

The Newman Center

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8th, 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.

Pastoral Team

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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

- ◆ Hospitality Weekend 12/07 & 12/08 All Masses
- ◆ Immaculate Conception Mass 12/09/2019 12:10pm & 6pm
- ◆ Christmas Party 12/13/2019 6pm

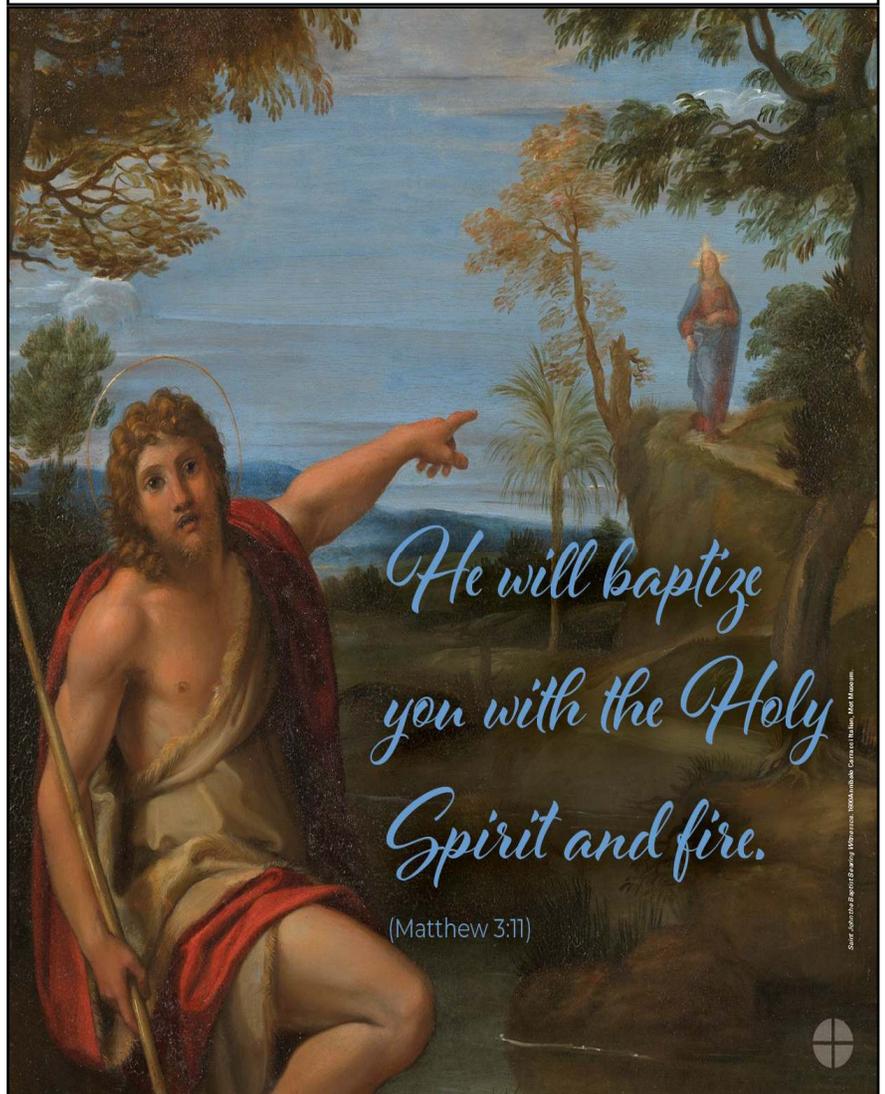
Aloha and Welcome!

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!



St. John the Baptist by Philippe de Champaigne, Musée de la Ville de Paris



From the desk of the Pastor

“A voice of one crying in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

In today's Gospel, we have John the Baptist preaching in the desert saying, “Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.” The Season of Advent calls us to prepare for the three comings of Christ: Christ coming to us in history over two thousand years ago, Christ coming to us in mystery here and now, and Christ coming to us in majesty at the end of time. Part of the preparation translates into repentance as the forerunner of Christ clearly calls us to do. But what does that repentance look like? It should be a personal response to the call of Jesus to follow him. To accept Jesus as the Lord and Savior of our lives. It is no longer I who rule over my life, but God. I belong to God and I behave and relate to others according to God's expectations. We have three weeks left of our Advent journey, let us use some of that time to examine our lives and repent for the times we have fallen short of his love.



In our bulletin today, you will find a condensed summary of our recent Parish Town Hall meeting. The full summary is on the bulletin board. Please take some time to take the information in and pray over it. We make up the Church as the Body of Christ, not the physical plant. Let us work together, putting aside our personal gripes, in finding a creative solution for the continuation of our Mission of bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Hawaii and beyond.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar (@fralfred808)

Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (11/30/19-12/01/19)	\$ 3,566.00
Online Giving: (11/27/19—12/03/19)	\$ 2,106.00
Maintenance Donations:	\$ 50.00

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

YOUR HELP NEEDED WITH PLANNING NEWMAN'S FUTURE!

This is an exciting time for Newman! We have a young, enthusiastic, and deeply spiritual pastor who is surrounded with people committed to guiding the Newman Community into the future. Essential at this time is input from students and parishioners to know who we are as individuals and to know what our commitment is to Newman's future in relation to our core mission of Campus Ministry and the development of lay and ordained ecclesial leaders.

Please help by completing a short survey, found as a bulletin insert or on-line at the Newman website www.newmanhawaii.org through December 8. Completed forms will be accepted through December 15. Drop your form at the parish office or email it to info@newmanhawaii.org.

Mahalo for being a very important part of Newman Center / Holy Spirit Parish!

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](https://twitter.com/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.

Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel reading John the Baptist warns his listeners: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" The Church's yearly Advent herald is a call to repentance. The season of Advent urges us to be open to a conversion of heart.



Christian stewards heed this call daily, and take the need for conversion in their lives seriously. As a family of faith, do we hear this call to conversion amidst the massive holiday spending? The increase in credit card debt? The urge to buy things that are not necessary? The incivility on the roadways during the holidays? Are there patterns in our own lives that need to be converted?

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

While this very important celebration is usually on December 8, since that is a Sunday this year, all the Masses for December 7/8 will be for the Second Sunday of Advent. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9. Although the Paulist Press Ordo says it is not a holy day of obligation this year, since the Diocese of Honolulu only celebrates two holy days of obligation throughout the year (Immaculate Conception and Christmas), the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception **WILL be celebrated on**

Monday, December 9, 2019, as a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION in the Diocese of Honolulu.

Masses at Newman will be on Mon, Dec. 9 at:

**12:10 PM
6:00 PM**

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.

Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.



Men's and Women's Scripture Study:

Aloha! Alexandra and Adrian moved to Honolulu this past June and immediately found a parish home here at The Newman Center.

They were blessed with the opportunity of leading a weekly scripture study at Newman each Tuesday afternoon.

This has been a great time to get together once a week and share their love for encountering Jesus in the Word of God by inviting students to the study.

This past semester students and parishioners were guided through the Ignite Series found on the FOCUS Equip app. The app has been an excellent free tool for small group studies and is one they will continue to use in the future.

The studies will take a pause during winter break. Last study of the 2019 semester will be held on Tuesday, December 17th at 4:30. Please stay tuned for updates on possible changes to day and time for next semesters studies.

"Our goal for next semester's studies is to continue to invite students into weekly studies and to offer mentorship to those seeking how to activate their faith in their daily lives." - Alexandra & Adrian

"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep" John 10:11



MEN'S & WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY
EVERY TUESDAY
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
NEWMAN CENTER

*"Be who God called you to be, and you will set the world on fire."
-St. Catherine of Siena*



Student Council Members Academic Year 2019-2020

Chachie Abara
Andrea Flores Calle
Mariam Moreno
Nicole Lang
Ana Lowe
Jonah Tiwanak
Reta Youkhana

As we restructure our Campus Ministry, these student leaders have stepped-up to organize, plan, and execute Campus Ministry programming and events this school year. We thank them for their commitment to our Mission!

Need somewhere to relax or study?

Come to the Student Lounge!

Open Monday—Friday during Newman Center office hours. Free Wifi & AC.

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



Need a better place to study?

Come to the Newman Center finals week
Dec. 14th – 21st, 2019 Study Haven!

- **Quiet Area to Study**
- **Free WiFi**
- **A/C Lounge**
- **Refreshments**
- **Open Chapel**

Campus Ministry Weekly Events

Every Sunday:

5 PM Student Mass & 6 PM Student Dinner
Meals prepared by students, with students, for students.

Every Tuesday

4:30 PM Men's & Women's Scripture Study

Every Wednesday:

9 PM Wednesday Night Student Mass

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