

The Newman Center

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 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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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.

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!

I give you a new commandment,
says the Lord: love one another
as I have loved you.

—JN 13:34



Bulletin submission deadline is 9 am Thursday mornings.

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From the Desk of the Pastor

The theme of the readings this weekend revolves around forgiveness. The first reading from Sirach says "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet sinners hugs them tight." Then the reading continues asserting that when we hold tight to anger and resentment against one another, we cannot pray and expect healing from the Lord. In the Gospel, presuming that seven was a gesture of generosity, Peter asks Jesus, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" In our terms, that's pretty generous right? We often say three strikes then you're out.



But Jesus' response is both surprising and demanding, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." Or in other translations, "seventy times seven." This doesn't mean that after 77 times or 490 times, your forgiveness runs out or you can't be forgiven after that many offences. The point is- Jesus doesn't want us to count or keep track of how many times we forgive. He wants us to forgive without counting and forgive out of the sincerity of our hearts.

Our forgiveness is to be without limit and so reflect Christ's eternal love. Pope Francis once said, "God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ez 37:1-14)...Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish."

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

Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (09/05/2020-09/06/2020)	\$ 1,519.00
Online Giving: (09/04/2020-09/10/2020)	\$ 2,446.00
Maintenance Donations:	\$ 70.00

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

Second Collection for this 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.



Thank You!



Thank you for donating your non-perishable food items for the UH food vault! This is one of the many ways we can help our students during this time of pandemic. 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!

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

Today's Gospel reading continues Jesus' instructions on being good stewards of others – the direction that if we love Jesus Christ, we must forgive an individual 77 times. The reading compels us to consider one of the most difficult practices of Christian discipleship. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Vengeance, bitterness and hatred seem so much easier and certainly more desirable. Forgiveness is a hard road to travel, but it is the only road that leads to life in Christ. Consider this week who you need to forgive.

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

Saint of the week: Saint Cyprian of Carthage c. 200 – 258 Feast Day: September 16

One of the first great theologians in the church, this Latin father is remembered today for his writings, which are quoted in the documents of the Second Vatican Council. A late convert, Thascius Cecilianus Cyprianus was a lawyer, rhetorician and teacher before being chosen by the people and clergy of Carthage, in North Africa, as their bishop. He was drawn into papal controversies and schisms, but he also was known for pastoral zeal and aiding plague victims. Having survived one Roman persecution, he later was beheaded for refusing to participate in state religious ceremonies. He wrote biblical commentary and treatises on church unity and the sacraments. Cyprian is the patron saint of North Africa and Algeria.



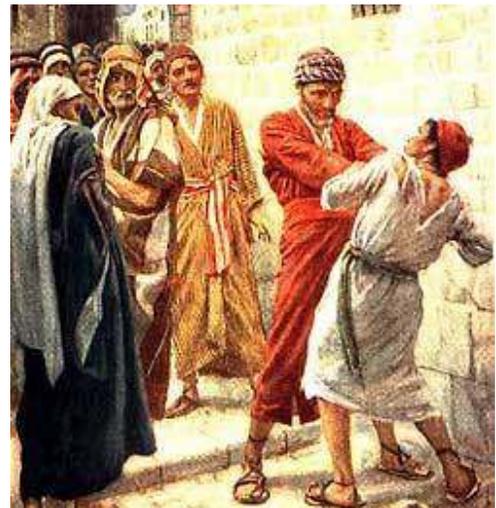
Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.



Rent Relief and Housing Assistance Available

While some residents may be struggling to follow "Stay at Home" orders



across the state, there are many others who are literally fighting just to stay in the homes they already have. If you are financially struggling to cover rent or mortgage payments during this COVID-19 pandemic, it is likely Catholic Charities Hawaii may be able to help! Through a partnership with the state's Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, the agency is hoping to distribute \$30 million of CARES Act Funds for eligible tenants in need by the end of the year.

Even those who have never received government assistance may be able to qualify by simply calling the Catholic Charities hotline at **808-521-HELP**. Applicants may be able to receive up to \$2000 a month for rental or mortgage assistance on Oahu.

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. Thank God for His Wonderful Handiwork

As individuals and families: *Meal Prayer*

Before and after meals, say a short prayer of thanksgiving for the life-giving food that sustains and nourishes us. Briefly consider how all nourishment ultimately comes from the earth, and give thanks for all the human hands that helped bring this food to your table. May we recognize, as *Laudato Si'* has taught us, that this "moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life" (no. 227).

As a community: *Eucharistic Adoration*

One of the most meaningful ways we give thanks as Christians is through the sacrament of the Eucharist, a word which means "thanksgiving." As *Laudato Si'* proclaims, through the Eucharist, "the whole cosmos gives thanks to God" (no. 236). To celebrate this sacred reality during the Season of Creation, we recommend hosting a one-hour, care for creation-themed eucharistic adoration in your parish.

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 (Under 30 Edition)

"Charity is not enough; we need social reform."
-Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati
(died at the age of 24)

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