

Roman Catholic Church of the

# Immaculate Conception

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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) \*

> Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 8:00 a.m. Mass

**Wednesday** 6:00 p.m. OCIA (Adults)

> Thursday No Mass

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

Saturday 9:00 a.m. OCIA (Children) \* 3:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. Marian Devotion 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:00p.m. - 4:30p.m. (or by appt.)

\*September – May (School year)

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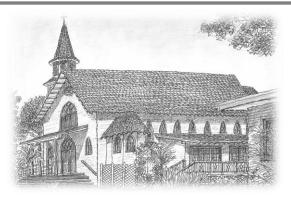
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**Mission Statement:** "We, the people of Immaculate Conception Parish in Ewa, declare our firm loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ, our Roman Catholic Church, and to the Diocesan Bishop of Honolulu. Our strength is

in our unity as a Christian Family of Faith, and we inspire to reach out to everyone with the embrace of Christ."





# FAITH DIRECT

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## **Contact us for the following:**

## **Baptism:**

Contact the parish at least 2 months in advance for baptism preparation for your children.

## Faith Formation: CCD & OCIA

Religious education for adults and children

#### Marriage:

Contact office at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. An Engaged Encounter Weekend is required prior to Marriage Ceremony.

#### Communion to the Homebound

Contact parish office to arrange for someone to bring the Blessed Sacrament to the Sick.

#### **Funerals**

Call the parish office *prior* to making arrangements with the mortuary.

## Food Pantry

First Friday hours: 3 – 5pm All other Fridays: 4 – 6pm Please bring an ID

# **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



# **July 28, 2024**

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Readings for next week: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35

FOCUS: God provides for us.

Today's readings relate two feeding miracles - one performed by Elisha and one by Jesus. Of course, we know that the source of all miracles is God himself. In each story, the Lord goes beyond providing what is needed, multiplying what is offered so abundantly that there is food left over. As he provides for us, so we offer ourselves for him to use, and multiply what we offer, for others.



Belated Happy Birthday to Fr. Sieg! He celebrated his birthday last Thursday with his parents and family in Las Vegas. May our Lord shower many blessings upon him!



Food & Fellowship after sponsored by the Samoan Club

## Healing through the Eucharist by Fr. Ace Tui July 31st at OLPH, Ewa Beach

Fr. Ace Tui will be at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ewa Beach on July 31st to lead us into Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 p.m. Opportunity for confession will be available during Adoration. At 6:15 p.m., he will give a talk on Healing through the Eucharist. All our welcomed.



Monday, July 29: (+Vernon "Ricky" Pico - RS) Rosary 7:15 a.m.

8:00 a.m. Mass Tuesday, July 30: (Kairo & Don Juan Cabanatan –BD Blessings) 7:15 a.m. Rosarv 8:00 a.m. Mass

Weekly Schedule

Wednesday, July 31:

(+Charles "Buddy" Alcos – Death Anniversary and Frankie Villanueva – Birthday Blessings) 7:15 a.m. Rosary 8:00 a.m. Mass 5:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (Church)

Thursday, August 1: No Mass Friday, August 2:

(Nhu Loan Nealon - Thanksgiving) Adoration of the Blessed 7:00 a.m. Sacrament followed by the rosary 8:00 a.m. Mass 3-5:00 p.m. Food Pantry

Saturday, August 3: (+Holy Souls in Purgatory - RS)

3:00 p.m. **First Saturday Devotions** 4:15 p.m. Rosary 5:00 p.m. Mass

## Sunday, August 4:

6:15 a.m. Rosarv 7:00 a.m. Mass (+Marie Rabago - RS) 8:45 a.m. Rosary Mass 9:30 a.m. (Bob Miranda – Death Anniversary) Rosary 4:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Mass (Mass for the People)

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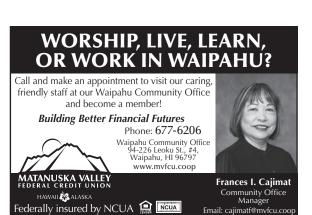
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## **Registration in August**

Registration for CCD Classes will begin next weekend (Aug. 3–4) and held every weekend throughout the month of August. The CCD Staff

will be either outside of the church or in the Rel Ed Ofc during the following hours: **Saturdays: 4:30 – 5 pm**\_or **Sundays: 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.** *and* **4:30 - 5:00 p.m.** For first time registrations, please provide a copy of child's baptismal certificate. Registration Fee (*for books*): **\$35** per child or **\$75** (3 or more children).

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED!** We are looking for volunteers to help with our Religious Education Program! We need **teachers** who love working with children and are willing to pass our faith on to them at their grade level. If you would like to help and or need more info, please contact Shirley Sunio at <u>ssunio@rcchawaii.org</u>

## **First Fri/First Sat**

This Friday., Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> is First Friday. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 7am, followed by Rosary. Mass begins at 8am.

JULY	July 6-7		July 13-14		July 20-21	
Day/Time	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
Sat 5 pm	148	16	161	18	133	12
Sun 7 am	231	7	198	5	224	13
Sun 9:30am	226	43	192	45	236	39
Sun 5 pm	181	22	135	23	149	19
TOTALS	786	88	686	91	742	83

Please join the First Saturday Servants of Mary for their devotional prayers, on Sat., Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm in the church.

**Mass Count:** Above are the totals for the month of July thus far. An average of 738 adults and 87 children attended Mass every weekend, which averages to 185 adults and 22 children per Mass.



<u>Date</u>: Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 <u>Time</u>: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. <u>Place</u>: St. Stephen's Diocesan Center

A seminar entitled, "Making the Most of Moments," presented by Paul & Sarah Jarzebowski, will be held at **St. Stephen's** 

**Diocesan Center**, Kaneohe, from **9am- 12 pm**, on **Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>**. This session will guide participants and facilitate dialogue around unpacking "moments of return" throughout the year, such as Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Easter, as well as weddings, baptisms, and funerals. They will also explore some less-obvious "moments" that reveal an overlooked abundance of occasions and opportunities

upon which pastoral leaders, families, and concerned churchgoers can build. As Pope Francis notes, these "moments" can offer people "wellsprings of new life," especially when we respond with intentionality pastoral care, and a missionary spirit. To register, click on the QR Code:







## <u>Stewardship of Treasure</u> July 20 - 21, 2024

Weekly Offering -	\$ 3,408.00
Sat., 5 pm –	555.00
Sun, 7 am – 1,	138.00
Sun, 9:30am – 1,	148.00
Sun, 5 pm – g	567.00
Repair/Maint. Fund	1,453.00
Building Fund	630.00
Flowers	15.00
Candles	47.00
Book of Intentions	85.00
Mass Intentions	50.00
Total \$	5,688.00

### Second Collections

Joseph Dutton\$ 3.00Seminarian Education Fd556.00Catholic Charities Hawaii7.00Other: Sacred Heart\$ 35.00





#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAI'I

Next weekend, August 3-4, our second collection will be taken up for Catholic Charities Hawaii. In 2023, they touched the lives of 113,000 individuals by ensuring housing for individuals and families. enriching our youth, and assisting our kupuna and keeping them connected through the various resources and community services. Please help them continue their efforts this vear. Envelopes can be found in your pews or at the back of the church.



## Young Adult Ministry! Open to young adults ages 18-39!



Please join us for the month of August! Happening on Sundays, 6:30 pm at the Parish Hall.

Aug 4 - Talk: "The Immaculate Heart of Mary" Aug 11 -Talk and discussion, "Unification Through Mary" Aug 18 - Dinner & Fellowship.

For more information, click this QR code to visit our Instagram.



## Dear Padre,

## **July 28, 2024**

## Is there really an unforgivable sin?

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches that blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven (Matthew 12:31–32, Mark 3:28–29, Luke 12:10). This seems to imply the existence of a sin that God either cannot or will not forgive. Yet we have the overwhelming testimony of the Scriptures and Church teaching that God's mercy and forgiveness are more powerful than any sin, no matter how serious or frequent it might be. This apparent contradiction disappears when we carefully consider the context of Jesus' teaching on the "unforgivable sin."

Jesus' statements regarding blasphemy against the Holy Spirit occurred as part of his ongoing dispute with the scribes and Pharisees who witnessed Jesus' exorcisms but attributed them to the power of Satan, thus denying the evidence of the Spirit's saving action in Jesus' work and teaching (Matthew 12:22–32). This denial is not simply a misunderstanding. Rather, it is willful, malicious, deliberate, and unrepentant. For such people, there can truly be no forgiveness, not because God is unwilling or unable to forgive, but because the people will not recognize their need for forgiveness.

The "unforgivable sin" is not an action so horrible that even God's patience and mercy are exhausted. Rather, it is the attitude of people who reject the Lord's presence in their lives. God's offer of forgiveness is still universal. We need only respond to his grace and seek his forgiveness. • *The Redemptorists /DearPadre.org* 

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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



Every day...around seven thousand children under the age of five die due to malnutrition...Jesus also addresses an invitation to us..."Be brave, give what little you have, your talents, your possessions, make them available to Jesus and to your brothers and sisters. Do not be afraid, nothing will be lost, because if you share, God will multiply." ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 25, 2021



## Feasts and Saints of the Week

**Feast of Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus** - Feast Day is July 29th. This feast, established recently by Pope Francis, replaces the previous memorial of St. Martha. It honors her along with her two siblings, Mary and Lazarus. All three became close friends of Jesus. He met them when he was 13 years old, when he stopped with his parents at Bethany on the way to

Jerusalem. It was important to Jesus to form friendships and spend time with friends. He was a welcome guest in their home, where Martha offered hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words, and Lazarus emerged from the tomb at Jesus' command. John's Gospel describes their special relationship: "Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus."



**St. Ignatius of Loyola** - Feast Day is July 31st. A 16th c. Spanish Basque Catholic priest and theologian, he established a religious Order, the Society of Jesus, otherwise known as the Jesuits. While recovering from an injury in battle when he was a Spanish knight, he studied the lives of the saints and carefully examined the life and teachings of Jesus. "The Spiritual Exercises" was his most famous work, which contained a vital and dynamic system of spirituality and was used to give spiritual retreats to others. His philosophy was that one should desire and choose only what's conducive to the end for which we are created, being "to praise, reverence, and serve God through serving other human beings." His Order's motto is: "All for the greater glory of God." He's the patron saint of soldiers and all spiritual retreats.

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