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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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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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- Food Pantry
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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



The Bread of Life

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 4, 2024

*Readings for next week:*

1 Kings 19:4-8

Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

John 6:41-51

**FOCUS:** The Lord never fails us, providing for our every need.

The people expected, and trusted, that God would provide for their every need...except when they didn't. The Lord expected that His people would obey His commands and follow His guidance...except they often didn't. Notice who fails in this relationship: it's not God! God provided daily bread to sustain them in the desert. He provides for us the true bread of life – Jesus – to sustain us for eternity. The Lord never fails us, providing for our every need.

### Weekly Schedule

#### Monday, August 5:

*(Nhu Loan Nealon - Thanksgiving)*

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Tuesday, August 6:

*(Francisco & Demetria Agarpao - Death Annv)*

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

#### Wednesday, August 7:

*(+Florendo Ramos - Death Annv)*

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (Church)

#### Thursday, August 8:

No Mass

#### Friday, August 9:

*(Nhu Loan Nealon - Thanksgiving)*

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mass

4-6:00 p.m. Food Pantry

#### Saturday, August 10:

*(+Benita Hayes & +David Hayes, Jr. - RS)*

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

#### Sunday, August 11:

6:15 a.m. Rosary

7:00 a.m. Mass

*(+Wendell Tolentino - RS)*

8:45 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass

*(+Tim Pader, Sr - RS)*

4:15 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Mass

*(Mass for the People)*

Get your tix!

Join us for Bingo Night!



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**Friday, August 16, 2024**

**6:00 p.m., Parish Hall**

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.

### Rosary, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m.



With the moral decline in the world today, we call on our prayer warriors to come together to pray for our families, especially our children, who face the challenges of a godless society. We will pray and offer the rosary for the forgiveness and healing of our nation. Please join us at the **church** on **August 17<sup>th</sup>, 12 p.m.** All are welcomed.

### Funeral Services for +Greffin N. Asprec

A prayer service for the late +Greffin N. Asprec will be held on **Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**, 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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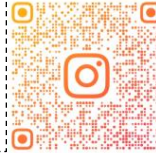
**VOLUNTEERS WANTED!** We are looking for volunteers to help with our Religious Education Program! We need **teachers** who love working with children and are willing to pass our faith on to them at their grade level. If you feel called to help, please call the office or contact Shirley Sunio (DRE) at [ssunio@rcchawaii.org](mailto:ssunio@rcchawaii.org)

**Young Adult Ministry! Open to young adults ages 18-39!**

Please join us for the month of **August!** Happening on Sundays, **6:30 pm** at the **Parish Hall**.

- Aug 4 - Talk: "The Immaculate Heart of Mary"
- Aug 11 -Talk and discussion, "Unification Through Mary"
- Aug 18 - Dinner & Fellowship.

For more info, click on the QR Code



Instagram

**Youth Ministry is BACK!**

Calling youth grades 7-12! The Youth Ministry will be on **every first and second Fridays of the month** at **6:30 pm**, starting **September 6, 2024** at the parish! Pick up a registration form at the entrance of the parish throughout the month of August. For more information, call the parish office at (808) 681-3701.

**"Growth in the Spirit Seminar", St. Joseph, Waipahu**

**Friday., August 16<sup>th</sup>. 6 – 8 pm and Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 5pm**

Hawaii Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services presents a seminar on Growth in the Spirit at **St. Joseph Church, Waipahu**. Check their church website for more info.

**Weekly Mass Count**

JULY	July 6-7		July 13-14		July 20-21		July 27-28	
Day/Time	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
Sat 5:00 pm	148	16	161	18	133	12	145	14
Sun 7:00 am	231	7	198	5	224	13	211	5
Sun 9:30 am	226	43	192	45	236	39	201	35
Sun 5:00 pm	<u>181</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>21</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>75</b>

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**July 27 - 28, 2024**

Weekly Offering - \$ 3,301.35  
 Sat., 5 pm - 875.00  
 Sun, 7 am - 896.00  
 Sun, 9:30am - 790.00  
 Sun, 5 pm - 740.35

Repair/Maint. Fund 1,972.00  
 Building Fund 235.00  
 Flowers 18.00  
 Candles 55.00  
 Book of Intentions 65.00  
 Mass Intentions 290.00  
 Funeral 400.00  
 Quilt Guild 29.05  
 Outreach 100.00  
 Bingo Dinner Tickets 150.00

**Total \$ 6,615.40**

**Second Collections**

Seminary Education Fd. \$ 10.00  
 Catholic Charities Hawaii 31.00



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This weekend, August 3-4, our second collection will be taken up for Catholic Charities Hawaii. In 2023, they touched the lives of 113,000 individuals by ensuring housing for individuals and families, enriching our youth, and assisting our kupuna by keeping them connected through the various resources and community services. Envelopes can be found in your pews or at the back of the church. Please give generously.

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# Dear Padre,

# August 4, 2024

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

### ***Are Catholic statues the same as "graven images"?***

God forbade the making of idols, images of false gods (Exodus 20:4-5). But God did not forbid the making of all images. Images of cherubim were placed on the Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 37:7-9), and the Book of Numbers tells how God commanded Moses to make a bronze serpent and put it on a pole as a sign of healing (Numbers 21:7-9).

Not only is the making of images or representations of people not forbidden by God, it is so common that we take it for granted. People keep photographs of those they love. In the same way, we Catholics love the saints as family members who have gone before us, and we keep images of them in our homes and churches.

Catholics do not worship the saints; we worship and adore God alone. But we do honor the saints, remembering their holy lives as we try to imitate them. There is nothing unusual about keeping statues and paintings in prominent places. Many cities display statues of leaders and important citizens. If we are given only secular models to imitate, we will be denied models who can guide us to Jesus and to eternal life. Images of the saints are reminders of God's grace and goodness fleshed out in the lives of people very much like us.

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When we seek first and foremost the satisfaction of our needs, we risk using people and exploiting situations from our own ends. Let us welcome Jesus and the Bread of Life...and learn to love each other...Love given freely without calculation, without using people, freely, with generosity, with magnanimity.

*Angelus, Rome, August 1, 2021*

## **Feasts and Saints of the Week**



**Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major** - Feast Day is August 5th. This day marks the dedication of the oldest Marian shrine for pilgrims not only in Rome, but in the whole Western world. It is also the largest church in the world, which honors God through Mary, and is one of the 4 Roman basilicas known as the patriarchal churches. Another name for this feast is "Our Lady of the Snows." It was believed that when a Roman couple pledged their fortune to Mary as the "Mother of God," she affirmed this by sending a miraculous summer snowfall and asked that a church be built on the site. Every August 5th, this feast is celebrated with the release of a shower of white rose petals from the dome.



**St. Dominic** - Feast Day is August 8th. A 13th c. Castilian Catholic priest, he founded the Order of Preachers, otherwise known as the Dominican Order. Originally a contemplative, he became active in apostolic work after traveling with his bishop. He started preaching according to the gospel ideal and with fellow preachers became a community. They are credited with spreading and popularizing the rosary. Besides preaching, St. Dominic lived simply and set an example of poverty, humility, and virtue. His order's ideal was linking a life with God, study, and prayer in all forms with a ministry of salvation to people by the word of God. His 4 Pillars are prayer, study, community, and service. He's the patron saint of astronomers and natural scientists.



**St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross** - Feast Day is August 9th. Named Edith Stein at birth, she was a 20th c. German Jew, who stopped believing in God at the age of 14. She was so captivated after reading St. Teresa of Avila's autobiography, that she began a spiritual journey which resulted in her conversion to Catholicism. She became a university Philosophy teacher. 12 years after her baptism, she imitated St. Teresa by joining the Carmelite Order as a Discalced Carmelite nun. She took the name of Teresa Benedicta of the Cross and her motto became "Learn to live at God's hands." She died a martyr in an Auschwitz gas chamber in 1942 after her arrest with Dutch Jews, who became Christians. She's the patron saint of converts to Christianity and of Europe.

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