

# The Newman Center

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 17, 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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**Community Notices**

- **The Newman Center is closed to the public through May 31, 2020 or until further notice.**

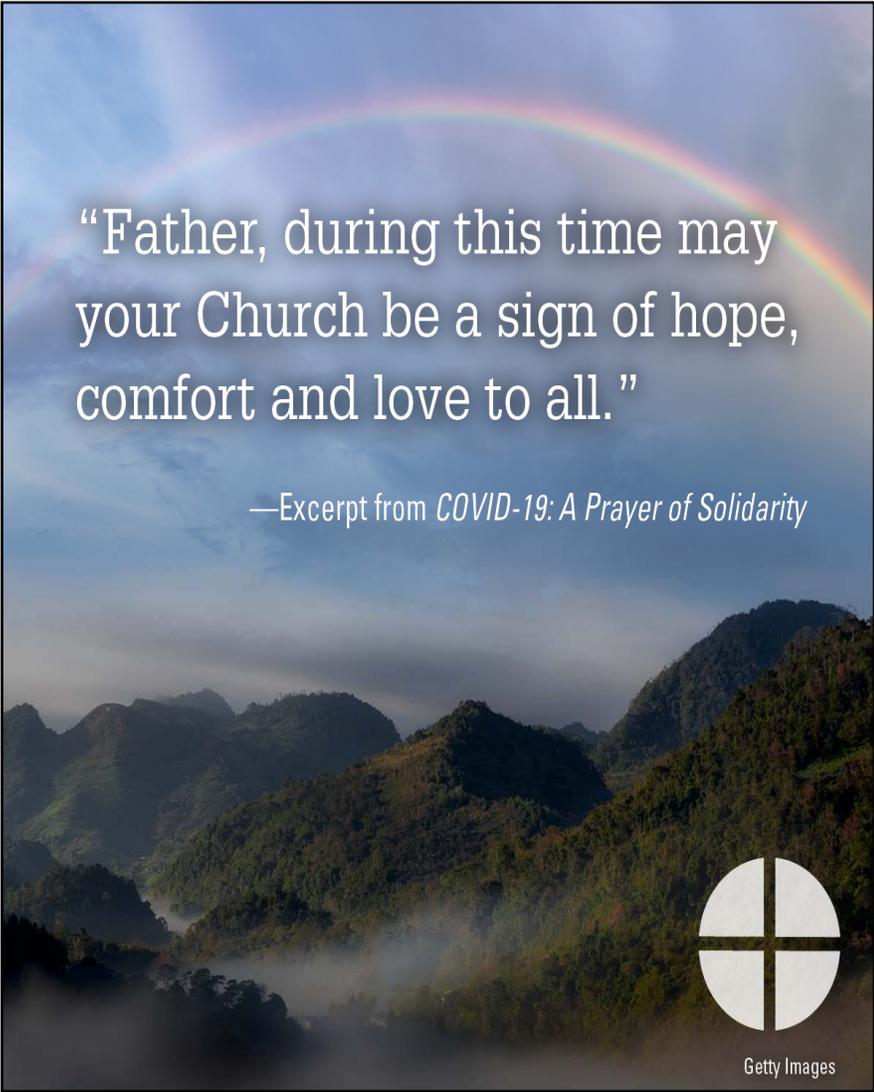
**Aloha and Welcome!**

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).

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“Father, during this time may  
your Church be a sign of hope,  
comfort and love to all.”

—Excerpt from *COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity*



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## From the Desk of the Pastor

Our Gospel today, Jesus told his disciples that their LOVE for him and God's commandments will bring from the Father another advocate. In the original Greek, the word is παρακλητον (paraklaytos). A paraklaytos is called to one's side especially to one's aid. Jesus himself is a paraklatos who in his exaltation at God's right hand, pleading for us and in the widest sense a helper or assistant. But since he is going back to the Father, he assures his disciples that he would not leave them orphans. He will send us another paraklaytos "to be with you always." He is the "Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept."



The Holy Spirit is more than one who comes to our aid and defends us or intercedes for us. The Holy Spirit is sent from the Father to dwell within the believer, as a keeper of the memory of Jesus' teachings. As the Spirit of truth, he lead us to a deeper knowledge of the gospel truth and give us divine strength needed to endure any trials and persecutions that we might endure as Christians. The Holy Spirit also inspires and emboldens us to choose good actions. We may not be gathering as a Eucharistic community just yet to offer worship, but this is the time for us to examine our lives, to worship God as the domestic church, and to recognize the presence and workings of God through the Spirit in ordinary living. I know that this pandemic may have make us impatient, anxious, frustrated, short with those we live with, and other things, but Christ assures us that he will be with us until the end of the age through his Spirit.

Have a blessed Easter Season,

Fr. Alfred Omar  
(@fralfred808)

### Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings:	\$ 1,070.00
Online Giving: (05/08/2020-05/14/2020)	\$ 2,060.00
Maintenance Donations:	\$ 70.00

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](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.

### Stewardship Moment



Philip understood very well Jesus' words: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." We learn of Philip's devotion to prayer, evangelizing and healing in the region of Samaria; made up of communities that would not be

very receptive to the followers of Jesus. Philip is a model steward, living his discipleship day by day in the Lord without counting the cost. Good stewards summon the courage to proclaim the Lord no matter where they are, and to serve Him by ministering to others even under the most adverse of circumstances. As an Easter people, eager to rejoice in the Lord, let us reflect this week on how we are living out our own commitment to discipleship in Christ Jesus.

### Catholic Charities Hawaii Offers Services for COVID-19 Assistance

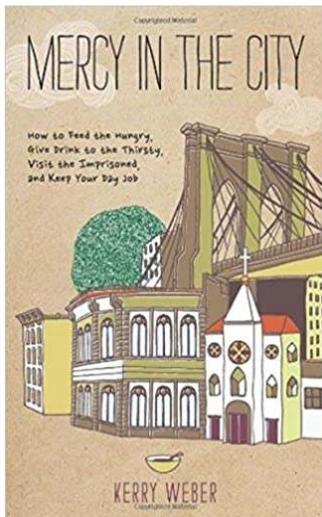
As we all face the COVID-19 pandemic, Catholic Charities Hawai'i continues to carry out our existing 40+ programs and services with adjustments to health precautions and social distancing. They have also added additional services to assist in the social and economic effects of COVID-19. The health crisis has affected our island community with job loss, financial insecurity, and isolation. They're here to help!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

Learn more about Catholic Charities Hawaii's Financial Assistance, Counseling Services, and Phone A Friend for Seniors at [www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org](http://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org).

### Lenten Mission Book Available



Before the COVID-19 Pandemic canceled all our events, we ordered 50 copies of the book that Fr. Ed Quinnan, SJ based his Mission talks on.

If you are interested in ordering a copy, we will send one to you for only \$10 with free shipping. (List price is \$13.95)

Call the parish office for more information.

### Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

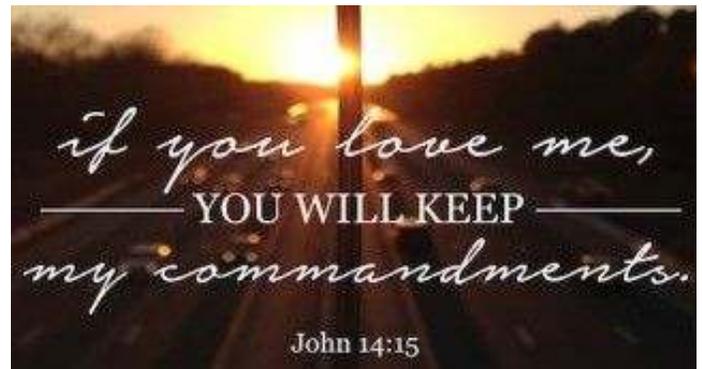
Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term Advocate to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is Paraclete, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.



### Diocesan Guidelines Regarding COVID-19

We are currently preparing guidelines and best practices at the Newman Center ahead of the approval to reopen church facilities and resume public worship services by the government officials of our state and city.

Check out the diocesan website's COVID-19 page for current directives and guidelines from our bishop

[www.catholicahawaii.org/covid19](http://www.catholicahawaii.org/covid19)

## From the Campus Ministry Desk

### **Six Things I Wish I Knew About Life After College (via FOCUS! Catholic Blog by Theresa Aaker)**

1. Friendship after college is different and requires more work — and that's okay.
2. Be patient about your vocation.
3. Your job will be both a joy and a struggle.
4. Your relationships with your family will change.
5. You're an adult now, and you're going to ask yourself, "How does one adult?"
6. God is the one constant in your life, so cling to Him.

As I read through this blog, all I could think about was how I really do wish I knew these things after my college graduation. However, all these things mentioned were great lessons I was able to learn firsthand. For me, the best thing to always remember is that "God is the one constant in your life, so cling to him." Although the world is constantly changing, God will always be same loving God your lives.

Just like in the Gospel this weekend, how Jesus tells his disciples, "I am in my Father and you are in me, and I in you" For some, life after college is going to be different, and for others it'll be exactly the same. Sometimes you may not even notice it at first. But, whichever it may be, remain in God and God in you, so that whatever "post-college life" may be like, you can *"live in a manner worthy of the Lord, so as to be fully pleasing, in every good work bearing fruit and growing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with every power, in accord with his glorious might, for all endurance and patience, with joy giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."* (Colossians 1:10-12).

**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.

## Prayer for Graduates

Good and gracious God, This is the day, Lord! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!  
Today is the culmination of years of work, years filled with challenges and triumphs, losses and laughter, friendships and growth.

We thank you, Lord, for getting us safely to this day. We thank you for the gift of family, friends and teachers who have supported these children of yours and celebrate with them now.

Dear God, bless these graduates, every one, and fill them with the Spirit of your love.

We pray that as they go forth to set the world on fire, may they remember you are in all things and all people.

May they continue to challenge themselves intellectually and share the fruit of their knowledge. May their commitment to justice lead them to make a positive difference in our world.

May they build community wherever they go and remain forever the important part of our community that they are today.

And may they, through their ongoing growth in wisdom and grace, bring others to you as they share their talents in the wider world. We ask you, who are both Father and Mother, to protect and guide these Men and Women for Others throughout their lives.

We ask this in the name of your son Jesus, who unites us with one another and with you forever.

Amen.

Class of   
**2020!**  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**God Bless you on all your future endeavors!**

### Blessing Bag for the Homeless Drive

During this time, we are still accepting donations for the blessing bag drive. The donations will be given to Catholic Worker House, also known as, Wally House. 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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