

The Newman Center

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 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)
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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RCIA

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!
- If you park on the St. Francis side, please park behind the Center or on the baseball field.
- Labor Day Holiday 9/7

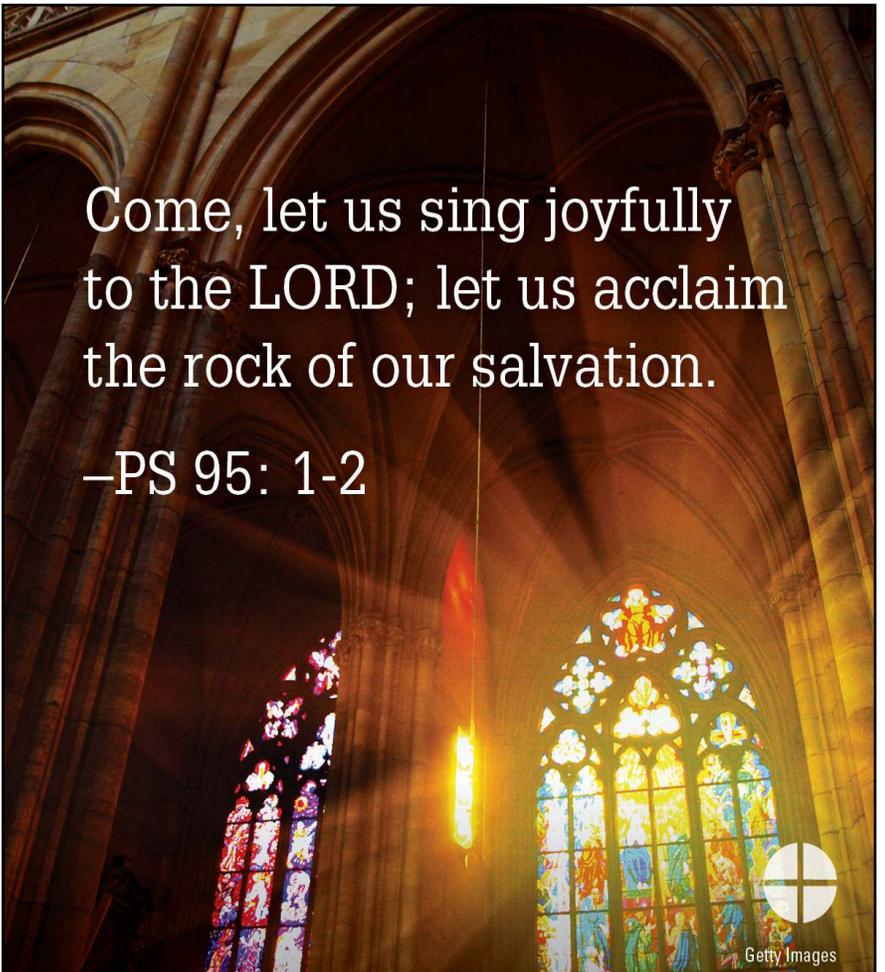
Aloha and Welcome!

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!



Come, let us sing joyfully
to the LORD; let us acclaim
the rock of our salvation.

—PS 95: 1-2



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From the Desk of the Pastor

The theme is pretty clear in this weekend's readings. In theological language, we call this "fraternal correction." During my eight years of seminary formation, I've had my share of fraternal correction from both the Faculty and fellow seminarians. This admonishment given by our neighbor is to help us along the path to holiness. It is a means of spiritual progress that helps us to know our weaknesses. But authentic Christian fraternal correction is born out of charity, the theological virtue by which we love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves. When fraternal correction isn't born out of this virtue, it is perverted and does not lead to communion but division.



The readings today also teach us that we must speak up and admonish sinners. The Lord spoke to the Prophet Ezekiel in the First reading and commissioned him as the Watchman of the Israelites. The Lord told him that if "you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself." In other words, we are our brother's keeper.

If we truly love God and our neighbor, we admonish our bothers and sisters. Admonishing doesn't mean wagging our fingers or humiliating them to show them we are more righteous than they are. Rather, to admonish a sinner is to call them back to the love and mercy of God.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)

Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (08/29/2020-08/30/2020)	\$ 13,955.00
Online Giving: (08/28/2020-09/03/2020)	\$ 1,136.00
Catholic Charities Donations:	\$ 750.00
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!

Monthly Collection for the UH Food Pantry

Baskets are out for donations to the student food pantry. Thank you for your generosity. The food list remains the same: canned meat, fruits, juice and soup, crackers.



The Food Vault has offered monthly "food drops" that have given away more than 6,000 pounds of food in just one day.

Thank you for your continued support of those students in need!

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 (via Zoom)

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 Saint Paul's letter to the Romans he suggests that God lavishes his love upon us through Jesus Christ, who calls us to the kind of loving relationship, if we so choose it, that demands accountability. It is like, in Saint Paul's vocabulary, a kind of "debt" that we can never "pay-in- full." But we begin to repay by following the direction of one of the most familiar statements in the Bible: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Good stewards realize that God does not call them just to love those who are easy to love, but to love the unloved and the hard-to-love people in this world as well. This week, remind yourself: "I am put here as an ambassador of God's love."

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

Saint of the week: Saint Teresa of Kolkata 1910-1997 Feast Day – September 7



Raised in a deeply Catholic family in Albania, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu joined the Sisters of Loreto in 1928 and took the name Teresa. The community sent her to Kolkata, India, where she taught children for two decades. In 1946 Teresa heard God's call to quench the thirst of Jesus by caring for the

poorest of the poor. She left the Sisters of Loreto to rescue the sick and destitute in the slums of Kolkata — one at a time. Many volunteers soon joined her and she formed them into her religious order, the Missionaries of Charity. Teresa's manifest goodness and her unique media savvy attracted global attention, drawing many people to God. Many regard her as the greatest Catholic evangelist of the 20th century. She was beatified in 2003 and canonized in 2016.

Collection for Next Week: 09/12 & 09/13 Catholic University of America

The National Collection not only supports students but also helps the University serve diocese and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs, such as The Catholic Project—an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the current crisis in the Church, an online Child Protection Certificate Program, a Master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management for clergy, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates.

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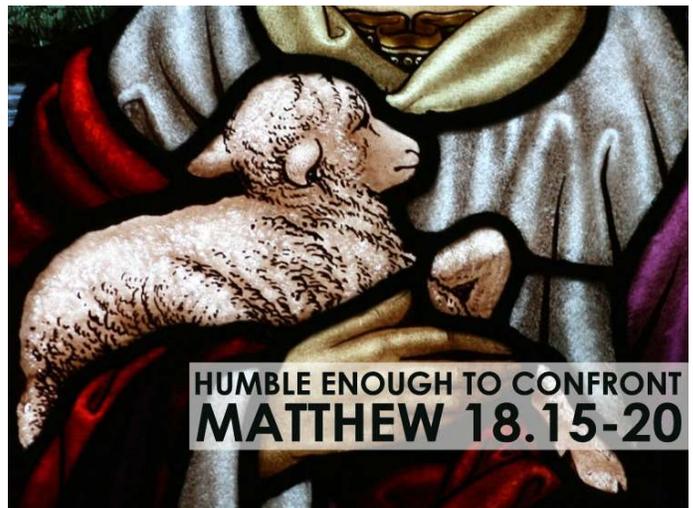
Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word church in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.



HUMBLE ENOUGH TO CONFRONT
MATTHEW 18.15-20

Season of Creation

The Season of Creation spans five weeks between the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (September 1) and the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4). This "time for creation" offers, in the words of Pope Francis, "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

We will feature different ways to live out these three dimensions of Pope Francis' call each week:

1. Reaffirm Our Vocation as Stewards of Creation

As individuals and families: *Counteract the "Throwaway Culture"*

In Laudato Si', Pope Francis brings attention to our "throwaway culture," which "quickly reduces things to rubbish" (no. 22). In your daily life, try to identify the ways in which you can choose reusables, rather than disposables, such as coffee mugs, reusable bags, or cloth napkins, and commit to making one change during this month.

As a community: *Educational Program*

Use the educational program "Befriend the Wolf" from the Catholic Climate Covenant to reflect on our vocation as stewards of creation. The program is designed to help your community contemplate the connections between all creatures under God our Creator.

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/program/feast-st-francis>

Extension of Dispensation from Sunday Mass Obligation

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Silva extends the dispensation of all the people of the Diocese of Honolulu and all visitors to the Diocese of Honolulu from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass through October 31, 2020.



All who are able to attend Sunday Mass without putting themselves or others at serious risk of infection are encouraged to do so, but are not obliged to do so.

Liturgical Ministers Needed

As the new semester begins, we welcome everyone to consider being a part of the liturgical team. We are in need of Liturgical Ministers for all weekend Masses **especially at the Sunday 5 pm**. No experience is necessary and training will be provided. Anyone interested in being a liturgical minister, contact Fr. Alfred—pastor@newmanhawaii.org

Greeters, to welcome the community, **Lectors** to proclaim the scripture, and **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**. A liturgical minister is assigned to the Mass he or she attends and is usually assigned once a month.

Liturgical Environment/Floral Arranging: The Center provides \$40 a week for the cost of flowers. Please sign up on the "**Arranging Flowers**" sheet on the chapel door.



Have Prayer Intentions?

The Sisters of the Sacred Hearts (SSCC) at Regina Pacis Convent will remember our parish in their prayers and works during the week of September 13 to 19, 2020. They are inviting all parishioners to send them your special intentions by phone, mail, or email before and during the week of prayers.

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Weekly Wisdom From The Saints

"The most deadly poison of our times is indifference. And this happens, although the praise of God should know no limits. Let us strive, therefore, to praise Him to the greatest extent of our powers."

-- **St. Maximilian Kolbe**

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