

# The Newman Center

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 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.

**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**

- ◆ **Offices Closed for Business on Dec. 24 & Dec. 25**
- ◆ **Campus Ministry Office, Center, & No Daily Masses Dec. 30-Jan 4**

**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).

**We hope you will visit us again!**

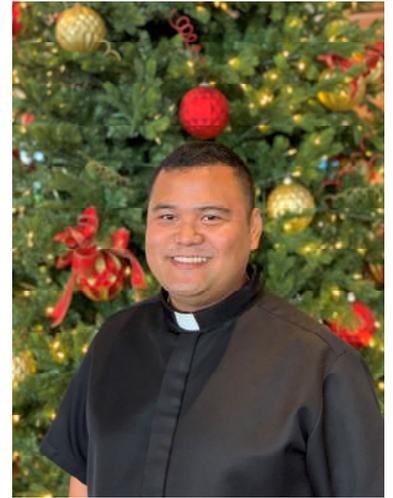


## From the desk of the Pastor

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.”

After seeing all the students here last week for Study Haven studying so hard for final exams and completing papers, I would think that they be in bed for the next couple of days. Maybe the Angel Gabriel will visit them in their dreams like Joseph in today's gospel. Have you ever made plans and they go exactly as planned? Chances are that they changed. I'm guessing that Joseph had plans to get married to Mary, have lots of children, and live happily ever after. He didn't expect this bride to already be with child. So, he made new plans to divorce her quietly because he knew the risk of public shaming of unwed mothers. But the Angel Gabriel communicated God's plan for salvation which included Joseph and Mary during a dream. When he awoke, he obeys God and assents to the Divine Plan.

In our own lives, plans are made but they are altered when God is invited. The more we get deeper in our spiritual life, the more we discern and surrender to God's plan for our lives. During these final days of our Advent journey, may we allow God's Word become incarnate in and through us.



Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar  
(@fralfred808)

### Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (12/14/19-12/15/19)	\$ 3,320.00
Online Giving: (12/11/19—12/18/19)	\$ 1,120.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 375.00
Maintenance Donations:	\$ 50.00

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

### 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!

### Center Receives FONCH Grant for 2020

We are pleased to announce that the Friends of Newman Center Hawaii has awarded the Center a grant for the 2020 calendar year ministry expenses of:

**\$46,000**

Mahalo nui loa for providing support to the center for the mission of providing educational, religious, and charitable services to university student at UHM.

### Christmas & End-of-Year Gifts to Newman Center

Please remember the Newman Center in your Christmas gift-giving and year-end donations. Contributions to the Newman Center are tax-deductible as we are a 501(c)(3) charitable, tax-exempt organization. To give to the Newman Center, please visit the website:

[www.NewmanHawaii.org/give-online](http://www.NewmanHawaii.org/give-online)

Thank you for your support!

### 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/](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](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 we hear of the coming of Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." We celebrate three Advents: the birth of Christ, his Second Coming, and his presence in the world today. Our daily lives are attended by God's presence. Indeed, "God is with us." The Good News of Christ's Incarnation is that we are the sign, the "sacrament," of Christ's presence in the world. People are supposed to see us, see how we love one another, see how we treat the stranger among us, see how we give comfort to the poor and afflicted, and share the Good News with joy. They see how good stewards are the light of Christ. And there can be no possible response except to say: "God is here!"



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### **Christmas Eve—Dec. 24**

5pm Children's Vigil Mass

10pm Vigil Mass  
(followed by Christmas Fellowship)

### **Christmas Day—Dec. 24**

10am Mass



## Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council

Denise Esposito (Chairperson)  
Donna Christle (Vice-Chairperson)  
Reta Youkhana (Recorder)

Nancy Barry  
Allen Borsky  
Evelyn Eaton  
Miles Kroeger  
Mia Lettau

Jerry Raukhorst  
Rev. Alfred Omar B. Guerrero (President)

"The purpose of the parish pastoral council is pastoral planning and creating a vision for the future of the parish. Members prayerfully investigate and discern issues of concern to the whole parish and make recommendations to the pastor for goals and actions."

## Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: ". . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.



## Fall Semester Study Haven

Thank you to all those who supported our Fall Semester Study Haven through donations of meals and snacks and for monitoring the students during the study hours!  
A big Mahalo to Alofa Leasiolagi for cooking most of the meals during the week.



## **Student Council Members Academic Year 2019-2020**

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

## Newman Center Motto

The motto of the Newman Center, *cor ad cor loquitur*, comes from Saint 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.”

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

**Check-in at 7:15 am**

**Race starts at 8:00 am**

# Newman Center 5K FUN RUN

Register online starting December 2019

[www.NewmanHawaii.org](http://www.NewmanHawaii.org)

“To be religious is to have the habit of prayer, or to pray always. This is what Scripture means by doing all things to God's glory; that is, so placing God's presence and will before us, and so consistently acting with a reference to Him, that all we do becomes one body and course of obedience, witnessing without ceasing to Him who made us.” -St. John Henry Newman

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