

The Newman Center

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**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)
Tuesday 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

- Due to current City Orders, please wear your mask at all times during the Mass and while in the Newman Center. Thank you for your cooperation!
- Virtual Evening Prayer in Memory of Hermance M. Levesque 8/6 6pm

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!

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.

–PS 145: 8



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From the Desk of the Pastor

“All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!”

Our readings this weekend remind me of our Wednesday night student fellowship, Sunday student dinners, Hospitality weekends, and other community events. You will be never be hungry at the Newman Center. Our pantry and fridge always has food to eat for both students and parishioners alike. That of course is because of your response to gospel action and generosity.



There is no doubt that Jesus, through his divinity, feed the multitudes with only five loaves and two fish. The feeding of the crowds is after all a foreshadowing of the divine action of the Eucharist: take, bless, broke, and give. I also believe that it is a challenge for the Body of Christ, the Church. We continue to take care of the multitudes, with Christ as a our head, through our fellowships, food drives, second collections for the wider mission of the Church, bible studies, religious education, adult spirituality retreats and recollections, and even the care for our physical plant. As we continue to respond even during the ongoing pandemic, our faith grows just as it did for the disciples in the Gospel. May we never cease to quench the thirst of the thirsty and satisfy the hunger of the hungry in ways both physical and spiritual!

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)

Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (07/25/2020-07/26/2020)	\$ 1,405.00
Online Giving: (07/24/2020-07/30/2020)	\$ 1,431.00
Maintenance Donations:	\$ 70.00

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

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!

Saint of the week: St. John Vianney 1786-1859 Feast Day: August 4

Born near Lyon, France, this farmer's son studied for the priesthood for many years, and eventually was ordained more for his devoutness and good will than for other qualities. But he became a model parish priest in Arsen-Dombes, where he served for 40 years.



He was devoted to his parishioners, and became famous for rigorous preaching and insights in the confessional. The Cure of Ars, as he was known, spent up to 18 hours a day hearing the confessions of pilgrims who sought him out. He is the patron of parish priests.

St. John Vianney, pray for us!

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

In today's Gospel we find an equation the disciples of Jesus couldn't solve: Five loaves and two fish divided by 5,000- plus people. They failed to recognize Jesus in the equation; that whatever they had to offer, Jesus could take it and bless it and satisfy the hunger of the crowd with it. Good stewards recognize that the Lord can work miracles with the gifts they offer to a hungry and broken world. How often are we willing to offer our gifts in faith, even during disquieting times, even as insignificant as we think they are, and count on the Lord to do the rest? How often do we count Christ into the equation?



Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

Today we jump ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel to Chapter 14. Last week we heard Jesus conclude his discourse with the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus then leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. Matthew then recounts the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod. Today's Gospel reading begins at this point.



Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagerness of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children.

Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.

VIRTUAL Evening Prayer in Memory of Hermance M. Levesque



Former parishioner, Hermance M. Levesque, died July 1, 2020 in South Windsor, CT. She was very involved in the Newman Center Fun Run planning and organizing for several years before moving to the Mainland. While in Honolulu, she gave scholarships to active Newman Club students attending UH Manoa.

We will be having Evening Prayer **via ZOOM** in her memory on Thursday, August 6 @ 6pm. If you would like to join the **virtual event**, please call the parish office (988-6222) or email (info@newmanhawaii.org) to get the log-on information.

Parking on St. Francis Grounds



Starting Monday, July 27, the Sisters of St. Francis has asked us to park behind the Newman Center or on the baseball field.

They have rented out all the marked stalls on the main lot and the lot in front of Marianne Hall on a month to month basis.

Parking Passes are still needed to park on their property. They can be found on the credenza or from the Parish Office.

Mahalo Shaun Agtarap!

We wish our congratulations to Shaun Agtarap for obtaining his Real Estate Agent license recently and good luck on embarking a new journey in a real estate career.



He has helped us with Campus Ministry during the pandemic in new and innovative ways with virtual student programming, mentoring, improving our livestreams, and updating our Campus Ministry files. Thank you Shaun and you will be missed!

“The Multiplication of the Loaves and the Spread of the Gospel”

Blog By Tom Mulcachy, M.A.

Both the Gospels of Matthew and Mark record the miraculous feeding by Jesus of the 5000, and then later, the 4000. These separate miraculous feedings have profound significance regarding the international dimensions of Jesus’ Kingdom.

The feeding of the 5000 is to Israelites living within the Promised Land. Thus, there are 12 baskets of leftover food symbolizing the 12 tribes of Israel. The Gospel is taken first to the chosen people. See Matt. 14: 13-21 and Mark 6:32-34.

The feeding of the 4000 is to Gentiles living outside the promised land (in the Decapolis; see Mark 7:31). Thus, there are 7 baskets of leftover food representing the seven Gentile nations that once occupied the land of Canaan.

The significance of these two miraculous feedings is clear: the Kingdom established by Jesus is catholic – that is to say, universal, international, for all peoples, for all nations.

In-between the two miraculous feedings of the 5000, and then the 4000, Jesus healed the Syrophenician woman’s daughter. She is the Gentile woman who told Jesus, “*Yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs*” (Mark 7:28). Thus we see that “Israel’s leftover bread will be given to the Gentiles” (*Ignatius Catholic Bible Study, page 79*).

Jesus himself summarized the subtle meaning of the two miraculous feedings, saying to the Apostles: “*When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?*” “*Twelve,*” they replied, “*and when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?*” They answered, “*Seven.*” He said to them, “*Do you still not understand?*” (Mark 8:19-21).

To conclude, “All men are called to belong to the new People of God. This People, therefore, while remaining one and only one, is to be spread throughout the whole world and to all ages in order that the design of God’s will may be fulfilled: he made human nature one in the beginning and has decreed that all his children who were scattered should be finally gathered together as one.

The character of universality which adorns the People of God is a gift from the Lord himself whereby the Catholic Church ceaselessly and efficaciously seeks for the return of all humanity and all its goods, under Christ the Head in the unity of his Spirit” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 831; LG 13).

Yes, indeed, we are called to evangelize – to share the Bread of Life with all people. “Jesus said to them, *‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst’*” (John 6:35).

[SOURCE: <https://catholicstrength.com/tag/jesus-and-the-multiplication-of-the-loaves/>]

Weekly Wisdom From The Saints

“There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.”

- St. John Vianney



“You’re An Eternal Creation” - Minute Meditation by Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM

Only prayer lets you realize that who you are is who you were in God before anybody thought anything: before you thought about whether you are good or bad, before anybody else thought about whether you are good or bad. You came forth from God and you will return to God. You are eternal. That’s the only solid ground. That’s the rock of the spiritual journey. That’s what Jesus means when he says in Luke’s Gospel that “your names are written in heaven” (10:20b). You’re an eternal creation of God and there’s no point in denying it or trying to dress it up; it already is. That’s the ultimate good news.

[SOURCE: <https://blog.franciscanmedia.org/minute-meditations/youre-an-eternal-creation>]

CALLING ALL ALUMNI OF THE NEWMAN CENTER AT UH-MANOA!

WE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE AT NEWMAN!
PLEASE SEND US A LITTLE TESTIMONIAL CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING:

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE OF THE COMMUNITY AT THE CENTER

1. NAME, DEGREE, YEAR YOU GRADUATED
2. WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO NEWMAN?
3. HOW HAS THE NEWMAN CENTER MADE AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?
4. WHAT KIND OF EVENTS HELPED YOU SPIRITUALLY DURING YOUR COLLEGE LIFE?
5. WHAT ADVICE CAN YOU GIVE INCOMING STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE?

EMAIL US AT CAMPUSMINISTRY@NEWMANHAWAII.ORG

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