

The Newman Center

Easter Sunday

April 12, 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!

“To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

(Acts 10:43)



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From the Desk of the Pastor

On Easter Sunday in the Greek speaking or Eastern Church, Christians would greet one another with “Christos Anesti” and the recipient responds with “Alithos Anesti.” “Christos Anesti” means “Christ is Risen” and “Alithos Anesti” “Truly he has Risen.”



This day almost two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ conquered death. On that first Easter eternal death was no more, and eternal death was destroyed because the tomb was found empty. The tomb was empty because the power of the death and resurrection of Christ has changed the world forever. That is why we can confess that Christ is Risen- Truly he has Risen!

Like the disciples from our readings, we are to go with great joy to announce to the whole world that the tomb is empty because Jesus lives. He is our light and salvation who gives us Joy and Peace in a dark world. No matter where you are in your relationship with Jesus Christ, the fact is that we have been raised with Christ.

Make today a resurrection not only of Jesus Christ that we celebrate, but a resurrection of new life in your own faith, in your own relationship with God, that God may help you carry your cross so that you may celebrate the resurrection of your heart.

“Christ is Risen, amen!” (Alleluia) He is Risen indeed, alleluia! (Amen)”

Have a blessed Easter Season,
Fr. Alfred Omar (@fralfred808)

Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings:
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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!

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as
if You were already there and unite myself wholly to
You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



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](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

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that we, too, bear witness to the risen Lord. The presence of Christ is within us, making us new, transforming us, turning us into stewards of the Good News. There is no more time for holding grudges, disliking others, seeking vengeance, maintaining old prejudices, tolerating bias. We are Christ's joy and instruments of his peace. Our world is reordered. Reflect on how we are called to let Christ's forgiveness, reconciliation and love permeate our lives. We are Easter people. Rejoice! He is risen! Alleluia!



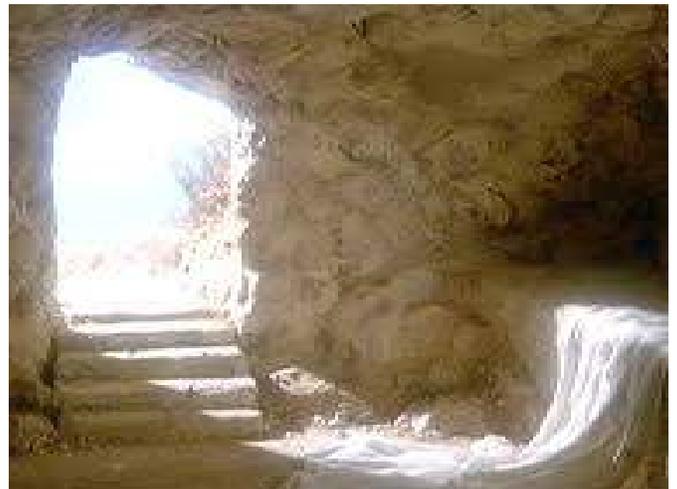
Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.



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 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.

From The Desk of the Campus Minister

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is such a great thing to be able to shout as we begin celebrating Easter. This season is probably my favorite out of the Liturgical year because of the joy that is shared throughout the church. The way the Church comes together to celebrate the resurrected king is a beautiful thing to witness after the season of Lent.

This year is a little different since we all aren't able to come together physically to do these things. All masses are being done virtually and in private and the call to fellowship with one another is put to a halt in the mean time because of this COVID-19 pandemic. It has been a bummer that all our events at Newman had to be cancelled because of the pandemic and that we can't be together with the students for the time being. But I see that there is good that will come from all this.

Some words that we can take from the resurrection story and apply them to our current situations could be, rise and believe.

Rise. Take this time to be able to pick yourselves back up from whatever slump you may have been going through. Life as a young adult/adult can be hard but given a little time to self-reflect and refocus could go a long way. Rise up to the challenges that may be spiritually "killing" you inside and have faith in God to help you in it all. Remember its not about how many times you fall, but how many times you get back up after it. As the saying goes, "we are a resurrection people, and alleluia is our song."

Believe. It may be hard to see the good out of COVID-19 pandemic, but as we celebrate the risen Lord, let us go forth and believe in the good he has for us. Believing takes a little faith and a little faith is all we need to get through it. We do not need to physically see the risen Jesus right in front of us to live out as Gospel-bearing people, we just need to have faith. So with all that the evil one is throwing at us, believe that Jesus will help us through it all.

Food for thought this week: How can I be a better reflection of the resurrection to those I encounter in my classes/workplace/home?

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Happy Easter Everyone!



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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