

# 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.

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

**We hope you will visit us again!**

### 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 are feeling ill, please stay home.
- If you park on the St. Francis side, please park behind the Center or on the baseball field.
- Immaculate Conception Masses 12/8 12:10pm & 6:00pm
- STREAM 12/9 6:00pm
- Graduate Student & Young Professionals Group 12/12 7:00pm



“May the feast of our Mother help us to make our whole life a “yes” to God, a “yes” made of adoration of him and of daily gestures of love and service.”

—Pope Francis, December 8, 2019



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**From the Desk of the Pastor**



Are you tired of 2020 yet? I am! The pandemic has taken a toll on so many people including myself that my main prayer is, "Lord when will this pandemic end?" and "If you are coming back soon, come now." I'm tired of virtual meetings, I'm tired of seeing a deserted university, I'm tired of a quiet student lounge and Newman Center, I'm tired of all the restrictions that we must follow.

Perhaps that was the feeling of the Israelites in exile in Babylon and those who were left in Jerusalem and surrounding areas. God's word through the prophet Isaiah are meant to give them and us comfort and hope. We remember the coming of the Messiah to save us. Jesus' coming in history set Israel and all nations from bondage to sin and death. He gathers us up and carries us back to God in glory. Jesus also comes to us in mystery in the present moment. Are we prepared and disposed to receive him?

Advent is a time to make straight the path for the Lord in our lives. St. John Paul II said that "Advent is a time of watchfulness, prayer and deeper conversion." We have a few weeks left of this season. Let us use it wisely for the coming the Lord.

Have a blessed Advent 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 12/07/2020**

IS 35:1-10  
PS 85:9AB & 10, 11-12, 13-14  
LK 5:17-26

**Tuesday 12/08/2020**

GN 3:9-15, 20  
PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4  
EPH 1:3-6, 11-12  
LK 1:26-38

**Wednesday 12/09/2020**

Is 40:25-31  
103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10  
Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday 12/10/2020**

IS 41:13-20  
PS 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13AB  
MT 11:11-15

**Friday 12/11/2020**

IS 48:17-19  
PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6  
MT 11:16-19

**Saturday 12/12/2020**

ZEC 2:14-17  
JUDITH 13:18BCDE, 19  
LK 1:26-38

**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**

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram:  
 Facebook: [www.facebook.com/NewmanHawaii](https://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.

**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/)

**Saint of the Week: Saint Ambrose  
340-397 Feast Day – December 7**

The son of a Roman official in Gaul, Ambrose was practicing law in Rome when the emperor appointed him governor of the province whose capital was Milan. When that church see became vacant, Ambrose was chosen bishop by acclamation. A catechumen like many of his people, Ambrose was baptized, ordained and consecrated bishop on the same day, Dec. 7, 374. He battled paganism and the Arian heresy, publicly challenged rulers in the Western and Eastern empires, championed hymns as a form of praise, wrote theological treatises and was beloved by his people for his generosity and accessibility. He also baptized St. Augustine of Hippo. One of the four doctors of the Latin church, Ambrose is the patron of bees, stonemasons and catechumens.

**Sunday Connection from Loyola Press**

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.



**Stewardship Moment**

Today's second reading is about Christ's coming again, "The day of the Lord," Peter calls it, but that day isn't December 25th. It's that other day, that second-coming day about which Peter is concerned. He waits with great hope and anticipation for God to remake the earth into a place of perfect justice and peace. And he sets some demanding goals for the Christian community as it awaits that final day of accounting and reconciliation: strive to be at peace, without spot or blemish. Christian stewards work for peace. As we await the coming of Christmas, what can we do to promote peace in our homes, workplaces, community and world?



**Stewardship of Treasure**



Tithes and Offerings: (11/28/2020-11/29/2020)	\$ 9,141.00
Online Giving: (11/27/2020-12/03/2020)	\$ 1,056.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 200.00
Thanksgiving Day Mass:	\$ 425.00
Maintenance Donations:	\$ 20.00

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

**Upcoming Second Collections:**

Retirement Fund for Religious: Dec 12-13

**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!



**Retirement Fund for Religious**

**Please give to those who have given a lifetime.**

**Please donate at your local parish or by mail at:**

National Religious Retirement Office  
3211 Fourth Street NE  
Washington DC 20017-1194

*Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.*

**retiredreligious.org**

Above, from left: Sister Alice Garcia, SSCJ, 91; Brother Martin Gonzales, OCSO, 95; Sister Theresa McGrath, CCVI, 86; Sister Anne Cecile Muldoon, OSU, 93; Abbot Emeritus Peter Eberle, OSB, 79.  
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**UH Food Vault Collection**

Mahalo for remembering to bring your non-perishable food donation this month.

For more information about the Food Vault,  
[www.facebook.com/foodvaulthawaii](http://www.facebook.com/foodvaulthawaii)



**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 December 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.catholicahawaii.org](http://www.catholicahawaii.org).

**Thanksgiving Day Luncheon Mahalo**

Many thanks to all of you who contributed to a very successful Newman Thanksgiving Take Out Lunch. You may have heard that there were over 60 lunches shared with parish members and friends and East West Center students.

Many thanks to Alofa and Fay and their volunteers who coordinated the packaging of the food items that you brought in. This is a challenging year, and the change of our venue made it all the more exciting.

Let's see what next year will bring us.

We all pray for peace, health, and safety for ourselves, the nation, and for all the world. Again, many thanks to you for sharing with others. -June Naughton

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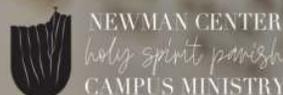
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF**

**THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

TUESDAY  
DECEMBER

**8TH**

**MASS TIMES:  
12:10 PM  
6:00 PM**



Young men and women.  
Vibrant. Diverse. Called.

*Unveiling  
Religious Life*

ZOOM SESSION 2: "A DAY IN THE LIFE OF..."



**Sun. Dec. 13**

1 PM PST | 2 PM MST | 3 PM CST | 4 PM EST

Email [unveilRL@gmail.com](mailto:unveilRL@gmail.com) for Zoom link

Unveiling Religious Life (URL) is an initiative to demystify religious/consecrated life for undergraduate students and recent college graduates, accompany these young adults with spiritual and practical resources for vocational discernment, and foster community among their peers who are exploring the possibility of entering religious life. The Initiative is not aimed at recruiting potential members for a particular religious order, rather, we seek to encourage young adults to be open to finding a religious order whose charism best resonates with God's call in their lives.

**Feeding the Hungry During the Covid-19 Pandemic**



From the Office for Social Ministry

Registrations for emergency food distributions at Hawaii Food Bank's pop-up sites are already full for the month of November, but two December distribution dates will soon be available for sign-ups.

Pre-registration is required ONLINE for specified dates listed below:

WINDWARD OAHU - December 11th at First Presbyterian Church, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Online registration opens December 4, 2020 at 9:00 AM

Event will serve 1,000 households

ISLAND OF OAHU - December 18th at Aloha Stadium, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Online registration opens December 11, 2020 at 9:00 AM

Event will serve 3,500 households

Register at:

<https://hawaiifoodbank.org/pop-up/>

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## STUDY HAVEN

SATURDAY & SUNDAY DECEMBER 12 & 13

6:00 PM - MIDNIGHT

MONDAY - THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 14-17

9:00 AM - MIDNIGHT

FRIDAY DECEMBER 18

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Free food  
Free drinks  
Free WiFi

A/C lounge  
Meet friends  
Open chapel



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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 988-6222 OR  
EMAIL CAMPUSMINISTRY@NEWMANHAWAII.ORG

Student Lounge  
is OPEN!

SUNDAYS  
3:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
MONDAYS - FRIDAYS  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

### MASS + MEAL



Join us on  
Sundays for  
Student Mass  
@ 5:00 pm,  
and a hearty  
take-out dinner afterwards.

## Campus Ministry Corner



*"To the end of life you are still a beginner. What Christ asks of you is not sinlessness, but diligence." – St. John Henry Newman*



John the Baptist cries out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." This second Sunday of Advent, we are instructed to **prepare**. We all do some kind of preparing in our daily lives—families are preparing for Christmas, students preparing for finals week, etc. What are we doing to prepare our hearts and minds this Advent season? What do we need to clean up in our lives to make room for the baby Jesus? Let us take this time during this Advent season to remain vigilant, alert, and to be prepared!

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!  
- Fay C. Pabo (@fa\_jo\_pab0)

## 10 ATTITUDES FOR ADVENT

- Search**  
God in others and in your day to day life.
- Be generous**  
Share your time and your joy.
- Reconcile**  
with God and others.
- Be coherent**  
Match your actions to your beliefs.
- Love**  
others through simple and kind gestures.
- Illuminate**  
others with joy. Be a light in the world.
- Speak**  
about God. Don't be ashamed of Him.
- Pray**  
Dedicate some special time to God.
- Trust**  
God is always listening.
- Be grateful**  
with God for all your blessings.



### How to go to confession when you haven't gone in years

Going to confession for the first time in 5, 10, 20, 30 (or more) years can be daunting. We know we should do it, but there is part of us that is still reluctant or even afraid of going back to the sacraments. Besides feelings of shame, we may simply have forgotten *how* to go to confession. For those who are hesitant to receive the mercy of God, here is a practical guide to the various steps of going to confession:



- Step 1:** Examine your conscience
- Step 2:** Look up the local confession times or schedule a time with the priest
- Step 3:** Go into the confessional or Reconciliation room and start your confession
- Step 4:** Listen to the priest's consoling words and say your act of contrition
- Step 5:** Bask in the mercy of God and say your penance.

For more information, visit <https://aleteia.org/2017/08/12/how-to-go-to-confession-when-you-havent-gone-in-years/>



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Class of 2020!

Graduating this semester?

Let us know if you are graduating this Fall 2020 semester.

Call (808) 988-6222 ext. 211  
or Email [campusministry@newmanhawaii.org](mailto:campusministry@newmanhawaii.org)

## stream NIGHTS

SCRIPTURE THEOLOGY RECONCILIATION EUCHARIST ADORATION MUSIC

December 9  
Theology on  
Advent & Music

Wednesday  
evenings 6pm

December 16  
Reconciliation &  
Eucharist (Mass)



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AND/OR FACEBOOK LIVE  
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### Weekly Wisdom From The Saints



*"Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness. Nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily with my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."*

- Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego