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- **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.”*

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 1, 2024

FOCUS: Jesus teaches us to keep our focus on obeying God’s commandments. Like the Pharisees in today’s Gospel, we can get caught up in our traditions, questioning and arguing with those who do things differently or want to change our ways. Jesus offers a reminder to not lose sight of what is truly important: obeying God’s commandments and keeping our hearts and actions pure.

ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day, I asked the eighth graders I was teaching to imagine themselves on a fantasy journey. They had to pretend they were flying across the ocean in a small airplane when suddenly the plane has engine trouble. The pilot manages to land on a sandy island beach. Everyone survives, but a few passengers are injured. The captain divides the passengers into groups, each with a specific task. One group is responsible for finding food; another for water; another to explore and map the island; another to care for the injured. After explaining the scenario, I divided the eighth graders into groups of four or five to complete the same “pretend” tasks—to create a set of rules by which to live until they were all rescued. The rules each group created were much the same: share everything, no hoarding, no fighting, obey the captain, no stealing, those who do not work do not eat. In effect, these eighth graders created their own “commandments,” enabling the community to survive in its own kind of desert, likely in the same way the Ten Commandments helped the Israelites.

The teachings of Jesus do not abrogate the original Ten Commandments. They continue to hold a great deal of wisdom for surviving as a community. Jesus taught us to focus on how our behavior shapes the sort of individuals we become and, ultimately, what sort of community we form. What flows from one’s heart, Jesus taught, reveals who we are both alone and in community.

Reflection: What would you include in a set of rules for yourself and your family?

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, September 2:

7:15 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Toribio and Zoila Falar - RS)
9:00 AM Labor Day Picnic

Tuesday, September 3:

7:15 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Beth Doria - Mass in Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, September 4:

7:15 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Beth Doria - Mass in Thanksgiving)
5:00 PM Centering Prayer

Thursday, September 5:

No Mass

Friday, September 6:

7:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the recitation of the Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Nhu Loan Nealon - Thanksgiving)
3-5:00 PM Food Pantry
6:30 PM Youth Ministry Mtg (Parish Hall)

Saturday, September 7:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
3:00 PM First Saturday Devotion (Church)
4:00 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Rico & Vinya Manianglung - Wedding Anniversary)
6:30 PM Funeral Service for Vernon "Ricky" Pico at Mililani Mauka (Dcn. Richard to preside)

Sunday, September 8:

6:15 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(Vernon "Ricky" Pico - RS)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Irene Ong - RS and Gary Lim - BD)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Mass for the People)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TEACHERS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

We are *still* 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.

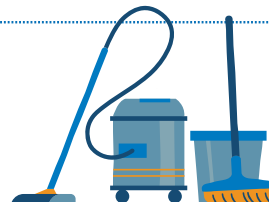
FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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**.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR +VERNON "RICKY" PICO

Funeral Service for the late +Vernon "Ricky" Pico will be held on Saturday, **September 7th, at 6:30 p.m., Mililani Mauka Chapel**. Viewing begins at 5:30 p.m. Dcn. Richard Abel will preside.

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):
\$30 per child (*correction to cost from previous bulletins*) or **\$75** (for 3 or more children)

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



Calling youth grades 7-12 COME JOIN OUR YOUTH MINISTRY!

The Youth Ministry Meetings will be every **first and third Fridays of the month at 6:30 pm**, starting **September 6, 2024** in the parish hall! Pick up a registration form at the entrance of the church throughout the month of August. For more information, call the parish office at (808) 681-3701.



Young Adult Ministry theme for month of September is on the "Holy Family".

Open to ages 18-39 on the first 3 Sundays of each month, after the 5 pm mass. Meet at the Parish Hall. Bring a friend and let's journey together with the inspiration of the Holy Family.

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



Rosary for Families

On Saturday, August 17th, a few of our parishioners gathered together to pray the rosary for families. We are grateful to our prayer warriors who continue to pray for us!



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER, RORIE M. ESPIRITU

We would like to welcome one of the newest members to our parish ohana, **Rorie Malasig Espiritu!** Rorie was baptized on July 21st by Fr. Lyndon Jong. Pictured to the left are Rorie, parents, Ruel and Chelsea, and the other members of the Espiritu Ohana. Please keep them, Rorie's sponsors, and other family members in your prayers.

BASIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY HAWAII



...presents "**Walk By Faith**" Summer Spiritual Retreat, September 13-15, 2024 at St. Anthony's Retreat Center. When our circumstances are unclear and challenging, may we walk with childlike faith, putting our hand in the hand of the Father's, trusting in Him to lead the way.

This two-night summer retreat for adult men and women will be led by spiritual directors, the Very Reverend Msgr. Gary Secor of the Diocese of Honolulu, and Sr. Meristella Umdor, a Missionary Sister of Mary Help of Christians. Please click on the QR code to register.



COATS FOR KIDS

The 2024 Knights of Columbus - Coats for Kids drive is happening this fall. This program aims to provide coats for every needy child in North America so no child goes without a coat during winter. Here in Hawaii, even though we do not experience a mainland winter, we do have a rainy season which last from November thru March.

If you know of a child in need of a free - brand new rain resistant jacket for this upcoming school year, please notify the KOC. Please send your request to help our keiki in need to coats@kofchawaii.org. Be sure to include: number of jackets needed, size, and if it's for a girl or boy. Your KOC members across the state of Hawaii will be fund raising for these jackets, and they will be free for our keiki in need. Please help them if you can with your generous donations.

2nd Collection

Next weekend, a second collection will be taken up for the **Catholic University of America**. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Aug. 24 - 25, 2024

Weekly Offering	\$3,413.50
Sat. 5:00 PM -	\$ 549.50
Sun. 7:00 AM -	\$1,102.00
Sun. 9:30 AM -	\$ 870.00
Sun. 5:00 PM -	\$ 892.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,534.50
Building Fund	\$287.50
Flowers	\$10.00
Candles	\$50.00
Book of Intentions	\$40.00
Mass Intentions	\$40.00
Funeral	\$300.00
Religious Education	\$215.00

TOTAL \$5,890.50

Second Collections

Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$46.00
KoC Global Wheelchair Project	\$330.00



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 and use our church code: **HI842**

God bless you,
Fr. Sieg

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Dear Padre,

Do Christians need to follow the Ten Commandments, or are they the “Old Law”?

There is nothing arbitrary or old-fashioned about the commandments of God. The Ten Commandments, given to us by the Author of the World, are found in Exodus 20:2–17. They are: (1) I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me. (2) You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain. (3) Remember to keep holy the Lord’s day. (4) Honor your father and your mother. (5) You shall not kill. (6) You shall not commit adultery. (7) You shall not steal. (8) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (9) You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. (10) You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.

The first three Commandments were meant to guide us in our relationship with God; the remaining seven Commandments pertain to our relationships with others. Jesus gives us a new motivation for keeping the Commandments—the motivation of love. He gives a double commandment: love of God and love of neighbor (Mark 12:28–34). Saint Paul tells us these new commands fulfill those of the Old Law (Romans 13:8–10); and John writes that keeping the Commandments simply out of fear of punishment is not enough: love must be the driving force (1 John 4:18).

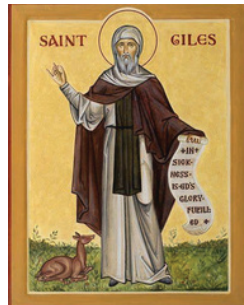
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A word from POPE FRANCIS

We spend time assigning blame; but spending time blaming others is wasting time. We become angry, bitter, and keep God away from our heart....One cannot be truly religious while complaining: complaining poisons, it leads you to anger, to resentment and to sadness...which closes the door to God. Let us ask the Lord today to free us from blaming others....

ANGELUS, ROME,
AUGUST 29, 2021

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Giles – Feast Day is September 1st. A 7th c. Greek saint, he was also known as Giles the Hermit. He was a priest and then became an abbot of a monastery and was active as a hermit or monk in the lower Rhone area in southern France. His cult was spread widely though. The town of St. Gilles-du-Gard, named after after him, grew up around the monastery he founded, which became a pilgrimage center and center of his cult. Many miracles have been attributed to his intercession in life and at his tomb. He withdrew deep into a forest near Nimes, France, where he spent many years in solitude with his beloved deer, who was his sole companion and sustained him on her milk. He’s the patron saint of breastfeeding and of people with disabilities.

St. Gregory the Great – Feast Day is September 3rd. Also known as Pope Gregory I, he was the 64th Bishop of Rome from 590–604. He was the founder of the medieval papacy and is regarded as one of its greatest popes. He was originally a Benedictine monk before becoming a priest and later being elected pope at age 50. He is best known for his contributions to the liturgy, such as reforming the Mass and daily prayer of the Church and writing prayers still used today. He’s also noted for promoting the use of Gregorian Chant in the Church and thus is the patron saint of musicians and singers. Being direct and firm, he restored order within the church, such as removing unworthy priests from office, making peace with invading Lombards, and extending tolerance to Jews.



St. Teresa of Kolkata – Feast Day is September 5th. Also known as Mother Teresa, she was a 20th c. Albanian-born Indian missionary and nun, who founded the Order of the Missionaries of Charity. Having lived most of her life in India, she was noted for her dedication to helping those most in need by ministering to the poor, sick, orphaned, destitute, and dying in India for over 45 years. She received over 120 honors and awards, including the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize. She was a beautiful witness of the mystery of suffering with Christ joyfully. She’s the patron saint of World Youth Day, the Missionaries of Charity, and co-patron of the Archdiocese of Calcutta as well as the universal symbol of God’s merciful and preferential love for the poor and forgotten.

PARISH MINISTRIES

- Parish Pastoral Council
- 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

WEEKLY MASS COUNT

	AUG. 3-4		AUG. 10-11		AUG. 17-18		AUG. 24-25	
Day/Time	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
Sat. 5:00 PM	102	11	120	12	140	19	150	22
Sun. 7:00 AM	271	7	214	8	194	5	197	7
Sun. 9:30 AM	263	46	274	60	215	43	233	26
Sun. 5:00 PM	129	26	141	14	147	21	126	11

Readings for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4–7a
James 2:1–5
Mark 7:31–37