

The Newman Center

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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at the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm (student mass)
Monday Eucharistic Service: 12:10 pm
Tuesday through Friday: 12:10 pm

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm (except Holidays)
Newman Center opens at 11:00 am and remains open until evening programs conclude.
Saturday and Sunday, Newman Center is open during Mass times and for activities as needed.

Sacraments – Please call Fr. Alfred Guerrero for an appointment. We are glad to meet with you at your convenience.

Baptisms – Call or speak with Fr. Alfred Guerrero at least one month before the date desired for the baptism.

Confirmation – Programs for teens and adults, please contact Anna Viggiano.

Weddings – Couples need to contact Fr. Alfred Guerrero at least 8 months before the desired date of the ceremony.

Anointing of the Sick – Offered to anyone who is seriously ill; one does not need to be in danger of death. Call Fr. Alfred Guerrero for anointing at any time. We are happy to come to your home or hospital.

Funerals – Please call Fr. Alfred Guerrero. We will work with you to make arrangements for services and care for your needs.

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Bulletin submission deadline is 9 am Thursday mornings. Please submit your text to Rose Anne at the email address listed above. It would be helpful if the font is ARIAL 11 pt.

Community Notices

- ◆ RCIA Sessions Sundays 12:30 - 2:00 pm
- ◆ Contemplative Prayer Mondays 6:30 pm
- ◆ Daily Mass (M-F) 12:10 pm
- ◆ Student Candlelight Mass/Snacks Wednesdays 9 pm
- ◆ Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent 6:30 pm
- ◆ Mid-Term Madness Student Social April 5 6:00 pm
- ◆ Newman Beautification Day April 6 8:00 am-2:00 pm
- ◆ Penance Service April 9 7:00 pm

Pastoral Council Nominations

The community needs you! The pastoral council brings together members of the community, together with the pastor, to work jointly to building the parish as a living Christian community. Its members serve as consultative and advisory body to the pastor.

Nominations can be for another person or yourself. Two age groups of nominations:

- 1) **CHILDREN/YOUTH** — Under the age of 18 and has been a member of the community for at least one year.
- 2) **ADULT** — Over the age of 18 and has been a member of the community for at least one year.



To submit nominations or for more information about the Pastoral Council and the nomination process, contact email Fr. Alfred at pastor@newmanhawaii.org.

Hospitality Weekend

Next weekend is Hospitality Weekend. Members of our community donate refreshments to share after mass. These casual get togethers give us a chance to meet new parishioners and catch up with "old-timers". Stay for a while and enjoy community refreshments. If you would like to provide snacks for your mass, please sign-up on the chapel door.

Hospitality Outreach

Our hospitality extends beyond our parish to students who are in need. The baskets for food donations for the University Food Vault will be out. Donations of canned meats, fruits, rice, and snacks are most welcomed. We are grateful for your generosity!

Parish Beautification Day

Next Saturday, April 6 from 8 am to 2 pm is our Community Beautification Day. Lunch will be served! As we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter, we also prepare our community space for the events of Holy Week and Easter! Make it an event for the whole family. Newman staff will be happy to verify volunteer hours. Last spring the combined service hours saved our community approximately \$3,000 in cleaning costs.



Reflection from the Pastor

Somebody please slow down time! We are about to start the fourth month of the year already and this weekend marks the middle of our Lenten Season. Soon will come the holiest of week in our liturgical year starting with Palm Sunday and culminating with the Sacred Triduum-Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. How has your Lenten journey been? Have you wasted away these days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving? Has your Lenten disciplines fallen by the wayside? Are you stuck in the deserts of temptation and sin? Our Gospel story this weekend is a reminder that God still seeks to transform our lives no matter what our life's situations are. We are familiar with this story of the two sons and their father. The younger son asks his father in advance his portion of the inheritance and he goes off and squanders it. In desperation, the son comes to his senses and decides to come home. He will take any mercy that the father would give even if treated like a worker. To his surprise, the father ran to him, embraced him, and kissed him even without pleading his cause to be restored in his father's graces. The father celebrates a great feast because his once dead and lost son is now alive again and is found. The story is not so much about a prodigal son but a prodigal father. It is the father who is recklessly extravagant. Jesus was speaking about the generosity of our awesome God. Our God is recklessly extravagant in love, mercy, and compassion. He will not be outdone in generosity. As we approach the final weeks of Lent, let us be reminded that we are so BLESSED by God who loves us so much. May we imitate Him in all that we say and do.



Have a blessed Lenten Week,
Fr. Alfred Omar

Holy Week Schedule

The most important week in our church calendar is Holy Week. During the various liturgies held that week, our community is invited to relive the last day of Jesus. Our Holy Week schedule will include:

- **Palm Sunday**, 4/13-14: Normal mass times, palms will be distributed, Gospel Reading of the Last Supper.
- **Spy Wednesday**, 4/13: Tenebrae Candlelight Mass at 7:30 pm, a candle is extinguished after the reading of each of seven Scripture passages related to the Passion of Jesus
- **Holy Thursday**, 4/14: Feast of the Lord's Supper with washing of the feet at 7:30 pm, then Adoration until midnight.
- **Good Friday**, 4/15: Service of the Lord's Passion at 1:00 pm, then Taizé Prayer Service at 7:30 pm
- **Holy Saturday**, 4/16: Easter Vigil 8:00 pm with reception to follow.
- **Easter Sunday**, 4/17: Normal mass times, including 5 pm Student mass with dinner to follow. — Easter Egg Hunt to follow the 9 am mass.



Donation Slips for Online Giving

We are encouraging parishioners to give online through our secure platform, WeShare:

<https://newmanhawaii.weshareonline.org>

While not required, several parishioners have asked for printed donation slips to put into the collection basket during Mass. The slips can be found on the credenza. Thank you for participating in our online giving.

Prayer Sites

<http://prayasyougo.org>, <http://sacredspace.ie>

Daily Scripture and Reflections:

<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org>

Weekly Essays on Ignatian Spirituality by Fr. Randy Roche, SJ:
[http://mision.lmu.edu/cis/spiritualessays/latest essay/](http://mision.lmu.edu/cis/spiritualessays/latest%20essay/)

Contemplative Prayer

Monday Nights at 6:30 pm. 30 minutes of silence, followed by Scripture and Sharing. For more information, contact June Naughton (808) 524-2718.

Newman Center on Social Media

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram:
Facebook: www.facebook.com/NewmanHawaii
Twitter & Instagram: [@newmanhawaii](https://twitter.com/newmanhawaii)

Religious Education Classes

Religious Education classes meet on Sundays, immediately following the 9 am Mass.

Support Newman via Online Giving

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Operation Rice Bowl Week 4: Encounter Kumba

Rice Bowls are on the credenza. Please take one home. Your donations will be used to help families like this:

Waisa didn't spend a single day in school. When she was young, no one thought girls should receive an education. Plus, there was work to do. She helped her twelve siblings at her family's farm. She was responsible for helping her mom sell meat to their neighbors.

Now, things have changed in Sinkunia, a town in the north of **Sierra Leone**. Waisa knows the importance of education—especially for girls. "If there's education, Sierra Leone will develop," she says. "Our students will make sure of it."

That's why Waisa insists that her 12-year-old granddaughter, Kumba, attends the nearby CRS-sponsored school, so she can learn how to make a difference in her community and her country. And, through the nutritious lunch that CRS gives to each student every day, Kumba and her classmates can focus on their studies and not on their hunger.

Kumba's favorite subject is math because she likes the challenge. And when she completes her education, she wants to be a nurse. A nurse, Kumba says, helps cure the sick, and if there were more nurses in Sinkunia, those who get sick wouldn't have to leave the town to get healthcare.

Waisa is proud of her granddaughter and continues to work hard to support her. With no shade from the hot sun, Waisa cares for the family's garden, watering eggplants, tomatoes, onions and more to be harvested and sold through the streets of Sinkunia. Kumba helps, too, visiting the garden every day after school.

"I'm happy if I can support my daughters and granddaughters, even through university," Waisa says. With a smile, she adds, "I know that educated girls help their parents and their communities."



Rights and Responsibilities

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Rights and Responsibilities, we remember that every person has basic rights that make life truly human. Corresponding to our rights, we all have duties and responsibilities to one another, our families and the larger society.

Operation Rice Bowl gives us a way to do this.

Living Catholic in the 808 What Do We Learn About God's Love? Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G. & Rector of the Cathedral Basilica

Lent is a time to review the essential teaching of the Christian life. Today's gospel parable provides one of these essential teachings (Prodigal Son) since it teaches the nature of God's love; God who is love. What do we learn about God's love?

We learn that God's love is freely given so that we can choose freely and experience the dignity of our human freedom. The inheritance is freely given, without coercion. This free giving was what the elder brother could not understand. He thought he had to earn his father's love. God will never force us to do anything. He loves us too much to ever do that. He wants us to accept and share love, but God wants us to want it.

We learn that having a relationship with God and realizing the importance of that relationship is essential. The younger son takes the inheritance and denies his relationship with his father. The elder son, always physically present, didn't appreciate his father's presence and relationship. He worked hard, but it seems that he didn't love his father. It was more important for him to be right than in relationship. Through it all the father never stops loving both his sons and goes out to both of them. He is concerned with restoration of the relationship and not restitution.

We learn that, while we can never earn God's love and forgiveness, there is something that we need to do to receive it. We need to turn to God, ask for it, and accept it. The younger son did this. The elder son didn't think he needed to.

Let us pray that we will learn these lessons and put them into practice.

St. Elizabeth Parish Women's Retreat

Noted author and speaker, Kelly Wahlquist, will be giving a women's retreat, **Walking in the Footsteps of Mary** on **April 6th at St. Elizabeth Church**. Weaving personal stories and scripture, she will invite participants to walk in the footsteps of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

The day will start at 7:30 am with a light breakfast. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Silva at 9 am. The session will begin at 10 am and end at 3 pm. Lunch is included. Cost is \$10. To register email: umerstella@gmail.com.

Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services

We continue the Catholic Relief Services Collection to **help Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Weekly Stations of the Cross

Praying the Stations of the Cross is centuries old tradition in the Catholic Church. Each station involves us in the last moments of Jesus' life. Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday in Lent at 6:30 pm. The Stations, different theme every week, will be led by different parish ministries. All are invited!

Busy Persons Retreat Highlights: "God is part of my art"

The Busy Persons Retreat (BPR) has just completed. It was attended by over thirty people. While this retreat is designed primarily to provide the space for spiritual nourishment of our community members, it is also an opportunity for others to get to know the special mission we have through our community's charism.

There were six retreat directors who held one-on-one 45 minute sessions with a retreatant. The directors were Joan Howard of Nebraska, Fr. Todd Kenny from Georgia, Fr. Kevin Ballard of California, Fr. Ed Quinnan of New York, Fr. Tom Greene of Belize, and a Newman community member, Sharon Chiarucci.

All of the retreat directors are trained in the signature spirituality of the Society of Jesus, that is finding God in all things. Ignatian Spirituality is grounded in the conviction that God is active in our world. As the Jesuit Pierre Teilhard de Chardin wrote: "God is not remote from us. He is at the point of my pen, my pick, my paintbrush, my needle — and my heart and my thoughts." The spiritual path laid out by Ignatius is a way of discerning God's presence in our everyday lives — and doing something about it. Ignatian spirituality is not merely an inward journey, much less a self-absorbed one. It aims to bring people closer to God and more deeply into the world — with gratitude, passion, and humility — not away from it.



Brenda Rodriguez, a recent alumna of UHM, went on this retreat for the first time. She has been on the student retreats which have a different tone and rhythm. Prior to starting the BPR, she thought there would be a mixture of projects and group activities. When the BPR started, she noticed the difference from what she was accustomed. At first she didn't know what to expect, but left the retreat knowing more about her relationship with God.

As a visual artist, Brenda's most impactful part of the retreat was Sunday afternoon's "Art as a form of Prayer" session facilitated by Joan Howard. For her it was an intimate session to spend time with God in prayer and meditation. In the beginning she noticed the amount of control she had in drawing how she was feeling — choosing the color of the pastel and how much pressure she applied as she held the colors. The pivotal moment for Brenda was when she heard the words, "Allow God to be part of your art." With a change of perspective,

Brenda experienced a powerful reflection in realizing, "God has always been part of my art, but I didn't really pay attention to it until Sunday." During the following phases of the session she began to notice a shift in perspective and presence. She said that she knew God was guiding her because she chose colors that she would normally not choose and she was intentional about letting her hand move freely as she loosely held the pastels.

Through her passion of art Brenda was able to experience God more deeply. What a powerful testimony of faith! In what ways do you experience God in your life?

Are You Graduating This Semester?

Graduation is coming up in May! Graduating students who have been involved with Newman are invited to the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, May 5 at 5:00 pm, when we will be handing out graduation cords. We will need to order them from the mainland, so please register ahead online (after April 12 cords are not guaranteed):



www.newmanhawaii.org/campus_ministry/newman-alumni/

Sustain these young leaders of our Church and community through prayer.

Student Council

Geneva Dela Cruz; Andrea Flores; Nicole Lang;
Ana Lowe; Matthew Minoza; Mar Moreno; Ann Ngo;
Jonah Tiwanak; Kealani Turingan

Student Leaders in Specialized Ministries

Jay-Jay Bernardo (*Music Ministry*); Jonathan Ibanez (*Liturgical Ministries*); Ezekiel Tolentino (*Music Ministry*); Casey McGrath (*Graduate Students Representative*); Reta Youkhana (*Student Rep to Pastoral Council*)

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Weekly Campus Ministry Events

Sundays: Student Mass & Dinner, 5 PM
Wednesdays: Faith Sharing, Mass & Fellowship, 9 PM
Confessions by appointment with Fr. Alfred Guerrero



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