

The Newman Center

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 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

◆ **Staff Meeting** 09/26/2019 5pm

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!

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN (1801-1890)

When John Henry Newman was named a Cardinal in 1879, he took as his motto *Cor ad cor loquitur* – “Heart speaks unto heart”. It is a description of the personal relationship between God and man/woman achieved through prayer.



In one of Bishop James Conley's homily, he reflected “These words heart speaks to heart can first be understood as... the heart of God, speaking to our heart, calling us to holiness, leading and guiding us to the Father. But heart speaks to heart can also describe a type of pastoral charity where an individual leads another individual to God, through love and kindness. One heart at a time, person to person, heart to heart. Newman believed that, next to the power of supernatural grace, the greatest influence over the human soul is the example of goodness in another person.” [Source URL: <https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/heart-speaks-heart>]

As we await the celebration of Newman's canonization on October 13, take time to reflect on your relationship with God through prayer. Tell God what's in your heart, and then listen to God's response. And if you dare, ask “Where do I lie on the “goodness” continuum?”

From the desk of the Pastor

"I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone... that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity...lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument."

The reading of St. Paul's letter to Timothy this weekend reminds us of the universality of the Gospel. That prayer is to be made for all and God is the savior who wishes all to be saved. E. F. Brown writes that this passage is the proof that all are capable of receiving God and Biblical Scholar, William Barclay adds that "they may be lost, but they can be found; they may be ignorant, but they can be enlightened; they may be sinners, but they can be saved." So, for us Christians, nobody or nothing is outside of our prayers. But anger in our hearts is a barrier to prayer. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we ask the Lord to forgive our trespasses AS WE forgive those who trespass against us. This means that human and divine forgiveness go hand and hand. In our prayer time this week, both Corporate and Private, let us pray for the intentions of the whole world and especially for those who have trespassed against us.



In a few weeks, the Parish Pastoral Council will meet to discuss a follow-up of our Parish Town Hall Meeting. Mahalo to the parishioners who have stepped up to help in different ways for our current mission and for the future mission of the parish. We will schedule brainstorming sessions for creative solutions soon. Let us continue to pray for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to discern God's will for us!

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

Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (09/14/19—09/15/19)	\$ 2,999.00
Online Giving: (09/11/19—09/17/19)	\$ 890.00

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

A Stewardship Moment



In Jesus' parable of the Unjust Steward, we encounter a financial manager who has wasted his master's wealth and faces dismissal from his position. To overcome the crisis confronting him, the steward reduces some very considerable debts owed by poor neighbors to his master in order to help them out. Though the steward has sinned against God and his master by squandering what belongs to someone else, both the prudent way in which he goes about resolving the crisis coupled with relieving people who are in need can be seen as a way to better steward the gifts entrusted to us by God. Although good stewards today acknowledge that they may never use their God-given gifts in a way that completely conforms to the demands of the Gospel, a commitment to using their gifts with prudence and for the purpose of helping their neighbors wins God's favor.

Giving Made Easy

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

<https://newmanhawaii.weshareonline.org>

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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.

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

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.



Welcome BBQ 2019

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing our Main Dishes and for all our parishioners who provided side dishes, beverages, fruit, and dessert. Thank you also to the students and parishioners who helped set up, clean up, and run the activities during the BBQ. Finally, thank you to everyone who attended and made the BBQ a success!



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.

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.



Season of Creation 2019 Blue Zones, Blue Planet + Plant Slant Potluck Friday, October 4 at 6pm

Fresh water is, of course, an essential resource for all life on land. The cycle of fresh water is complex and affected by many of the things we do and need. Growing food is dependent upon adequate water. In Hawaii we rely on ground water, so taking care of the land is important to replenish our aquifers. Because the availability and distribution of rain and fresh water vary, water availability and cost are issues of justice, equity, and our relationships with each other as well as the rest of Creation. And let us not forget our celebration of water as part of the sacrament of baptism and enjoyment of the natural world. As part of our celebration of the Season of Creation, we invite you to a water-friendly potluck and video showing of the wonders of our blue planet on the Feast of St. Francis, October 4th, at the Newman Center, starting at 6pm. To help this be water-friendly, let's make it a plant slant potluck! Check out Blue Zones website for recipe ideas at: <https://www.bluezones.com/recipes/>

From the Campus Ministry Desk



Now that the semester is beginning the 5th week of instruction, Campus Ministry is in full swing! So far this semester, we have tabled at 3 different fairs on campus, had 3 Sunday Night Student Dinners and 3 Wednesday Night Masses. Incoming students have expressed interest in receiving the sacraments, new & returning students have stepped up and shown interest in starting new ministry

activities, socials, and service projects and our ministry has been blessed with support from our Parish. In my day to day conversations with these students, I am always inspired by their willingness to dive deeper into their faith, despite the struggles of balancing work, school, and social life. There exists a positive energy within them, the breath within all of us, the Holy Spirit, moving them to dive deeper into faith, and grow further in relationships with their fellow brothers and sisters.

Each Sunday Night Dinner so far this semester has grown in attendance. Starting with 27 attending, to now 30 students. Our very first Wednesday Night Mass of the semester had an attendance of 17, and by the next week, nearly doubled to 32 in attendance. But it's not just about the numbers. Its about the people. This is one more person, one more soul who is thirsting to know God, and who wants to be in the presence of others seeking out the same thing; holiness. During last weekends Welcome BBQ, I learned that many students visited the Newman Center for the first time and were thrilled to meet many other students and community members. It was evident to me again, that the desire for community exists for many people.

The thing that continues to energize me is knowing that we are changing lives through this campus ministry by simply being present and reaching out to those who come through our doors. But it does not stop there, in fact there is still more to be done. Just like the apostles were sent out on a mission to bring others to Christ, we too, Parishoners and Students alike must bring others to this community. If we all make the decision within ourselves to live each day intentionally, purposefully, and to do our very best with what God has given us, I know we can make incredible things happen for our world. It all starts with your YES to do so.



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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

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