

# The Newman Center

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 08, 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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*Bulletin submission deadline is 9 am Thursday mornings.  
Please submit your text to the email address listed above.  
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**Community Notices**

- ◆ Communion Service 09/11/2019 12:10pm
- ◆ Town Hall Meeting 09/12/2019 5:15pm-8pm

**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](http://www.facebook.com/newmanhawaii)), Instagram and Twitter (@NewmanHawaii).

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**Hospitality Weekend**

It's Hospitality Weekend. Members of our community donate refreshments to share after Mass. These casual get together give us a chance to meet new parishioners and catch up with "old-timers". Stay for a while and enjoy community refreshments.

Baskets are out for donations to the student food pantry.

Thank you for your generosity.



**Parish Town Hall Meeting this Thursday**

**September 12, 2019**

**6:00pm**

**(5:15pm Pasta Dinner)**

Newman Center

Free Parking at St. Francis



## From the desk of the Pastor

"I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary."-Philemon

Our second reading this weekend from the letter of St. Paul to Philemon is providential for us as we gather together for our Parish Town Hall meeting this Thursday. In May 1981, the then Catholic Campus Ministry Chaplain, Jesuit Father Gerard Bourke and Franciscan Sister Maureen Keleher went into a lease agreement for a small parcel of land on the St. Francis School property for the expansion of the Campus Ministry Apostolate to UH Manoa. The lease agreement is for a total of fifty-five years (until 2036). For the first forty years, our annual rent to the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities has been very minimal and the sisters have been very generous in allowing us to stay for that amount. For the final term of fifteen years, the agreement is to pay the fair market value on a triple net lease rent starting May 1, 2021. At the end of our term of lease, the agreement is to surrender the building to the Sisters. The decision of the Sisters to close St. Francis School at the end of last school year added stress and anxiety for many of us but did not change the course of the initial agreement. We are at the point of our stay here where we should begin thinking about and discussing the final fifteen years and the future of the parish. Our Parish Town Hall meeting is to inform you about the decisions we have to make as a community and to initiate the discussions. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love!



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

### Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (08/31/19—09/01/19)	\$ 2,344.00
Online Giving: (08/28/19—09/04/19)	\$ 1,116.00
Catholic University of America: (08/31/19– 09/01/19)	\$ 30.00

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

### 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!

### A Stewardship Moment



At the conclusion of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus tell a "great crowd" that "...anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." A few of Jesus' immediate disciples, such as Peter, John and James, did just that: They responded to Jesus' call, renouncing everything to follow him. How do

modern disciples of Jesus respond when confronted with this apparently harsh command of Jesus?

Surely the renunciation of possessions need not mean literally giving all one's possessions away, does it? Questions we might ponder this week though: Do our possessions keep us from encountering Christ at Mass? Do they distract us from our parish family? Do our possessions interfere with our relationships? Do they make us insensitive to those less fortunate?

### 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](https://www.facebook.com/NewmanHawaii)  
Twitter & Instagram: @newmanhawaii

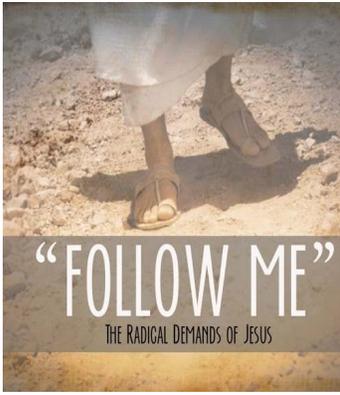
### Religious Education Classes

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.

### Sunday Connection from Loyola Press



In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of

his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to loving them more than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

### Rite of Christian Initiations of Adults

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the engagement of adults seeking to know more about Catholicism and possibly become a baptized Catholic, and those who have been baptized in a Christian tradition but who are not fully initiated into the Catholic Faith. Newman Center offers a formal RCIA program of study beginning in September and continuing through Easter until May. It includes weekly reflection on the Liturgy of the Word, discussions on a series of faith-focused topics, shared fellowship about the journey of faith, service to the community, and the basic desire to serve God as we each are called.

**Location & Time:** Campus Ministry Office, 12:15-1:30 pm  
Sundays beginning September 8.

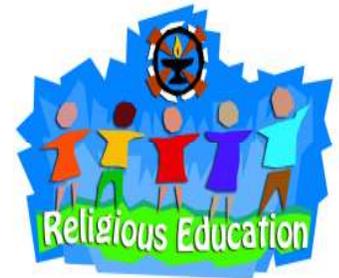
**Contact:** Parish Office or Rosemary Casey  
rcsey6971@gmail.com for more information.

### Religious Education / Youth Ministry Survey

"As we transition to a Youth Ministry at Newman Center, we would like to receive your input.

Please complete a short survey at: [bit.ly/NCRE2019](http://bit.ly/NCRE2019) by September 9th.

Thanks for your help."



### Season of Creation 2019 "Blue Zones, Blue Planet"

Water is a central part of the Creation story in the Book of Genesis. In Hawaiian culture, "waiwai" or "water water" is synonymous with wealth and prosperity. And scientists believe that life on this or any planet is impossible without water. So, for this year's Season of Creation, the Newman Center celebrates water and encourages everyone to be good stewards of this essential part of life. From the skies to the land to the vastness of the oceans, we depend upon, utilize, and affect the waters of Creation. How do we use water? Only 8% is for direct, personal uses like drinking and cleaning. The food we eat makes up 70% of our "water footprint". Energy, products, and other services make up the rest, 22%. How can we be better stewards of water? Visit [waterfootprint.org](http://waterfootprint.org) for ideas, write down your suggestions on our poster paper "rain drops", and we will place them on our rain cloud of refreshment at the front of the sanctuary. Stay tuned for more in the coming weeks as we celebrate the Season of Creation.

### Have you completed the Sacraments of Initiation?

If not, for practicing Catholics who are 18 or older and who missed receiving Confirmation and/or First Eucharist along the way but are now interested in receiving that sacraments: a 4-session preparation will be offered in Oct/Nov by Sharon Chiarucci.

Class dates and times to be determined based on enrollment.

Confirmation (and First Eucharist) will take place on the Feast of Christ the King, November 24, 2019.

Please call or email the parish office to schedule an initial interview with Fr. Alfred.





TAKE A MID-SEMESTER BREAK BY GOING ON A RETREAT  
TO THE BEAUTIFUL NORTHSHORE OF OAHU!

### COMMUNITY BUILDING RETREAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019

### CAMP ERDMAN



REGISTRATION FEE

\$50 STUDENT

\$75 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

SEE CAMPUS MINISTER FOR RETREAT

REGISTRATION FORM

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.



### Have Prayer Intentions?

The Sisters of the Sacred Hearts (SSCC) at Regina Pacis Convent will remember our parish in their prayers and works during the week of September 15 to 21, 2019. They are inviting all parishioners to send them your special intentions by phone, mail, or email before and during the week of prayers.

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### Mass of the Holy Spirit and Annual Welcome BBQ SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

5 PM Mass of the Holy Spirit  
6 PM Welcome BBQ

All are invited to the Mass of the Holy Spirit & Welcome BBQ. Join us for food, music, games, prizes, and more!

### Volunteers Needed!

Please sign up to bring food on the board near the front door!

### Campus Ministry Weekly Events

#### Every Sunday:

5 PM Student Mass & 6 PM Student Dinner

*Meals prepared by students, with students, for students.*

#### Every Wednesday:

9 PM Wednesday Night Student Mass

Join us for a candlelight Mass at 9 PM followed by food fellowship. It is a perfect way to recharge in the middle of the week, and spend some quiet time with God in between your studies.

### Follow us on Social Media!

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