

# The Newman Center

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 19, 2020**

**Catholic Campus Ministry  
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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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**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!**

“Give thanks to the LORD,  
for he is good, his mercy  
endures forever.”

(Ps. 118:1)



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## From the Desk of the Pastor

Today we conclude the Octave (or eight days) of Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord but continue the celebration of the Easter Season till Pentecost Sunday. Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday dedicated by Pope St. John Paul II in honor of St. Faustina's vision of Christ.



The message of divine mercy is one that designates the suffering of the heart, a type of compassion, a deep, loving identification with people in their suffering. The Risen Lord's heart radiates forth with love and mercy for the world and as his disciples we too are called to radiate that same love and mercy.

In the diary of St. Faustina, Jesus told her: "I desire that the Feast of mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness."

As we continue to foster our faith during this pandemic, while sheltering in place, let us be of one mind and heart-that of Jesus, the Risen one, who radiates forth love and mercy!

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

### Stewardship of Treasure



Easter Offerings:	\$ 9,585.00
Online Giving: (04/01/2020-04/16/2020)	\$ 5,227.00
Maintenance Donations:	\$ 125.00

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

### 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.



### 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://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)  
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### 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 first reading, the four activities of the earliest church are introduced to us as priorities of the church: devotion to the teachings of the apostles, communal fellowship, the Eucharist and prayer. The early members of the church saw themselves as devoted stewards of these activities. These were not options. They were the fruits of a genuine conversion to a life in Christ. Sharing in the Eucharist was the most intimate expression of fellowship, while the most common expression of fellowship in the New Testament was that of sharing financial resources – giving. It was not a perfect community, but one that offered evidence of God's active presence in its midst. This early community offers us an excellent example of how to better exercise stewardship in our own parish families.



## Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.



## 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.

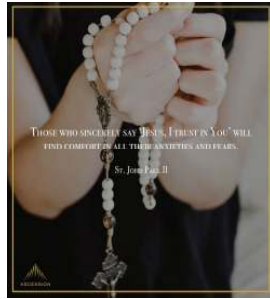
As our Diocese of Honolulu has been dedicated to the Divine Mercy we pray with confidence, "Jesus, I trust in you."



Check out the Hawaii Catholic Schools' website for a list of summer offerings at our Catholic schools. Summer School and Summer Programs for your keiki along with Professional Development opportunities for teachers are now posted. Visit <http://catholicshawaii.org/2020-summer/> to see the listing.

## From the desk of the Campus Minister

In our time of isolation from the world, its important for us to remain strong in our faith and use this time to focus on our own personal relationships with Jesus. Here are five lessons we can take from isolated saints. These five lessons are from catholic.com with a little reflection for each that I added.



### Five Lessons from Isolated Saints

#### 1. Be on guard for temptations against chastity.

(St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Rose of Lima)

The evil one is going to always look for a way to separate us from God. In our time of being isolated, he will try to tempt us in our "alone time" by using whatever type of entertainment and media we tune in to. If you struggle with the temptations he throws at you in terms of purity, stand firm and keep in contact with others who can hold you accountable.

#### 2. Be present (through technology) to others who are in need.

(St. Martin de Porres)

Technology is such a powerful weapon today that can be used against us. But it can also be a good weapon for us to use. We can use our media and technology to evangelize during this time of isolation and are even able to help those in need without even needing to step out of our homes. (St. Martin de Porres)

#### 3. Offer up your trials to God in union with Christ.

(St. Therese of Lisieux)

Pray. Pray. Pray. The power of prayer is so amazing. Offer up your struggles to God and have faith that He will be with you in your time of need.

#### 4. God pours out extraordinary graces on those who have little contact with the world.

(St. Lidwina, St. Germaine Cousin, St. Clare of Assisi)

God remains at our side regardless of the physical contact with have with others in our community. We should have faith and believe that he is always with us in our present suffering.

#### 5. Be ready to return to the world.

(St. Peter, St. John, St. James)

Getting back to everyday life after this pandemic gets better is going to be tough. The way we live is never going to be the same. But, what we can take from this time of isolation is a way to better ourselves and the world around us. Let this time be a moment of strengthening and rejuvenation so that we can go be better than we were before the pandemic started.

Its important for us to remember that these saints were ordinary people just as we are. We can surely look to them as great examples of how to live a Christ-centered life. Let us apply the lessons they've left for us to help us on our journey to heaven.

Food for thought this week: What steps do I need to take to apply each of these lessons in my life?

**Have a blessed week 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](mailto: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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