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Contact coordinator.

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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."*

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 20, 2024

FOCUS: The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

In contrast to the pressures to seek power, comfort, and fame, our Church proclaims humble service. We are called to gaze on our king, enthroned on a cross, ornamented with wounds. We are told in no uncertain terms that the only path to greatness in the kingdom of God is the path of self-giving love.

LIKE A SPONGE

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

if I hit you and you hit me back, I may very well hit you again, this time harder. If you decide to hit me back harder as well, I may pull out my knife from fear and for self-defense. That may cause you to pull out your knife, thereby moving me to arm myself with a gun, which then compels you to do likewise. And thus, the evil escalates. If, however, when I hit you the first time, you do not retaliate by hitting me, the evil ends. It is absorbed by you, and life is better because of your decision. It was Daniel Berrigan who noted that the role of the Christian is to absorb evil. When we absorb someone else's evil, when it ends with us, we literally save that person from embodying more evil. In effect, we ransom that person by our own suffering. "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). In other words, we can be most like Jesus when we feel we are being used or abused, yet do not retaliate in kind. In all such instances, it is not a matter of allowing someone to pummel and eviscerate our bodies and spirits. It is not about being defenseless. It is not a matter of refusing to resist. It is about resisting in a way that will not create greater violence and evil. It is the way of Christ.

● **Reflect:** Is it possible to respond to evil without escalating it among individuals or among nations?

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 21:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Ernesto Holden Bonilla - RS)
1:00 PM Memorial Service for
+Reginald Daguman
6:30 PM Liturgy Mtg.

Tuesday, October 22:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Esperanza Magday - RS)
6:30 PM Pastoral Council Mtg.

Wednesday, October 23:

6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Inoni Dimaya - Birthday Blessings)
5:00 PM Centering Prayer
6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

Thursday, October 24:

No Mass

Friday, October 25:

6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
10:30 AM Funeral Mass for +Tim
Pader
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry
6:00 PM Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 26:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
4:00 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)

Sunday, October 27:

6:15 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Esperanza Magday - RS)
8:15-9:15 AM CCD Classes
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Theogenes Behic - RS)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Priscilla and Ruben Lucena - RS)

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Oct. 26: Chamorro Group
Nov. 2: Sacred Heart Society
Nov 9: Knights of Columbus
Nov 16: Couples for Christ



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMO FROM BISHOP LARRY ON VOTING

October 15, 2024

Memorial of St. Theresa of Avila

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Diocese of Honolulu,

Peace be with you!

St. Theresa of Avila was known for her personal holiness, but also for her vision and hard work in reforming the Carmelite Order, which had become very lax. Some applauded her efforts, while others opposed them; but she knew, through her prayerful discernment, that this reform was the will of God, even though it was difficult to achieve.

As we approach the 2024 election, we know that there is much to be reformed in our own country. We have lost a respect for life in all its stages. We have allowed marriage and solid parenting as the basis for a stable society to erode. We have the heavy challenge of not only housing the homeless but of addressing the root causes of homelessness. Our civil disagreement with one another has become toxic, demonizing of those who do not agree with us. While religious freedom once prevailed, there was a general sense that religion was respected for its thoughtful and experienced service of the community, and this, too, has eroded.

We are soon to experience one of the most important elections for the future of our country. It is our duty as followers of Jesus to take our civic duties seriously. We are to be good stewards of our beloved land by **voting**, so that those we elect can embody the values that will truly reform our country. We need to carefully prepare for voting by prayerfully discerning the Lord's will and applying what we discern on the ballot. And even after the election we need to continually pray for our elected leaders and stay engaged with them, so that the gift of democracy that has been given to us can truly flourish.

Please pray, discern, and VOTE! St. Theresa, pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu



ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES



Our All Souls envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please don't forget to take one, if you would like to remember your loved ones on All Souls Day. We ask that you write their names legibly. Envelopes must be in the office by October 31st in order for us to include them in the Masses that will be offered up for them.

TRUNK OR TREAT

This Friday, **October 25th**, our Couples for Christ Ministry will hold a "**Trunk or Treat**" event in the front parking lot starting at 6:00 p.m. Bring your keikis in costume (*please no costumes glorifying evil and death*) to get treats from the trunks of their cars. Afterwards, all are invited to join them for a potluck dinner in the parish hall.

- We are asking for donations of treats for the kids. If you wish to help, you may bring them to the office up until 4:00 p.m. that Friday. Mahalo!



FUNERAL SERVICE FOR +TIM PADER

A funeral Mass will be held this **Friday, October 25th**, for the late **+Tim Pader**. Blessing and Visitation will take place at 9:15 a.m. and **Mass** begins at **10:30 a.m.**

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR +REGINALD DAGUMAN

Dcn. Richard will preside over a communion service on **Monday, October 21st**, in memory of the late +Reginald Daguman, who passed away a year ago. Services will begin at **1:00 p.m.** at the church.

PARENT'S CAFE



Last Sunday, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, our parents and families gathered together in the Hall for our first Parent's Cafe. They engaged in discussions that focused on how they can better teach the faith at home to their children and how the church can assist them. We thank our committee members: **Phillip & Emilie Malasig, Vinya & Rico Manianglung, Randy & Mona Ishihara, Allen & Jackie Gervacio, and Shirley Sunio**, as well as our parents who participated in the discussion. We look forward to building our community of families here at our parish under the guidance and leadership of Fr. Sieg.

MINISTRY FAIR

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH is hosting a **Ministry Fair**

AFTER THE FOLLOWING MASS
TIMES: OCTOBER 26 (5PM)
OCTOBER 27 (7AM, 9:30AM, 5PM)

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The Ministry Fair is happening next weekend, **October 26 - 27!** The purpose of the fair is to showcase the ministries, which contribute to the strengthening of our parish community and enable us to grow spiritually. We hope that this event will spark an interest that will awaken a calling to use your gifts of time and talent. See you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YARD MAINTENANCE

We are looking for volunteers who have the time to help beautify our church grounds for a few hours each week. Some duties would be to trim the bushes, rake the leaves, pick up litter, and maintain the grounds in general. If you have time to help, please call the parish office.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

October 12 - 13, 2024

Weekly Offering	\$3,534.00
Sat. 5:00 PM - \$ 900.00	
Sun. 7:00 AM - \$ 1,323.00	
Sun. 9:30 AM - \$ 843.00	
Sun. 5:00 PM - \$ 468.00	

Repair & Maintenance	\$1,897.01
Building Fund	\$390.00
Flowers	\$12.00
Candles	\$50.00
Book of Intentions	\$127.00
Mass Intentions	\$410.00
Funeral	\$300.00
Word Among Us Donation	\$50.00
Hawaii Quilt Guild Donation	\$48.00
All Souls Day	\$101.00
TOTAL	\$6,919.01



SECOND COLLECTIONS	
Seminarian Education Fund	\$10.00
Ohana in Christ	\$200.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION	
Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate	\$173.00

The Pontifical Mission Societies support Christian witness throughout the world who are serving not one particular mission but the whole Church. As a missionary institution, their purpose is to evangelize and plant the Church among those peoples and groups where it has not yet taken root. Thru our **World Mission Sunday** Collection, this will be made possible. Please give to this collection next weekend, **Oct. 26-27.**

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I read about bishops with different titles: coadjutor, auxiliary, ordinary. What is the difference between all of these bishops?

Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation. The other two are baptism and Eucharist. In the early Church, all three sacraments were usually received at the same time because most people receiving baptism were adults. As infant baptism started to become the norm, this sacrament was separated from the other two. After Vatican II, the trend moved the age of confirmation into the teenage years, so that in many places, confirmation takes place in seventh or eighth grade, or even later. There is still an argument among liturgists, educators, and theologians about whether such a separation should exist. Some think of confirmation as a coming-of-age sacrament, marking, as it were, the transition from childhood into adulthood in the Church. The theology of this sacrament, however, is based upon baptism and connects it to the commission to go out and touch the world with our faith. The ideal age for confirmation is the age at which we can, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, conscientiously and reasonably witness to our faith.

● Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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A word from POPE FRANCIS

Jesus asks us to immerse ourselves. And how should we immerse ourselves? Compassionately in the lives of those we meet.... Today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew the grace of baptism in us, that immersion in Jesus, in his way of being, to be more like servants, to be servants like he has been with us.

ANGELUS, ROME,
OCTOBER 17, 2021

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 Ministry
- Sacred Heart Society
- Secular Franciscans
- Chamorro Group

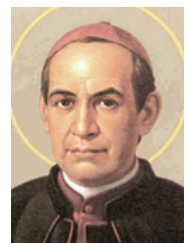
FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Paul of the Cross - Feast Day is October 20th. This 18th c. Italian saint was a Catholic mystic and founder of the Passionists. Having dedicated his life to the memory of Christ's passion and death, his religious order of men, founded in 1720, spread devotion to the sufferings and death of Jesus on the cross. His order was based on the monastic qualities of solitude, silence, and prayer, which formed the essential sub-structure of his congregation and apostolate. Finding Christ in suffering brought him great joy in suffering. In addition to that, he became one of the most popular preachers of his day, both for his words and generous acts of mercy. He is the patron saint of Hungary and of Ovada, Italy.



St. John Paul II - Feast Day is October 22nd. This remarkable 20th c. Polish Pope was the leader of the Catholic Church from 1978 - 2005 and was the 1st non-Italian pope in 455 years. He's noted for having traveled abroad extensively to 129 countries to promote greater understanding between countries and religions and to work for peace in the world. He also campaigned against political oppression, violence, materialism, and dictatorships plus helped to end Communist rule in Europe. He even survived an assassination attempt in 1981 and forgave his attacker. Being an inspiration to many people, he did great things in love and wisdom with both hard work and perseverance. His famous quote was "Do not be afraid." He's the patron saint of Catholic sports and started World Youth Days. Using his gift for languages, he spoke 8 fluently and 6 somewhat fluently. During his long pontificate, he beatified 1344 and canonized 483.



St. Anthony Mary Claret - Feast Day is October 24th. A 19th c. Spanish prelate and missionary, he was also a religious founder, social reformer, writer, publisher, supporter of the Catholic press, Archbishop of Santiago and Cuba, and spiritual counselor to Queen Isabella II of Spain. He was founder of the Claritan orders of priests and nuns. His work took him to the Canary Islands, Cuba, Madrid, and Paris, as well as to the First Vatican Council. In the 21st c. his extensive missions are on five continents. His sanctity was reflected by his zealous life and his incredible charisms. Per many witnesses, his body would be transfigured while preaching or in prayer and he would levitate up to 6' off the ground. He even stopped a series of earthquakes in Cuba by kneeling on the ground with his arms up. He's noted as the patron saint of weavers.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT

Day/Time	OCT 5-6		OCT 12-13	
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
Sat. 5:00 PM	144	17	153	16
Sun. 7:00 AM	190	9	227	9
Sun. 9:30 AM	230	51	227	53
Sun. 5:00 PM	133	18	144	22



MK. 10:46-52

Readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Jeremiah 31: 7-9
Hebrews 5: 1-6
Mark 10: 46-52