

The Newman Center

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (except Diocesan Holidays)
Newman Center opens at 9:00 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 Omar for an appointment. We are glad to meet with you at your convenience.

Baptisms – Call or speak with Fr. Alfred Omar 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 Omar 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 for anointing at any time. We are happy to come to your home or hospital.

Funerals – Please call the parish office before finalizing dates with the mortuary. We will work with you to make arrangements for services and care for your needs.

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Please submit your text to the email address listed above.
It would be helpful if the font is ARIAL 11 pt.*

Community Notices

- ◆ **Communion Service** 07/29/2019
- ◆ **Carpet Cleaning** 07/31, 08/01 & 08/02
- ◆ **Hospitality Weekend** 8/3-8/4 All Weekend Masses

Hospitality Weekend is NEXT WEEKEND

You are invited to stay after mass next weekend and enjoy refreshments donated and served by members of our parish. If you would like to bring a snack to share, please sign-up on the board. Also, please bring a non-perishable food item for the UH Manoa Food Pantry.



Communion Service

on
Monday 07/29/2019

Join us for Communion Service on Monday led by Seminarian Preston Castro at 12:10pm.



Prayer of St. Ignatius



Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will,
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your
grace, that is enough for me. Amen.

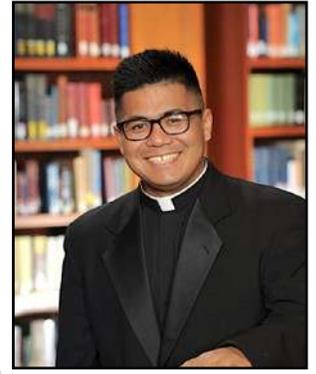
Newman Center Motto

The motto of the Newman Center, *cor ad cor loquitur*, comes from Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman, for whom Catholic campus ministries at public universities in the USA are named. It is Latin for “heart speaks to heart”.

The Cardinal once wrote, “I have a mission; I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons; He has not created me for naught.”

Reflection our Seminarian Preston Castro

How do we determine what makes a film good? Is it the actors or actresses? Is it the location(s) where the movie is filmed? Is it the sound effects or the music? Although all of this must be taken into consideration when judging a film, we often times say a film is 'good' because it has a story or a plot that strikes us emotionally. Sometimes we might even relate to that film because we have experience it within our own lives. That is why it is no mystery why Our Lord speaks to us in parables -- WE ALL LOVE HEARING A GOOD STORY AND A GOOD STORY IS EASY TO REMEMBER. The Church's understanding of a parable is a short story based on life experiences used to a spiritual lesson, "Jesus' invitation to enter His kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic feature of His teaching" (CCC 546). In this Sunday's Gospel passage, we hear the parable of the Importunate Friend and following after this parable is the well-known scripture verse, "ask you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." What we can learn from this parable is that if the friend does not give the loaves of bread because of their 'friendship,' then it is given because of the person's 'persistence.' Sometimes we pray to the Lord to respond to a specific need and often times our prayer is not answered how we had hoped it to be as if the Lord did not hear us at all. Let us not lose hope and be 'persistent' in our prayer. If the Lord does not answer our prayer the way we expected, then PRAISE GOD that He is answering your prayer according to what He knows what is best for us. If the Lord does not answer our prayer according to our time, then PRAISE GOD that our prayer is being answered according to His time. Trust that however and whenever the Lord answers our prayer, it is being done in accordance to God's will. "Embrace all things in this life as coming from the hands of God..." (St. Alphonsus Liguori).



Landscaping Ministry

In the book of Genesis, God calls human beings to be good stewards of creation by cultivating the ground and keeping it. At the Newman Center, we have an opportunity to answer to that call. We are looking for volunteers to help care for the landscaping around the center at least twice a month. Please sign-up on the board with your availability or email Fr. Alfred (pastor@newhawaii.org),

Mahalo to those who have donated a lawnmower, weed wacker, and other landscaping supplies! Thank you also to those who came and worked on our landscaping this past week!



Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (07/13/19—07/14/19)	\$ 2,749.00
Online Giving: (07/17/19—07/27/19)	\$ 2,885.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 943.00

Giving Made Easy

Giving online is safe and easy using our secured online platform, WeShare:

<https://newmanhawaii.weshareonline.org>

Thank you for supporting our mission!

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/

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
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Religious Education Classes

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

Support Newman via Online Giving

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

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A Stewardship Moment

Stewardship is...



...EVERYTHING we think, say, and do after we say "I believe"

A prominent theme in today's Gospel parable is generosity. Late at night, a sleepy friend responds to his neighbor's request for food for an unexpected guest. Jesus suggests that it would be unthinkable for a friend to deny a friend in

need. A friend would most certainly give what is asked and more. Through this story, Jesus illustrates God's generosity. Good stewards realize the extraordinary love and graciousness with which God showers us. We need never convince God to be generous. God is already that generous friend. His abundant love bathes us in goodness. This week, prayerfully reflect on God's generosity to us. What should our response be to that generosity?

Save the date

Mass of the Holy Spirit to start the new academic year. Sunday, September 15 at 5:00 pm Mass. All students, educators, administrators - UH and other schools all invited.

Stay after for the annual welcome BBQ to meet new and returning students.



ACTS

ADORATION-COMMUNITY-THEOLOGY-SERVICE

A Men's ACTS Retreat will be sponsored by St. John, Apostle and Evangelist Catholic Church & Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church at the **St. Anthony Retreat Center on August 22-25, 2019.**

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Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word Holy Spirit. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

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Aloha! Until we meet again...(Text from last weekend's Message)



It was my original hope to simply finish my employment here at Newman Center, pack up, and quietly say goodbye. Separations aren't easy for me. But it became evident that leaving without a dedicated moment with all of you to mark this change, would be not only difficult, but selfish. With the convenience of social media, it's too easy to say that I won't be far away, virtually speaking. However, we know that watching a highlight reel isn't the same as being with someone in person. Yes, I am sad to leave Hawaii. My work here was more than just an employment – it was a ministry. To be part of a community of encounter, one that not only prays for justice, but also finds the courage to take faith-filled actions, and a parish that intentionally supports the development of future (and current) leaders through campus ministry, has motivated me to do the work

I am so passionate about. As I was reflecting, there are still so many ideas not yet explored, plans not yet fulfilled, projects waiting to be undertaken. I look at them with excitement because you are all part of that. To think of not being able to participate in what's to come makes me feel a little bit empty. There was a strong temptation to live a relatively stable life, to stay and continue what I know and how. But, over the past fifteen years and more so in the past two years, I know that in order to be truly happy and live a fulfilling life is to be faithful to God's call, not my own ego. For all my shortcomings, I am sorry; and I give thanks for your patience and abundance of forgiveness. This is my last weekend here at Newman. Mid-week I'll be turning in my keys. Next weekend, you won't see me here. I won't be able to answer questions, or solve any problems. On the bright side, in addition to the wonderful team Fr. Alfred has assembled – Alofa and Nichelle, we have advisory bodies once again, thanks be to God – Pastoral and Finance Councils in place to help guide the community. Remember you have the exact same resources I had and needed to help me succeed in my work... you have each other and God is with you, and with me. When the students come back, they will feel the same range of emotions we all are feeling. Comfort them and help them, too, through this new beginning. The wisdom I take with me from Newman as I enter the Paulist Formation Program is that we learn from and support each other, we grow, we find our way forward, and we don't have to do it alone. From the bottom of my heart, mahalo nui loa for all of your aloha, support, and, above all, your prayers.

A hui hou!

In just a little less than a month, the new academic year will begin! Returning students will be back on campus, and new students will be moving in; some away from home for the very first time. With the excitement of Fall Semester fast approaching, I have been busy preparing for the student's arrival.

Campus Ministry has an important role in helping students navigate through some of the most exciting moments of their personal and academic lives. We as a ministry, must be available to help students realize their God-given potential amidst their daily responsibilities. We must also be mindful that we are called to accompany them on their spiritual journey, by being witness of the Church in action, working for justice and inviting them to join us. Every one of you, our parishioners, make the community what it is, and by saying yes to share the Gospel when we can, we can help the students find this as their community/family too. I humbly ask you to be active participants in our campus ministry by helping welcome our students this Fall and by keeping us in your prayers as we begin the new academic year!



Mahalo & God Bless, Nichelle Soriano

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Weekly Campus Ministry Events

Regular campus ministry activities will be on hiatus for the summer break. There will be **occasional** events and activities for summer students. Full schedule will resume at the start of the Fall 2019 semester.



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