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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.”*

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 15, 2024

FOCUS: Our lives must demonstrate our belief in Christ.

Today we hear the question that is at the center of the entire Gospel. Who is Jesus, and what does it mean to follow him? We would do well to reflect on this question from time to time. Who do we say that Jesus is, and how do our actions demonstrate this belief?

WHO DO PEOPLE SAY YOU ARE?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Pain is the body’s alarm clock that something is broken or not working correctly. Suffering, on the other hand, is a marker of our identity and points to what we value. Suffering through the struggles of raising a family says, “I am a parent. That’s what parents do.” Mental suffering that accompanies committed love says to the world that “I am married. This is something to be valued.” Suffering seems to accompany our commitments and consequently contributes to our identity. We don’t suffer over what is unimportant in our lives. When Peter recognized that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, Jesus then pointed out what sort of commitment accompanied being the Christ—that he would suffer greatly, be killed, and then rise on the third day. It was all much to Peter’s dismay, especially when Jesus noted that those who follow him can expect similar suffering.

The suffering that flows from our own commitments may not pin us to a physical cross, but it often reveals a faithfulness to live out the values of Jesus. For people of faith, those values become woven into our everyday living: of raising a difficult child, caring for aging parents, working at jobs that sap our energy, or tolerating those who are unkind. Many times, we may not display those values as a conscious expression of our faith, yet it does point to who we are—followers of Jesus.

● **Reflect:** Does your suffering reflect your values, your commitment to follow Jesus?

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 16:

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

Tuesday, September 17:

7:15 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Ben Faria - 1st Year Death Annv)
 6:30 PM Finance Meeting

Wednesday, September 18:

7:15 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (Lito Alcantra - Sick)
 5:00 PM Centering Prayer
 6:30 PM O.C.I.A.
 6:30 PM Liturgy Meeting

Thursday, September 19:

No Mass

Friday, September 20:

7:15 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Ignacio Perez - Death Anniversary)
 4-6:00 PM Food Pantry
 6:30 PM Youth Ministry Meeting

Saturday, September 21:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
 4:00 PM Confessions
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (+Lucrecia Tadeo-Bisquera - RS)
 (Layla Bonilla - Birthday Blessings)

Sunday, September 22:

6:15 AM Rosary
 7:00 AM Mass
 (+Courtney Raymond-Arakaki,
 +Cherell Keamo and + Jessyca
 Amasiu - RS)
 8:15-9:15 AM CCD Classes
 8:45 AM Rosary
 9:30 AM Mass
 (+Benjamin Faria, Jr. - 1st Year Death
 Anniversary)
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (Mass for the People)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



Today is Catechetical Sunday. It is a day to recognize and celebrate the generous gifts of time and talent that our catechists bring to the parish community. The theme this year is: "Lord, when did we see you hungry?" We acknowledge with gratitude our catechists who assist with our CCD Program, O.C.I.A. and Children's Liturgy. Our catechists are:

Shirley Sunio (DRE), Maria Eden Pulga (OCIA Coordinator), Normand Robert (Children's Liturgy Coordinator), Sandra Mendonza, Mimi Mangrobang, Wileen Biscaino, Chelsea Espiritu, Sherrie Alcos, Mady Agcamaran, Regina Rivera, Emy Keola, Rosie Nitta, Clarissa Duclayan, Mary Ann Gauyan, Ariya Cordero, Noah Ayala, Hannah Ayala, Ellie Jacang, Kyle Perdido, Kiana Thompson, Lowena Nagamine, Wanda Bega, Grace Rivera, Patrick Rivera, Ueka & Leilani Faumuina, and Sr. Mary Rose Atuu. Mahalo to our catechists!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER, MAXIMUS ACOSTA!



We welcome the newest member of our parish ohana: **Maximus Augustus Buan Acosta**, who was baptized on **August 25, 2024**. We ask for your prayers upon Maximus, his family, and sponsors, as they continue their journey in the life of Christ. Congratulations!

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR +CLARENCE POPOVICH

Wake services for the late +Clarence Popovich will be held on **Friday, September 20th**, Immaculate Conception Church. . Visitation begins at 4:00 p.m. followed by prayer services at 4:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 28TH

Join the 44th Regional Catholic Charismatic Conference "**Faithful Endurance**" on September 28th, 9am-6pm at Catholic Charities Hawaii. Free admission.

HAPPY 71ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF DIOSDADO & ESTHER DACLISON



Pictured above are Dado & Esther on their wedding day and today.

We would like to recognize two of our beloved longtime parishioners, **Diosdado and Esther Daclison**, who are celebrating their amazing **71st wedding anniversary** this weekend! The Daclison's were married in our church on **September 12, 1953**. We extend our sincere congratulations and very best wishes to this lovely couple, who have devoted many years of service to our parish ohana, especially in the later years through music and usher ministries. In earlier days, "Manang Esther" was one of the advisors for a young women's group in the parish called the Sodality. She was also a catechist and PAX coord.

where she led the children in the choir. They also helped to clean up the rectory for the priests. Dado involved himself with the young men who played sports in our parish and was the co-coordinator to his wife in all that she did. We are truly blessed for their many years of stewardship to our ohana. Congratulations!

NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. MICHAEL



Please join us for a novena in honor of San Miguel (St. Michael) from **September 20th - 29th, 2024**, starting at **6:30 p.m.** The Feast Day falls on Sunday, September 29th.



CHURCH
CLEANING
SCHEDULE



Sept. 21 Couples for Christ
Sept. 28 Chamorro Group
Oct. 5 Sacred Heart Society
Oct. 12 Knights of Columbus

FAITH DIRECT

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sep. 7-8, 2024

Faith Direct Disbursements	7/1/2024 - 7/15/2024	7/16/2024 - 7/30/2024	8/1/2024 - 8/15/2024	8/16/2024 to 8/31/2024
Weekly Offering	\$ 1,422.00	\$ 1,936.00	\$ 1,127.00	\$ 2,220.00
Monthly Offering	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 940.00
One-Time Gifts	\$ 40.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 200.00
Building Fund	\$ 605.00	\$ 713.00	\$ 555.00	\$ 713.00
Repair/Maintenance	\$ 335.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 620.00
Book of Intentions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 410.00	\$ 100.00
Offertory Catch Up	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 10.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 7.00
Flowers	\$ 35.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 140.00
Food Pantry	\$ 95.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 465.00
Hurricane Relief	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Philippine Typhoon Recover	\$ -	\$ 5.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Hawaii Catholic Charities	\$ -	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00	\$ -
Seminarian Education Fd	\$ 270.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65.00
Catholic University of America	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Diocese Priest Retirement Fd	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 4,207.00	\$ 5,296.00	\$ 4,189.00	\$ 5,490.00
Less Credit Card Fees	\$ 78.29	\$ 106.18	\$ 78.46	\$ 107.42
Less ACH Fees	\$ 5.69	\$ 5.83	\$ 5.69	\$ 6.17
Less Faith Direct Fees	\$ -	\$ 306.60	\$ -	\$ 306.60
Total Disbursement	\$ 4,123.02	\$ 4,877.39	\$ 4,104.85	\$ 5,069.81

Weekly Offering	\$4,456.25
Sat. 5:00 PM - \$ 853.00	
Sun. 7:00 AM - \$ 979.00	
Sun. 9:30 AM - \$1,031.25	
Sun. 5:00 PM - \$1,593.00	
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,418.35
Building Fund	\$380.00
Flowers	\$37.50
Candles	\$65.00
Book of Intentions	\$320.00
Mass Intentions	\$190.00
Funeral	\$300.00
Religious Education	\$670.00
Outreach	\$100.00
Food Pantry	\$78.00
Hawaii Quilt Guild (R/M)	\$50.00
Word Among Us Donation	\$50.00
Special Project	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$9,315.10



Second Collection:
Catholic Charities Hawaii \$ 20.00

SECOND COLLECTION



This weekend, our collection is for the Catholic University of America, which helps support more than 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education at an institution that supports cutting-edge research in multiple fields. Your donation will also enable the continuance of The Catholic Project. Thank you for your generosity.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



St. Francis of Assisi was known for his love of animals. He called them his brothers and sisters and would preach them the Good News of God. In honor of the Feast of St. Francis on **Friday, October 4th**, Fr. Sieg will be blessing all our animals after the 8am Mass.

COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES



Pictured are our Council of Ministry Leaders who meet once a month to discuss the happenings of their ministries.

We thank them for sharing their gifts of time and talent to bring life to our parish through their ideas and activities.



Picture courtesy of Fr. Sieg.

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Dear Padre,

Why does OCIA take so long? I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults program runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and the new name for RCIA) was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ, or who has never participated in a church community. OCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshiping community, learn to pray, and reflect on God's word. The Catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites; some parts of the process are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year. Talk to your priest about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you. ● Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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A word from POPE FRANCIS

Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?"
....Today too, the Lord looks at each of us personally and asks: "Who am I—in fact—for you?".... This question, addressed to each of us, calls for more than a quick answer straight out of the catechism; it requires a vital, personal response.

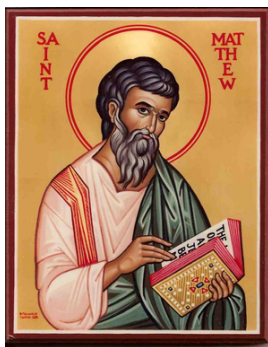
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SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK



Our Lady of Sorrows – Feast Day is September 15th. This title is one of many attributed to our Blessed Mother, as she experienced many interior sorrows as a result of Jesus' mission, particularly during his passion and death. She endured seven sorrows starting with Simeon's prophecy at Jesus' presentation at the temple and ending with Jesus' burial. This feast day is the biggest one for the Congregation of Holy Cross priests, brothers, and sisters throughout the world. She is the patron saint of Slovakia, many towns in Italy and the Philippines, and Christian mothers.

St. Joseph of Cupertino – Feast Day is September 18th. He was a 17th c. Italian OFM Conventional Franciscan friar and mystic, who experienced miraculous levitations and ecstasies during his life at the mere mention of God or a spiritual matter. After his ordination, he became entirely devoted to the Lord and his church. At Mass, he often floated in the air in rapture. He was even consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and promoted devotion to her, as a path to a deeper Christian life and love for the Lord. He's the patron saint of travelers, pilots, and the learning disabled.



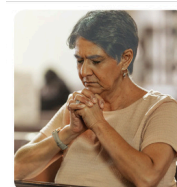
St. Mathew – Feast Day is September 21st. One of Jesus' 12 Apostles, he was also one of the 4 Evangelists, who authored gospels in the New Testament. This feast celebrates his role as an Apostle of Christ, his Synoptic Gospel writings, and his work of evangelization. Originally named Levi, Jesus chose him from his work as a tax collector. His gospel is the only one that mentions the Magi at Jesus' birth and his writings emphasize Jesus as King and the long-awaited Messiah. He spread the gospel mostly in Palestine after Jesus's death and was martyred while celebrating Mass one day. He's the patron saint of tax collectors and accountants.

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	
Day/Time	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
Sat. 5:00 PM	102	11	145	8
Sun. 7:00 AM	271	7	258	11
Sun. 9:30 AM	263	46	256	52
Sun. 5:00 PM	129	26	162	24



PRAY
REFLECT

Readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20
Jas 3:16-4:3
Mk 9:30-37