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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.”*

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 13, 2024

FOCUS: Seek Christ above all else.

Jesus is the Word of God, living and effective, able to discern the thoughts and reflections of our hearts. Jesus is the wisdom of God, more precious than power, riches, or beauty. To follow Christ is to place him at the center of our lives, to seek him before all the good things of this world, including ties to family, friends, and colleagues.

BEST FRIENDS

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Henry David Thoreau was a naturalist and philosopher who lived in Concord, Massachusetts, in the early 1800s. He spent a year living in a small one-room cabin in the woods at Walden Pond “because,” he said, “I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear.” Thoreau seems to have sought the same reality pursued by the author of the Book of Wisdom, who preferred Lady Wisdom to power, deemed riches to be nothing, and loved wisdom more than health or beauty. Like the man who comes to Jesus wanting to know what he must do to inherit eternal life, most of us have a difficult time surrendering that to which we cling. It may be our possessions, our power to control others, the need to be youthful and stylishly dressed, or an addiction to drugs or gambling or pornography—anything that has become our “best friend.” Just as the apostles wonder who can then be saved, all of us wonder, because we, too, have one or another such “best friends.” It is God who breaks through, says Jesus. It may be a painful breaking through; it may be an upheaval; it may not be until the end of our lives. Always, it is God who ultimately turns us around.

● Reflect: Who or what is your “best friend” that replaces God in your life?

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, October 14:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Esperanza Magday - RS)

Tuesday, October 15:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Henry Velasquez - Death Anniversary)
6:30 PM PPBC Meeting

Wednesday, October 16:

6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Esperanza Magday - RS)
5:00 PM Centering Prayer
6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

Thursday, October 17:

No Mass

Friday, October 18:

6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Esperanza Magday - RS)
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry
6:30 PM Youth Ministry Meeting

Saturday, October 19:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
9:00 AM Secular Franciscans Mtg.
4:00 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Hans Paulsen - Healing/Speedy Recovery)

Sunday, October 20:

6:15 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Leona Alabazo - RS)
8:15-9:15 AM CCD Classes
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(Frances Salzar - Birthday Blessings)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)
6:30 PM Young Adult Ministry

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

November 2nd is All Souls Day. It is the day we commemorate our departed loved ones. Our Roman Catholic doctrine holds that the prayers of those on earth will cleanse their souls in order for them to be fit to enter Heaven.

If you would like to remember your loved ones on All Souls Day, we ask you to write their names on the envelopes, which can be found in your pews or at the back of the church. Please write their names legibly. Please turn your envelopes in by October 31st. Mahalo!



TRUNK O' TREAT

The Couples for Christ ministry will hold a "Trunk 'o Treat" event on **Friday, October 25th**, starting at **6 p.m.** in the front parking lot. Bring your keikis in costume (*please no costumes glorifying evil and death*) to get treats from the trunks of their cars. Afterwards, all are invited to join them for a potluck dinner in the parish hall.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Young Adult Ministry meets the first 3 Sundays after the 5:00pm Mass. If you are interested in joining them, please meet them under the tent. They will be talking today (Oct 13th) about "**How to incorporate the Bible into prayer, worship, reflection, or meditation.**" Next week Sunday, the talk will be on "**Intro to Eschatology.**" Young adults ages 18 - 39 are welcomed to join.

CANON LAW SOCIETY of AMERICA CONVENTION

Fr. Sieg, who is a Canon Lawyer, will be attending a Convention for the Canon Law Society of America next week. Fr. Lyndon will preside over the daily Masses.

PLEASE LOCK YOUR CARS AT ALL TIMES!

Last week, one of our parishioners' cars was broken into. We are asking that you please lock your cars at all times. Hide your valuables so that they are not in plain view or better yet, take them with you. Always be aware of your surroundings and if you see a suspicious person hanging around on the premises, please report it to someone. Do not confront them.



DIOCESAN ROSARY CONGRESS



This past Monday, October 7th, some of our parishioners joined together in prayer on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. To the left, are our faithful prayer warriors who honored our Lord in the Eucharist and prayed the rosary.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR +TIM PADER

Services for the late +Tim Pader will take place on **Friday, October 11th**, with Mass starting at 10:30 a.m. here at our parish. There will be no burial.

PARENT'S CAFE - OCTOBER 13TH, 10:30 A.M.



Please join our Parent and Family Ministry at the Parent's Cafe today (Oct. 13th) after the 9:30 am Mass in the Parish Hall! Parents and guardians with children under the ages of 18 are encouraged to attend.

Oct. 19: Couples for Christ
Oct. 26: Chamorro Group
Nov. 2: Sacred Heart Society
Nov 9: Knights of Columbus

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Last week Friday, October 4th, Fr Sieg blessed 10 dogs, 2 cats and 1 rabbit in honor of the Feast of St. Francis. Pictured are the animals and their owners who were blessed. Each owner was given a St. Francis prayer card.

Thank you to all who brought your fur babies!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

October 5 - 6, 2024

Weekly Offering	\$4,281.41
Sat. 5:00 PM - \$	979.00
Sun. 7:00 AM - \$	954.00
Sun. 9:30 AM - \$	1,193.16
Sun. 5:00 PM - \$	1,155.25
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,830.20
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Mass Intentions	\$80.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
House Blessing	\$50.00
Holy Water	\$20.00
St. Michael Feast Day	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$6,619.61



SECOND COLLECTIONS

Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$13.00
Ohana in Christ	\$30.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate	\$1,197.00
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Pictured above is the building in which the roof was blown off where the Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Gulu live. We continue to accept donations. Mahalo!

MINISTRY FAIR

The Ministry Fair is coming soon! After every mass, starting October 26th (5pm) and October 27th (7am, 9:30am, and 5pm), we invite you to come out onto the parish grounds and visit our ministries, as we share and celebrate how we serve God through our love and service of one another!

The purpose of the fair is to celebrate the ways that strengthen our church community, grow spiritually, and showcase all our parish ministries so that you will be able to see how your particular God-given gifts can be used to continue to serve God and one another in love. Please see the enclosed flyer which gives a little information on the various ministries. For more information, you may speak to one of our ministers at the Ministry Fair. Bring the entire family! We can't wait to see you all and share these gifts with you!

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When should confirmation take place? I read that baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist were received all at the same time in the early Church.

Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation. The other two are baptism and Eucharist. In the early Church, all three sacraments were usually received at the same time because most people receiving baptism were adults. As infant baptism started to become the norm, this sacrament was separated from the other two. After Vatican II, the trend moved the age of confirmation into the teenage years, so that in many places, confirmation takes place in seventh or eighth grade, or even later. There is still an argument among liturgists, educators, and theologians about whether such a separation should exist. Some think of confirmation as a coming-of-age sacrament, marking, as it were, the transition from childhood into adulthood in the Church. The theology of this sacrament, however, is based upon baptism and connects it to the commission to go out and touch the world with our faith. The ideal age for confirmation is the age at which we can, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, onscientiously and reasonably witness to our faith.

● Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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A word from POPE FRANCIS

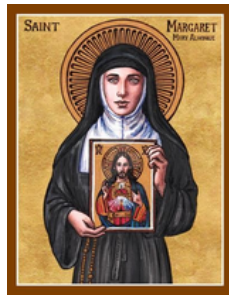
A faith without giving, without gratuitousness, without works of charity makes us sad in the end: just like that man who returned home "sorrowful" with a fallen countenance, even though he had been looked upon with love by Jesus in person. Today we can ask ourselves: "At what point is my faith?"

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 10, 2021

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

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Margaret Mary Alacoque – Feast Day is October 16th. A 17th c. French Visitation nun and mystic, she was chosen by God to arouse the church to a realization of God's love by promoting devotion to his Sacred Heart. From early childhood, instead of playing with other children, she preferred silence and prayer. Later, she practiced severe corporal mortification. Even though she suffered a lot, she was gifted with visions of the Lord, which became the basis of her promotion of the Sacred Heart devotion. She's the patron saint of devotees to the Sacred Heart, polio patients, and those who have lost a parent while young. Known as the Apostle of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, she's often pictured in her habit holding an image of the Sacred Heart.

St. Ignatius of Antioch – Feast Day is October 17th. Born in Roman Syria, he was an early Christian writer and Patriarch of Antioch in Greece. He encouraged his flock there to live holy lives and walk in the light of Christ to experience the power and beauty of God. He was known for the seven letters he wrote on the long journey from Antioch to Rome, where he was martyred. His writings laid the foundation for dogmas that would be formulated in later generations. He was concerned with the hierarchical structure of the Church, insistence on the real humanity of Christ, and an ardent desire for martyrdom which he suffered by being thrown to wild beasts and devoured. St. Ignatius is the patron saint of the Church in the Eastern Mediterranean and northern Africa.



St. Luke – Feast Day is October 18th. He was a 1st c. physician, who authored the Gospel according to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. His gospel writings centered on the life and teachings of Jesus, including details of his infancy. They also showed Jesus' interactions with individuals on the fringes of society. His writings in the Acts focused on the growth and expansion of Christianity after the death of Jesus down through the near end of Paul's ministry. Even though he never met Jesus, he became his follower after his death. St. Luke left his profession to be a traveling companion with St. Paul on his journeys and showed fortitude while evangelizing many. Martyred at the age of 84 in the Greek city of Thebes, he reminds us how we should be prepared to sacrifice ourselves in being Christ's followers. He's the patron saint of physicians, surgeons, and artists.

WEEKLY MASS COUNT

	OCT 5-6	
Day/Time	Adult	Child
Sat. 5:00 PM	144	17
Sun. 7:00 AM	190	9
Sun. 9:30 AM	230	51
Sun. 5:00 PM	133	18



"...Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come follow me." At that statement, his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions."

Mk. 10:21-22

Readings for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Isaiah 53: 10-11
Hebrews 4: 14-16
Mark 10: 35-45