



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH *of the* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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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."

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 8, 2024

FOCUS: God's loving presence is with us always.

God is with us, intimately close, just as Jesus was to the man in the Gospel today. In the Mass, Jesus reaches out to touch us and offer his healing. May we always be granted an open heart and clear vision to see his loving presence among us.

LIFE AT THE EDGE

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We find ourselves living at the edge sometimes, when life could go either way, up or down. We may experience this as we begin marriage or first become parents. At other times, it may be frightening or sad, but also exciting, such as when graduation nears, or when we are faced with an "empty nest." Then, we stand at the edge of a new beginning, eager for the onset of what we've dreamt of for so long, but also uncertain whether we will be able to navigate it.

We also find ourselves living at the edge when someone we love dies. The other day, someone came by, wanting to talk. She spoke of the chaos of her life, its pain, and of not knowing how to cope. As she was about to leave, she commented how, in spite of it all, it seemed strange that God was also very much present. Strange indeed, yet chaotic times are when God's presence is often perceived in our lives, perhaps out of our need, perhaps because we are not distracted by life's glitter, or perhaps because, at last, we have nowhere else to turn.

It was St. James who asked then and asks us now, "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith?" (James 2:5). There are indeed many different ways of being poor, of being in need. For people of faith, it is often at the edge when we sense most clearly that God is with us. ●

Reflect: Do you feel God's presence differently in hard times than you do in easy times?

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 9:

7:15 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Vernon "Ricky" Pico - RS)
 6:30 PM Council of Ministries Mtg.

Tuesday, September 10:

7:15 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Vernon "Ricky" Pico - RS)

Wednesday, September 11:

7:15 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Mercedes Perez - RS)
 (+Norma Montero - RS)
 5:00 PM Centering Prayer
 6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

Thursday, September 12:

No Mass

Friday, September 13:

7:15 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (Nhu Loan Nealon - Thanksgiving)
 10:00 AM Funeral Mass for
 +Norma C. Montero
 4-6:00 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, September 14:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
 1:00 PM Sacred Heart Society
 4:00 PM Confessions
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (Holy Souls in Purgatory - RS)

Sunday, September 15:

6:15 AM Rosary
 7:00 AM Mass
 (+Vernon "Ricky" Pico - RS)
 (Diosdado & Esther Daclison - 71st
 Wedding Anniversary)
 8:15-9:15 AM CCD
 8:45 AM Rosary
 9:30 AM Mass
 (+Maria Manglona - RS)
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (Mass for the People)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION FOR CCD CLASSES CONTINUES...

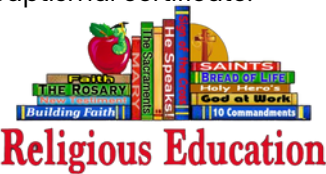
Please see **Shirley Sunio, DRE**, in the CCD Office (next to the women's restroom) to register your child(ren) for CCD Classes, which begin this Sunday, Sept. 8th. For first time registrations, please provide a copy of child's baptismal certificate.

Registration Fee (for books):

\$30 per child or **\$75** (for 3 or more children)

OCIA starts on Wed. Sept. 4th

CCD starts on Sun. Sept. 8th



CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA



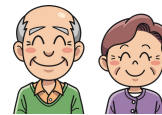
Our second collection today is being taken up for the Catholic University of America, which was founded in the name of the Catholic Church in the United States by Pope Leo XIII and the bishops of this country as a national institution of learning. For more than 130 years, we have lived out our mission to discover and impart the truth

through excellence in teaching and research. Catholic University scientists, engineers, nurses, philosophers, theologians, historians, architects, social workers, musicians, artists, and scholars in all fields embrace both reason and faith as they apply the inexhaustible resources of the Catholic intellectual tradition to help solve the problems of contemporary life and enrich the culture around us. Please give generously. Mahalo!

GRANDPARENTS DAY

September 8th is Grandparents Day. On this day, we honor our grandparents for the special people they are in our lives. There are many ways to express our gratitude to them for all that they do.

Today we offer them a special gift at all the Masses to say Thank You for their nurturing ways.



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



September 15th is Catechetical Sunday. The theme this year is: **"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"** We would like to thank all our catechists who volunteer their time to teach our children about God on Sunday for religious education and children's liturgy, as well as during the week at our OCIA classes. Our catechists will be commissioned at the 9:30 a.m. Mass

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR +NORMA C. MONTERO

Funeral Services for the late **+Norma C. Montero**, former **Sacred Heart Society President** and **Lector** for our parish, will be held on Friday, **September 13th**. **Viewing** begins at **9 a.m.** followed by her **Funeral Mass at 10 a.m.** at **Immaculate Conception, Ewa**. Burial will take place at Valley of the Temples at 1 p.m.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF ALFRED & LUCY BONIFACIO

The beauty of our parish and its history is that we have generations of families who have been with us for a long time. One of our couples, **Alfred & Lucy Bonifacio**, just celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary. They were married here at our parish on September 5, 1959. Al and Lucy have been in various ministries over the years, most recently in our music ministry. They are a true testament of the Sacrament of Marriage which God instituted. Congratulations to the happy couple!

NEW BULLETIN

As you already know, our bulletin look has changed. Many thanks to **Xuchyll Roman** for her creativity and expertise in reorganizing the format for more clarity. Soon we will introduce our new website! Xuchyll, as well as **MJ Agcamaran**, are working hard to put it together. We are truly grateful to our young adults, who are giving their time and talent for making these enhancements!



CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Sept. 14 Knights of Columbus
Sept. 21 Couples for Christ
Sept. 28 Chamorro Group
Oct. 5 Sacred Heart Society

LABOR DAY FUN!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Aug . 31 – Sep. 1, 2024

Weekly Offering	\$3,639.58
Sat. 5:00 PM -	\$ 624.19
Sun. 7:00 AM -	\$1,006.00
Sun. 9:30 AM -	\$1,162.13
Sun. 5:00 PM -	\$ 847.26
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,996.50
Building Fund	\$310.00
Flowers	\$12.50
Candles	\$95.00
Book of Intentions	\$60.00
Mass Intentions	\$340.00
Funeral	\$300.00
Religious Education	\$240.00
Baptism	100.00
House Blessing	25.00
Hawaii Quilt Guild (R/M)	30.00
Holy Water	6.00
Refund/Rebate	<u>49.14</u>
TOTAL	\$8,203.72

Sacred Heart Society 1,665.00

Second Collections

Catholic Charities Hawaii \$55.00
 KoC Global Wheelchair \$205.00



Thank you for your continued support for our parish. Your generosity is truly appreciated. It is through your contributions that we are able to be of service to the parish community. As we continue to serve our brothers and sisters in our parish, please consider our eGiving program, Faith Direct. Online-giving takes away the hassle of writing checks and using envelopes. Once your account is set up, nothing else is required and you'll have the satisfaction that your donation is taken care of. I encourage all of you to consider eGiving. Please visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code:

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 God bless you, **to sign-up for**
 Fr. Sieg **Faith Direct**



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Dear Padre,

What is the “gospel of prosperity”? Does it mean that being rich is a sign of God’s favor?

That’s a good question, as this month we listen to the challenging words of St. James. If there is a “gospel of prosperity,” Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John didn’t write it, and it isn’t about Jesus. If anything, the Gospels would be called “Gospels of poverty.” Jesus himself was born in poverty. Had he wished to extol riches and prosperity, he would have been born into the lap of luxury. But God chose the poverty of a stable. Although the subject of riches and poverty appears in all the Gospels, Luke writes about it the most. It is thought that Luke was concerned about this topic because he came from wealth and dealt with people of means. Luke sees money and goods as dangerous to salvation. Although “nothing will be impossible for God” (Luke 1:37), Luke uses the image of a camel passing through the eye of a needle to explain that this impossible task is easier than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven (Luke 18:25). Scary words. Yet, poverty itself is not hailed as good, nor are riches condemned in themselves. It’s what wealth does to people that is the core issue. When we focus on riches and possessions, we risk turning from God and growing deaf to the cries of the poor. Possessions and wealth are to be shared, not hoarded. ●

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A word from POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves: how is my capacity to listen going?
Think about family life: how many times do we talk without listening first, repeating the same things, always the same things!...
The healing of the heart begins with listening...We hear the words of Jesus addressed to us:
“Ephphatha, be opened!”
Open your ears.

ANGELUS, ROME,
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK



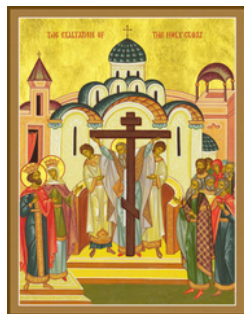
St. Peter Claver – Feast Day is September 9th. He was a 17th c. Spanish Jesuit priest and missionary, who was born in Spain, but left his homeland forever in 1610 to minister to African slaves in the New World. He devoted his life to serving African slaves in Columbia for 38 years and baptized over 300,000 of them. He earned the title of “Apostle of the Negroes” by working unceasingly for their salvation and abolition of the Negro slave trade. His first concern though was to erase their human suffering and restore a sense of dignity. His life of humility and penance led to miraculous occurrences. He’s the patron saint of slaves, the Republic of Columbia, African missions, and interracial justice.

Most Holy Name of Mar – Feast Day is September 12th. This special feast to honor our Blessed Mother began in Spain in 1513. It commemorates her Holy Name and is a day when we recall the inexpressible love of Mother Mary for her Child, Jesus and how the faithful are directed to invoke her with devotion. Some churches celebrate this feast with processions to honor her holy name and the contributions she’s made to the church. Many people, however, choose to pray the Rosary. It’s interesting that even though her name is simple, she has numerous titles attributed to her. This is the patronal feast of the Society of Mary (Marianists).



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



Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Feast Day is September 14th. This feast, also known as “Triumph of the Cross,” commemorates the miraculous discovery in 326 of the True Cross by St. Helen, mother of Emperor Constantine, while she was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The significance of this feast is to honor the cross on which Christ was crucified. It also represents Christ’s victory over death and redemptive transformation of a torture instrument into a divine “tree of life,” which brings hope to mankind. Constantine had a church built on this site where the cross was discovered, known as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which is considered to be the holiest and most important pilgrimage site in Christianity.

Happy Birthday, Mama Mary!
September 8th



WEEKLY MASS COUNT

	AUG 31-SEP 1	
Day/Time	Adult	Child
Sat. 5:00 PM	102	11
Sun. 7:00 AM	271	7
Sun. 9:30 AM	263	46
Sun. 5:00 PM	129	26

Readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:4c-9a
Jas 2:14-18
Mk 8:27-35