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BAPTISM: Inform the parish 2 months in advance to allow for baptismal preparation

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Contact coordinator.

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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.”*

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 17, 2024

FOCUS: The end of the world is coming; let us prepare.

No one knows when the world will end, but if we wait to prepare for it, it may be too late. When we ask for forgiveness and receive God’s mercy, we are preparing and living for him. If we live for him, then we will live on forever when the Lord returns. Choosing not to live for him results in disgrace when the end comes. The Lord does not desire that for us

WHEN WORLDS COLLAPSE

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When personal worlds collapse, we can lose our way. The stars that marked our path through life disappear. When everything in life on which we had depended is shaken, we can feel life is not worth living. It happens when someone we love dies, when life-threatening illness lays us low, when a relationship disintegrates without warning. Then the world we once knew is no more. This week’s Gospel suggests “when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates” (Mark 13:29). But how can that be?

I met Marguerite and Ken when I came to the parish. A short time later, I received a phone call that Ken had suffered a massive heart attack. He had gone down to the basement for something, and that was where he died. I spent some time with Marguerite, and as you can imagine, she was wrapped in grief. They’d had a wonderful marriage, she told me, had done everything together. Whatever one did, the other went along. Two years later, Marguerite and I were talking and she began telling me how life had changed for her without Ken. She still missed him terribly. But lately she found herself involved in all sorts of parish activities and services she never would have gotten into, simply because they had always done things together. Without Ken, she found new worlds she never knew existed. For Marguerite, God had opened the gates to new life.

● **Reflect:** Has a personal tragedy ever become a doorway to new life for you?

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 18:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Carlito Flores Camat - RS)

Tuesday, November 19:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Simpliciana "Sophie" Victoria - RS)

Wednesday, November 20:

6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Simpliciana "Sophie" Victoria - RS)
5:00 PM Centering Prayer
6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

Thursday, November 21:

No Mass

Friday, November 22:

6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Nhu Loan Nealon - Thanksgiving)
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, November 23:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
4:00 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(29th Anniversary of Couples for Christ in Hawaii)

Sunday, November 24:

6:15 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(Dado & Esther Daclison/Fam. - Thanksgiving)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(Mass for the People)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Simpliciana "Sophie" Victoria - RS)

THANKSGIVING MASS, NOVEMBER 28th

We will have one Mass on **Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, at 8:00 a.m.** The parish office will be closed that day, and on Friday, November 29th. We will reopen the following Monday, December 2nd.

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE



Nov. 23: Chamorro Group
Nov. 30: Volunteers needed
Dec. 7: Sacred Heart Society
Dec. 14: Knights of Columbus

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHT A STAR



Our Annual Light A Star Tree will be up soon. If you would like to remember your loved ones during Advent by placing an ornament on our Light A Star Tree, please pick up an envelope which can be found at the back of the church. Write their names **legibly** and place your envelopes in the collection basket or box. You may also drop them off at the parish office.

ANNUAL PRIESTS' CONVOCATION

Fr. Sieg, along with the other diocesan priests, will be away this week for the Annual Priests' Convocation. Fr. Lyndon will preside over the daily Masses in his absence.

FUNERAL OF +VINCENCIO M. TACADENA- QUERUBIN

Funeral services for the late **+Vincencio M. Tacadena-Querubin** will be held on **Friday, November 22, 2024**, at **Mililani Mauka**. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Prayer Service at 11:00 a.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA

We will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception with a **novena** starting on **November 30th thru December 8th, at 6:30 p.m.** in the church. The novena will be followed by fellowship afterwards under the tent. Our Feast Day will be celebrated with Mass on Monday, December 8th followed by dinner in the hall. More information will be forthcoming in the next bulletin. All are welcomed to join.

NO CCD CLASSES

There will be no CCD Classes on **November 24th** due to the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes will resume on December 1st.



CCD RETREAT

A retreat for all students in Grades 1 thru High School will be held on **Saturday, November 30th, from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.** Students who are preparing to receive their Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation will be making their First Reconciliation during that time.

VETERANS DAY



Congratulations to our Veterans who were honored this past weekend. Above are some veterans from the 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Mass, who along with other Veterans and active service members from the other Masses, gathered near the altar, shared their branches of service, and then received their blessings and gifts from the parish. We thank them for their years of service and sacrifices they made for our country. Special congratulations to our oldest veteran, **Pio Barbieto**, who is in his 90's and served in the U.S. Army.



Our Ohana in Christ collection began last weekend, November 9-10. It is an ongoing appeal until we reach our goal. The Bishop is asking for your kokua for the following:

- Welcoming, supporting and forming our seminarians as they discern their call to the holy priesthood
- Providing food and shelter assistance to families and individuals across the Islands
- Caring for our retired priests after giving their lives in service to the Church
- Enhancing the faith and spiritual growth of the people in our parishes
- Fostering the faith of our youth and young adults through fellowship, community, and Sacramental life

Every parish is being asked to help this mission of the church. Our goal is to raise at least **\$12,458** (Note: *corrected goal*). We ask that you fill out the information and use the attached envelopes for your donations that were provided last weekend. However, if you wish to give through our parish, please make your checks payable to **Immaculate Conception Church** and notate for "Ohana in Christ." If you have any questions, please call the church office at (808) 681-3701.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR



November 17th is the World Day of the Poor. On that day, Pope Francis invites us to pause, listen, and hear the prayer of the poor. His message focuses on the theme, "The prayer of the poor rises up to God." (Sir. 21:5). Pope Francis urges us to read the prayer of the poor on their faces and in their stories and to "share in their struggles" so that we might find healing together.

This year, our second collection, **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**, will go toward the poor. Here in Hawaii, our donations support effective community efforts to help survivors of natural disasters rebuild their lives, low-income families through non-profit organizations construct and own affordable housing, and formerly incarcerated persons re-enter society as valued contributing members in their families and communities. Please give generously to our brothers and sisters who are in need. As always, we thank you for your continued support.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 9 - 10, 2024

Weekly Offering	\$3,789.00
Sat. 5:00 PM - \$ 826.00	
Sun. 7:00 AM - \$ 915.00	
Sun. 9:30 AM - \$ 1,445.00	
Sun. 5:00 PM - \$ 603.00	

Repair & Maintenance	\$609.00
Building Fund	\$270.00
Flowers	\$15.00
Candles	\$45.00
Book of Intentions	\$45.00
Mass Intentions	\$40.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Light A Star	\$128.00
All Souls	<u>\$40.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5,031.00



SPECIAL COLLECTION
Ohana in Christ **\$1,568.00**



ANCHORED IN MISSION

Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Wahiawa

Anchored in Mission
An engaging presentation for young adults and ministry leaders

With Speaker: Rick Popp

Date/Time: November 21, 2024 7:00 PM
Location: Our Lady of Sorrows Church 1623 A. California Ave, Wahiawa, HI 96786

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Sacred Heart Academy is a school designed for girls from Preschool to grade 12 with an all-girl focused academic curriculum and unique extended-learning opportunities. The programs offered are geared toward strengthening their talents and skills to build confidence. All are invited to their Open House on **November 17th** at 11:00 a.m. For more info, contact (808) 734-5058, ext. 234.

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FOOD PANTRY CLOSURE



The Food Pantry will be closed Friday, November 29th, due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

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I am confused by Genesis 6:6: "The LORD regretted making human beings on the earth, and his heart was grieved." How can a perfect being regret something he created in his own image?

Sometimes reading an isolated line of Scripture can be confusing. Context is essential. The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum), promulgated by Pope St. Paul VI on November 18, 1965, clearly teaches this Catholic understanding of sacred Scripture. A proper appreciation of context, in the example you provided, reminds us that the holy writers of Scripture were not reporting the words of the Lord like an announcer on the evening news. This is not a newspaper account of a witnessed event or a report commenting on the scene that has unfolded. Biblical authors were constrained by their own experience and perception, even as they were inspired by the Spirit of God. When they made a conclusion, they frequently revealed more about their humanity than they did about the divinity they witnessed. The divine is just too wonderful and mysterious for humans to fully comprehend. The author of Genesis provided a summary of how the experience of the creative activity of God was perceived. It is not the whole story and is perhaps best understood more as a contrast with Genesis 1:31, where we read that on the sixth day, "God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good."

● Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

A word from
POPE FRANCIS

Those who do good, are investing in eternity. When we see a person who is generous and helpful, meek, patient, who is not envious, does not gossip, who is not boastful...who is not rude...this is a person who builds Heaven on earth... What they do will not be lost because good is never lost, good lasts forever.

ANGELUS, ROME,
NOVEMBER 7, 2021



St. Rose Philippine Duchesne - Feast Day is November 18th. This 19th c. French religious sister and educator founded the first convents of the Society of the Sacred Heart in the U.S. She traveled from her home in France to the U.S. as a missionary, where she founded many schools, did charitable work such as caring for the sick even those with repulsive wounds and ministered with dedication to the Potawatomi Native Americans. She often obtained miraculous cures for people whom she cared for from the Child Jesus. The last half of her life was spent teaching and serving the people in the Midwestern U.S., which was considered the Western frontier at that time.

She died in St. Charles, Missouri at the age of 83 and was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1988.



The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Feast Day is November 21st. This feast, which was celebrated in Jerusalem in the 6th c. in the Eastern Church and then in the 11th c. in the Western Church, became a liturgical feast of the Universal Church in the 16th c. Mary's parents, Anna and Joachim, presented their 3 yr. old daughter to God in the Temple of Jerusalem to fulfill a promise to God. Anna had prayed for a child, received a heavenly message that she would bear one, and then promised that she would dedicate her to God's service. This feast emphasizes Mary's holiness received from the beginning of her life, which continued through her childhood and beyond. She was truly dedicated to God and became a temple of the Lord dwelling in her in a special way and sanctifying her for her unique role in his saving work.

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St. Cecilia - Feast Day is November 22nd. She was a 3rd c. Roman virgin martyr, who was one of the most famous ones of the early church. She's the patron saint of music and musicians and has been the patron saint of church music since the 16th c. She is said to have heard heavenly music inside her heart, when she was forced to marry Valerian who was a pagan, but was later converted. She's noted for her trust in the Lord's plan and how to be fearless in the face of death. She converted others as well by introducing them to God. Her motto was "to praise, to bless, and to preach." She was known to have appeared in some apparitions to St. Dominic with the Blessed Virgin Mary. She showed strength and devotion and is often depicted with a harp. A church was built over her house where she lived and died.

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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	Day/Time	NOV. 2-3		NOV. 9-10	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	155	20	134	15
	Sun. 7:00 AM	225	10	197	5
	Sun. 9:30 AM	200	30	245	41
	Sun. 5:00 PM	159	22	110	14

Readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Daniel 7: 13-14
Revelations 1:5-8
John 18:33b-37