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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.”*

Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025

FOCUS: God seeks out the sinner and loves us unconditionally.

Today’s feast is another “epiphany” – a revelation of who Jesus is. By submitting himself to John’s baptism (a baptism of repentance), Jesus, who is sinless, draws near to sinners and joins himself with them. The voice of the Father saying, You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased consoles us, because we who are joined to Christ in baptism are made beloved children of the Father. These truths reveal God’s goodness and his unconditional love for us.

SPIRIT-TRAINED FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The Spirit that descended upon Jesus is the same Spirit with which we have been baptized. In one way or another, it calls us out into the world, into the lives of others. At times, that call is a passionate desire that burns like fire “eager to do what is good,” as Paul wrote to Titus (Titus 2:14). It shows itself as a call to the work we do in life—perhaps parenting, teaching, medical work, or creating jobs through business. The Spirit beckons us into making the world a better place in which to live. Sometimes, however, the Spirit’s voice echoes with calls made to us by others. Teachers are urged to become principals. Employees are recognized as potential managers and supervisors. People receive requests to volunteer in community or school projects. At other times, the Spirit calls us through the needs of life. A child may need to care for an aged parent. A family may have a child with special needs. One-sided relationships may call for a listening ear that saps our patience. Saint Paul wrote to Titus that, in all of this, we are being trained by God’s Spirit to live life as follows: temperately, with a sense of balance, perhaps between giving and receiving; justly, because life is not all about us; and devoutly, for there is a power greater than ourselves (Titus 2:12). It may help to realize that those in training do not always perform their work perfectly. It is the nature of being trained. Trust the Spirit to train you well.

● **Reflect:** How is the Spirit training you to make the world a better place?

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

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 13:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
6:30 PM Council of Ministries Mtg.

Tuesday, January 14:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Violeta Caing Pedro - RS)
6:30 PM Parish Planning and
Building Committee Mtg.

Wednesday, January 15:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Leeward Vicariate Mtg.
5:00 PM Centering Prayer
6:30 PM O.C.I.A.
6:30 PM Liturgy Mtg.

Thursday, January 16:

No Mass

Friday, January 17:

6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry
6:30 PM Youth Ministry Mtg.

Saturday, January 18:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
9:00 AM Secular Franciscan Mtg
4:00 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)

Sunday, January 19:

6:15 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Rodolfo L. Medina and +Edilberto Fajardo
- Death Anniversaries)
8:15-9:15 AM CCD Classes
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(Robert & Roxanne Whalen - 54th Wedding
Anniversary)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Jan. 18: Couples for Christ
Jan. 25: Chamorro Group
Feb. 1: Sacred Heart Society
Feb. 8: Knights of Columbus



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUBILEE PRAYER



Pope Francis inaugurated the Jubilee Year on December 24th with the opening of the Holy Door. The "Jubilee Prayer", released by the Vatican for the 2025 Holy Year, is a profound spiritual petition that acknowledges faith as a divine gift and recognizes the Holy Spirit's role in igniting love within believers' hearts. It expresses a deep yearning for God's Kingdom while asking for the grace to actively spread the Gospel message throughout the world. It beautifully captures the transformative power of faith, describing how God's grace can reshape both humanity and creation itself, leading toward the promise of a renewed world where evil is overcome and divine glory reigns supreme. (<https://thecatholiccrusade.com/the-jubilee-prayer-2025/>)

Starting this weekend, we will recite the Jubilee Prayer before each Mass, which can be found in your pews. The Jubilee Prayer replaces the National Eucharistic Prayer.

*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.*

To learn more about the Jubilee Year, log onto the official Vatican website at: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html

'OHANA IN CHRIST UPDATE



We are happy to update all of you with our 'Ohana in Christ collections. So far, we have collected **\$10,503**. Our goal is **\$12,458**. This brings us to **84%** of our goal reached and we have all of you to thank. We are almost there! Your gifts of treasure helps Bishop Larry in his efforts to those in need. Mahalo for your generosity!

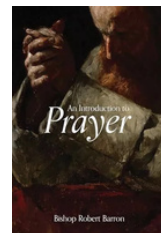
FUNERAL SERVICES FOR +JEFFREY FLORES

ORDONIO

Wake Services for the late **+Jeffrey Flores Ordonio** will be held on **Monday, January 13, 2025** at Mililani Mortuary, **Mauka Chapel**. Viewing begins at 10am, followed by services at **11:00 a.m.** Burial will follow at 12:30 p.m. Dcn. Richard Abel will preside.

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER BOOK

A couple of weeks ago, the parish was given a book entitled, Introduction to Prayer, by Bishop Robert Barron. It is a gift on behalf of Fr. Sieg. If you did not receive a copy, please stop by the parish office to pick one up. We still have a limited number of copies. Thank you.



FAITH DIRECT

Dec. 1-15, 2024 **Dec. 16-31, 2024**

Weekly Offering	\$1,480.00	\$155.00
Monthly Offering	\$1,220.00	\$0
One-Time Gifts	\$25.00	\$200.00
Offertory Catchup	\$0	\$4,600.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$325.00	\$150.00
Building Fund	\$550.00	\$0
Flowers	\$30.00	\$0
Candles	\$10.00	\$0
Food Pantry	\$115.00	\$0
Mass Intentions	\$30.00	\$0
Light A Star	\$25.00	\$45.00
Feast of Immaculate Conception	\$60.00	\$0
Christmas	\$260.00	\$100.00
'Ohana in Christ	\$0	\$100.00
<u>Retirement Fund for Religious</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Collection	\$4,170.00	\$5,350.00
Less Credit Card Fees	-\$74.70	-\$132.60
Less ACH Fees	-\$6.08	-\$0
<u>Less Faith Direct Fees</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>-\$0</u>
Totals	\$4,089.22	\$5,217.40

Your generosity makes all things possible! Mahalo!

MARCH FOR LIFE

The Annual March for Life Campaign will begin on Thursday, **January 23, 2025** with Mass at the **Cathedral of St. Theresa**, Honolulu starting at **6:00 p.m.** This Mass will also be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Marianne Cope.

The next day, Friday, January 24th, is the March for Life Rally at the State Capitol from 2 - 5 p.m. All are encouraged to join others from around the state in union for the unborn and the vulnerable.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Jan. 4 - 5, 2025

Weekly Offering	\$4,791.91
Sat. 5:00 PM - \$ 980.00	
Sun. 7:00 AM - \$ 1,199.00	
Sun. 9:30 AM - \$ 1,115.50	
Sun. 5:00 PM - \$ 1,497.41	
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,228.47
Building Fund	\$345.00
Flowers	\$20.00
Candles	\$99.00
Book of Intentions	\$188.00
Mass Intentions	\$182.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Light A Star	\$10.00
Word Among Us	\$50.00
Calendar	\$5.00
Special Projects/Repairs	\$200.00
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	\$1,038.00
TOTAL	\$9,207.38
Second Collection	
'Ohana in Christ	\$160.00



RED MASS

RED MASS, JANUARY 14TH, 9AM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
 CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF PEACE
 Downtown Honolulu (1184 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813)
 The Red Mass has been a tradition since 1955 for government officials and the community to gather at the beginning of the Legislative Session to pray together. This year will feature guest speaker Kerry Alys Robinson, President and CEO of Catholic Charities USA.



Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu. The Red Mass has been a tradition since 1955 for government officials and the community to gather at the beginning of the Legislative Session to pray together.

Bishop Larry Silva will be the principal celebrant and this year will feature guest speaker **Kerry Alys Robinson**, President and CEO of Catholic Charities USA, speaking on **"Blessed Are the Peacemakers: Reflections on Servant Leadership."** The general public is welcome to attend the Red Mass, which will also be livestreamed at www.honolulucathedral.org.

Fr. Sieg will be attending the Red Mass, so Fr. Rizal of St. Joseph, Waipahu will say the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the morning here at our parish.

NATIVITY PILGRIMAGE WITH BISHOP LARRY

July 20-31, 2025 in the Philippines

Join Bishop Larry Silva for this special 12-day nativity pilgrimage to the Philippines. The tour will go through Malina, Ilo-Ilo, Cebu, Simala, Batangas, and Tagaytay.

The trip includes round-trip airfare, airport taxes & fuel surcharges, land transportation, first-class hotels, daily mass, meals as per itinerary, and a medical protection plan. To learn more, visit travel.nativitypilgrimage.com/silva-philippines.



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We are told that we are baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, and that baptism is necessary for our salvation. But why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus was baptized, not because he needed saving, but so that others might be saved. By accepting baptism, he established this act as the normative path for salvation. Saint John Chrysostom addressed this question: "Though [Christ] needed not baptism for his own sake, yet carnal nature in others had need thereof." Or as St. Gregory Nazianzen said more poetically: "Christ was baptized that he might plunge the old Adam entirely in the water." Another reason Jesus accepted baptism is suggested by St. Augustine. He said our Lord was baptized "because he wished to do what he had commanded all to do." This is true servant leadership—not asking of others what one is not willing to do oneself. Or as St. Ambrose said, "This is justice, to do first thyself that which thou wishest another to do, and so encourage others by thy example." Perhaps as we launch into a new year, we might try to remember our baptismal promise to "put on Christ" and imitate Jesus in this way: to not ask of anyone—our children or parents; employers or employees; teachers or students; principals or pastors; or even presidents—what we do not ask of ourselves, especially when it comes to honesty, dedication, civility, and charity. ●

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FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

A word from POPE FRANCIS

Let us thank the Lord for baptism.
 Let us also thank him for the parents who brought us to the font, for those who administered the sacrament...for the community in which we received him....
 Do I acknowledge, in my life, the light of the presence of God, who sees me as his beloved son, his beloved daughter?

ANGELUS, ROME,
 JANUARY 7, 2024

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 Min.
- Sacred Heart Society
- Secular Franciscans
- Chamorro Group



St. Hilary of Poitiers – Feast Day is January 13th. This 4th c. saint was a Bishop of Poitiers in France and a Doctor of the Church. Being friendly and charitable, he was a gentleman who spoke out against the Arian heresy, which claimed Jesus was only human and not divine. Referred to as "Hammer of the Arians," he taught the truth of Jesus being both fully human and divine, for which he faced opposition and exile. A convert to Christianity after being raised a pagan, he met God in the Scriptures and committed himself to defending the faith. He wrote some of the greatest theology on the Trinity. He's the patron saint of scholars, students, and theologians.



St. Anthony the Great – Feast Day is Jan. 17th. Known by many other titles, such as Anthony of Egypt, Anthony of the Desert, Anthony the Abbot, and Anthony the Hermit, this 3rd - 4th c. saint was best known as the "Father of All Monks." He was the founder and father of organized Christian monasticism. His life was one of solitude, fasting, and manual labor in the service of God and he preferred to live as a hermit in the desert. His life wasn't one of just observing or listening to Jesus' words, but "becoming" what Jesus said and taught, such as selling his possessions and giving the money to the poor. He also visited holy people and imitated their virtues and example. He lived a long life to the age of 105 years old.



St. Margaret of Hungary – Feast Day is January 18th. She was a 13th c. princess and later a Dominican nun in Hungary, who lived a life totally dedicated to Christ crucified and was known as St. Margaret of the Cross. Having declined marriage proposals, she chose religious life and was deeply dedicated to it. Her fellow sisters were inspired by her asceticism, works of mercy, piety, constant fasting, and total humility. She spent her days in prayer, devotion to the Eucharist, care for the poor, selfless acts of service, and menial tasks. Due to her acts of self-destruction, she only lived to age 29. She never delayed in doing good works. She's the patron saint of extreme fasting and prayer.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	DEC. 21-22		DEC. 28-29		JAN. 4-5	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	228	25	133	12	162	17
	Sun. 7:00 AM	212	5	204	3	176	8
	Sun. 9:30 AM	220	51	226	45	296	46
	Sun. 5:00 PM	271	33	168	18	282	31

Readings for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11