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Benjamin Yucoco & +Juanita Paulino - RS)
6:30 p.m. O.C.I.A. Classes

Thursday, August 28:

- No Mass

Friday, August 29:

8:00 AM Mass
(+Benjamin Yucoco - RS)
4-6 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, August 30:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
10:30 AM Funeral Mass for +Alfred Bonifacio

4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Benjamin Yucoco - RS)

Sunday, August 31:

5:40 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Agapito & +Susana Ignacio - RS)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Felecisimo & Manuel Ignacio)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)
6:30 PM Youth & Young Adults, and
Parent & Family Ministries Meeting

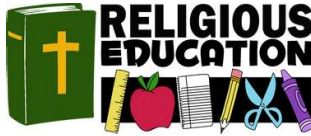
NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LABOR DAY PICNIC, SEPT. 1ST

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our **Labor Day Picnic** on **Monday, September 1st** starting at **10:00 a.m.!** There will be a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share with everyone! There will be a bouncer for the keiki, a dunking booth for both young and old, and games for all. Join us for some fun, sun, and relaxation! Hope you'll join us!



CCD REGISTRATION



Registration for CCD classes continue outside after all the Masses. Our DRE, Shirley Sunio, will be outside after every Mass to help you register your child(ren). The cost is \$30 per child (correction to the previous bulletins), but if you have 3 or more children, the cost is \$75. If this is your child(ren)'s first timeregistering, we ask that you bring a copy of their baptism certificate. Please see Shirley for any inquiries.

O.C.I.A. REGISTRATION



O.C.I.A. classes continue on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the hall. We are still accepting registrations, so if you need or know someone who would like to receive their sacraments, please call the office during regular business hours to register.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Our KofC and Lady Knights helped prepare breakfast for 50 Olympians of the Special Olympics on August 17, 2025. Other State Councils also contributed breakfast and lunch meals during the weekend. The State KofC supported their Opening Ceremony on Friday evening, August 15th.

Dear Padre,

August 24, 2025

My wife mentioned that neither the Book of Mormon nor the Catholic Bible mentions purgatory.

The Church does not officially regard Mary as a co-redemptrix with Christ. Her "unique holiness"...'from the first instant of her conception' comes wholly from Christ: she is 'redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son' (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 492). According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the title "co-redemptrix" would "obscure" the origin that "everything comes through Christ," as written in Ephesians and Colossians. "Mary, too, is everything she is through Him," stated the future Pope Benedict XVI, adding that "co-redemptrix" is a departure "from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers, and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings." Likewise, in 2019, Pope Francis quoted St. Bernard, who said that no praise is sufficient to talk about Mary, but, ultimately, her title as a humble "disciple" best represents Mary's faithfulness to "her Son, the only Redeemer." "She never wanted for herself something that was of her Son," explained the pontiff. "She never introduced herself as co-redemptrix. No. Disciple." Pope Francis reiterated the Church's position on this matter in 2021, saying that Jesus entrusted the universal Church and all the faithful to Mary, "Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother." Incidentally, "Mother of God" (Greek: Theotokos, "God-bearer") is Mary's oldest title, established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus.

● Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / D

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED: MICAH LEON GUERRERO, ILYANA TANCIOCO, AND DIEZEL KUPUKA'A-PIMENTEL!



Above is a picture of **Micah Leon Guerrero** with his family and sponsors. He was baptized on Friday, August 1st.



Then on Sunday, August 10th, **Ilyana B. Tancioco** was baptized after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.



Lastly, on Sunday, August 17th, **Diezel P. Kupuka'a-Pimentel** was baptized during the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

We welcome our newly baptized children into our parish ohana. Congratulations to all of our new members. We ask for your prayers for them, their families, and sponsors, as they begin a new journey in the life of Christ.

		AUG 2 - 3		AUG 9 - 10		AUG 16 - 17	
WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	156	18	144	11	166	15
	Sun. 7:00 AM	249	8	219	12	228	21
	Sun. 9:30 AM	225	51	242	39	245	52
	Sun. 5:00 PM	167	21	164	29	162	26

FOODLAND GIVE ALOHA



During the month of **September**, our parish will again be participating in Foodland's Give

Aloha Matching Gift Program. This program honors Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan, who was the founder of Foodland Super Market, Ltd. and continues his legacy of giving back to the community. The Give Aloha program will match a portion of a donor's contribution up to \$249.

One must be a Maika'i member in order to participate. The methods of giving are:

- **Round up their purchase**
- **Donate spare change**
- **Donate 250 Maika'i points to equal a \$5 donation**
- **Purchase Give Aloha merchandise designed by artist Suzanne Jennerich**

Every organization is assigned a unique code, which is **#77809**. There will be a banner hanging up in the Foodland Store in Ewa. Please consider giving as it will greatly benefit our parish.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR +ALFRED BONIFACIO



A **Funeral Mass** for the late **+Alfred Bonifacio** will be held on **Saturday, August 30th, 2025** at **Immaculate Conception Church**. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by the **Mass at 10:30 a.m.** Fr. Sieg to preside.

Alfred was a long-time parishioner at our parish. He was a Eucharistic Minister, lector, and together with his wife, Lucy, helped with our CCD and RCIA programs. They also were principal choir members at the 7:00 a.m. Mass for many years. We are truly grateful for his service to our parish.

A **Wake Service** will also be held for him on **Thursday, September 11th** at **Mililani Mortuary, Makai Chapel at 10:30 a.m.**, preceded by visitation at 9:30 a.m. Dcn. Richard will preside.

Burial services will be held privately by the family.

Readings for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29
Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24a
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 16 - 17, 2025

Weekly Offering	\$4,358.45
Sat. 5:00 PM -	\$1,191.00
Sun. 7:00 AM -	\$1,322.95
Sun. 9:30 AM -	\$963.00
Sun. 5:00 PM -	\$881.50
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,826.75
Building Fund	\$437.50
Flowers	\$3.00
Candles	\$70.00
Mass Intentions	\$90.00
Book of Intentions	\$310.00
Food Pantry	\$22.00
CCD Registration Fees	\$120.00
Hawaii Quilt Guild (R/M)	\$44.00
Father's Special Projects	\$200.00
Special Projects	\$100.00
Bingo Tickets	\$2,905.00
TOTAL	\$10,486.70



A Quote from POPE LEO XIV



"Do not be afraid to say yes. Do not be afraid to open your heart to the possibility that the Lord is calling you to religious life, or to Augustinian life, or to the priesthood, or to other forms of service in the Church."

Church Cleaning Schedule

Aug. 30: Volunteers needed
Sep. 6: Sacred Heart Society
Sep 13: Knights of Columbus
Sep 20: Couples for Christ

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 & Environmental
- Knights of Columbus
- Event Planners
- Food Pantry
- Couples for Christ
- Youth & Young Adult Min.
- Sacred Heart Society
- Secular Franciscans
- Chamorro Group

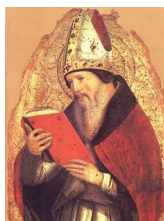
FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Louis of France – Feast Day is Aug. 25th. This 13th c. French king, also known as Louis IX, reigned for 44 years and was the only French king to be canonized a saint. He was primarily known for his piety, justice, and leadership during the Crusades. He was deeply devoted to God and the Church and participated actively in religious life. He also founded hospitals and charitable institutions. He was committed to justice with his just rule of seeking fair treatment for all of his subjects. He led two crusades, but was captured in the 6th one and died of disease during the 7th. He's the patron saint of France, Secular Franciscan Order, various crafts, barbers, button makers, and sculptors. He leaves a legacy of peace and unity in France, which can be attributed to his personality and strong moral character.



St. Monica – Feast Day is Aug. 27th. A model of patience, this 4th c. saint from Northern Africa was the mother of another well-known saint, Augustine of Hippo. She remained steadfast in prayer for many years and along with a strong well-disciplined character was instrumental in his conversion to Christianity. In her difficult family life, she also persevered and overcame other adversities. Because of her constant prayer, unwavering faith, trust in God's perfect timing, and virtuous living, she was successful in resolving other difficult family situations and even guided her pagan husband and his mother to convert to Christianity. She's the patron saint of mothers, married women, difficult marriages, victims of adultery, victims of verbal abuse, and conversion of relatives. Her famous quote was "I cried to the Lord in my distress and He answered me."



St. Augustine of Hippo – Feast Day is Aug. 28th. This 4th & 5th c. theologian, philosopher, writer, and preacher became Bishop of Hippo in North Africa in the late Roman period. A convert to Christianity through the persistent prayers of his mother, St. Monica, he was considered a major figure in the development of Western Christianity. He's well remembered for his contributions to Christian theology and for his influential writings: "Confessions" and "The City of God." As a dedicated bishop, he served for many years by actively preaching, engaging with the community, and addressing their controversies. He emphasized the importance of spiritual growth, repentance, and love of God and neighbor, as well as concern for the poor and marginalized by ensuring their needs were provided by the Church. He's the patron saint of brewers, printers, theologians, and the Augustinian Order.

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