

The Newman Center

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 5, 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), Instagram and Twitter (@NewmanHawaii).

We hope you will visit us again!



Crucifixion, Eustache Le Sueur, The J. Paul Getty Museum

From the Desk of the Pastor

Today's celebration speaks for itself. Jesus, motivated by love for the whole world, suffered and died for us. He was innocent but was condemned to a horrible and embarrassing death. When we follow God's word, we are like the crowd that cries, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" while we wave our palm branches. Yet other times, when we sin, when we fail to love, when we reject God's will, we are like the crowd that cried "Let him be crucified." But no matter which character we are in these gospel accounts-the disciples, the crowds, the religious authorities, or even the donkey, God still loves us.



Jesus enters the holy city this week. He came in obedience and service to the Father. To take on our pains and sufferings as a human, in other words to walk our path. He loves us so much that he dies for us on the cross bearing all the guilt of the sins of the world. But the Lord's death was not the end. When Jesus surrendered himself completely to God in death, God the Father surrendered himself completely to his son, filling him with divine life, raising him up from the dead.

This is the paschal mystery we celebrate this Holy Week. This is the paschal mystery that we celebrate at every Eucharist. Jesus gave himself over to death so that we can have life. As we enter into the Holiest of days in our liturgical calendar while sheltering in place, let us remember his sacrifice and celebrate its effect in our lives today and everyday.

Have a blessed Holy Week,

Fr. Alfred Omar (@fralfred808)

Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings:
(03/14/2020-03/15/2020) \$ xxxx.00

Online Giving:
(03/13/2020-03/26/2020) \$ xxxx.00

Maintenance Donations: \$ xxx.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!

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 Divine Mercy we pray with confidence,
"Jesus, I trust in you."

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

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.

Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

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.

Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

Stewardship Moment

We are at the doorsteps of Holy Week where we stand with Jesus. The sacred scriptures reveal how Jesus has humbled himself and let go of everything, emptying himself for us. How have we joined him during this time of tension and disquiet? Have our prayers, much altered daily life, penitential practices and almsgiving moved us to humble ourselves before the Lord? Have we been able to let go of our daily preoccupations to make the ways of Christ Jesus our first priority? As disciples of the Lord and stewards of His gift of faith, it is time to evaluate our lives under his cross.



How To Live Our Catholic Faith During The Covid-19 Pandemic

Find A Routine

Add spiritual practices to your day that will help deepen your faith. Some ideas are: commit to praying the Mass every day and making a spiritual communion, meditate on scripture through Lectio Divina, take 15 minutes each morning for silence, or read that book on spirituality that you've been meaning to read. Take time away from technology and social media and add a practice that will bring you closer in your relationship with Christ.

Be Intentional In Relationships

Use this time to deepen your relationship with those whom you are living with. Practice active listening and vulnerability with each other. Take time to have conversation to learn from one another and ask questions that you normally wouldn't.

Lean Into The Discomfort Of Missing Mass

Now that we are unable to celebrate Mass in person, ask God to help you deepen your love for the Eucharist. Leave behind any previous feelings of apathy and pray that God strengthens your desire to be fully present and joyful when we are able to return to Mass and return to the Eucharist.

Celebrate Solidarity

This experience of social distancing during a global health crisis has led to a profound experience of realizing how connected we are to each other, even when we're isolated. Reflect on St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians when he reminds us all that we are One Body (1 Corinthians 12:12-27). Don't take this moment for granted and commit to caring for each other during the crisis and after we return to "normal" life.

Practice Works Of Mercy

Reach out to neighbors who are elderly or at-risk and ask if you can go grocery shopping for them. Make it a habit every day to call your grandparents or someone who is elderly or isolated. If you are financially able, contact someone you know who has recently lost their job or is struggling in this crisis and send them enough money for a meal or to help with their bills this month.

Learn To Depend On God

We are not in control. This unique moment in history is a great reminder of that. If we remember and acknowledge that God is in control, we can rest and trust in His love and consolation. Bring your fears to our Father and let Him carry you through this time of uncertainty.

Get Connected With Good Resources

There are an abundance of resources to accompany us. See nfcym.org/covid19 for a variety of prayer and mental health resources as well as Word of Fire, Ascension Presents, and Formed.org to deepen our prayer and continue in formation even while away from our communities.

(via @dccatholic on Instagram)

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER WITH MARY FOR COVID-19

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.

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
Wednesday- 9 PM Small Groups, Mass, and Pizza

Student Virtual Bible Study Group

Students interested in joining a virtual bible study, please contact Alexandra Chuquillangui at aychug413@gmail.com or 703-609-9222.

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 the parish office at 808-988-6222.

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

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