

The Newman Center

Feast of the Holy Family

December 29, 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

- ◆ **Center Closed & No Daily Masses** Dec. 30-Jan 4
- ◆ **Ecumenical Service for Christian Unity** Jan 24
- ◆ **FUN Run** Jan 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!



“Everyone can contribute his or her stone to help build the common home.”

(Pope Francis, Jan 1, 2019)

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From the desk of the Pastor

Merry Christmas! Yes, it is still Christmas. Like Easter, we celebrate a whole Season of Christmas. While the rest of secular society have put away the lights and thrown away the tree, we continue to celebrate the Feast of the Lord's Nativity. On this fifth day of Christmas, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

This feast reminds us that being a family is a journey of changes and challenges. It wasn't easy for the Holy family. They too experienced trials and tribulations like any other family. But nonetheless, they lived out their lives as models faith, hope, and charity. We look to them as a model for our own families as we struggle together to adapt and change and to deal with the many tensions and crises that threaten the stability, peace, and unity that are the joys of being a family.

Let us look towards Joseph who offers us hope, towards Mary to remain steadfast in faith, and most importantly towards Jesus, the Christ child, to continue to love God as God continues to love us no matter what.

I am away this week for a conference for Campus Ministry. See you next year!



Have a blessed Christmas week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)

Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (12/21/19-12/22/19)	\$ 3,253.00
Online Giving: (12/19/19—12/26/19)	\$ 2,355.00
Maintenance Donations:	\$ 50.00

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

Newman Center Closed this Week

As we prepare for the upcoming Spring Semester, our Campus Ministry and Parish Office will be **closed** from

Dec. 30-Jan. 3

There will be no daily Masses at the center. Fr. Alfred Omar will be away for the SLS20 conference with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students this week. Please pray for the thousands of college students, campus ministers, and directors.

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

Thank you for your support!

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://daily scripture.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 second reading we listen to one of the most compelling exhortations for Christian living: "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col 3:17). "Whatever you do"---that means the whole of life is to be related to Christ Jesus. Everything in life, every activity, can become an act of glorifying the Lord. Good stewards commit even their daily routine to Christ: doing everything "in the name of the Lord." Perhaps it would be a good idea this week to memorize this marvelous verse and repeat it to yourself frequently. Make it part of your morning prayer each day.



Next Weekend is Hospitality Weekend.

You are invited to stay after mass next weekend and enjoy refreshments donated and served by members of our parish. If you would like to bring a snack to share, please sign-up on the board.



Also, please bring a non-perishable food item for the UH Manoa Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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

Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.



This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

It should also be noted that today's reading omits the verses that recount Herod's order of the massacre of the infant boys in and around Bethlehem. We mark this event on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28.

These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled in our liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.

Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council

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"The purpose of the parish pastoral council is pastoral planning and creating a vision for the future of the parish."

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