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Closed on Fridays

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday
7 a.m. Mass
8:15 a.m. CCD K--12 grade
**September - May*
9:30 a.m. Mass
5:00 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday
RCIA (Adults) 6:00 p.m.

Thursday
No Morning Mass

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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday
4:00p.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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God bless you,
Fr. Nick

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PARISH MINISTRIES

Parish Council of Ministries

Finance Council

Choirs

CFC Youth Activities

Couples & Singles for Christ

Devotional Societies

Food Pantry

Knights of Columbus

Parish Planning & Building Committee

Emergency Response Team

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 Friday except on holidays, between 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - December 26, 2021

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 60:1-6 **Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5-6** **Matthew 2:1-12**

FOCUS: *Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?*

Jesus is the Son of God, sent out of love to do the Father's will. Out of love, he obeys. Through the life and sacrifice of Jesus, we become children of God and heirs to the Kingdom, which in turn requires of us – in love – to *keep his commandments and do what pleases him*. As Christ was meant to be in his Father's house, so, too, are we meant to join him: in worship here in this life and for eternity in the next. We do this through love of God and one another, with the help of the Spirit he gave us.

No Solemnity of Mary Mass on January 1st

There will be no Mass in the morning to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary (Saturday, January 1st, 2022). Instead, the regular weekend masses are designated for the Epiphany of our Lord.

Ohana in Christ

Ohana in Christ is the annual collection for Bishop Larry to help those in need here in our Diocese. He has set goals for all the parishes. Our target goal is to raise $13,331. So far, with 18 donors, we've raised $3,868. We encourage all to take a Ohana in Christ envelope which can be found on the table at the back of the church and help us reach our goal! Mahalo to those who have given so far. We appreciate your support.

Raised	Goal	%	# of Donors
$3,868	$13,331	29%	18

Fr. Nick on holiday break / Office closure

Fr. Nick will be on his holiday break this week Monday, Dec. 27 – Friday, Dec. 31, 2021. In his absence, we will have communion service beginning at 8:00 a.m.

The parish office will be closed on Friday, December 31st in observance of the New Year's holiday. We will reopen on Monday, January. 3rd. .

Parish Calendar

Monday, December 27:
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
Tuesday, December 28:
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
Wednesday, December 29:
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
Thursday, December 30:
- No Communion Service -
Friday, December 31:
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
Saturday, January 1:
5:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday, January 2:
7:00 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Mass
5:00 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Centering Prayer *(Cl#2)*

Church Cleaning

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

Mahalo to our weekly volunteers who tirelessly come out to clean the church grounds every week. We are continuously looking for other volunteers to help. Please call the office if that person is you! Mahalo!

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Mass Intentions this Week

Monday, December 27 – 31, 2021

No Mass Intentions

(Communion Service only)

Just a friendly reminder…

Starting January 1st, Mass Intentions will not be mentioned out loud. Instead, we will remember your intentions in silence. All intentions can be written in our Book of Intentions, which is located on the table at the back of the church. Mahalo!

Light A Star Ornaments

Reminder: You may take your angel ornaments from the Light a Star tree anytime after January 2, 2022 (Epiphany). They are yours to keep.

Saint Marianne Cope Walk & Wellness Fair – Jan. 22, 2022

Registration is now open for the **9th Annual Saint Marianne Cope Walk & Wellness Fair**. Enjoy this *virtual event* on **Saturday, January 22, 2022, at 7:30 a.m.** from wherever you are!

All proceeds will support St. Francis Healthcare System's diverse range of services including hospice care, care coordination, caregiver support, transportation for seniors, preschool, and adult day care.

Together, we'll be helping create healthy communities here in Hawaii. While there is no fee to register, all participants are encouraged to raise critical funds to support our mission of creating healthy communities. For more information or to register, please log on to: *Saint Marianne Cope Walk & Wellness Fair 2022 - St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii (convio.net)*

RED MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF PEACE

Downtown Honolulu (1184 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813)

The Red Mass has been a tradition since 1955 for government officials and the community to gather at the beginning of the Legislative Session to pray together. Bishop Larry Silva will be the principal celebrant and this year will feature guest speaker Dr. Llewellyn Young, Superintendent of the Hawaii Catholic Schools, on "Hawaii Catholic Education: A Pandemic Story of Thriving and Not Just Surviving"

The Red Mass will also be livestreamed at **www.hictv.com** and **honolulucathedral.org/live-stream**.

Food Pantry Ministry Volunteers needed

Our Food Pantry Ministry has the opportunity to earn food credits every 3rd Saturday of every month by volunteering at the Hawaii Foodbank. These food credits allow our Food Pantry Ministry to feed our community every Friday.

Many Thanks to the 15 **Couples for Christ Family Ministry** members for supporting our Food Pantry Ministry by donating their time on the 3rd Saturday of December. Their time earned enough food credits to feed more than 180 families for an entire month. If you and your friends want more information on how you can give of your time to earn food credits, please email CoachD808@gmail.com.

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End of the Year Contributions/Tax Statements

It's not too late to give your end of the year contribution. The last day to make a donation is December 31st if you want it credited for 2021. The easiest way to process your donation is through our online giving Faith Direct, Parish Code **HI842**. Log in to www.faithdirect.net and click on One-Time Gifts.

Do you know that you can download a PDF of your annual tax statements using your Faith Direct online account? Online statements are available year-round through our secure website, so you never have to wait to receive it in the mail. You can also opt out of receiving mailed tax statements if you prefer to access statements online. Log unto your account and change your statement preferences.

Charitable Contributions for Non-Itemizers – The Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act allows those who don't itemize their deductions a deduction of up to $300 for cash contributions made during 2021. Married couples filing jointly are allowed a deduction of up to $600 for the cash contributions they make during 2021. This is an increase from 2020, when the contribution was limited to $300 regardless of filing status.

Cash Contributions for Itemizers – Under the CARES Act that was enacted in March 2020, the 60% deduction limit on cash contributions to most charities was suspended for 2020, thus allowing larger cash contributions during the COVID crisis—potentially up to 100% of the AGI. Under the Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2020, the suspension of the 60% limit has been extended to 2021.

Mahalo from Bishop Larry Silva

Dear Father Nick and Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church:
We want to thank you for your generous support of the ***Annual Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund*** *Second Collection held on April 24-25, 2021, on the occasion of Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer and Vocations. All proceeds from the collection will supplement the diocesan priests' retirement plan, covering the cost of sustenance, housing, medical and dental insurance, and help assure that our priests are well cared for in their retirement years.*

Your generous response to this annual appeal, especially during this time of the pandemic, shows your love and care for our priests. Our record shows that your parish contributed ***$4,315.00*** *for this collection. Thank you all for your good stewardship!*

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu

Stewardship of Treasure

December 18 - 19, 2021

Weekly Offering	$	3,244.99
Building Fund		55.00
Repair & Maintenance		525.00
Mass Intentions		250.00
Book of Intentions		30.00
Flowers		109.00
Blessings		65.00
Candles		35.00
Funerals		700.00
Light Up A Star		232.00
ICC Feast Day		25.00
Solemnity of Mary		20.00
Christmas		165.00
Diamond Painting		200.00
Special		100.00
Total	**$**	**5,755.99**

2nd Collection:

Diocesan Priest Ret Fund **$125.00**

Faith Direct

Nov. 16 – 31, 2021

Weekly Offering	$	2,620.00
Monthly Offertory		520.00
Book of Intentions		140.00
Building Fund		879.00
Candles		7.00
Flowers		58.00
Food Pantry		530.00
Repair & Maintenance		580.00
Thanksgiving		60.00
Christmas		85.00
Light A Star		55.00
ICC Feast, Dec. 8th		95.00
2nd Coll: Retired Religious		210.00
Total Donations	**$**	**5,839.00**
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