

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.

“An outstretched hand, then, can always be enriched by the smile of those who quietly and unassumingly offer to help, inspired only by the joy of living as one of Christ’s disciples.”

—Pope Francis, World Day of the Poor 2020



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From the Desk of the Pastor



“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.”

Happy New Year of the Lord 2021! Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast reveals that the child born on Christmas is revealed to be the long-awaited king of the Jews. Epiphany is not so much about the three Magi coming to see baby Jesus but rather about the revelation of who Jesus is through that visit.

Epiphany celebrates God’s “showing forth.” It means the manifestation of God incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ. The Magi were on a long journey, watching the star to find God, to discover Jesus. In many ways we are like the Magi. We are all on a journey of faith which began at baptism and ends with our union with God. At the end of the gospel, after the magi encounter Jesus, they returned home by another way. If we really encounter Jesus, we must do the same. If we experience Jesus in the Mass by listening to God’s Word and receiving Him in Sacrament, we cannot leave the same way. We must leave church as better Christians, better disciples, and better witnesses of Jesus. We are on this journey of faith and God guides us at every step. May we seek Him always and be transformed by Him. God is with us and journeys alongside us to the new Jerusalem.

Have a blessed Christmas 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 01/04/2021

1 Jn 3:22-4:6
2:7bc-8, 10-12a
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday 01/05/2021

1 Jn 4:7-10
72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday 01/06/2021

1 Jn 4:11-18
72:1-2, 10, 12-13
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday 01/07/2021

1 Jn 4:19-5:4
72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17
Lk 4:14-22

Friday 01/08/2021

1 Jn 5:5-13
147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday 01/09/2021

1 Jn 5:14-21
149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
Jn 3:22-30

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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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

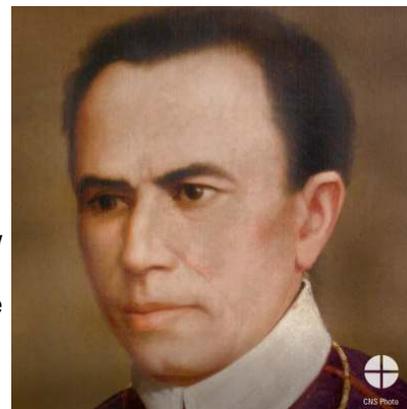
<http://prayasyougo.org>, <http://sacredspace.ie>

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 John Neumann
181-1860 Feast Day – January 5

A native of Bohemia, John entered the seminary and was nearing ordination when he departed for the United States. He joined the Redemptorists and served as a priest in New York, Maryland and Pennsylvania. In 1852 he was named the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. He founded more than 50 churches and greatly expanded Catholic education. John had a fondness for immigrants and knew six languages. His pastoral zeal was evident up to his last moments of life. He collapsed and died in the street at age 48.

**Sunday Connection from Loyola Press**

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.



Stewardship Moment

Today's Gospel reading reveals the story of the magi who come from the east to pay homage to Jesus, the newborn king. The story of the magi teaches Christian stewards three Christmas truths: God, in the person of Jesus Christ, is present and active in the world, and good stewards strive daily to follow his star. Second, each of us, no matter our circumstances or station in life, has a gift to bring to the Lord. And finally, our life's journey always leads to Christ, even when at times we do not know where the road is taking us.



Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (12/26/2020-12/27/2020)	\$ 1,631.00
Online Giving: (12/25/2020-12/31/2020)	\$ 4,386.00
Christmas Donations:	\$ 7,889.00
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:

Church in Latin America & Black & Indian Missions:
Jan 23-24

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!

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!

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!

Second Collection: Church in Latin America & Black & Indian Mission. Jan. 23-24, 2021

The Collection for the Church in Latin America supports pastoral programs as awarded by the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Funding is limited to programmatic expenses and excludes building construction except in cases of emergency.

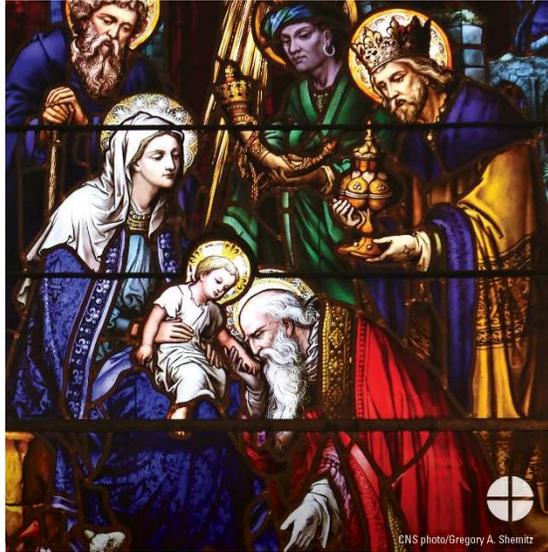
Extension of Dispensation from Sunday Mass Obligation

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 14, 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.

The Epiphany of the Lord

“As we begin the New Year, may we discover anew that faith demands worship. If we can fall on our knees before Jesus, we will overcome the temptation to set off on our own path.” (Pope Francis, Jan. 6, 2020)

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we remember that God came to earth for everyone, every nation, every people.

**January is Poverty Awareness Month!**

Poverty does not strike all demographics equally. For example, in 2018, 10.6% of men, and 12.9% of women lived in Poverty USA. Along the same lines, the poverty rate for married couples in 2018 was only 4.7% - but the poverty rate for single-parent families with no wife present was 12.7%, and for single-parent families with no husband present was 24.9%.

In 2018, the poverty rate for people living with a disability was 25.7%. That's nearly 4 million people living with a disability—in poverty.

Visit PovertyUSA for education on economic justice, resources for prayer, and key conduits for action.

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#campusministrylife

***Programming for CAMPUS MINISTRY will be on break from December 19, 2020 to January 09, 2021.**

Student Lounge and



Student Take-out Dinners

***Resume on Sunday, January 10, 2021**



Campus Ministry Corner



"God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving.

If he gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it." - Pope Francis

Exchanging gifts after Midnight Mass was an annual Christmas tradition for my family. We would be curious and excited for the gifts that our family and friends would give us each year. It wasn't until I was an adult did I understand the true meaning of exchanging and receiving Christmas gifts. As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord this weekend, the gospel reading features the arrival of the Magi (aka the Wise Men) seeking the Baby Jesus, eventually finding him and offering gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We look back at this simple gesture of offering gifts to the Baby Jesus and reflect on how we can give back to the Lord the gift of ourselves, to do the same as the Magi did - that we too prostrate ourselves before him and do him homage. God gave us the gift of life and his son, Jesus, is the Word made flesh to dwell among us, and to save us. So let us give Jesus the best gift of ourselves this Christmas season!



*Lord, I love you and adore you.
I lay my life before you and surrender all.
You are my divine King and Savior.
My life is yours. Jesus, I trust in you.*

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

Ways to Welcome in the Peace of Jesus Every Day

Edifa - 01/01/21



When the resurrected Lord appears in the midst of his disciples, he says to them, "Peace be with you!" (John 20:19). He gives them his peace and gives it to us as well. But peace is like all God's gifts—proposed, never imposed. Do we know how to welcome in the peace of Jesus?

- 1. Stop rushing around** - Our lives are hectic, overloaded, cluttered. Peace does not abide with noise and haste. It is true that our rhythm of life does not depend on us, at least not entirely, but we tend to invent obligations for ourselves. We don't know how to stop. We forget that the Lord never asks more of us than our days can hold. **Above all, we forget that he commands us to rest:** He gives us six days to work and one to rest. Sunday rest is not a luxury reserved for retirees. It is the commandment of a Father who knows what we need better than we do.

**Stay tuned for more ways next week!*

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/cp1/2021/01/01/6-great-ways-to-welcome-in-the-peace-of-jesus-every-day/>

What Will Your Priorities Be In 2021?

20 Minutes of Daily Prayer ... "Don't have time!"

1 Hour of scrolling through Social Media... "Time flies!"

Giving to the poor... "Don't have the extra money."

Daily stop at Starbucks... "Can't cope without my coffee."

Going to Mass on Sunday... "We're just too busy."

Birthday parties, Football games, Shopping... "We'll fit it in."

Reading a spiritual book... "It's just not entertaining."

Watching an R-Rated Film... "It's just for fun."

Speaking up for those who are bullied. "It's not my business."

Gossiping with co-workers or friends. "I'm just venting."

This year, prioritize growing in holiness!



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Weekly Wisdom From The Saints



"Faith lifts the soul, Hope supports it, Experience says it must and Love says... let it be!"

- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (January 4)