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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 – 4:00 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.”*

Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2025

FOCUS: Let us persevere and trust in God.

We can imagine that Simeon and Anna might have been tempted to give up hope that the Lord would fulfill his promise. But they persevered and continued to trust in God – continued to listen to the promptings of the Spirit – until the day finally came when Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus and they recognized him as the Christ. Let us follow their example and trust in God on our own faith journey.

BLESSINGS OF MANY SHAPES

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is always a blessed and holy occasion when parents bring their child to the parish church for baptism. They gather family and friends and proudly present their child to both God and the faith community. Somewhere in the midst of it all, they will wonder who their child will become, what their child’s gifts and talents will be, and what hopes and dreams their child will have. Yet like Simeon, who blessed the Holy Family in the Temple, they will also realize that life is not always favorable to us. As Simeon foretold, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many...and you yourself a sword will pierce” (Luke 2:34–35). Although we recognize that suffering is a part of everyone’s life, and we would never wish it upon a child, we might hope that the child does not run from every suffering, for it becomes the path to wisdom and compassion—perhaps the only path. We might also wish on the child a bit of loneliness, for it teaches us to treasure friends. And amid hoping for the blessing of success, losing can also be a gift and a blessing, for it is how we learn to deal with failure and understand the important lesson that we cannot always have our own way. Failure can be the seed of humility. Fortunately, while doing our best as parents, we must allow God to decide how our children will be blessed and what will nurture their growth into the image of Jesus. We simply present them to God from whom they came.

● **Reflect:** Call to mind someone you love deeply and remind yourself that God loves him or her even more.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 3:

7:00 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (Candice Alesna-Sagon - Birthday)

Tuesday, February 4:

7:00 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (Adelaida Cabanatan - Birthday Blessings)

Wednesday, February 5:

7:00 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 5:00 PM Centering Prayer
 6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

Thursday, February 6:

No Mass

Friday, February 7:

7:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (Reymar Alegre - Birthday Blessings)
 3-5:00 PM Food Pantry
 6:00 PM Youth Ministry

Saturday, February 8:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
 1:00 PM Sacred Heart Society Mtg.
 4:00 PM Confessions
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (Nicholas Sagon - Birthday Blessings)

Sunday, February 9:

6:15 AM Rosary
 7:00 AM Mass
 (Mass for the People)
 8:15-9:15 AM CCD Classes
 8:45 AM Rosary
 9:30 AM Mass
 (+Michael Santos - RS)
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (+Aurora Amor -RS)



*"Simeon took him in his arms and praised God..."
 Luke 2:28*

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

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



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

This coming Friday, January 7th, is First Friday. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 7:00 a.m. followed by the recitation of the Rosary. Afterwards, Mass will begin at 8:00 a.m.



ROSARY RALLY

Our prayer warriors gathered together on Saturday, January 18th under the tent to pray the rosary for the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion in the case of Roe vs. Wade on January 22nd. Although it was overturned in the federal law, each state can decide for themselves.



MARCH FOR LIFE, JAN 24, 2025



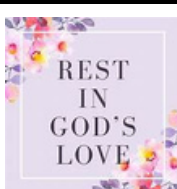
Fr. Sieg attended the **March for Life Rally** for the first time this year on Friday, January 24th at the State Capitol. There, he met other parishioners: Susan & Kent Duffy, Valentina Fletchetero, and Robert Thomas (not pictured), who attended the Rally. Guest Speakers at the March, spoke about the fight against abortion and it was noted that Hawaii is ranked the 3rd state in the country for the most abortions performed. A teenage girl as young as 14 years old can seek an abortion without her parents' consent. We can make our voices heard by attending these rallies, praying to end abortion, and helping the victims of human trafficking.

BEING A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST, SR. ALICIA TORRES

Guest Speaker, Sr. Alicia Torres, F.E. will be at St. John Apostle & Evangelist, Mililani, on February 26-27, 2025, to speak about "Being a Disciple of Christ." On Wed., Feb. 26th, she will focus on the ways we encounter Jesus, especially in the Eucharist. On Thu., Feb. 27th, she will focus on how the way we live day in, and day out, has a tremendous impact on the Kingdom of God. For more information, contact St. John's at (808) 623-3332. www.stjohnmililani.org

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR SIMPLICIANA "SOPHIE" VICTORIA

VICTORIA



A funeral Mass for the late **+Simpliciana "Sophie" Victoria** will be held on **Thu., Feb. 6th** at our parish, ICC, Ewa. Visitation begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by the **Mass at 6 p.m.** On **Fri., Feb. 7th**, Visitation will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Mililani Mauka Chapel, followed by prayer service at **9:30 a.m.** Burial to follow at Mililani Cemetery at 2:00 p.m.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR +MICHAEL D. MOTAS

Celebration of eternal life for the late **+Michael D. Motas** will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at Sacred Heart Church, Waianae. Viewing begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by a funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. A private ocean burial will be held on Sun., Feb. 9th, 2025. Fr. Sieg and Fr. Joey Ranjo will preside over the Mass.



BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS & CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Thank you for your generous support for last week's collection for the **Church in Latin America**. As a parish, we collected **\$ 544.00**, so far, to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. #1GiveCatholicTogether also accepts online funds for this work. See usccb.igivecatholictogether.org. Your gift makes a difference!

Thank you also for your donations for the work of the **Black and Indian Mission Office**. Together we have collected **\$ 544.00**, so far. Your financial support of this mission enables them to help form children in the faith, educate young people, and build hope – a hope often so hard to find in the areas. Your contribution helps spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to their needs. For more information, please check out their website: <https://blackandindianmission.org/>



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Jan. 25 - 26, 2025

Weekly Offering		\$3,201.00
Sat. 5:00 PM -	\$806.00	
Sun. 7:00 AM -	\$1,043.00	
Sun. 9:30 AM -	\$795.00	
Sun. 5:00 PM -	\$557.00	
Repair & Maintenance		\$722.25
Building Fund		\$42.50
Flowers		\$12.50
Candles		\$105.00
Book of Intentions		\$60.00
Mass Intentions		\$352.00
Quilt Guild (R/M)		\$20.00
Religious Education		\$35.00
TOTAL		\$4550.25



Second Collections		\$110.00
'Ohana in Christ		\$544.00
Church in Latin America		\$544.00
Black & Indian Missions		

FARM FRESH FRIDAY

Last week Friday, January 24th, our Food Pantry partnered with Aloha Care's Farm Fresh Fridays to distribute fresh fruits and vegetables to our community. This distribution usually takes place twice a year here at our parish. We are happy to be of help to those in our community that are in need. Mahalo to all who participated in this program and for all our volunteers who continuously give their time, talent, and treasure to be of service. Below are some pictures of the event:



Photos courtesy of Norma Valdez and Alison Harney

2024 TAX STATEMENTS

If you need a tax statement for calendar year 2024, please contact the parish office. A statement is sent **ONLY** upon request. You may reach us by calling (808) 681-3701, Mon-Fri, 8:30am to 4:30pm or email us at iccewa@rcchawaii.org.

Faith Direct users: A copy of your tax donation statement can be found in your account OR the office can print one out for you. Please call the parish should you need a copy.



We kindly ask for your support of the Augustine Educational Foundation, on the weekend of Feb. 8-9, 2025, "Make a Student Smile - Give the Gift of Catholic Education Campaign." Your gift will support Catholic education in Hawaii. Money raised by our parish will assist in providing scholarships in our parish and vicariate community. Priority is given to those with the highest level of need. For the 2024-2025 school year, the Augustine Educational Foundation funded \$1.16M through their tuition scholarship programs and \$22,825 in grants for school programs. To donate online, please log on to www.AugustineFoundation.org/Donate. Mahalo!

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What happened to Candlemas? When I was a child, there was one day when everyone brought candles to church to have them blessed. At the end of Mass, the priest would bless everyone's throats with the candles.?

Candlemas is another name for our celebration of the Presentation of the Lord: the day Mary and Joseph presented their child to God in the Temple at Jerusalem in accordance with the law of Moses (Luke 2:22-38). We remember how the elderly believers Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as their longed-for Messiah and how, addressing God in a canticle, Simeon proclaimed Christ to be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (Luke 2:32). Mass on this day often begins with the blessing and lighting of candles, which the priest and people carry into the church. The name Candlemas springs from this ritual blessing. The day after the feast of the Presentation is the memorial celebration of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. According to tradition, St. Blaise was instrumental in healing a person who was choking. The Church remembers this encounter and celebrates the intervention of the Spirit of God through the blessing of throats, using the Blessed candles from the feast of the Presentation. It is a wonderful and very practical spiritual practice that is much appreciated and anticipated each year.

● Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

A word from POPE FRANCIS

Like Simeon, let us also pick up this child, the God of newness and surprises.... Let us be restless, let us be moved by the Spirit, like Simeon and Anna.... If, like them, we live in expectation, we will embrace Jesus, who is the light and hope of life.

HOMILY, ROME,
FEBRUARY 2, 2024

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



St. Blaise - Feast day is February 3rd - This 4th c. saint, who was a physician, bishop, and martyr from Armenia (modern day Turkey), worked hard to encourage the physical and spiritual health of his people. He's best known for healing the sick (even animals) and has become popularly known as the saint who protects from ailments of the throat. When he lived as a hermit in a cave during a time of persecution, a mother brought to him her child, who was choking on a fishbone in his throat. The boy was cured by his prayer and a sign of the cross. He thus became the patron saint of throat illnesses and eventually the custom of blessing of the throats arose. He's usually represented holding 2 crossed candles in his hand.



St. Agatha - Feast day is February 5th. This 3rd c. saint from Sicily is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs, who are commemorated in the Canon of the Mass. Born into a rich and noble family, she became a consecrated virgin at a young age by choosing celibacy and giving herself totally to Jesus and the Church in a life of prayer and service. Her beauty attracted many men to want to marry her, but she refused them all. One of them had her arrested and imprisoned in a brothel and then in a prison. She was brutally tortured, but was healed by a miracle from St. Peter. At age 20, she was martyred after being rolled over hot coals while naked and her breasts were severed. She has become a powerful intercessor for those suffering from fires and is the patron saint of Sicily, breast cancer patients, and rape victims.



St. Paul Miki and Companions - Feast Day is February 6th. St. Paul Miki, a 16th c. native of Japan, was a Jesuit brother and evangelist. He was a convert to Christianity and succeeded in drawing many Buddhists to the Christian faith. He, along with 25 other Catholics (2 Jesuits, 6 foreign Franciscan missionaries, and several laity), were crucified and stabbed to death with lances at "Martyrs' Hill" overlooking Nagasaki. They suffered torture and death for preaching belief in Jesus and teaching his doctrine. The patron saint of Japan, St. Paul Miki followed Christ's example in his final sermon by forgiving his persecutors and praying that they would turn to God. Jesuit missionary, St. Francis de Sales, had paved the way for them by bringing the faith to Japan.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	JAN. 11-12		JAN. 18-19		JAN. 25-26	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	164	14	141	11	134	12
	Sun. 7:00 AM	197	5	200	12	211	11
	Sun. 9:30 AM	242	69	286	53	239	46
	Sun. 5:00 PM	149	21	158	22	114	11

Readings for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Luke 5:1-11