

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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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](https://twitter.com/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.
- Stations of the Cross Every Friday of Lent 6pm
- Houseless Blessing Bag Drive Lenten Season
- UH Food Vault Collection 3/6-7
- Communal Penance Service 3/24 7pm

Lord, you have the words
of everlasting life.

—John 6:68c



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From the Desk of the Pastor

“Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.”



Don't you miss going through airport security? Every single time there was a new procedure at the checkpoint. Empty your pockets, no liquids or gels more than 3 oz., take off your shoes, take out your laptop, separate the food items, leave everything in your bag...I wish that the TSA would change the process and make it simpler, in order, and proper. In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus flips tables and "purifies" the temple area. He drove out all the evil that took place there and set things in proper order. In some sense, Jesus was changing it up, making it simpler, in order, and proper. Jesus did not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfill and reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan. He came to make it a house of prayer for all peoples where they participate the very life of God. The Church is the new temple built of living stones. Overtime, it can become a marketplace that needs cleansing and

renewal. The Lenten Season is a designated time to cleanse the temple of our spiritual life. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are some of the things that we can do but I challenge you to change it up. For example, pray for the end of systemic racism, fast from toxic opinions or criticisms, and increase your sacrificial giving. We are coming to the middle of Lent and soon the holiest of weeks will arrive. It is not too late to make a commitment to come back to the Lord and change our lives.

Have a blessed Lenten Week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm

(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.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Tuesday through Friday: 12:10 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am,
5:00 pm (Student Mass)

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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.



Daily Readings

Monday 03/08/2021

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab
Ps. 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday 03/09/2021

Dn 3:25, 34-43
Ps. 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9
Mt 18:21-25

Wednesday 03/10/2021

Dt 4:1, 5-9
Ps. 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday 03/11/2021

Jer 7:23-28
Ps. 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Lk 11:14-23

Friday 03/12/2021

Hos 14:2-10
Ps. 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17
Mk 12:28-34

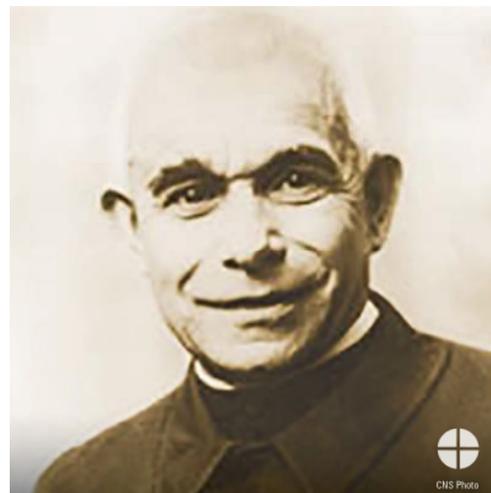
Saturday 03/13/2021

Hos 6:1-6
Ps. 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab
Lk 18:9-14

SAINT OF THE WEEK: Saint Luigi Orione

1872-1940 Feast Day – March 12

The founder of The Little Work of Divine Providence, which encompasses two active and two contemplative religious orders for men and women as well as a lay movement, was born in Italy's Piedmont. After early sojourns with Franciscans and Salesians, he entered the seminary of the Diocese of Tortona and was ordained in



1895. Always devoted to the care of others, especially the poor and sick, Don Orione established schools and learning centers, worker hostels, hospitals, and homes for the elderly, disabled, sick and blind. The members of his apostolate serve today in 300 foundations in Europe, Asia, Africa and North and South America. The dying words of this priest, who was canonized in 2004, were "Jesus ... Jesus... Jesus."

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FAMILY CONNECTION LOYOAL PRESS GOSPEL READING: JOHN 2: 13-25

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect upon our worship of God. For Jesus and his Jewish contemporaries, the Temple was an important, holy place where they gathered to worship God. The Christian understanding of worship was transformed in light of Jesus' Resurrection. In the Christian understanding, God is worshiped in a person, the person of Jesus Christ. As we read in today's Gospel, Jesus is himself the Temple that will be destroyed, but in three days God will raise him up again.

As you gather as a family, talk about places and times when you have experienced God's presence. After his Resurrection, Jesus' disciples understood that Jesus was present with them as they gathered to pray and especially when they gathered to share a meal. Read together today's Gospel, John 2:13-25. Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that he is God's presence with us. Thank God for Jesus' presence with us, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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/

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.

Religious Education Classes

Religious Education classes meet on Sundays during academic year, immediately following the 9 am Mass.

Stewardship Moment

The Gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons; the most prominent being the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the one who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Messiah, the Christ. The Lord calls his stewards to participate in His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires transformation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God. In this coming week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.



Stewardship of Treasure



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| Tithes and Offerings: (02/27/2021-02/28/2021) | \$ 2,811.00 |
| Online Giving: (02/26/2021-03/04/2021) | \$ 1,642.00 |
| Maintenance Donations: | \$ 30.00 |

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 Service: 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!

Monthly Collection for the UH Food Pantry

We will have our monthly collection of food for the UH food pantry **this weekend**. The food list remains the same: canned meat, fruits, juice and soup, crackers.

The Food Vault has offered monthly "food drops" that have given away more than 6,000 pounds of food in just one day.



Thank you for your continued support of those students in need!

Upcoming Second Collection Catholic Relief Services March 13 & 14

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports six Catholic agencies that serve the vulnerable and marginalized at home and abroad. Support the collection at Mass! #JesusInDisguise #1church1mission

www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

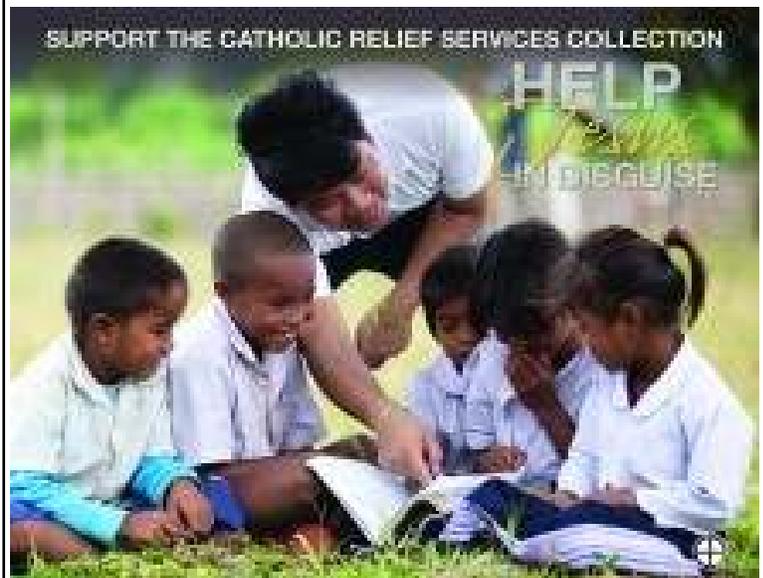
Extension of Dispensation from Sunday Mass Obligation

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.



SUNDAY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.



Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

Pray for our Elect!

On the First Sunday of Lent, we celebrated the Rite of Election in our parish. This year, our community has three individuals preparing for the Sacraments of Initiations.

Curtis Lauricella
Bradley McNeil
Anna Wu



10 THINGS TO DO WHEN YOUR LENT PLAN FAILS

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|  ACCEPT IT ACCEPT IF AND HOW YOUR PLAN HAS FAILED |  GO TO CONFESSION MAKE AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE AND START OVER |  GET BACK UP REMEMBER YOUR LENTEN RESOLUTIONS AND BEGIN AGAIN |  WHAT WENT WRONG? PONDER ON THE SERIES OF EVENTS THAT LED YOU HERE |  PRAY PRAYER HELPS YOU REVIVE YOUR SOUL. LISTEN TO GOD'S VOICE |
|  FAST FASTING ENABLES US TO DOMINATE OUR DESIRES |  GIVE ALMS WHEN WE GIVE ALMS, WE DO OURSELVES AND OTHERS A GREAT THING |  LISTEN FOLLOW THE ADVICE FROM THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE |  FOCUS FOCUS ON ACCOMPLISHING WHAT YOU SET OUT TO DO |  ASK FOR HELP LEAN ON YOUR FRIENDS, PRIEST, MENTORS, AND FAMILY |

SOURCE: CATHOLICEXCHANGE.COM



WORD AMONG US REFLECTION ON 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
READINGS AND GOSPEL

. . . a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. (1 Corinthians 1:23)

Pam was ready to buy an old table at a flea market when a man told her that it wasn't sturdy and would not hold up. While this presented a stumbling block, Pam bought it anyway.

In 1975, a friend told Jim about a new software company that he was thinking of investing in. Convinced it was a failure, Jim's dad called the investment a foolish waste of money, but Jim didn't listen. He went ahead and bought some shares of the stock.

Years later, Pam had her table appraised and discovered that it was a valuable antique worth fifty thousand dollars. Jim's investment in a little-known company called Microsoft had multiplied over and over again and made Jim a healthy sum of money.

A stumbling block? Foolishness? Perhaps. But these are the same words that St. Paul used in describing the gospel message. The image of a crucified Messiah was a stumbling block to Jews. Jesus' life and death did not match up with the way they had expected God to save them. Likewise, the philosophical Greeks could not fathom Paul's explanation of salvation. To them, it was nothing more than an odd, made-up story.

Still, a few Jews and Greeks accepted Paul's words, believed in Jesus, and gave their lives to him. And the one unique message that formed the foundation of the faith that they proclaimed? The message of a crucified and risen Messiah!

Two thousand years later, this same Jesus is at the center of our faith. This "foolish" gospel draws us together each Sunday. And how blessed we are to believe in such "folly"! We have a God who loves us so completely that he laid down his life for us. As we receive Jesus in the Eucharist today, let's allow the "folly" of that message to sink deeper into our hearts.

"Jesus, your love is greater than anything this world can offer. I embrace the 'folly' of your salvation."



Meet Me in the Desert Prayer

Lord of Lent, Lord of Easter, As you went into the desert So do I follow Putting aside that which distracts me
Grabs at me Falsely claims me. To search inside To confront myself My best, my worst My good works and my sins.

And each time, I find you there To call to me again With words of challenge and words of mercy.

And as I fall to my knees, in prayer, in fasting In sacrifice and penitence Somehow, you have it in yourself to reach
out and gently lift me To renew me To claim me as nothing of this world can claim me.

Meet me in the desert, Lord. Claim me anew. Amen.



6 Tips to Help Curb Pride

Pride poisons the soul. Becoming aware of the gravity of it is a good place to start.

"God opposes the proud," Scripture assures us (James 4:6). St. John Cassian observed that this resistance by God doesn't exist with regard to other sins: "How great is the evil of pride, that is rightly has no angel, nor other virtues opposed to it, but God himself as its adversary!" Indeed, pride is an attack on God himself, so it's crucial to fight against it.

SEEK HUMILITY

Pride is repelled by its opposite—humility, a virtue acquired through a series of small acts. The worst humiliation—and the most fruitful—is the one we don't choose.

BECOME INTIMATE WITH GOD

It's possible to do this via many routes... meditating on the Word of God (cf. Phil 4:8), offering short prayers throughout the day, practicing silent adoration in which you simply be with him, without saying or doing anything.

CULTIVATE DISCRETION

Try not to draw attention to yourself and learn how to give in secret, without anyone being aware of it (Mt. 6:1-4). Perhaps try it and do it once a day. If you have a tendency to be more generous when you're out with friends, make a resolution to give just as much and just as often to those in need when you're on your own.

ACCEPT YOUR EMOTIONS AND LEARN TO LAUGH AT YOURSELF

An independent person who controls everything must first learn to accept who he is, including his emotions, and to not take himself so seriously.

RECOGNIZE ALL THAT YOU OWE

An independent person can gently ease into dependence through praise, that is, the recognition (in the full sense of the word) of all you have received.

GIVE YOURSELF FOR OTHERS

In imitation of Jesus Christ, offer your life (your money, time, friendship, love, etc.) for the betterment of others.

- Father Pascal Ide and Luc Adrian

For more information, visit: <https://aleteia.org/cp1/2019/11/11/6-tips-to-help-curb-pride/>

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LENT

PILLARS OF LENT

ALMSGIVING

WHAT IS IT?

It is the action that leads us Christians to see our fellow-man, love them, listen to them and give them our time, help, advice, money, shelter, company, affection. It is not limited to giving material goods, is the gift of self. It is based on **CHARITY**, to love God and others as oneself. To give alms is to be united to Christ in his poverty.

HOW CAN WE LIVE IT? •



▶ Dedicate time to your family, studies, work.



▶ Helping others through service or material goods.



▶ Helping others spiritually: at home, your parish or other associations.

▶ Be generous with our virtues: charity, forgiveness, patience, etc.

EXAMPLES

▶ Leaving what I am doing to help in some domestic chore.

▶ Offer to give a ride to a fellow coworker

▶ Donate something I like (e.g.: a piece of clothing)

▶ Offer to collect offerings or do the readings in my parish

BIBLE VERSES TO MEDITATE

LUKE 12:15

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions"

PSALM 37

"The wicked borrow, but do not repay; the just are generous in giving"

2 COR 8:9

"He became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich"

"GIVE HIM
WHAT YOU CAN:
THE MERIT IS NOT IN
WHETHER IT IS **BIG**
OR **SMALL**, BUT IN
THE **INTENTION** WITH
WHICH YOU GIVE IT"

ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA



Campus Ministry Corner

"We can believe what we choose. We are answerable for what we choose to believe." - St. John Henry Newman

According to www.jenga.com, Jenga is a game of physical and mental skill. Players take turns to remove a block from a tower constructed of approximately 54 blocks, and balance it on top, creating a taller and increasingly unstable structure as the game progresses. I remember playing this game as kids and playing it over and over again until we got tired of it. I would often get frustrated because when it was my turn to play, I'd get all nervous and boom, down comes the tower! Game over!

Do we have moments in our lives when we have so much on our plate that we pile them one top of each other, hoping and praying that it would not fall over? Or when we feel that only bad things happen to me, and God doesn't care about me? Have you ever thought for a minute if Jesus felt that way too? He knew that his journey to cross wasn't going to be easy and that people were not going to understand him. As we encounter the midway point of this Lenten season, let us open our hearts and minds to what God is truly commanding us to do - and that is to listen, pay attention, focus on him, and above all things, simply LOVE!

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

A CATHOLIC'S MARCH TO-DO LIST

STAY STRONG DURING LENT

LEARN THE PRAYER OF ST. JOSEPH

PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

READ A BOOK ABOUT THE LIFE OF JESUS

GO TO CONFESSION

PRAY THE 7 SORROWS OF MARY

FIND OUT WHAT JESUS' LAST WORDS WERE

START PLANNING YOUR MARY GARDEN

MARCH 17

LEARN ABOUT WHAT ST. PATRICK ACTUALLY DID

MARCH 19

MAKE AN ALTAR FOR THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

ALL MONTH

PRAY FOR THE POPE'S INTENTION: CATHOLIC'S IN CHINA

MARCH 25

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION



NEWMAN CENTER
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Sunday Student TAKE-OUT DINNER @ 6:00PM

*For more info, contact Campus Ministry (campusministry@newmanhawaii.org)

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

STUDENT LOUNGE

open to ALL students!

SUNDAYS 3:30PM - 6:30PM
MONDAYS - THURSDAYS 5:00AM - 5:00PM
TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 8:00AM - 5:00PM

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stream NIGHTS

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6:00PM

SUNDAY STUDENT MASS AT 5:00PM

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. - 1 Corinthians 11:26

LENTEN **blessing bag** PROJECT

We will be hosting this year's Blessing Bag project, and seeking donations (see list below). You may bring your donations to the church. Mahalo for your support!

NECESSITIES

- GALLON SIZE ZIPLOC BAGS, BAND-AIDS, BABY WIPES, HAND SANITIZER, SMALL WASHCLOTH, LARGE SIZE SLIPPERS

TOILETRIES

- TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE, FLOSS, SOAP, COMB, FEMINE HYGIENE PRODUCTS, DEODORANT

NON PERISHABLE ITEMS

- ENERGY BARS, TRAIL MIX, GUM, INSTANT OATMEAL

Stations of the Cross

fridays, 6:00pm

DATES:
FEBRUARY 19, 26
MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26

"BUT MAY I NEVER BOAST EXCEPT IN THE CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THROUGH WHICH THE WORLD HAS BEEN CRUCIFIED TO ME, AND I TO THE WORLD." - GALATIANS 6:14

*FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CAMPUSMINISTRY@NEWMANHAWAII.ORG



Prayer to Be Filled with the Love of God

While God is always with us, we don't always appreciate or recognize the love he has to offer us. In fact, often, we reject that love and choose to follow our own will. This can leave us feeling alone and isolated as we try to pursue happiness away from him. The good news is that God's love is always pursuing us. All we need to do is open our hearts to that love and invite God into our lives. Here is a short prayer from the devotional *The Glories of the Catholic Church* that takes on this theme and asks God to fill our hearts with his love.

Divine love, you pursued us when we were running away from you: now that we are seeking you will you fly from us? No, for as you sought and loved us from the beginning, so will you continue to do, and will have us seek you with holy perseverance; for, without your preventing us, we would have run astray and mixed in the gulf of the world. Come, then, divine love, come, fill our hearts—they sigh after you.

For more info, visit: <https://aleteia.org/2021/02/12/prayer-to-be-filled-with-the-love-of-god/>

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Weekly Wisdom From The Saints

"Hope every thing from the mercy of God; it is as boundless as His power."

- St. Frances of Rome (March 09)

