

The Newman Center

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 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.

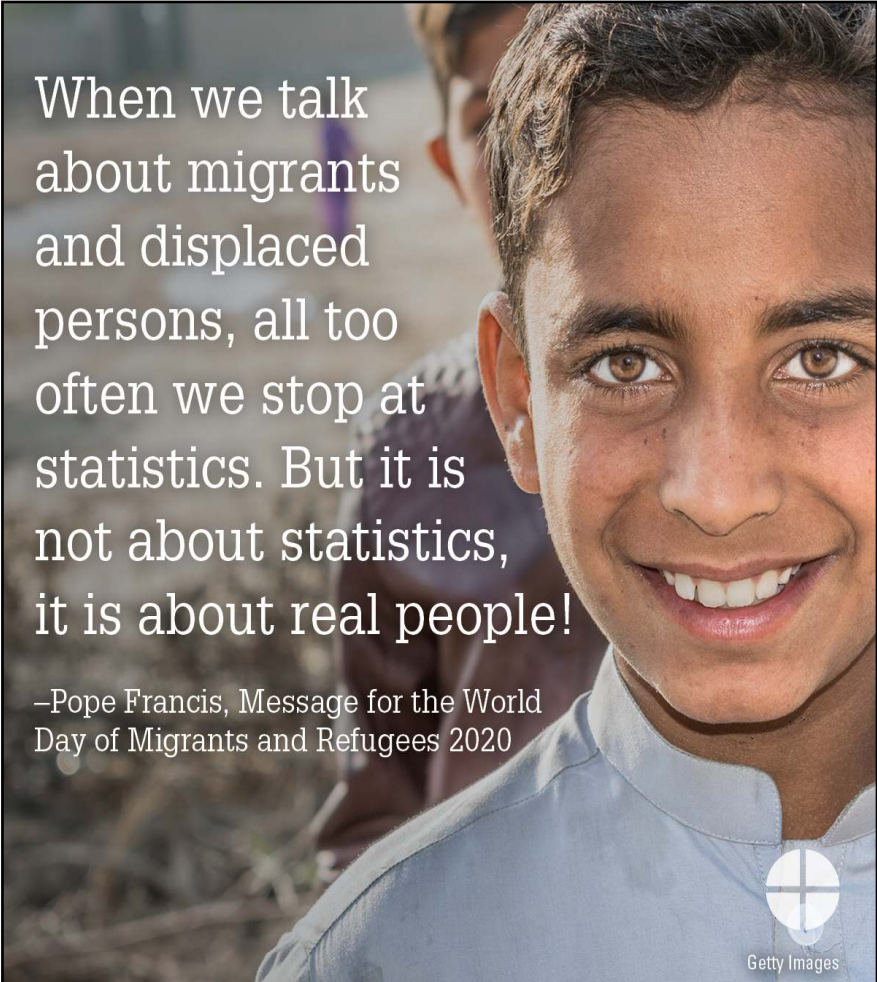
Aloha and Welcome!

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!



When we talk
about migrants
and displaced
persons, all too
often we stop at
statistics. But it is
not about statistics,
it is about real people!

—Pope Francis, Message for the World
Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020



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From the Desk of the Pastor

"You say, 'The LORD's way is not fair!' Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?"

Once again our first reading this weekend presents protest that God is not fair. Why does God punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into sin, while granting life to the wicked one who turns away from sin? This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's gospel. There are two sons that a father asks to work in his vineyard. The first one says, "no," but goes and works anyway. The second son says, "yes," but never goes. The first son represents the most outrageous sinners of Jesus' day but repented of their sins and did what was right and just. The second son represented the so-called righteous religious leaders who said they would serve God in the vineyard but did not. They accepted God covenant but remained hypocrites.



The readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. God's love, mercy, and compassion is abundant but it is up to us how we are to respond to his invitation. Indeed the Lord is generous in forgiving, slow to anger and rich in kindness. Life is way too short and everyday is a gift, an opportunity that God gives us. He calls us today to change our ways for the better, even though we have been far away from his love. God calls us to be the best version of ourselves everyday. May we respond sooner than later!

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)

Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (09/19/2020-09/20/2020)	\$ 2,532.00
Online Giving: (09/18/2020-09/24/2020)	\$ 2,321.00
Maintenance Donations:	\$ 70.00

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

Saint of the week: Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel & Saint Raphael Feast Day: Sept 29

These archangels, messengers sent by God, are the only ones named in the Bible. In the Book of Daniel, Michael is called "the great prince"; in the Letter of Jude, he argues with the devil over Moses' body; and in



the Book of Revelation, he leads the battle against Satan. He is patron of the sick, radiologists and mariners. Gabriel explains Daniel's visions to him in the Book of Daniel, and in the Gospel of Luke announces to Zechariah and Mary the births of their respective sons. He is the patron of messengers and telecommunications and postal workers. Raphael guides Tobiah in the Book of Tobit; he is patron of the blind, physicians and travelers. The church created their joint feast after the Second Vatican Council.

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://www.instagram.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

Saint Augustine, a doctor of the church, once wrote that the first, second, and third most important attitude in Christianity is humility. In today's second reading, Saint Paul is concerned with how we conduct ourselves in our community of faith. He urges us to let our conduct be worthy of the Gospel we say that we believe; and that it all begins with humility. He asks us to consider others better than ourselves, and to serve them by looking out for their best interest, not ours. Consider how Saint Paul's appeal to imitating Christ's humility can enhance your relationships.

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

Monthly Collection for the UH Food Pantry

We will have our monthly collection of food for the UH food pantry **next weekend**. 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!

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

Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.



The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

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.

For more information and the latest diocesan COVID-19 directive, visit www.catholichawaii.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."

Prayer

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, who are so precious in your eyes... God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, God of mercy, may we receive your forgiveness and convey your mercy throughout our common home. Praise be to you! Amen.

Source: Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the Celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1, 2016

Saints Under 30

St. Therese of Lisieux

Age: 24

Feast Day: October 1



She is one of the most popular saints in the history of Catholicism. At the age of four, Therese lost her mother to breast cancer, and she grew up as an emotional, sensitive child. She was known to burst into tears at the slightest criticism. Her "conversion" was simple—an act of swallowing her tears and overcoming her sensitivity at age 14. But it is fitting for Jesus' power to work in the heart of this saint in such a seemingly small manner, for her spirituality was to become known as "The Little Way." **What makes Therese extraordinary is that she knew her littleness; her recognition of her weakness was the driving force behind her reckless trust in the Love of God.** Upon entering a Carmelite convent at age 15, Therese welcomed her small sufferings as a chance to grow in love for Jesus: every word, every glance, every false accusation, she would unite with the Cross for the sake of Christians around the world and missionaries "in the field." Her sacrifices went largely unnoticed. Even as Therese lay dying of tuberculosis, another nun commented that there would be nothing significant to say about her. But death could not stifle her desire to love: **"When I die, I will send down a shower of roses from the heavens; I will spend my heaven by doing good on earth."** <https://focusoncampus.org/content/30-under-30-saints>

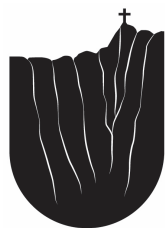
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Campus Ministry Corner

"Growth is the only evidence of life."

- St. John Henry Newman

These days, it very challenging to hear the word "growth" in this time of pandemic. God is the source of all living things, including us, His children. Jesus lived among us, and gave up his life so we might live. And the Holy Spirit is here with us, and continues to empower us to grow every day in faith, hope, and love. Let us challenge ourselves this week to take a look at our own lives and see where "growth" is needed.

- *Fay C. Pabo*, Campus Minister

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Meet and Greet - Welcome Back!

Friday, Oct. 2nd @ 5:30 pm (HST)

A virtual social welcome and welcome back for all returning Newman members, and all new students!

Zoom Meeting ID: **382 320 0761**

Passcode: **NEWMAN**



Student Sunday Dinners

Starting this Sunday, we will be resuming our Sunday Dinners for our students. Because of COVID restrictions and limited gathering policy, we will be providing **"TAKE OUT"** containers for food and drinks.



Student Lounge is now OPEN!

We are ecstatic to open the Student Lounge this weekend!

Here are the *FALL 2020* Student Lounge Hours:

SUNDAYS | 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

MONDAYS - FRIDAYS | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm