



Roman Catholic Church of the
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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. 1st 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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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.”



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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



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2024

Readings for next week:

Proverbs 9:1-6

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

FOCUS: Those who receive the Eucharist with eyes of faith can rejoice in Jesus' promise of eternal life.

In the Eucharist, the Lord has given us a great gift: his whole self – body, blood, soul, and divinity. This can be challenging to accept since our eyes see what looks like bread. But those who see and receive this gift with the eyes of faith, trusting in the Lord's words that he is *the bread of life*, can rejoice in his promise of eternal life.



Happy Birthday, Bishop Larry Silva

This past Tue., Aug. 6th, marked the 75th Birthday of the beloved Shepherd of our diocese, Bishop Larry Silva. We extend our best wishes to him and are grateful for his many years of dedication and service to the people of this diocese. He has submitted his resignation letter to Pope Francis, which is customary for bishops to do at this age expressing his willingness to retire. However, he has asked the Pope to consider an extension to his tenure, as he would like to finish the renovation of the Cathedral Basilica and preside over its rededication in 2026. Ultimately, it's the pope's decision. Let us keep him in our prayers.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, August 12:

(Gerald Lim – Birthday Blessings)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, August 13:

(+Mercedes Perez - RS)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, August 14:

(+Felipe Madamba, Jr. - RS)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

(Church)

Thursday, August 15: No Mass

Friday, August 16:

(Nhu Loan Nealon - Thanksgiving)

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Bingo Night

Saturday, August 17:

(Andrea & Benjamin Yucoco - Thanksgiving)

12:00 p.m. Rosary for Families

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, August 18:

6:15 a.m. Rosary

7:00 a.m. Mass

(Mass for the People)

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass

(+Wendell Tolentino – RS)

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

(Varez Family - Thanksgiving)

Bingo Night is happening this Friday!

Food, fun, & fellowship!



Tickets on sale after all the Masses for a Spaghetti Dinner plate which includes 2 Bingo cards! Cost: \$15 ea. Additional Cards can be purchased at the door.

**Friday, August 16, 2024
6:00 p.m., Parish Hall**

Funeral Services for +Greffin N. Asprec

A prayer service for the late +Greffin N. Asprec will be held on **Monday, August 12th**, at Mililani Mauka Chapel, **11:00 a.m.** Dcn. Richard Abel will preside. Burial will follow at Mililani Cemetery, **12:30 p.m.**



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O.C.I.A. stands for the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** and is our church process for adults and children over the age of 7. If you are or know someone who may be interested in receiving full Catholic initiation through

the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, OCIA is here for you!

This ministry also welcomes those of us who have received our sacraments but are interested in a review of catholic traditions and scriptures. **We will be available throughout the month of August for information and registration.** For inquiries, please contact **Eden Pulga** via email: **edencia@aol.com**.



Youth Ministry Registration

Calling youth grades 7-12! The Youth Ministry Meetings will be held on the **first and third Fridays of the month** (not the *second* Friday as announced in last week's bulletin),

starting on September 6th, at 6:30 p.m. We encourage parents of our youth to get them involved in the life of the church! It will be a time of learning with activities geared to other youths.

Registrations are being held after all the Masses on the weekend throughout the month of August. Please pick up a registration form at the entrance of the parish and fill it out. For more information, call the parish office at (808) 681-3701.

Volunteers Needed to help with Youth Ministry



Our Youth Ministry is looking for volunteers to help them on their Friday night meetings. If you are interested in being a part of their ministry, please call the office and leave your contact information. All volunteers are required to participate in the Diocese Safe Environment, which includes training and a background check. Call the parish office for info.



Religious Education Registration

Registration for Religious Education Classes have begun. It will be held after the 5 p.m. Masses on Saturday and Sunday, and also between 8 – 9:15 a.m. Sunday mornings. If this is your child's first time registering for classes, we ask that parents bring a copy of their baptism certificate. Our Director of Religious Education, Shirley Sunio, will be available for any questions or concerns. She is also looking for volunteers who would like to teach classes. Please contact her at ssunio@rcchawaii.org for more info.

Stewardship of Treasure

August 3 - 4, 2024

Weekly Offering - \$ 4,683.00
Sat., 5 pm - 706.00
Sun, 7 am - 1,736.00
Sun, 9:30am - 1,195.00
Sun, 5 pm - 1,046.00

Repair/Maint. Fund 1,022.50
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 Mass Intentions 150.00
 Food Pantry 3,037.00
 First Friday 20.00
 Religious Edu 90.00
 Bingo Tix 630.00
 Dcn. Donation 150.00

Total \$ 10,200.00

Second Collections

Seminarian Edu Fund \$ 20.00
 Catholic Charities Hawaii 921.74

2nd Collection:



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Mahalo to all who have generously given to Catholic Charities Hawaii last week. So far, we've collected **\$ 959.74**. Thank you for your generosity.

Alison away on vacation

Alison will be away on vacation from Tuesday, August 13 through Friday, August 23rd, 2024. No one will be in the office till Monday, August 26th. If you need assistance, please contact Fr. Sieg via email.

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Dear Padre,

August 11, 2024

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



Without [Jesus], rather than living, we get by: because he alone nourishes the soul; he alone forgives us from that evil that we cannot overcome on our own; he alone make us feel loved even if everyone else disappoints us; he alone gives us the strength to love, and he alone gives us the strength to forgive. *Angelus, Rome, Aug 8 2021*

I miss the use of incense. Is it forbidden or out of style?

Incense is not out of style, nor is it forbidden. It is still burned to signify that Christ's sacrifice ascends to God as an odor of sweetness and as a sign of people's prayers rising to the throne of God. In the Book of Revelation, we read: "Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a gold censer. He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones, on the gold altar that was before the throne. The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel" (Revelation 8:3-4).

Incense is a resinous substance obtained by cutting into the bark of a fir or pine tree. The original meaning of the Hebrew word for incense was "fragrant smoke." Ancient Jews burned incense as an act of worship in the tabernacle and temple. Scripture mentions incense often (Ephesians 5:2 and Philippians 4:18, for instance).

Today, incense is often used at the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at funerals, and during other special liturgical celebrations to highlight the festivity of a particular occasion. Celebrants may also use incense in any liturgy to bless the congregation, the altar, the book of the Gospels, and the gifts of bread and wine.

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Feasts and Saints of the Week



St. Clare of Assisi - Feast Day is August 11th. She was a 13th c. Italian saint and one of the first followers of St. Francis of Assisi. So inspired by his teachings, she founded the Order of Poor Ladies known today as the Poor Clares, which is a monastic religious order for women in the Franciscan tradition. Known for her humility, poverty, and love of God, she also performed many miracles like St. Francis did in life and after death. The most notable miracle occurred when she prayed while holding a monstrance with a consecrated Host at the convent gates to ward off invaders and her attackers left. Her motto was "Steadfast in faith, forward in hope." She's the patron saint of television, computer screens, and eye diseases.



St. Jane Frances de Chantal - Feast Day is August 12th. She was a 16th-17th Catholic noble wife, mother, and widow. At her castle, she restored the custom of daily Mass and was engaged in various charitable works. Under the spiritual direction of St. Francis de Sales, she founded a religious community, the Visitation Order, that exemplified the virtues of humility and meekness that Mary showed at the Visitation. Originally an order centered on spiritual and corporal works of mercy, it was necessary to convert it to a cloistered community following the Rule of St. Augustine due to opposition of women in active ministry. Later on, she suffered great trials of spiritual dryness, darkness, and interior anguish. She's the patron saint of wives, mothers, and widows.



St. Maximilian Kolbe - Feast Day is August 14th. A 20th c. Polish Catholic priest and Conventual Franciscan friar, he worked for the conversion of sinners and enemies of the Catholic Church. He was also a noted publisher, evangelist, and martyr of charity. His story is one of heroism, courage, and self-sacrifice, shown ultimately in his volunteering to die in place of another man in the German death camp of Auschwitz during WWII. His life and death have inspired us to follow Jesus as he did and live the faith in commitment to those in need. Known as the "Knight of the Immaculata," his life was one of total union with the Immaculate Virgin. He was considered "another Christ in life and in death." He's the patron saint of amateur radio operators, drug addicts, and political prisoners.

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