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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

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

Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Wednesday

RCIA (Adults) 6:00 p.m.

Thursday

No Daily Mass

First 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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- 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

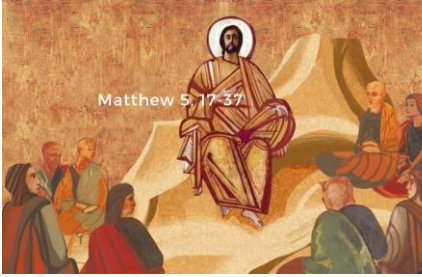
Please call parish office to arrange for someone to bring the Blessed Sacrament to your sick family member

Funerals

Please call the parish office prior to making arrangements with the mortuary.

Food Pantry

Every Friday except on holidays, between 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2023

Readings for next week:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

FOCUS: God's wisdom guides us to love in truth.

Human wisdom, hard as it is to come by, differs qualitatively from the wisdom of God. God's wisdom draws not only on God's knowledge of all things, but also on God's love of all things in totality and purity. When we follow Christ, we are drawn deeper into his way of love. We seek and trust his wisdom as the way of life.

Lenten Regulations for the Diocese of Honolulu

FASTING:

In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (February 22, 2023) and Good Friday (April 7, 2023).



To fast means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (except water and medicine) are not permitted on days of fasting.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT:

Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

EASTER DUTY

All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept is to be fulfilled during the Easter Season unless it is fulfilled, for a just cause, at some other time during the year. This period is extended to include all the weeks of Lent and the Easter Season up to Trinity Sunday (June 4, 2023)

Parish Schedule

Monday, February 13:

8:00 a.m. No Mass (*Tent Fumigation*)

Tuesday, February 14:

8:00 a.m. No Mass (*Tent Fumigation*)

Wednesday, February 15:

8:00 a.m. No Mass (*Tent Fumigation*)

Thursday, February 16:

- No Mass -

Friday, February 17:

8:00 a.m. Mass

4 – 6:00 p.m. Food Pantry (*Hall*)

Saturday, February 18:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 19:

7:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Centering Prayer

5:00 p.m. Mass

Church Cleaning Schedule

Feb 18: Chamorro Group

Feb 25: Couples for Christ

Mar 4: Sacred Heart Society

Mar 11: Knights of Columbus

Tent Fumigation

The church will be tented for fumigation on **Monday, February 13th**. There will be **no daily Mass** between **February 13th – 15th**.

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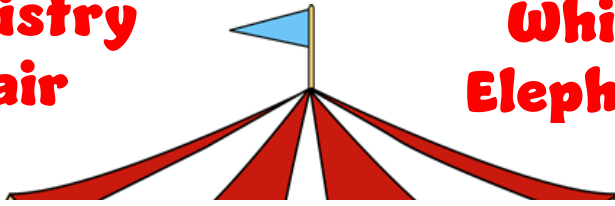
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Teaching Mass

The next Teaching Mass talks about the Conclusion of the Mass and the Call to Mission. Please see insert.

Ministry Fair

White Elephant



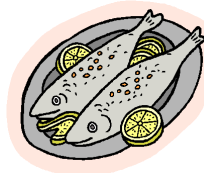
What: Ministry Fair/White Elephant Sale

When: February 19, 2023, Sunday

Where: Parish Hall

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Come and join us at our Ministry Fair and White Elephant Sale next week Sunday. If you're interested in joining one of our ministries, speak to a minister at the table. Each ministry will also have items for sale. All proceeds will go toward their ministry. Hope to see you there!



Lenten Season Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring our **Annual Fish Fry** which will take place on the 7 Fridays of Lent beginning February 24th. This year, we will alternate between two

restaurants for the first 4 weeks: **Bebots (Don Quijote)** and **Honolulu Kitchen**. The last 3 weeks will be announced at a later time. **Ticket sales began last weekend.** Please support our fundraising efforts. All proceeds benefit our Repair & Maint. Fund.

February 24th and March 10th - **Bebots**

March 3rd and March 17th - **Honolulu Kitchen**

**\$ 15 ea.
plate.**

Bebots: Pompano fish, rice, and tossed salad.

Honolulu Kitchen: Fish, noodles, rice, stir fry vegetables with tofu.

2022 Tax Statements

Please call the office during normal business hours if you need a tax statements of your donations. Faith Direct users may download their statements at www.faithdirect.net.

Blessed Palms from Last Year



To prepare for Lent on Ash Wednesday, we are asking everyone to bring their blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday service to the church. There will be two

boxes at the back of the church to collect them. These palms will be burned in our Burning of the Palms Ceremony to be used during our Ash Wednesday Masses.

Burning of the Palms Ceremony



Shrove
Tuesday

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, we will have our Burning of the Palms Ceremony on **Tuesday, February 21st** starting at **7:00 p.m.** outside of the Parish Hall. All are welcomed.

Ash Wednesday

Reminder: Our two Ash Wednesday Masses on February 22nd will be at **8 a.m. & 7 p.m.**

Stations of the Cross

Our Stations of the Cross will begin on February 24th starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. The following ministries have volunteered to help lead us in the Stations:

February 24 th :	EM/Lectors
March 3 rd :	Religious Education/RCIA
March 10 th :	Food Pantry Volunteers
March 17 th :	Knights of Columbus
March 24 th :	Couples for Christ
March 31 st :	Sacred Hearts/Flower Min.

CRS Rice Bowls

The CRS Rice Bowls give us a chance to give alms during Lent. Please pick up your Rice Bowls which can be found at the back of the church.



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Lenten Penance Services

Our Lord gives us an opportunity to be reconciled with him through the Sacrament of Penance. Below is the schedule for the Lenten Penance Services in the Leeward Vicariate. All services start at 7 p.m. except for St. Joseph's, whose services begin at 6:30 p.m.:

February 28 th	St. Rita, Nanakuli	March 20 th	ICC, Ewa
March 9 th	St. Joseph, Waipahu	March 23 rd	Sacred Heart, Waianae
March 13 th	St. Jude, Kapolei	March 30 th	OLPH, Ewa Beach



World Marriage Day

This year's **World Marriage Day** is being celebrated this Sunday, **February 12th, 2023**. On this day we honor husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.

Damien & Marianne Webinar, Sat., Feb. 18th, 10–11:30 am



Join this special webinar "**You Have to Hear the Voices to Feel the People**" hosted by the Damien & Marianne Catholic Conference with Valerie Monson, former Executive Director of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa. Pre-register for this complimentary webinar at www.dmcchawaii.org

Daring to Live: A Guide to a Meaningful Life

Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Mystical Rose Oratory, Chaminade University of Honolulu

Join the Marianist Lecture "A Life Worth Loving: How People of Faith Engage Work, Leisure and Love" featuring guest speaker Dr. Anna Bonta Moreland, PhD. Dr. Anna Moreland will discuss strategies for emerging adults and the people who love them to expand their imagination, build better vocabulary, and recover habits and practices to live more fully and faithfully. To register or learn more, please visit www.chaminade.edu/marianist-lecture

Stewardship of Treasure

February 4 - 5, 2023

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,430.00
Repair/Maint. Fund	999.00
Building Fund	311.47
Book of Intentions	75.00
Mass Intentions	154.00
Flowers	61.74
Candles	270.00
All Souls	45.00
1 st Saturday	11.73
Solemnity of Mary	10.00
Total	\$ 5,367.94

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Black/Indian Missions	\$ 15.00
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Ordination of Fr. Michael "Maiki" Kamauoha



Bishop Larry Silva ordained Oahu native Michael "Maiki" Kamauoha as a Sacred Hearts priest on Jan. 24, the last of six ordinations to the priesthood for the religious congregation's U.S. province that began in the fall.

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Father Kamauoha, who is known to family and friends as Maiki (pronounced Mikey), was ordained at St. Patrick Church in Kaimuki, the only parish in the diocese owned and operated by the Sacred Hearts fathers and brothers.



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**TEACHING MASS - BULLETIN INSERT
POST COMMUNION AND CONCLUDING RITES
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023**



CONCLUDING THE MASS AND THE CALL TO MISSION

There is an ancient saying in the Church: “May God, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion.” This wonderful saying, based on St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians, and which has been said as a blessing or salutation in the Church since at least the fifth century, finds a powerful meaning within the context of our liturgy. The liturgy is a work of God, so to speak, but it is indeed the work of the people, which is where the word *Liturgy* comes from. This good work of God’s and of our own must be brought to completion.

The Holy Mass does not end the moment we receive communion. Yes, receiving communion is the most intimate moment of the Mass for us individually, but that does not mean that what comes after is unimportant. There is a purpose to continue our prayer after we have received communion, and thus we do not leave right after we receive our Blessed Lord in the Eucharist. Instead, we return to our places within the church while communion continues to be distributed, and then once the Eucharist is taken to the tabernacle, we sit and allow ourselves some time for quiet reflection. We dwell on the gift of the Eucharist and remind ourselves of the reality of what, or rather *who* we have just received. Jesus, at this moment, dwells in us, not only spiritually, but physically.



This presence of Jesus within us, however, is not meant to be kept hidden away inside us. We are called to take Jesus with us out into the world! That is the center of what we might call our mission as Catholics. This emphasis on ‘mission’ is what the concluding rites of the Mass are all about.

So, what are we meant to understand about this mission of ours? Well, when we were baptized, several things happened to us. We were cleansed of Original Sin, we were reborn in the Holy Spirit, we became priests, prophets, and kings in the New Covenant, and we were made sons and daughters of God. As children of God, we are called to be members of His family, the Catholic Church. As members of the Church, we are meant to live out our lives as faithful Christians every day. This is not always easy, especially in our modern age, but God helps us through giving us spiritual graces, especially through our participation at the Mass.



We come to Mass to worship God, yes, but while we are offering Him our gift of worship, He is giving us gifts of His own. When we participate in the liturgy and receive communion reverently and worthily, God gives grace and strength to live out our Christian lives even when it becomes difficult. When we struggle to pray, God gives us the strength and desire to pray. When we struggle to do good works, God gives us the drive to do them. When we struggle with sin, God guides us to righteousness. When we feel discouraged, God gives us hope. When we feel anxious, God gives us peace. When we feel alone, God reveals Himself to us. All these things are gifts from God, and God pours forth these gifts to us as we encounter Him, especially in the Mass. What this means for us is that as we go to Mass, God is strengthening us spiritually, helping us live lives of faith in a complex world. Our mission is to stay true to the Gospel no matter what life throws our way. This is where our focus falls during the closing rites of the Mass.

CONCLUDING RITES

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After communion, we are called to reflect on the reality of the Eucharist that we have received. This we do as individuals quietly right after receiving communion, but we also do so as a single community. Our quiet prayer is ended with the priest calling us together with the words, “Let us pray.” This parallels the Opening Prayer back at the beginning of Mass. Like that prayer, this prayer is unique to the day or week. This prayer is often related to the Opening Prayer in its wording, but also includes the themes of receiving strength and blessing from the Eucharist that we have received. This is not simply yet another reminder of how special it is for us to receive communion, it also tells us how receiving the Eucharist has done something to us, namely nourished our souls and given us strength. Like a good breakfast before a long day at work, the Eucharist is our spiritual nourishment for the work we are called to do after we go forth from the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the closing prayer, it is permissible to have some brief announcements. This can seem like a break from the spiritual activities of the liturgy, but it is tied to our worship. These announcements are meant to be concerned with upcoming parish activities, all of which are great opportunities to practice our faith beyond our Sunday worship, something we are all called to do. Make no mistake. We are all called to live out our Christian lives every day, not just on Sunday. Our parishes are places where we can foster our Christian living, and they should never be without activities, whether adoration, praise and worship, service projects, or social engagements. Mass is the most important time for us, but it is not the only time we are called to worship God or be with our brothers and sisters in the faith.

FINAL BLESSING

We end the Mass as we began it: with the Sign of the Cross. What is different here is that it also takes the form of the priest blessing us. Blessings from a priest or a deacon are a powerful gesture, always connected with a duty or purpose. For example, the priest blesses the deacon before he proclaims the Gospel, the bread and wine is blessed before it becomes the body and blood of Christ. Water is blessed before it is used for baptisms, chalices are blessed before they are set aside for liturgy, and even food can be blessed before it is eaten. When we are blessed at the close of Mass, it is our mission in mind. The Mass concludes with the final blessing, but the mission continues.



DISMISSAL (SENDING FORTH)

The final words of the Mass, whether said by the priest or deacon, give us our commission. There are a few different options they use, but the message is always the same: The Mass is ended, go forth and proclaim the Gospel by your life. Indeed, with this, our liturgy is fully concluded, but our mission to go forth and live out the Gospel continues.



The last action of the liturgy is for the priest and his assistant ministers to lead us out of the church and into the world. This shows us what we are now called to do. Armed with the word of God on our lips and the Body of Christ inside us, we take what we have received out into the world. Our liturgy has ended, yes, but our mission, our worship, and our Christian lives continue. We go forth as carriers of Christ, taking Him and His message to the world. By our lives, we show the world the joy of following Christ in His Church. This is our mission. We live out our lives in accordance with the scriptures so that we proclaim the Gospel through our actions each day. The Mass has taught us, healed us, uplifted us, and fed us. Now we go forth to bring the Church to the world and the world to our Church.