

The Newman Center

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**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)
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.

Pastoral Team

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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!
- 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!**

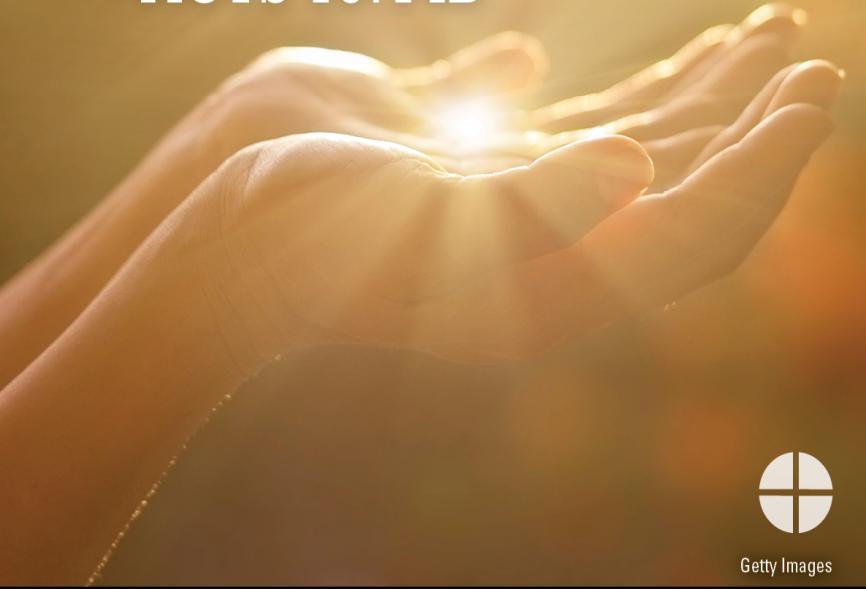
The Newman Center has a two-fold mission: outreach to the community at-large as a parish and outreach to the staff, faculty, and student of the University of Hawai'i—Mānoa as a campus ministry.

Connect with us through Social Media on Facebook (www.facebook.com/newmanhawaii), Instagram and Twitter (@NewmanHawaii).

We hope you will visit us again!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of
your Son.

–ACTS 16:14B



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From the Desk of the Pastor

It wasn't fair! Perhaps this is what those vineyard workers that were hired first felt. They worked the hardest and the longest of the hired help in the vineyard and they got the same pay as those who came way later and worked the least. As the first reading from the prophet Isaiah says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." In other words, the Lord's ways and thoughts are far above ours.



So what does this gospel really mean then? It is not so much about wages and workers rights. Although, we should work for just living wages. Instead, like every parable of Jesus it has a meaning and a lesson for discipleship. The landowner is God. The vineyard is the kingdom. In the Kingdom of God, the Lord directs how things are to be. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom God first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers. You see, in the Lord's great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations. In God's perspective, divine justice means equal access to sufficient resources for each person to thrive.

We have been invited to work in the vineyard of the Lord and that is the greatest privilege imaginable, to participate in the Lord's work. Let us continue working in His vineyard to bring all people to the glory and praise of His name even during this time of pandemic.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)

Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (09/12/2020-09/13/2020)	\$ 2,148.00
Online Giving: (09/11/2020-09/17/2020)	\$ 1,256.00
Maintenance Donations:	\$ 80.00

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: Saint Maurice and Companions Died circa 287 Feast Day: September 22

In the fifth century, St. Eucherius of Lyons described the legendary martyrdom of Maurice and the Theban Legion, comprised of Christians from Upper Egypt. Maurice was first officer of the legion, sent by Emperor Maximian to Switzerland to put down some rebellious Gauls.



When Maximian ordered the soldiers to sacrifice to Roman gods, Maurice and his legion refused. The outraged emperor ordered "decimations" in which one of every 10 men was killed; when the remainder still would not worship Roman gods, Maximian had other soldiers massacre the entire legion of 6,000. Though the number may be exaggerated, a martyrdom of some Christian soldiers seems believable. Maurice is a patron saint of all armies, the Swiss Guard and Austria.

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:

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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

From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of “fairness”: “I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who’s going to fix it?” We also know the age-old expression: “Who ever said life was fair?” Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today’s Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when they need them. Consider which servants you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand “fairness”, or that final servant who, seemingly, deserves the least.



Prayer for Catechist

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.



On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

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.

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.

Anyone interested in being a liturgical minister, contact Fr. Alfred—pastor@newmanhawaii.org

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:

3. Implore God’s Help and Ask His Pardon

As individuals and families: Confession

In calling for a deep “ecological conversion,” Pope Francis has emphasized the importance of examining one’s own conscience, of recognizing one’s sins against creation, however great or small. Seeing the interconnectedness of our world leads to an understanding that “[e]very violation of solidarity and civic friendship harms the environment” (*Caritas in Veritate*, no. 51). We invite you to bring these sins to confession and to perform a spiritual work of mercy for our common home, such as an act of “grateful contemplation of God’s world” (*Laudato Si’*, no. 214).

As a community: Prayer Service

One final suggestion for this time is to organize a prayer service in your parish. The Catholic Climate Covenant has developed a four-part prayer service to be said after Mass each week. As we approach the beautiful autumn season, holding this service outside may allow for a rich experience.

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.



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Aloha, Fay C. Pabo!

“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.” – Jeremiah 29:11



Hi! My name is Fay Castillo Pabo. I am beyond blessed & super ecstatic to be here, as your Campus Minister! I’d like to take this opportunity to tell you a bit about myself. I was born & raised here in Hawai‘i, specifically in Kalihi. I attended St. Theresa School, where the

foundation of the Catholic faith was laid for me (Mahalo to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet). I went on to Sacred Hearts Academy for high school, and it was there that my faith continued to flourish and form (Mahalo to the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary). An unfortunate illness affected the latter part of my high school career, thus put a temporary damper on my faith journey. It was an invitation to music ministry that brought me to this very faith community, with a two-fold purpose: to reconnect me back to my love for the church and liturgy, and to really bring me back to God. Thus, my love for music and ministry exploded as I was fortunate enough to share my God-given gifts as a youth minister, a Catholic school teacher, musician for various parish & diocesan events & celebrations, and currently as the Administrative Assistant at St. Augustine Church for almost 2 years now. I am happily married to my husband, Joel, of 10 years and parents to our two furry babies – Rocky & Mele. We enjoy going out to eat, watching movies, strolls to the shopping malls, and our weekly jam session date nights. I continued my education in the UH-Community College system, took a very long break. In 2016, I decided to go back to school and was accepted in the Christian Studies program at Chaminade in 2016 and, God-willing, will continue this year.

Mahalo for this gracious opportunity to serve, to truly serve the church, the people of God. I hope and pray to be a continued example of Christ’s light, and empower others to share in it. I look forward to meeting and connecting with the parishioners and students. I am super excited to be with this faith community again, to share in the mission and vision of the Newman Center Holy Spirit Parish.