

The Newman Center

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2019

**Catholic Campus Ministry
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 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.
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Community Notices

- ◆ Religious Education Parent Meeting 8/25

Aloha and Welcome!

Aloha and thank you for visiting the Newman Center! Whether you are visiting, new to the community, or have been here for many years, we hope you will visit us again. **You are most welcome here!**

The Newman Center has a two-fold mission: outreach to the community at-large as a parish and outreach to the staff, faculty, and student of the University of Hawai'i—Mānoa as a campus ministry.

Connect with us through Social Media on Facebook (www.facebook.com/newmanhawaii), Instagram and Twitter (@NewmanHawaii).

We hope you will visit us again!

Save the Date!!

Parish Town Hall Meeting
September 12, 2019
6:00pm
Newman Center



Our Faith, Our Freedom – Introducing the Hawaii Catholic Advance Healthcare Directive:

The Hawaii Catholic Conference invites all adults, age 18 and older, to attend one of the following rollout sessions:

Saturday, September 7 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Mary, Star of the Sea

Tuesday, September 10 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Theresa Co-Cathedral

Learn how to start a conversation about end-of-life decisions with a loved one, how to make morally sound decisions about medical care when a person may be nearing death, how to choose an agent and complete the AHCD form, and about palliative care and the benefits of hospice services. For more information, visit www.catholicahawaii.org/hcc

From the desk of the Pastor

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing."

Our Gospel reading this weekend is one of the difficult passages to understand and sometimes to accept. In Jewish understanding, fire is to symbolize God's judgement. But is that the fire Jesus came to bring? The fire He has come to cast on the earth is a different fire. Christ wants to set the fire of God's love on the earth and most importantly in each of our hearts. Dr. Scott Hahn writes that "the fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God." Being a disciple of Jesus today is not easier than it was in the first century. More and more the world has values contrary to Christ's and division results between those who accept Christ and those who reject Him. This, then, challenges us to actively choose to follow Christ which requires an unquenchable desire for holiness. In Baptism, we have been filled by the fire of the Holy Spirit and inflamed with the love of God. Through our spiritual and corporal works of mercy, we too set the world on fire.



I want to welcome all our incoming freshmen and welcome back the rest of the students to the Center for a new academic year of Catholic Campus Ministry. We have lots of ministry happenings this year and I invite you to be a part of them. We are here for you and we hope that you will allow us to be your home away from home.

Have a blessed week,
Fr. Alfred Omar (@fralfred808)

Stewardship of Treasure

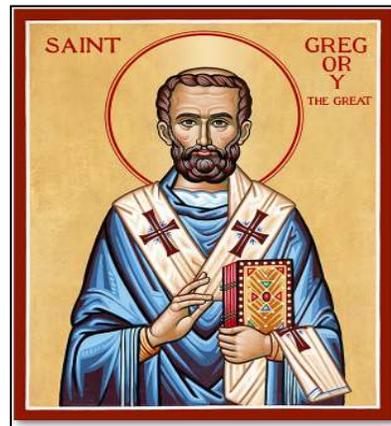


Tithes and Offerings: (08/10/19—08/11/19)	\$ 3,135.00
Online Giving: (08/07/19—08/13/19)	\$ 1,810.00
Repairs & Maintenance (08/10/19-08/11/19)	\$ 25.00

May we continue to receive God's gifts gratefully,
manage them responsibly, and share them joyfully.
Mahalo for your generosity!

Saint of the Week

St. Gregory the Great



This patrician prefect of Rome is counted among the doctors and Fathers of the Church. After his father's death, he gave family estates to the church, founding seven monasteries, including the one he joined in his family home in Rome. Following ordination, he served as papal nuncio in Constantinople, 579-586, then was an abbot in

Rome until 590, when he became the first monk elected pope. Gregory I reformed the clergy, sent missionaries to England, promoted monasticism and chant, wrote prolifically, and assumed civic duties in Rome in the face of natural disasters and the warring Lombards. He is a patron saint of choirboys, musicians, singers and England.

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!



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
Twitter & Instagram: @newmanhawaii

Religious Education Classes

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

Stewardship of Time and Talent

We welcome everyone wanting to give to the Lord their time and talent through the various ministries in the parish. Please contact the office or any pastoral team member.

A Stewardship Moment



In today's second reading, we hear the author of the letter to the Hebrews liken the daily life of the Christian steward to a race, a long-distance race perhaps, certainly not a sprint; requiring endurance and a single-minded focus on Jesus at the finish line. Good stewards are firmly committed to running the race, to live the Christian

life to the fullest, to keep their eyes focused on Jesus. They don't grow weary. They don't lose heart. They know there is immense joy waiting for them at the finish line. Are you fully committed to living each day for Christ? Are you running the race, or are you simply jogging? Just walking? Sitting? Going backwards? Going nowhere? Some of us may want to reflect on what we can do to run the race with even more conviction. Others may want to reflect on how to simply enter the race and start running.

Hawaii Catholic School Scholarships

1/2 Off School Tuition for New Students

Not sure if a Catholic school is right for your child or grandchild? For new students to our Catholic schools, we have half off school tuition at our participating schools. These scholarships, we pray, will motivate parents and grandparents to consider one of our 33 schools for your little ones.

Visit <https://kkol.halfoffdeal.com> to see the participating schools offering a limited number of scholarships. You may have heard their commercials playing on Salem Media's 95.5 The Fish and 97.5 Country.

Visit this website often as more schools are slated to kick off their scholarships in the upcoming months. Also listen to 95.5 The Fish and 97.5 Country where they count down the days before the scholarships are open and available.



Oahu Faith Formation Conference, September 20-21

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, September 20 - Saturday, September 21
Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa and School



Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

Religious Education/ Youth Ministry Brainstorming

August 25th, 2019 right after the 9am Mass

Also, pictures of the Confirmandi can be picked up on the reception desk in the back of Church. These are the banner pieces that were created and placed on display during Confirmation.

Need somewhere to relax or study?
Come to the



Student Lounge



Open Monday - Friday
During Newman Center office hours
or until evening programs conclude.
Free Wifi & AC.

Wednesday Night Student Mass

*Resumes
September 4
9 PM*

SAVE THE DATE—September 15, 2019!

5 PM—Mass of the Holy Spirit



Newman Center - Holy Spirit Parish
5:00 PM
Sunday, September 15, 2019

6 PM—Welcome BBQ

All students, educators, administrators of UH and all other schools are invited to the Mass of the Holy Spirit & Welcome BBQ.

Join us for food, music, games, prizes, and more!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

If you would like to volunteer your time to help with set up/clean up, or would like to provide a main dish, side dish, dessert, or drinks, contact Nichelle Soriano.

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Twitter: **@NewmanHawaii**

Website: www.NewmanHawaii.org



Welcome Back Students!

**The Newman Center
is equipped with
WI-FI access to the internet**

Students are welcome to bring their laptops and connect to the internet.

Campus Ministry Welcome

Welcome to the Newman Center—Holy Spirit Parish, the *Catholic Campus Ministry* at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

The Newman Center is here for YOU, whether you are a student, staff, or faculty member of the university, or a community member. **All are welcome here!**

As we begin this new academic year, I want inform you of some of our regular & ongoing Campus Ministry activities. The first is the Sunday 5 PM Student Mass, with music led by the student choir. After the Mass, join us for homemade dinner every Sunday at 6 PM starting August 25! Meals are prepared by students, with students, for students. If you are interested in cooking, be sure to contact me and sign up! Reimbursement is available.

Also, starting Wednesday September 4 at 9 PM, we resume our Candlelight Wednesday Night Student Mass. It's a perfect way to recharge in the middle of the week, and spend some quiet time with God in between your studies.

In between these regularly scheduled activities, the Student Council which is composed of Student Leaders, also plan and host socials and service projects throughout the year. Be sure to check the bulletin or follow us on social media (**@NewmanHawaii**) for Campus Ministry Events & Activities.



Finally, if you ever find yourself feeling overwhelmed with school work, or the pressures of everyday life, know that my door is always open to talk. Let's journey through life together.

Nichelle Soriano
Campus Minister

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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