

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.
- President's Day-Center and Offices Closed 2/15
- Ash Wednesday Masses 2/17 12:10pm, 6pm, 9pm

We pray for all
married couples:
that they may strive
daily to faithfully
and lovingly live out
their marriage vows,
bearing witness to
the love God has for
each of us.



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From the Desk of the Pastor

When I first started my chaplaincy training at Pali Momi Medical Center, I visited 15-20 patients everyday. It didn't matter if they were Catholic, Protestants, Jehovah Witnesses, Buddhist, Atheists, or Agnostic. I visited all if they welcomed me into their rooms. Some times, I would go into a room and they thought I was the doctor. When I introduced myself as the hospital's chaplain, they kicked me out. All in the day's work. One of my not so proud moments of clinical pastoral education was having prejudices, preconceived notions, biases, and fears of visiting particular patients. It took me the whole internship summer to face the realities and overcome those fears. In a sense, I was labeling these patients "lepers" and I needed to stay far-far away.

Unlike today when modern science and medicine have conquered the scourge of leprosy, in Jesus' time leprosy was not only a physical condition but also a social disease. Lepers were banished from their families and community. The physical disfigurement and social exclusion robbed lepers of their human dignity.

Our attitudes and perceptions often reduce others to the status of "lepers:" Christ who heals lepers also comes to heal us of our weakening sense of self that blinds us to the sacredness and dignity of those we segregate as "lepers," to heal us of our own "leprosy" so that we are able to realize again that God extends his compassion and grace to all. Before God, no one is a leper; no one is beyond the reach of God's mercy and compassion; all of us are made in the sacred image of the God.

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.

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/

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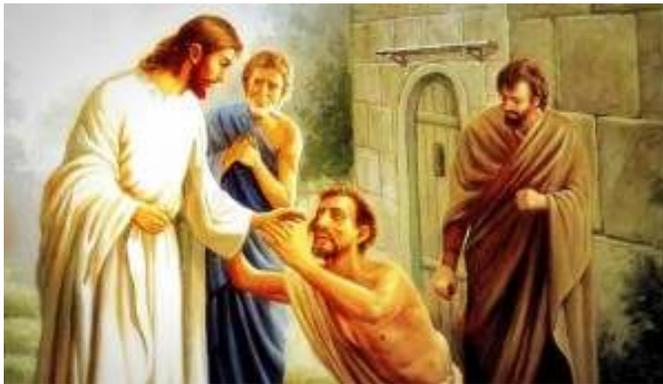
Saint of the Week: Blessed Fra Angelico
c.1400 – 1445 Feast Day – February 18

Fra Giovanni da Fiesole, known as Blessed Fra Angelico, was an early Renaissance painter. After joining the Dominicans in 1420, he began illustrating manuscripts and choir books, beginning each new work with a prayer. His religious altarpieces, paintings and frescoes exploited color for spatial and emotional effect. Fra Angelico, meaning “angelic brother,” decorated an entire Florentine monastery and two Roman chapels. Notable works include his “Annunciation” and “Descent from the Cross.” He declined an appointment as archbishop of Florence and was officially beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1982. Art students often leave written prayers near his tomb in the Church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva in Rome. He is patron of artists.



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Sunday Connection from Loyola Press



In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In 1873, the cause of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was identified. We now know that leprosy is caused by a bacterial infection. Although it is infectious, modern medical studies have shown that transmission is more difficult than previously thought. Since the 1940s, medical treatments have been available, and the patient no longer needs to be isolated once long-term treatment has begun.

In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behavior of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

Stewardship Moment

The fate of a leper is a great tragedy at any time and place. In Jesus' time, lepers were considered condemned, part of the plagues God sent as punishment. They were cast out of society and abandoned. Saint Mark's Gospel reveals the unthinkable. Jesus reaches out and touches a leper. He risks catching the contagious disease and heals the man. As the Gospel story teaches, no one is abandoned by Christ. Are there those in our society or in our personal lives for whom we ascribe no hope, who we have abandoned, treated like lepers? Or as Christ's stewards of our sisters and brothers, do we risk reaching out and touching those who may seem to us to be "unclean" or not worthy of our time or attention?

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Tithes and Offerings: (02/06/2021-02/07/2021)	\$ 1,329.00
Online Giving: (02/05/2021-02/11/2021)	\$ 2,296.00
Maintenance Donations:	\$ 45.00

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

Catholic Relief Services: March 13/14

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!

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 April 1, 2021.



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.

SECOND COLLECTION: Augustine Education Foundation Feb. 13 & 14 2021

Scholarships for Students in Hawaii Catholic Schools

Our Catholic schools provide a quality education to students from all ethnic, religious and financial backgrounds. The Augustine Educational Foundation provides tuition scholarships to students with a financial need in our Hawaii Catholic Schools in grades K-12. Please take a moment and give the gift of education and make a difference in a student's life. Here are the ways you can make a gift:

Online: Visit augustinefoundation.org/donate

Check: Payable to Augustine Educational Foundation. Mail your check to Augustine Educational Foundation, 6301 Pali Hwy, Kaneohe, HI 96744. Please include your parish/island on the memo of your check for proper parish acknowledgement.

Your gift to our Second Collection goes directly to support tuition scholarships in your parish and/or vicariate for the 2021-2022 School Year. Last year, \$100,000 was generously donated to the Second Collection and distributed back to parishioners in the form of tuition scholarships.

For more information, please call (808) 203-6748 or visit www.augustinefoundation.org.

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!

Today is World Marriage Day!

On this World Marriage Day, we thank our heavenly Father for the gift and blessing of marriage and the family. As we strive to live our particular vocations and respond to the Lord's grace in our lives, let's also consider how we might dedicate renewed prayer and attention to marriage and the family.

As a start, here are possible areas we might consider:

First, we begin with prayer: Let's remember to pray with and for marriages and families throughout our nation: for marriages in crisis, for families struggling with unemployment, for broken or wounded family relationships.

Second, let us reclaim Sunday as the Lord's Day, a day of rest when we can focus on being together as a family. The celebration of Holy Mass together is the first essential way to honor this day. But is there something more the Lord is inviting us to when we go back home? Set aside some time to pray a decade of the rosary, enjoy the outdoors together, play ball, eat dinner together, have a game night!

And third, let us remember that the Church is the family of God and a family of families. As a family, how can we share Christ with other married couples and families? Do we have any friends and family members who are struggling in their marriage, alone during this time of isolation, or particularly afflicted by this pandemic? When was the last time we checked on our elderly neighbors? Is there someone in the parish that we haven't seen in a while? How can we—as a family—reach out to those who are in need?

**SEEK 21 REFLECTIONS FROM STUDENTS****Geneva D:**

I thought the conference was a great way to feed my spirit and reignite my love and faith in God. It has definitely opened my eyes to more ways I can live like Christ in my everyday life especially at a time like this.

**Vanessa M:**

The SEEK21 experience was awesome! Definitely encouraged me to look for God in deeper ways that I thought about before, in my imagination in my intellect! I also enjoyed diving deeper into the stories of our martyrs and saints, those who trusted their very lives with the Lord.

Montserrat M:

SEEK21 for me has been an eye opener. It made me want to go all in and fall in love even more with God.



Campus Ministry Corner



"If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about."

- St. John Henry Newman

"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near." - Isaiah 55:6. Do we seek the Lord? Are our eyes open to see him? In this week's Gospel, the leper seeks out and approaches Jesus, expecting to be healed by him. Jesus demonstrates the compassion, tenderness and love of God as he touched the leper and made him clean, both physically and spiritually. Just like the confident leper, we should not be afraid to seek the Lord and allow him to touch our hearts and minds, so that we may in turn touch other hearts and minds.

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

<p>WHY THE ASHES? THE MEANING OF ASH WEDNESDAY</p> 	<p>1 ASHES WERE USED AS A SIGN OF REPENTANCE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT</p> 	<p>2 ASHES ARE A PUBLIC SIGN OF OUR INTENT TO DIE TO OUR WORLDLY DESIRES AND LIVE IN CHRIST</p> 
<p>3 ASHES ALSO SYMBOLIZE GRIEF, IN THIS CASE, GRIEF FOR OUR SINS.</p> 	<p>4 AS OUR FOREHEADS ARE BEING MARKED, THE PRIEST SAYS: "REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST AND UNTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN"</p> 	<p>5 THE ASHES COME FROM THE BLESSED PALMS USED IN THE PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR</p> 

INFORMATION FROM ARCHTORONTO.ORG AND CATHOLIC.ORG



#campusministrylife



Come.. See.. Hear.. Encounter...
SEEK21 was held right here at Newman Center Holy Spirit Parish this past week February 4-7. Our students took time from their busy schedules to come and see what **SEEK21** had to offer. From inspirational keynote speakers to heartfelt sharing in small groups, **SEEK21** was quite an experience of encountering the heart of the Gospel. Questions like, "Who are you," and "Why are you here," were asked of the students throughout the conference. We were privileged to have one of our assigned FOCUS missionaries Giuliano Mion, who hails from Salt Lake City, Utah, join us for this exciting event. Mahalo to Newman Center Holy Spirit Parish for allowing us to **SEEK21** this week!
 We are looking forward to **SEEK22** in December in Salt Lake City, Utah!!!

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Weekly Wisdom From The Saints

"However tired and physically worn out I am, I will go with joy to that land; with joy I depart for the sake of the Christian faith."

- Saints Cyril and Methodius (February 14)

