

# The Newman Center

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**March 29, 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.

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*Bulletin submission deadline is 9 am Thursday mornings.*

**Community Notices**

- The Newman Center is closed to the public through April 30, 2020 or until further notice.

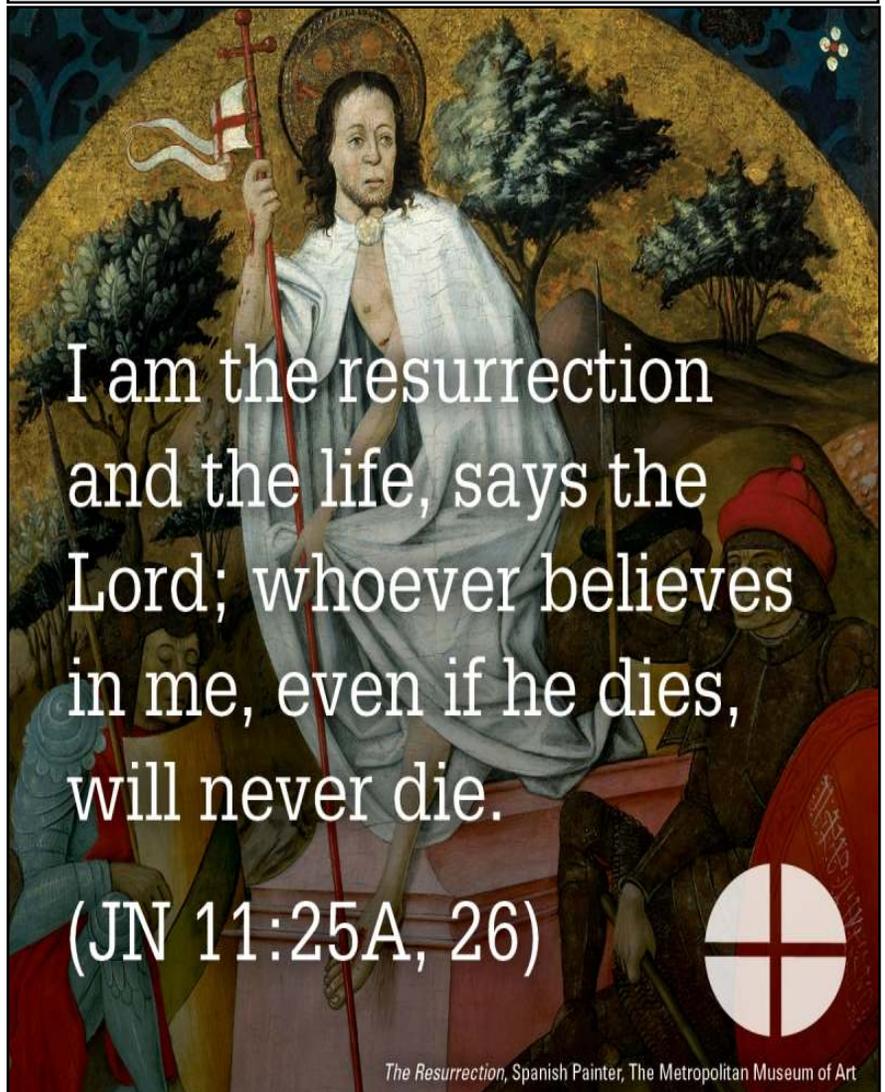
**Aloha and Welcome!**

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!**



*The Resurrection, Spanish Painter, The Metropolitan Museum of Art*

## From the Desk of the Pastor

“O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel.”

On Friday, March 27, Bishop Silva sent an “Updated General Directives and Liturgical Guidelines Due to COVID-19” to the Clergy, Parishes and Catholic Faithful. Due to the State’s stay-at-home order until April 30, the bishop issued more restrictive directives and guidelines that previous notices. Here are the ones that pertain to the Center:

-The Parish Center is to be closed to the public through April 30, 2020, or until further notice.

-All liturgical and sacramental celebrations from now through April 30 are canceled, including those during Holy Week, the Paschal Triduum, and Easter Sunday. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays is dispensed through April 30, 2020.

-The faithful are encouraged to keep the Lord’s Day holy. Some ways to do this include: reading the Scriptures of the day, especially the Gospels, praying with your families, and joining yourself to the sacrifice of the Mass by making an act of spiritual communion.

-Sacramental confessions will not be offered, for the safety of penitents and priests.

-All funerals, weddings and baptisms should be postponed at this time until further notice.

The readings this weekend is a message of hope for all of us during this COVID-19 Pandemic. While we cannot gather together physically at this time, we continue to be united in prayer and live on the Word that comes from God.

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



### Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings:

(03/14/2020-03/15/2020) \$ 1,807.00

(03/21/2020–03/22/2020) \$ 805.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,751.00

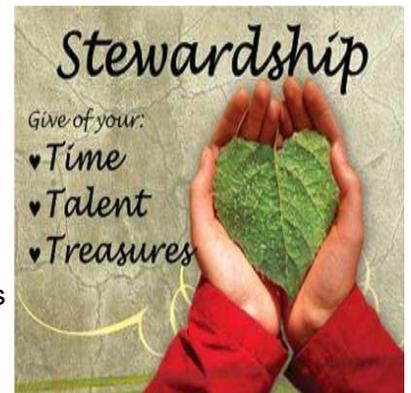
(03/13/2020-03/26/2020)

Maintenance Donations: \$ 100.00

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

### Stewardship Moment

Jesus called to his friend from the dead, “Lazarus, come out!” It is the same call our Lord makes to us unceasingly: “Come out!” Jesus calls us from our tomb of doubt and unbelief, from the darkness of our fear and anxieties; from the depths of our weaknesses and lack of hope. Christian stewards pray for an open heart so that they may hear the voice of the Lord, heed the continuous call to come away from their former way of living and reprioritize their lives in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Do we believe Christ has the power to transform our lives?

Do we take time to listen for his call?

### 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/](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](http://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.

**Prayer for Protection during the Coronavirus Pandemic (Pope Francis)**

O Mary,  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping  
your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People,  
know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.



**Diocese of Honolulu**  
**Prayer for the COVID-19 Corona Virus Pandemic**  
**(by Bishop Larry Silva; March 12, 2020)**

Dear God of all the living, you sent your Son Jesus to heal us from illness and sin. We turn to his healing power in this time of anxiety over the pandemic of this potentially deadly virus.

St. Damien and St. Marianne cope dedicated their lives to service of those who had an infectious disease. St. Marianne Cope said, "I am not afraid of any disease," because she was confident of your power to save. At the same time, she took prudent precautions of hygiene to assure that she and her Sisters would not be infected.

Let us learn from this example to put our trust in you to save us from the ravages of disease and to take prudent measures to prevent its spread. Guides us to know when to isolate ourselves from the possibility of infections, but never let anyone be left without the care and concern of others in the community.

As our Diocese of Honolulu has been dedicated to the Diving Mercy we pray with confidence, "Jesus, I trust in you."

**Sunday Connection from Loyola Press**

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.



The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

### From the desk of the Campus Minister

During this pandemic, it may seem hard to see God's presence, but stand firm in faith because God promises us that:

#### **We Are Not Alone:**

- Psalm 62 - In God alone is my soul at rest.
- Psalm 46: 10 - Be still and know that I am God.
- Ephesians 2: 12-22 - For he is our Peace.
- Psalm 63 - Our Longing for God.
- John 14: 18 - I will not leave you orphaned; promise of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

#### **We have a Source of Hope**

- Hebrews 6: 19 - We have this hope an anchor for our soul.
- Luke 17: 1-6 - The Mustard seed.
- 1 John 5 - In him no darkness.
- Hebrews 10:19-25 - He who has made promise is trustworthy.
- Isaiah 42: 14-16 - These are my promises.
- 1 John 1: 5-2:2 - Faith is victory over world.
- Isaiah 43// Do not fear.

#### **We have Light in Our Darkness**

- 1 John 5 - In him no darkness at all
- Ephesians 4: 32-5:8 - You were once darkness, but now you are light.
- Psalm 27 - The Lord is my light and my salvation.
- John 1: 1-18 - I came to testify to the light.
- Colossians 1: 12-13 - Inherit light.

These three promises we're a part of a list of many Scripture Promises of God, which were compiled by Becky Eldredge (Author & Spiritual Director in Louisiana). I chose these three from the list because I felt they were things we all should be reminded of during this pandemic.

Stay safe everyone!.

***Christ be with us, Christ be our hope,  
Christ be our light in this darkness. Amen.***

### Blessing Bag for the Homeless Drive

In the response to the need of essential items during this pandemic, our council decided to donate all collected items to date to the Catholic Worker House, also known as, Wally House, immediately. Members of our council dropped off the items on Friday, March 27. Our drive will still continue . If you would like to donate any other items, please contact us at

[pastor@newmanhawaii.org](mailto:pastor@newmanhawaii.org) or call us at 808-988-6222.

Thank you so much for your continued support, we deeply appreciate it!

### Weekly Campus Ministry Events Cancellations

The following weekly events have been **CANCELLED** until further notice:

Sunday- 5 PM Student Mass

Sunday- 6 PM Student Dinner

Tuesday - Bible Study

Wednesday- 9 PM Small Groups, Mass, and Pizza

### Campus Ministry Sponsoring Blood Drive



# Cancelled

Wednesday April 1st, 12pm-5pm  
UH Manoa Newman Center Meeting Room

For an Appointment Please Contact  
Mariam at [Marlammo@hawaii.edu](mailto:Marlammo@hawaii.edu)  
Or Valentina at [val33@hawaii.edu](mailto:val33@hawaii.edu)  
Or Call BBH at 848-4770

 **Blood Bank of Hawaii** 848-4770 - [BBH.org](http://BBH.org)

If you would still like to donate blood, you can still go to any of the Blood Bank of Hawaii locations. For more information, you can visit their website at [bbh.org](http://bbh.org).

Night of  
Praise, Worship + Adoration

**"GRACEFULLY LED"**  
**Cancelled**

7pm - 9pm

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