

# The Newman Center

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2020

**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

## Phone Ext.

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Bulletin submission deadline is 9 am Thursday mornings.

## Community Notices

- Ash Wednesday Masses 02/26 1210pm, 5pm, 7pm & 9pm
- Busy Person's Retreat 03/7-03/11
- Lenten Parish Mission 03/16-03/18 7pm each night

## 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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## From the Desk of the Pastor

"I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well...love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father...So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Jesus begins today's Gospel passage by quoting one of the oldest laws in the world— an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. In the Code of Hammurabi, which is over two thousand years before Christ, this law exists in its code. If a man has inflicted an injury on any person, an equivalent injury shall be inflicted upon him. Sounds like this law is still valid in our modern world after seeing the news or social media outlets nowadays. But Jesus challenges us to change our ways and take the path of non-resentment and non-retaliation. This of course requires selflessness and intentional discipleship.

How fitting it is that Lent is around the corner. The Lenten Season is an opportunity to live out the challenges that Jesus posed to us these last weeks through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Please take home and use the Lenten resources we have for you and join us in the different activities this season...



Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar (@fralfred808)

### Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (02/15/2020–02/16/2020)	\$ 2,451.00
Online Giving: (02/14/2020-02/20/2020)	\$ 776.00
Misc. Donations	\$ 100.00
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!

### Winter Cold and Flu Season

As always, you are reminded to use common sense in the reception of Holy Communion from the chalice during the annual cold and flu season. If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from partaking of the Blood of Christ from the communal chalice.



In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. A smile and a heartfelt "Peace be with you" should suffice. Likewise if you are not comfortable sharing the sign of peace or receiving Holy Communion from the communal chalice for fear of infection, you should feel no pressure to do so.

All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from the sign of peace and the communal chalice out of care for our well being and not out of unkindness or a lack of piety.

### 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

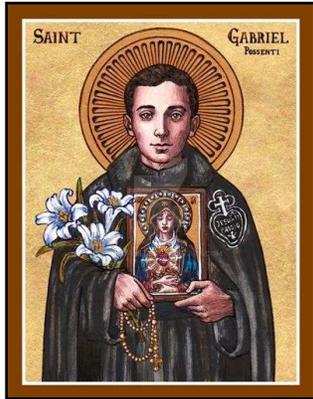
In another passage from his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus continues to turn his disciples' way of thinking upside-down. One of the lessons for the Christian steward in today's Gospel is that if we have a chance to help someone in need, we should be generous and give more than is expected of us. Jesus went "the extra mile" for us. Can we be more like Jesus and "go the extra mile" for others?



## St. Gabriel Possenti

(March 1 1838– Feb 27 1862)  
Feast Day: Feb 27

The 11th of 13 children of a distinguished Italian lawyer who served the Papal States, Francesco Possenti was a bright, joyful youth, despite losing his mother when he was 4. During his education at the Jesuit college in Spoleto, he was seriously ill twice and vowed to become a religious if he recovered. Although he felt called to serve the Lord through the priesthood, but took his time to act upon this feeling. It was after the death of his favorite sister in 1856 that he entered the Passionist novitiate, taking the name of Gabriel Our Lady of Sorrows. He is known to have been extraordinarily patient and kind, completing all that was expected of him with a bright spirit. Unfortunately, he never reached ordination, as he died of tuberculosis at 24 years old. St. Gabriel Possenti was canonized in 1920 and is the Patron of clerics and youth.

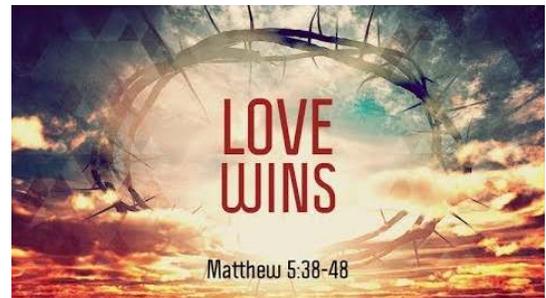


## Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at "an eye for an eye" as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God's kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God's love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word *telos*, which is probably better translated here as "complete." We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.



## Fr. Robert Mackey Marianist Lecture

**Spirituality of Music**  
**Sunday March 8, 2020-4:00pm**  
@ Mystical Rose Oratory  
(3140 Waialae Ave., Honolulu, HI 96816)



A presentation and recital with Dolora Zajick

## Busy Person's Retreat March 7-11, 2020

The busy person's retreat allows for individuals to participate in a spiritual retreat during their work or school day. The retreat consists of four private sessions with an experienced spiritual director and two community gatherings over the course of five days.



Registration forms are available on the credenza and on our website. Some scholarships are available.

For more information, contact Sharon Chiarucci,  
[sharonlee@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:sharonlee@hawaiiantel.net)

**Introducing Our New Campus Minister**  
**Shaun Aqtarap**



Shaun was born and raised here in the islands and pursued his studies at the Hawaii Pacific University. It was during his undergraduate career that he got more involved at his home parish at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Ewa Beach) as a core team member in Youth Ministry, Religious Education catechist and in various liturgical ministries.

After graduating with a B.A. in Communication in 2013, he became a substitute teacher, primarily at James Campbell High School. After teaching at Campbell, he became a teacher at Saint Theresa School in Kalihi, where he taught Technology, Religion, and 5th grade.

Shaun looks forward to helping others foster their relationship with God through Campus Ministry, and believes that each of those encounters will in turn, help strengthen his own relationship with God as well. He is excited to being a part of this community at Newman Center—Holy Spirit Parish and looks forward to getting to know all the students and parishioners.

In his free time, Shaun likes spending time with his family and friends, playing video games, and listening to music.

His favorite bible verse is John 15:18— “If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first”

His favorite religious quote comes from his confirmation saint, St. Francis de Sales— “Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.”

**Welcome to Newman Center—Holy Spirit Parish,  
Shaun!**

**Student Bible Study Group**



Students interested in joining bible study, please contact Alexandra Chuquillangui at [aychuq413@gmail.com](mailto:aychuq413@gmail.com) or 703-609-9222.

**Fun Run Fundraiser Results**

This year's Fun Run/Walk raised

**\$2,190 (net)**

Thank you for your support!

“Campus ministry can be defined as the public presence and service through which properly prepared baptized persons are empowered by the Spirit to use their talents and gifts on behalf of the Church in order to be a sign and instrument of kingdom in the academic worlds. The eye of faith discerns campus ministry where commitment to Christ and care for the academic world meet in purposeful activity to serve and realize the kingdom God.”

*(Empowered by the Spirit: Campus Ministry Faces the Future #21)*

**Weekly Campus Ministry Events**

Sunday- 5 PM Student Mass  
Sunday- 6 PM Student Dinner  
Wednesday- 9 PM Small Groups, Mass, and Pizza

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

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

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