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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.”*

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 29, 2024

**FOCUS:** “Whatever causes you to sin, get rid of it.”

“Whatever causes you to sin, get rid of it.” This phrase is really the talking point of Jesus’ message in today’s Gospel, and it’s fairly straightforward. If something in our life is leading us into sin, and away from God, that something needs to be jettisoned like the dead weight that it is. We heed similar advice from coaches looking to improve our game, and mentors looking to improve our performance. How much more valuable are these words from the Lord, who desires to improve our life, and for us to share it with him forever.

## SPIRITED TRUTH FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It’s not always easy to figure out where God’s spirit of truth is revealed or by whom the truth is spoken. After “the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses,” some of that same spirit given to Moses was also bestowed upon the seventy elders. Two other men also received the spirit, although they were not specially designated, much to the consternation of the elders (see Numbers 11:25–26). These two outsiders were somehow included among those who saw themselves as insiders. How is one to know who speaks with the authority of the spirit? Perhaps we all need to pay attention to the possibility that “outsiders” may be speaking the truth to us. Faith communities are often considered outsiders in the larger society, not worthy of a platform to be heard from; yet, many faith communities raise their voices in defense of the unborn, the immigrants at our doors, and the lost souls adrift among us. Throughout life, we’ve been surprised by children who speak truth that is unrecognized by adults. We’ve been surprised by the voice of women to a patriarchal society, the sexually abused to the larger Church, those who defend victims of violence. But not all outsiders speak with the authority of the spirit. How is one to know? Perhaps the Gospel gives us a clue—those who give others a cup of water to drink, which is to say, those who speak with compassion on behalf of others who are thirsty for justice and life.

● Reflect How have you been surprised by someone unexpectedly speaking God’s truth and wisdom?

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, September 30:

7:00 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Bryant Ragasa, +Nieves & +Monico Taasan - RS)  
5:30 PM St. Michael Feast Day Mass

### Tuesday, October 1:

7:00 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(Varez Family - Thanksgiving)  
6:30 p.m. PPBC Meeting

### Wednesday, October 2:

6:40 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
(+Elpedita Lombay - RS)  
5:00 PM Centering Prayer  
6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

### Thursday, October 3:

No Mass

### Friday, October 4:

Blessing of the Animals 830am-430pm  
6:40 AM Rosary  
7:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
8:00 AM Mass  
(Cabanatan Family - Thanksgiving)  
3-5:00 PM Food Pantry  
6:30 PM Youth Ministry

### Saturday, October 5:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning  
3:00 PM First Saturday Devotions  
4:00 PM Confessions  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(+Holy Souls in Purgatory - RS)

### Sunday, October 6:

6:15 AM Rosary  
7:00 AM Mass  
(+Simeon Tabieros - RS)  
8:15-9:15 AM CCD Classes  
8:45 AM Rosary  
9:30 AM Mass  
(Mass for the People)  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(+Felipe Madamba, Jr. - RS)  
6:30 PM Young Adult Ministry Meeting

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST. MICHAEL FEAST DAY



Today, September 29th, is the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, as well as Archangels, St Gabriel and St. Raphael. In celebration of their Feast Day, we will have a special Mass on Monday, **September 30th** at **5:30 p.m.**, followed by fellowship in the parish hall. All are welcomed to join us.

### DIOCESAN ROSARY CONGRESS and FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY - OCTOBER 7, 2024

#### Diocesan Rosary Congress and Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary Schedule

8:00 a.m. - Mass  
8:30 a.m. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
8:45 a.m. - Adoration and Rosary  
2:30 p.m. - Benediction and Reposition

#### **CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN:**

There will be no 5:30 p.m. Mass in the evening as was announced in last week's bulletin. Instead, please join us for rosary between 8:30am and 2:30pm



### FUNERAL SERVICES FOR +BERNARD MAGNO

Burial services for the late **+Bernard Magno** will be held on **Monday, October 7th**, at **Mililani Mauka Chapel**, at **12:00 p.m.** Dcn. Richard will preside.

### FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS, OCT 4th - BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Don't forget to bring your animals on **Friday, October 4th**, the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**. Fr. Sieg will bless your animals anytime between 8:30 am and 4:30 p.m. on this day to allow time for those who cannot make it after the morning Mass. You may bring them to the office between those hours.



### RACHEL'S VINEYARD



If you or a friend are hurting from a past abortion and are searching for a confidential, non judgmental, safe place of healing and support to express and reconcile painful emotions and begin the healing process, look no further... and join us on our next retreat! Both women and men impacted by abortion will greatly benefit from these retreats. Call us today if you need someone to talk to. Retreats are held at a private retreat center for 3 days and 2 nights. The cost is \$175.00. Space is limited. Registrations & Retreats are strictly confidential. Upcoming Retreat: October 4-6, 2024 To Register, call Lisa at: (808) 490-4702 or (808) 469-5470 or E-mail: RvinHawaii@gmail.com

## **CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE**

**Oct. 5:** Sacred Heart Society  
**Oct. 12:** Knights of Columbus  
**Oct. 19:** Couples for Christ  
**Oct. 26:** Chamorro Group



# TOTS FOR CHRIST CHURCH CLEANING DAY

Couples for Christ's little heroes, CFC Kids for Christ, embraced the call to service by engaging in parish cleaning. The day beautifully highlighted the key elements of Service and Fellowship. Together, we are building stronger families and brighter communities. Mahalo to our young volunteers!!!



# STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

<b>Weekly Offering</b>	<b>\$3,527.00</b>
Sat. 5:00 PM - \$ 747.00	
Sun. 7:00 AM - \$ 958.00	
Sun. 9:30 AM - \$ 1,034.00	
Sun. 5:00 PM - \$ 788.00	
<b>Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$1,698.50</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>\$12.50</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>
<b>Book of Intentions</b>	<b>\$105.00</b>
<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Funeral</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>
<b>San Miguel Feast</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,071.00</b>



# PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

	<u>Apr - Jun 2024</u>	<u>FYE Jul - Jun 2024</u>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Offertory Collection	\$80,154.03	\$305,254.44
Other Regular Income	15,173.85	51,607.05
Revenue Subject to GET	4,170.00	4,170.00
Unusual (Non-Scheduled) Income	<u>14,575.54</u>	<u>38,012.76</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$109,903.42</b>	<b>\$399,044.25</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Employment Costs	\$39,583.94	\$151,480.38
Professional Services	1,032.90	4,131.60
Insurance		11,848.00
Leadership Development	1,177.38	6,394.98
Supplies and Other Services	11,458.28	43,509.80
Fundraising		975.53
Repair & Maintenance	4,620.03	53,169.31
Utilities	8,994.34	34,522.92
Contributions and Assessments	15,642.00	62,692.49
Taxes	208.59	659.87
Depreciation	<u>21,869.89</u>	<u>21,869.89</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$104,587.35</b>	<b>\$391,254.77</b>
<b>NET ORDINARY INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,316.07</b>	<b>\$7,789.48</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME/EXPENSES</b>		
Temporarily Restricted Assets	<u>\$32,395.98</u>	<u>\$126,590.41</u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$32,395.98</b>	<b>\$126,590.41</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$32,395.98</b>	<b>\$126,590.41</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$37,712.05</b>	<b>\$134,379.89</b>

# PRIESTHOOD

## SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday is a day to honor the priesthood in the United States and to recognize the central role of priests in the Catholic Church. We give thanks to God for blessing us with a such caring and loving priest. We ask Him to strengthen Fr. Sieg with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and help him to continue to serve our parish ohana with joy.



# 'Ohana in Christ

THE ANNUAL APPEAL for the CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

Next weekend, October 5th-6th, our second collection will go to the Ohana in Christ Diocesan Appeal. This annual appeal helps our Diocese respond to the material and spiritual needs of the greater church. Funds raised support our priests and deacons, programs such as youth/young adults, adult faith formation, etc., and other entities such as Hawaii Catholic Herald and Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. Your contributions make it possible to respond generously to the Catholic Mission and the Call to Witness. Please be generous in your giving.

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## NEW AC UNITS IN OUR CLASSROOMS

Mahalo Carlos Bulan for installing the AC units in both our CCD Office and Classroom #1. It was a much-needed improvement for our CCD Catechists and others who occupy the rooms. Now, they can work in a comfortable and cool environment!

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# Dear Padre,

## After we die and go to heaven, will our guardian angel still be with us? Will we know the angel in a closer way?

"The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 328). The notion that each person has his or her own guardian angel may be based on Jesus' warning not to despise "little ones" because "their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10). Saint Basil wrote, "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life." How might we interact with these constant companions in heaven? In heaven, we'll be consumed with the presence of the beatific vision—the immediate knowledge of God, which the angelic spirits and the souls of the just enjoy. In beholding God face to face, we find perfect happiness. "This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity—this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed—is called 'heaven.' Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness" (CCC 1024). Even though "this mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description" (CCC 1027), to imagine the pure joy of being close to our guardian angel is just a foretaste of what heaven will be! a foretaste of what heaven will be!

● Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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### A word from POPE FRANCIS

We need to be vigilant about closure in the Church....

Because the devil, who is the divider—this is what the word "devil" means, the one who divides—always insinuates suspicions to divide and exclude people.... The Holy Spirit does not want closure; he wants openness, welcoming communities where there is a place for everyone.

ANGELUS, ROME,  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

## FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK



**St. Therese of Lisieux** – Feast Day is October 1st. This 19th c. French Discalced Carmelite nun has also been popularly known as St. Therese of the Child Jesus and The Little Flower of Jesus. Elevated to Doctor of the Church, she was a model of humility and is also noted for her evangelical simplicity and confidence in God. Her inspiration and powerful presence from heaven have touched many, which has fulfilled her promise: "I wish to spend my heaven in doing good upon the earth." Her "Little Way" of doing things in life well and with great love in her mission to serve God has become a guiding light for the faithful. She is the patron saint of foreign missions, florists, pilots, priests, loss of parents, and the sick. She is often pictured holding a crucifix covered with roses

**St. Francis of Assisi** – Feast Day is October 4th. A 13th c. Italian mystic, poet, and friar, St. Francis is regarded as one of the most venerated saints in Church history. He's best noted for his ministry to the poor and underprivileged, care for nature and animals, and founding of the three orders of the Franciscans. Committing himself joyfully to a life of poverty after giving up his wealthy status, he became a very effective peacemaker using his gift of humility. For him, nature was a reflection of God, and being the patron saint of animals and ecology, he loved all of God's creatures, even preaching to them and considering them as his brothers and sisters. He continues to be honored in parishes on his feast day with blessing of the pets. His life illustrated his motto: "Pax et bonum" (Peace and all good).



**St. Faustina Kowalska** – Feast Day is October 5th. Feast Day is October 5th. This early 20th c. Polish saint was a mystic and nun of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As the patron saint of mercy, her mission was to proclaim the message of God's mercy to the world, which is His merciful love for every human being. We are called to entrust our lives to Him and to actively show mercy to our neighbor. She received visions of Jesus on 14 occasions, when He revealed his desires to her about the Feast of Mercy, which is Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1931, her vision of Jesus revealed the image of Jesus with rays of light emanating from His heart. He desired that this image be painted and signed with "Jesus, I trust in You." A beautiful way to honor her is by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

## 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

## WEEKLY MASS COUNT

	AUG 31-SEP 1		SEP 7 - 8		SEP 14 -15		SEP 21 -22	
Day/Time	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
Sat. 5:00 PM	102	11	145	8	140	20	142	17
Sun. 7:00 AM	271	7	258	11	210	9	216	11
Sun. 9:30 AM	263	46	256	52	227	50	265	51
Sun. 5:00 PM	129	26	162	24	146	19	143	18

Readings for the  
27th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Gen 2:18-24  
Heb 2:9-11  
Mk 10:2-16