

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), 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.
- Study Haven 12/12-12/18
- Virtual Christmas Party 12/22
- Christmas Eve Masses 12/24 5pm & 10pm
- Christmas Day Mass 12/25 10am
- Newman Center Closed 12/28-1/1



My soul rejoices
in my God.

—Is 61:10b



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From the Desk of the Pastor

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

Today, the Church celebrates Gaudete Sunday or "Rejoice" Sunday. We rejoice because we are at the halfway mark of our advent journey and the Feast of Christmas is upon us. We rejoice because Jesus came and continues to come to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and to announce favor from the Lord. But he wants us to imitate him. That, I think is the challenge for us this Gaudete Sunday. God wants to help the poor, the broken, the captives, the brokenhearted, and those imprisoned. He does that through his body, the Church.

Perhaps this is where this week's message should lead us. The voice crying out in the desert, make straight the path for the Lord. Do we respond with joy like Mary? The coming of Jesus is the reason for our joy! God is with us and remains with us until the end of the age. May the celebration of the birth of the Lord reach into the depths of our hearts, lifting us up to a new hope for compassion and mercy for the world.

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.

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RCIA**Daily Readings****Monday 12/14/2020**

NM 24:2-7, 15-17A
PS 25:4-5AB, 6 & 7BC, 8-9
MT 21:23-27

Thursday 12/17/2020

GN 49:2, 8-10
PS 72:1-2, 3-4AB, 7-8, 17
MT 1:1-17

Tuesday 12/15/2020

ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13
PS 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19 & 23
MT 21:28-32

Friday 12/18/2020

JER 23:5-8
PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
MT 1:18-25

Wednesday 12/16/2020

IS 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25
PS 85:9AB & 10,11-12,13-14
LK 7:18B-23

Saturday 12/19/2020

JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A
PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17
LK 1:5-25

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.

Newman Center on Social Media

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram:
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/NewmanHawaii
 Twitter & Instagram: @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/>

**Saint of the Week: Saint Virginia Centurione Bracelli
1587-1651 Feast Day – December 15**

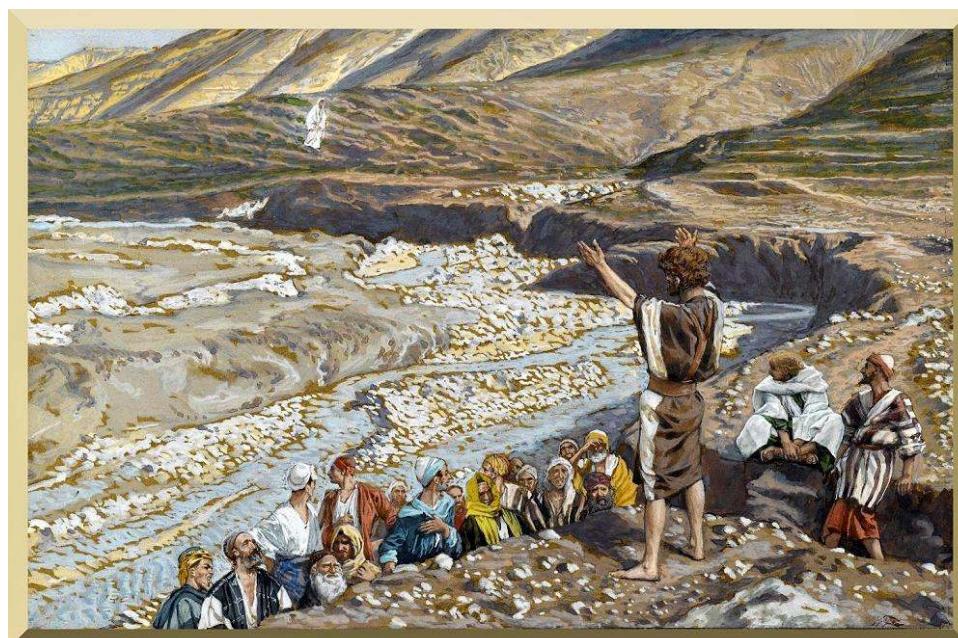
Unable to persuade her parents that she had a religious vocation, Virginia was married at age 15 to the son of another notable Italian family. But he gambled, lived dissolutely and died after only five years. Virginia, despite her unhappiness in the marriage, nursed him at the end. She vowed to live celibately thereafter, bringing up her two daughters and caring for abandoned children, especially girls. She founded several schools and the Sisters of Our Lady of the Refuge on Mount Calvary. She was canonized in her hometown, Genoa, in 2003.

**Sunday Connection from Loyola Press**

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.



Stewardship Moment

In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as they wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This does not sound easy in a time of pandemic. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all." This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances, even during these uncertain and stressful times, because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Tithes and Offerings: (12/05/2020-12/06/2020)	\$ 3,054.00
Online Giving: (12/04/2020-12/10/2020)	\$ 3,657.00
Diocese of Honolulu Seminarian Ed. Fund	\$ 261.00
Maintenance Donations:	\$ 670.00

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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Christmas & End-of-Year Gifts to Newman Center

Please remember the Newman Center in your Christmas gift-giving and year-end donations.

Contributions to the Newman Center are tax-deductible as we are a 501(c)(3) charitable, tax-exempt organization.



To give to the Newman Center, please visit the website:

www.NewmanHawaii.org/give-online

Thank you for your support!

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 February , 2020.

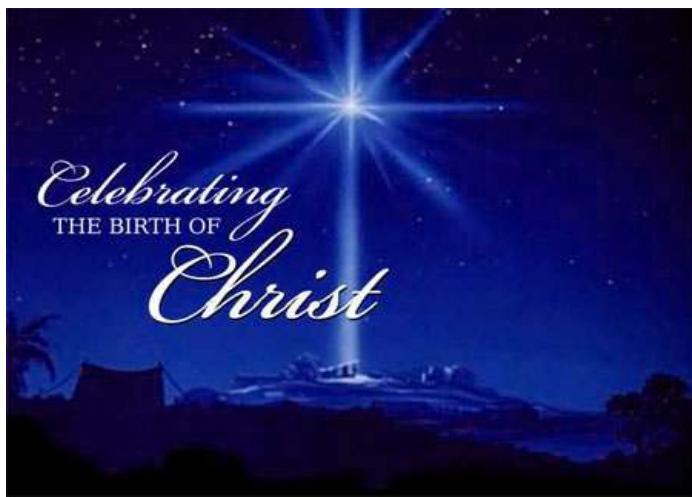
All who are able to attend Sunday Mass without putting themselves or others at serious risk of infection are encouraged to do so, but are not obliged to do so.

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.



Christmas Mass Schedule**Christmas Eve—December 24:**

5:00 pm (Children Sponsored)
10:00 pm

Christmas Day—December 25:**10:00 am**

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VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22 | 6:00 PM

**YULETIDE GAMES,
 CHRISTMAS CAROLING,
 AND MORE!**

MEETING ID: 860 5864 6970 | PASSCODE: PARTY

Rest in Peace + Father Jack Ryan

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Father Jack Ryan, who died on December 7, 2020 at the Queen's Medical Center, Honolulu. Born on January 15, 1950, he was ordained a Paulist priest on June 15, 1976 and was incardinated in the Diocese of Honolulu on July 9, 1991. He served as pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Kalihi; St. Benedict Church, Honaunau; St. Michael the Archangel Church, Kailua-Kona; and Holy Spirit Parish-Newman Center, Manoa. He retired on January 1, 2019. May he rest in peace.

Funeral Arrangements are pending.

Campus Ministry Corner



"I would maintain that the fear of error is simply necessary to the genuine love of truth." – St. John Henry Newman

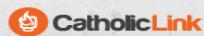
The Gospel reading from John today reminds us (again) that John the Baptist is not the Christ, but the one who points us the way to Christ. We are often misguided by so many things of this world that we lose sight of what is right in front of us. If only we would truly open our eyes and pay attention. Let us take this 3rd Sunday of Advent/Gaudete Sunday to rejoice because Jesus is near. Let us hurry to clear the path of our clouded hearts and minds and fill them with the joy of Jesus' birth! Soon and very soon! We are going to see the King! We ask for your extra love and prayers for our students as they near the end of the semester and prepare for their final exams. Students, soon and very soon, finals will be over!

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!
- Fay C. Pabo (@fa_jo_pab0)



Christmas List

1. Buy a present
the ones I love with a hug
2. Wrap my presents
peace and good wishes
3. Send postcards
4. Buy food to the poor
Donate
5. Get new clothes
6. See the Christmas lights



4 Ways to Practice Hospitality During Covid-19 and flu season

Even when we're not socializing, there are ways to serve and encourage others... Let's not forget hospitality. There are so many people feeling strange and disconnected in our communities. And if like me, you are one of them sometimes, then know that the best way to get connected is to serve someone else. Here are a few ideas on how to do that despite the unique challenges we face with face with COVID-19



*IF YOU ARE AT LOW-RISK, FIND WAYS TO VOLUNTEER AT SITES THAT MAY BE LACKING THEIR USUAL HELP.

For more information, visit <https://aleteia.org/2020/12/08/4-ways-to-practice-hospitality-during-covid-19-and-flu-season/>

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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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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

MASS + MEAL

Join us
on Sun-
day for
Student
Mass @
5pm, and
our last
student take-out



stream NIGHTS

Wednesday,
December
16
6:00 pm

IN-PERSON, ZOOM,
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Reconciliation &
Eucharist (Mass)

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Weekly Wisdom From The Saints

"Those whose hearts are pure
are temples of the Holy Spirit."

- Saint Lucy

