

# The Newman Center Holy Spirit Parish

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## 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.

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I have chosen you from the  
world, says the Lord, to go  
and bear fruit that will remain.

—JN 15:16



## From the Desk of the Pastor



These last couple of Sundays we have been hearing about the Kingdom of God using vineyard imagery. This Sunday, Oct. 4, marks the conclusion of the Season of Creation (Sept. 1-Oct 4). The vineyard imagery from the our readings not only remind us of our salvation through the Covenants of Promise to the Israelite and all nations but also the care for our common home.

The Secretary of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development wrote in his letter for the 2020 Season of Creation, "Pope Francis' message, which calls us to attend to the 'immense hardship for the most vulnerable among us,' is particularly relevant in the light of the coronavirus pandemic. As the world experiences deep uncertainty and suffering in the midst of a global emergency, we are called to recognize that a truly healthy recovery means seeing that 'everything is connected' and repairing the bonds we have broken. We realize that we need to grow more and more in solidarity and take care of one another in fraternity." This year's theme for the Season of Creation was "Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope." The theme was a call to be awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. The season wanted us to enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation.

Here at the Newman Center, we continue our commitment to lessen our carbon footprint by reducing, reusing, and recycling; by conserving water; and by eating seasonally, locally, and more plants for Student Dinners. These are just a few examples of what we do to care for our common home. I hope that you will do too.

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

### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am  
11:00 am  
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.

*Bulletin submission deadline is 9 am Thursday mornings.*

### Daily Readings

#### **Monday 10/05/2020**

GAL 1:6-12  
PS 111:1B-2, 7-8, 9 & 10C  
LK 10:25-37

#### **Tuesday 10/06/202**

GAL 1:13-24  
PS 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 14C-15  
LK 10:38-42

#### **Wednesday 10/07/2020**

GAL 2:1-2, 7-14  
PS 117:1BC, 2  
LK 11:1-4

#### **Thursday 10/08/2020**

GAL 3:1-5  
LK 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75  
LK 11:5-13

#### **Friday 10/09/2020**

GAL 3:7-14  
PS 111:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6  
LK 11:15-26

#### **Saturday 10/10/2020**

GAL 3:22-29  
PS 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
LK 11:27-28

### 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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### Newman Center on Social Media

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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.

### 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.

### 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/](http://mision.lmu.edu/cis/spiritualessays/latest_essay/)

### Season of Creation 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.



## SEASON OF CREATION

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

### Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

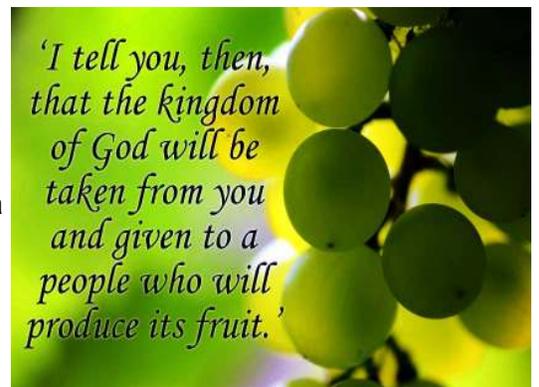
In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?



## Stewardship Moment

This weekend's Gospel reading poses some challenging stewardship questions, particularly at a time when so many people are becoming disengaged from their faith communities. When Christ returns, will we be found working diligently in the Lord's "vineyard;" converting our own hearts into a rich harvest of love and compassion? Calling those outside our vineyard to enter into the joy of the Lord? Or will we just be living off of what the Lord has given us, but not sharing God's love with others? Jesus' parable suggests that if we are not good stewards of the gifts we've been given then the gifts will be taken away, and we will be called to give an account for our failures. We have all we need for a bountiful harvest, even during these disquieting times. What will our Lord find when He returns and asks us to give an account?



## Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (09/26/2020-09/27/2020)	\$ 4,458.00
Online Giving: (09/25/2020-10/01/2020)	\$ 1,616.00
Maintenance Donations:	\$ 120.00

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

## Upcoming Second Collections:

World Mission Sunday: October 17-18

Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund: November 7-8

## 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!

## Thank You!

Thank you for donating 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!

## Next Sunday Second Collection: World Mission Sunday

NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities.



Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Envelopes can be found on the credenza.

## 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 Mass.**

No experience is necessary and training will be provided. Anyone interested in being a liturgical minister, contact Fr. Alfred [pastor@newmanhawaii.org](mailto: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.

## Saint of the Week: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

Feast Day – October 5

A year after emigrating from Bavaria to America in 1843 he was ordained a Redemptorist priest. He worked for six years with St. John Neumann. A kindly confessor and dynamic mission preacher, he ministered mainly in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Michigan, and directed two seminaries. During the Civil War, he petitioned President Lincoln to exempt seminarians from the draft and, when refused, he ordained them because priests were exempt. In 1866 he began working with immigrants in New Orleans and died in a yellow fever epidemic.



## 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.

If you are feeling ill and/or have a fever, please stay home. For more information on COVID-19 directives from the diocese, visit [www.catholichawaii.org](http://www.catholichawaii.org).

## Live the Gospel of Life Respect Life Reflection

Twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world (Evangelium vitae 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of every human person. This God-given dignity does not change with our stage of life, abilities, level of independence, or any other varying circumstance.

Rather, it is rooted in the permanent fact that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, created to share in the very life of God himself. The human person is a "manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory" (EV 34). And we must reflect this truth in how we act and how we treat one another.

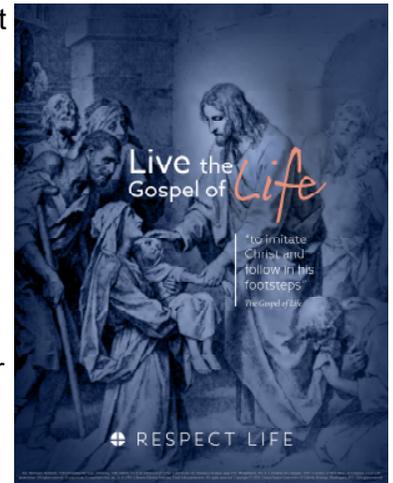
The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40).

Jesus calls each of us to "care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible" (EV 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel" (EV 2, emphasis added).

In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the "least of these" in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern.

As the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's prophetic encyclical, let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: Do I talk about and act towards others as I would talk about and treat Jesus himself? Do I inform myself of the Church's teachings and engage in the civic arena as first a follower of Christ? Do I support and advocate for laws and policies that protect and defend human life? Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? Am I ready to support a loved one nearing death?

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.



# Campus Ministry Corner



“Jesus is our best friend... the only real lover of our souls – he takes all means to make us love him in return, and he **refuses** us nothing if we do.” – St. John Henry Newman



## #campusministrylife



### Student Lounge is now OPEN!

Here are the *FALL 2020* Student Lounge Hours:

**SUNDAYS** | 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

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



## 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.

## ♪ Oh, when the Saints... ♪



**Name of Saint:** Saint Francis of Assisi

**Feast Day:** October 4

St. Francis of Assisi is one of the Church’s best known and most beloved saints. Our current Holy Father Pope Francis took the name “Francis” after him. Here are some fascinating facts you didn’t know about this saint’s life:

- He was one of seven children
- He was named after the people of France
- He was a POW for a year
- He was inspired by Matthew 10:9
- Within a year, he had already gained 11 followers

To read more about St. Francis of Assisi’s life, go to: <https://www.churchpop.com/2015/10/03/12-fascinating-facts-you-didnt-know-about-the-great-st-francis-of-assisi/>

## Rosary & Adoration



**Wednesday, October 7 | 6:00 pm**



Join us for an evening of the recitation of the Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration in honor of our Lady of the Rosary.

### 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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