



# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH *of the* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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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.”*

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2024

**FOCUS:** *Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

It can be challenging to be people of faith. Accepting and understanding the magnitude of the Lord's love for us, including the mystery of Jesus handing himself over for us, may be difficult at times. But faith is a gift, so although we may struggle, we can trust God to grant us the grace we need to commit to serving him and following his Son.

## TAKING A STAND MATTERS

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day I happened to be sitting and chatting with some teenagers. When the discussion turned to parents, expectations, and how they respond, I asked them, “What’s really important to you? What do you value and try not to compromise on?” “Why do you want to know?” one asked. “Just wondering,” I said. Silence. Then one said that being honest was really important to her, that she always tried to tell the truth. Another said “family.” Another, respecting his body, said, “No drugs, no alcohol.” More silence, and then one spoke of her faith and how it really mattered and made a difference in her life. Their conversation then moved on to other things – friends, movies, and what to do later that day.

In reality, I had another reason for asking my question, one beyond a simple inquiry. There is something good about saying aloud what is truly important to us, what we won’t compromise on. Saying it out loud makes it more real, something we can stand for. Some of those teens didn’t say anything, maybe because they had never thought about what their values were. Perhaps hearing others speak up inspired them to think about it, maybe for the first time in their lives. Saying aloud where we stand in life makes a difference.

Jesus reminds us that it is the spirit that gives life, that the flesh is of no avail. Some of those teens have already begun to realize this truth.

**Reflection:** *When faced with difficulties, do you stop and pray for wisdom—to see as God sees?*

## PARISH MINISTRIES

- Parish Council of Ministries
- Finance Council
- Parish Planning & Building
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Music Ministry
- Bereavement
- Religious Education
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Altar Servers
- Flowers and Environmental
- Event Planners
- Food Pantry
- Sacred Heart Society
- Knights of Columbus
- Couples & Singles for Christ

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, August 24:

4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(Norma Favella - Thanksgiving  
+Rosalino Respicio, Jr. - RS)

### Sunday, August 25:

6:15 AM Rosary  
7:00 AM Mass (For the people)  
8:45 AM Rosary  
9:30 AM Mass (+Christopher  
Sabey, Jr. - Death Anniv.)  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(+Wendell Tolentino - RS)

### Monday, August 26:

7:15 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass

### Tuesday, August 27:

7:15 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass

### Wednesday, August 28:

7:15 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass  
5:00 PM Centering Prayer (Church)

### Thursday, August 29:

No Mass

### Friday, August 30:

7:15 AM Rosary  
8:00 AM Mass (Nhu Loan Nealon -  
Thanksgiving)  
4:00-6:00 PM Food Pantry

### Saturday, August 31:

8:00 AM Church cleaning  
4:00 PM Confessions (or by appt.)  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass  
(Leanza Yucoco - Birthday)

### Sunday, September 1:

6:15 AM Rosary  
7:00 AM Mass  
(+Wendell Tolentino - RS)  
8:45 AM Rosary  
9:30 AM Mass (For the People)  
4:15 PM Rosary  
5:00 PM Mass

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### TEACHERS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

We are looking for 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 serve, please call the parish office or **contact Shirley Sunio, DRE**, at [ssunio@rcchawaii.org](mailto:ssunio@rcchawaii.org).

### FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Volunteers needed to help with our Children's Liturgy at the 9:30 AM mass on Sundays in the Parish Hall. Volunteers teach our children about the gospel reading for the day. If you are interested, please contact **Shirley Sunio, DRE**.



Little Bethlehem Christians will be on-site the weekend of **August 31 - September 1** to sell their work of art after each mass. Each item is unique and hand carved from olive wood tree branches. They make great gifts for any occasion! Stop by the Parish Hall to support them.

### CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE



## OPEN REGISTRATION FOR CCD CLASSES

Please see **Shirley Sunio, DRE**, after the weekend masses. For first time registrations, please provide a copy of child's baptismal certificate. **Registration Fee (for books):** \$35 per child or \$75 (for 3 or more children)

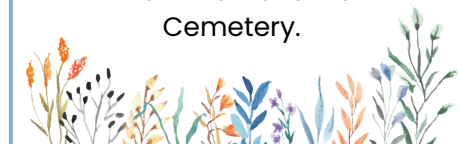
**OCIA** starts on Wed. Sept. 4th  
**CCD** starts on Sun. Sept. 8th



## Calling youth grades 7-12 YOUTH MINISTRY IS BACK!

The Youth Ministry will be on every **first and third Fridays of the month at 6:30 pm**, starting **September 6, 2024** at the parish hall! 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.

A prayer service for the late **+Prescilla Marie Calimpong** will be held on Wed. Aug. 28th at Mililani Makai Chapel. Visitation at 8:30 AM and service 10:00 AM. Dcn. Richard Abel will preside. Burial to follow at 11:30 AM at Mililani Memorial Park Cemetery.



**Aug. 31** Couples for Christ  
**Sept. 7** Sacred Heart Society  
**Sept. 14** Knights of Columbus  
**Sept. 21** Couples for Christ  
**Sept. 28** Chamorro Group



Mahalo for supporting Bingo Night at ICC!

## OUR BINGO EVENT ON AUGUST 16TH WAS A SUCCESSFUL FELLOWSHIP!

Many tickets were sold. Attendees enjoyed a spaghetti dinner and they had fun as always with the Bingo games. Our faithful youth were especially helpful and so energetic! Many thanks to Event Planning Coordinator, **Rosie Tabaranza**, and her ministry members for conducting this popular event once again for our parish. Also a **big mahalo** to everyone who generously donated awesome prizes!



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## Shoutout to the Event Planning Ministry who work tirelessly behind the scenes:

- Rosie Tabaranza
- Alison Harney
- Sherrí Alcos
- Dami Espiritu
- Rose Dauphinee
- Erlene Hutchinson
- Gelly Susa
- Norma Valdez
- Trinisha Paxton
- Shirley Sunio
- Wileen Biscayno
- Mona Ishihara
- Lucille Meno
- Mimi Mangrobang
- Janice Trinidad
- Trinity Trinidad
- Claire Somera
- Roxanne Whalen
- Rebecca Sexauer
- Jocelyn Roberts
- Clarissa Lacuesta
- JCHS ROTC Volunteers

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offering	
Sat. 5:00 PM	\$788.00
Sun. 7:00 AM	\$1411.25
Sun. 9:30 AM	\$1036.00
Sun. 5:00 PM	\$740.00

Repair & Maintenance	\$675.35
Building Fund	\$210.00
Flowers	\$13.00
Candles	\$25.00
Book of Intentions	\$45.00
Bingo Tickets	\$4,606.00

**TOTAL** \$9,549.60

### Second Collections

Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$25.00
KoC Global Wheelchair Project	\$3,065.50



Thank you for your continued support for our parish. Your generosity is truly appreciated. It is through your contributions that we are able to be of service to the parish community. As we continue to serve our brothers and sisters in our parish, please consider our eGiving program, Faith Direct. Online-giving takes away the hassle of writing checks and using envelopes. Once your account is set up, nothing else is required and you'll have the satisfaction that your donation is taken care of. I encourage all of you to consider eGiving. Please visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **HI842**

God bless you,  
Fr. Sieg

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**Saturday, August 31, 2024**  
from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
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**God Chose You for Me** is a seven-hour experience designed to deepen the spiritual connection between married couples. The event is hosted by a priest or deacon, a married couple, and a surviving spouse. **Pre-registration is necessary, scan QR code. \$50 per couple.**



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# Dear Padre,

## A friend claims that various saints have appeared to her. Is this something that really happens?

Your friend might be experiencing what are called “private” revelations. Many recognized saints experienced visions in which Jesus, Mary, or the disciples spoke to them. These revelations were sometimes the sparks that caused future saints to leave whatever they were doing and follow Jesus in a dynamic way. Saint Francis of Assisi was a rich young man who had a vision of Christ that radically changed his life. After this private revelation, Francis embraced poverty and devoted himself to the care of the sick. He founded the Franciscans to carry on his mission. An example of recent private revelations are the apparitions at Medjugorje. Even though the Church has not formally recognized these revelations, many have discovered a deeper faith because of them. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says this about private revelations: “Throughout the ages, there have been so-called “private” revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ’s definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history” (CCC 67). It is important to note whether the private revelation is contrary to the faith or the morals of the Church, and whether a particular revelation brings one closer to God.

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### A word from POPE FRANCIS

The Lord asks the disciples the decisive question: “But who do you—you!—say that I am?” Who am I for you, now? Jesus does not want to be a key figure from the past; He wants to be an important person for you today, for me today.... Jesus wants to be the God who is close to us!

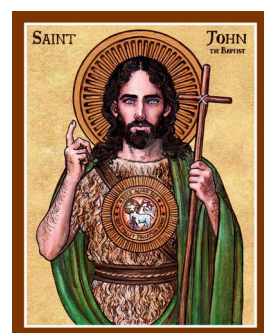
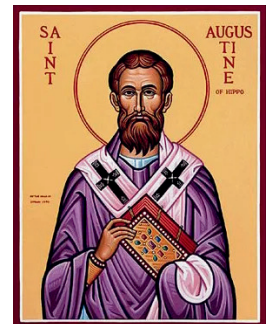
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AUGUST 27, 2023

## FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK



**St. Monica – Feast Day is August 27th.** A 4th c. North African saint, she’s best known as the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo. She played a pivotal role in his spiritual formation by persevering in prayer and fasting for 17 years, which led to his conversion to Christianity. She also prayed fervently for her pagan husband and mother-in-law, who were eventually baptized as well. Despite discouragement and much suffering, she continued to love and never gave up, knowing that God would never abandon her. She was a prime example of patience, faith, and hope and is the patron saint of mothers, widows, alcoholics, and victims of abuse and adultery.

**St. Augustine of Hippo – Feast Day is August 28th.** He was a 4th-5th c. North African theologian, philosopher, prolific writer, skilled preacher, and a Doctor of the Church. Thanks to the constant prayers of his mother, St. Monica, he departed from his wayward life and was converted to Christianity in 386. He was ordained a priest in Hippo (now Algeria) and later a bishop and worked tirelessly to convert his people. During his lifetime, he preached 6000-10,000 sermons and his main message centered on God designing all humans to live together in the “bond of peace.” He’s best remembered for writing his “Confessions” as well as creating and shaping theological doctrines. He’s the patron saint of theologians, printers, and brewers.



**Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist – Feast Day is August 29th.** This feast, which is one of the oldest ones within the Church, commemorates the suffering of rejection and martyrdom of the one who gave his very life to God. This ascetic Jewish prophet exemplified courage and resolve in fulfilling the will of God by selflessly accomplishing his mission on earth. Preceding Jesus in birth, he devoted his life to preaching and baptizing. Later he preceded Jesus in death by his martyrdom, thus prefiguring the One who gave his life sacrificially on the cross. St. John’s death was the result of his bold proclamation of the truth. He died in approximately 30 A.D. and is the patron saint of baptism, converts, monastic life, and prisoners.

## WEEKLY MASS COUNT

	AUG. 3-4		AUG. 10-11		AUG. 17-18	
Day/Time	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
Sat. 5:00 PM	102	11	120	12	102	11
Sun. 7:00 AM	271	7	214	8	271	7
Sun. 9:30 AM	263	46	274	60	263	46
Sun. 5:00 PM	129	26	141	14	129	26

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

**22nd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**  
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8  
James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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 to make arrangement with the mortuary.
- **FOOD PANTRY:** Distribution happens in Parish Hall, bring ID:
  - First Friday hours: 3-5 PM
  - Remaining Fridays: 4-6 PM