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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

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**BAPTISM:** Inform the parish 2 months in advance to allow for baptismal preparation

**FAITH FORMATION (CCD & OCIA):** Contact coordinator.

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**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.”

## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2025

**FOCUS:** Through [Jesus] we have received the grace of apostleship.

The coming of Jesus Christ is the sign of our salvation. He is “God with us” and has invited us to turn our lives over to him. Are we ready to accept this sign? Will we, like Joseph, put aside our fears and enter into a completely new reality, a new way of life?

## CLOSE ENOUGH!

MIGUEL DULICK

It is the fourth Sunday of Advent. When Christmas is this close, one takes that final leap. Isaiah is centuries from Christmas, but he cannot wait! He sees the “sign” as clear as day: “the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son” (Isaiah 7:14). And how about that Son! None other than “Emmanuel” himself—God-With-Us! Paul, too, is bursting at the seams! Inspired by what he calls “the obedience of faith” (Romans 5), he is excited to see the gospel thriving even among the Gentiles. For him, the “Spirit of holiness” is a gift offered to all—Christmas every day, you might say.

Speaking of “obedience of faith,” Joseph is the perfect example. The word “obey” comes from the same root as “to hear,” and Joseph has almost supernatural ears! Matthew, the former tax collector, tells “how the birth of Jesus Christ came about” in today’s gospel reading like a bookkeeper—the Holy Spirit in Column A, Joseph in Column B, with Mary in the middle. But when an angel whispers to Joseph at night, his dream comes true: “he took his wife into his home.” Everything is set for Emmanuel!

So, the Bible is brimming with Christmas, that is, “God-With-Us,” from end to end. And when a virgin can conceive, are any of us exempt from “birthing” Jesus in our midst? Even when a “happy holiday” seems impossible in the midst of war or violence or poverty, when our ears hear only silence, let’s sing Christmas carols every day!

● **Reflect:** How am I at listening? Can I find new insights in old stories that I think I know so well?

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, December 22:

7:00 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(Demetrio Sanidad - Birthday Blessings)  
7:00 PM Simbang Gabi Mass

### Tuesday, December 23:

6:50 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Betty L. Hurley - RS)  
7:00 PM Simbang Gabi Mass

### Wednesday, December 24: (Office closed)

6:50 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(Andrea Yucoco - Special Intentions)  
7:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass  
(Mass for the People)  
11:30 PM Christmas Caroling  
12:00 AM Midnight Mass  
(Mass for the People)

### Thursday, December 25: (Office closed)

7:00 AM Christmas Mass  
(Mass for the People)  
9:30 AM Christmas Mass  
(Mass for the People)

### Friday, December 26:

6:50 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Betty L. Hurley - RS)

### Saturday, December 27:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(+Betty L. Hurley - RS)

### Sunday, December 28:

6:00 AM Rosary  
7:00 AM Mass  
(Mass for the People)  
8:45 AM Rosary  
9:30 AM Mass  
(+Betty L. Hurley - RS)  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(+Florencia Borja - RS)

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. SIEG:



As Christmas approaches, we pause to reflect on a year that has passed so quickly. Though 2025 had its challenges, God has remained close to us, blessing our parish with growth, generosity, and faith.

Christmas is not about having many things, but about the one thing that's necessary - the grace of God. Happiness is found not in what we possess, but in the One who comes to dwell with us. In this holy season - and in every Eucharist - we encounter Jesus anew. Emmanuel: God is with us. Christmas is all about Jesus; He is the reason for the season!

Pope Francis once said, "*Christmas is an encounter with Jesus. It speaks of hope and tenderness.*" This reminds us that home is not just a place, but where God dwells - and when God dwells with us, we are truly home.

May we welcome Christ into our hearts and allow His presence to bring us peace, hope, joy, and love. Know that you and your loved ones are in my prayers this Christmas season. May the coming year be filled with grace, good health, and God's abiding peace.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!  
With gratitude and prayers,

Fr. Sieg

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

|                  |                                                                                                                           |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DECEMBER 24      | 8:00 A.M. MASS                                                                                                            |
| DECEMBER 24      | CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES<br>7:00 P.M. - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS<br>11:30 P.M. - CHRISTMAS CAROLING<br>12:00 A.M. - MIDNIGHT MASS |
| DECEMBER 25      | CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES<br>7:00 A.M. - CHRISTMAS MASS<br>9:30 A.M. - CHRISTMAS MASS<br>(NO 5:00 P.M. MASS)                   |
| DECEMBER 27 - 28 | HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH<br>BLESSING OF FAMILIES                                                               |
| JANUARY 1, 2026  | 8:00 A.M. - SOLEMNITY OF MARY,<br>MOTHER OF GOD                                                                           |



Please join us for our **Christmas Masses**. The office will be closed on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>, as well as Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>. Also note that we will celebrate the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** on Thursday, **January 1<sup>st</sup>**

2026, at **8:00 a.m.** All are welcomed to bring in the New Year with Our Blessed Mother.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

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## Dear Padre,

### I went to confession, and then, months later, my priest was removed for alcoholism and theft. Is my confession still worthy?

Your confession is not dependent on the worthiness or the unworthiness of the priest. Your confession is made to Jesus; the priest is a witness who pronounces the words of absolution that Jesus intended in the sacrament. "From the moment that a sacrament is celebrated in accordance with the intention of the Church, the power of Christ and his Spirit acts in and through it, independently of the personal holiness of the minister" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1128). The question of the efficacy of the sacrament and the unworthiness of the minister who performs the sacrament in the name of the Church is not new. During the time of persecution, in the early centuries of the Church, some people, including priests and bishops, avoided martyrdom by offering the required oblation to Caesar. Later, they repented and returned to the Christian community, a community that included the surviving family and friends of the men and women who were martyred. The question was asked, and with some animated energy, "How could these ministers who sinned to save their own lives now represent the Church?" The answer, arrived at with patience and discernment, is that the minister is only the representative of the sacrament, not the source of the sacrament. Jesus is faithful, even when his ministers have been unfaithful.

● Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)

December 21, 2025



## CCD: A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The CCD classes gathered this past **Sunday, December 14th**, to celebrate the **coming of Christmas** with a couple of **fun activities** in the parish hall. Students enjoyed coloring pictures of the 12 days of Christmas with religious themes and stringing them on yarn for banners to hang in their homes. Then each child delighted in playing a type of table bowling game by rolling a bottle down a varied colored paper path to obtain a prize next to where it landed. It was a fun occasion for both students and teachers to join together for activities before the Christmas break.



## ADVENT RECOLLECTION WITH NELLANI TABADA



It was a wonderful evening with guest speaker **Nellani Tabada**, who came to our parish on **Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** for our **Advent Recollection Night**. The evening started with Christmas Carols by our Young Adults. Light refreshments were served and then Nellani gave an inspiring talk on, **"Light Up the World with God's Love."** She spoke on the 3 Joyful Mysteries and how they apply to our simple ordinary life situations. Those attending broke up into small groups to share their reflections to questions on each segment of her talk.

It was very inspiring and uplifting to receive her message of joy during this Advent Season. We were grateful for her presence with us that evening to light up our lives with God's Love!

### WEEKLY MASS COUNT

| Day/Time     | NOV. 29-30 |       | DEC. 6-7 |       | DEC. 13-14 |       |
|--------------|------------|-------|----------|-------|------------|-------|
| Sat. 5:00 PM | Adult      | Child | Adult    | Child | Adult      | Child |
| Sun. 7:00 AM | 143        | 13    | 131      | 9     | 143        | 6     |
| Sun. 9:30 AM | 209        | 12    | 231      | 4     | 201        | 4     |
| Sun. 9:30 AM | 218        | 40    | 216      | 59    | 161        | 23    |
| Sun. 5:00 PM | 171        | 14    | 177      | 24    | 132        | 12    |

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**December 13 - 14, 2025**

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Weekly Offering          | <b>\$10,373.00</b> |
| Sat. 5:00 PM -           | \$834.00           |
| Sun. 7:00 AM -           | \$947.00           |
| Sun. 9:30 AM -           | \$667.00           |
| Sun. 5:00 PM -           | \$7,925.00         |
| Repair & Maintenance     | <b>\$8,585.50</b>  |
| Building Fund            | <b>\$430.00</b>    |
| Flowers                  | <b>\$62.50</b>     |
| Candles                  | <b>\$85.00</b>     |
| Book of Intentions       | <b>\$110.00</b>    |
| Mass Intentions          | <b>\$170.00</b>    |
| Light A Star             | <b>\$300.00</b>    |
| ICC T-Shirts             | <b>\$90.00</b>     |
| Hawaii Quilt Guild (R/M) | <b>\$55.00</b>     |
| ICC Feast Day            | <b>\$2,479.00</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>\$22,740.00</b> |



### Second Collection:

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Retirement Fd for Religious | <b>\$1,226.00</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|

## A Quote from POPE LEO XIV

I think it is important for all of us to learn how to listen more, to enter into dialogue. First and foremost, with the Lord: always listen to the word of God. Then also listen to others, to know how to build bridges, to know how to listen without judging, not closing the doors [and] thinking that we have all the truth and no one else can tell us anything.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 11, 2025

## Church Cleaning Schedule

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Dec. 27:</b> | Chamorro Group       |
| <b>Jan. 3:</b>  | Sacred Heart Society |
| <b>Jan. 10:</b> | Knights of Columbus  |
| <b>Jan. 17:</b> | Couples for Christ   |



Readings for the Holy  
Family of Jesus, Mary &  
Joseph

**Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14**  
**Colossians 3:12-21**  
**Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**



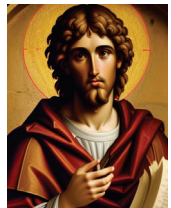
## FEASTS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK



**St. Peter Canisius** – Feast Day is December 21st. This 16th c. Dutch Jesuit priest and Doctor of the Church has been called "The Second Apostle of Germany" after St. Boniface. He's known especially for strongly supporting the Catholic faith during the time of the Protestant Reformation and is believed to have brought the Catholic faith back to strength in Germany. He did so by his preaching, teaching, and writing widely-used catechisms. He helped to boost Catholic education by establishing Jesuit colleges and is known to have set up the first Jesuit college in German speaking areas. He traveled extensively across central Europe bringing the faith and reforming universities. He was deeply devoted to the Blessed Mother and considered her to be the proper way to get closer to Jesus. His sermons and books on her showed how much he cared. He's credited with adding a key part to the Hail Mary Prayer: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners." He's the patron saint of Germany and the Catholic Press.



**St. Stephen** – Feast Day is December 26th. One of the first deacons of the early Church, St. Stephen was the first Christian martyr. Known for his powerful preaching, he became a model for deacons. He was chosen to be one of the first 7 deacons to serve and show charity to the needy in the early church, especially toward widows. Accused of blasphemy, he was dragged out of Jerusalem and was stoned to death for his faith, as described in the Acts of the Apostles. As he was dying, he saw a vision of Jesus and said: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." His final words: "Lord, do not hold this sin against them" echoed Jesus' words on the cross by forgiving his executioners. Even in the face of violent persecution, he showed deep faith and Christ-like character. His feast day is the first of 8 special feast days during the Christmas season. He's the patron saint of deacons, altar servers, bricklayers, stonemasons, casket makers, and those suffering from headaches.



**St. John the Apostle** – Feast Day is December 27th. Also known as John the Evangelist and John the Divine, this saint is considered the "beloved disciple" of Jesus for his spiritual intimacy with him. He was one of the first disciples called by Jesus when he was fishing along with his brother, James, and became one of 12 Apostles. He was the only one of them who didn't suffer martyrdom and survived all of the others. His biblical writings were the Gospel of John (which focused on the divinity of Jesus as well as love), the 3 Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation. This Apostle's faith was rewarded with a special friendship with Jesus. He was present with him at the Last Supper, stood beneath the cross at his crucifixion, and was given the honor of caring for his mother, Mary. Known as the "Apostle of Charity," he showed love by his words and actions. He's the patron saint of love, loyalty, friendships, authors, and editors. He is often depicted with an eagle, symbolizing his Gospel's soaring vision. He spent his final years in Ephesus (modern-day Turkey) and lived to a ripe old age of about 92 years.

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