

FIFTHSUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

# THE NEWMAN CENTER HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



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### Aloha and Welcome!

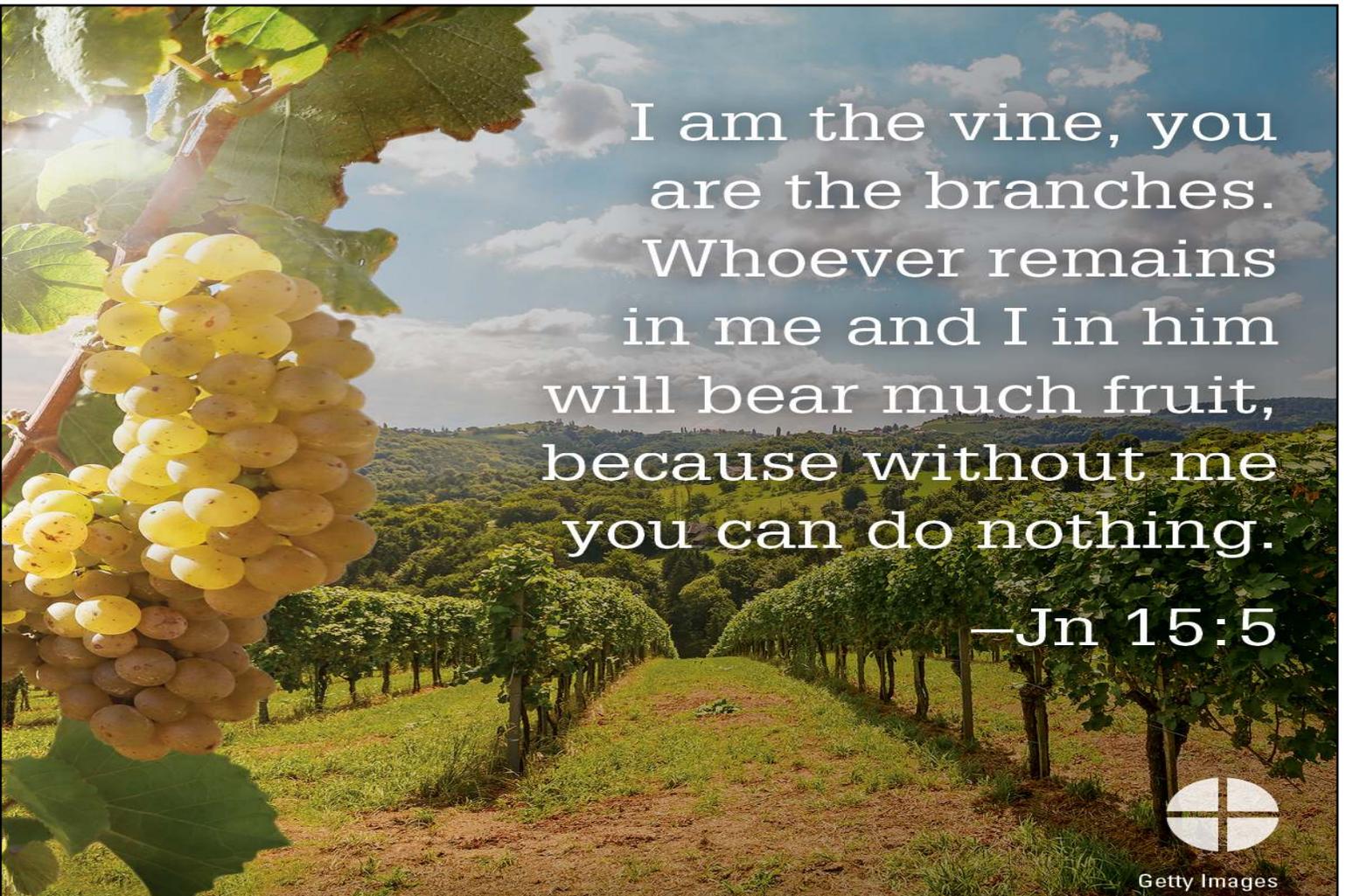
Aloha and thank you for visiting the Newman Center! Whether you are visiting, new to the community, or have been here for many years, we hope you will visit us again. **You are most welcome here!**

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.
- Newman Center Beautification Day 5/1
- UH Food Vault Collection 5/1-5/2
- Study Haven Week 5/8-5/14
- Baccalaureate Mass 5/9 5pm
- First Communion & Confirmation Mass 5/23 5pm



I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

—Jn 15:5



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## From the Desk of the Pastor



“Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.”

I kind of miss living in the Bay Area, California. The seminary was in the midst of Silicon Valley, the concrete jungles of the city, and the Napa vineyards. Every year, we would make a trip to Napa Valley to go vineyard hopping. They are known for being producers of some of the world's best wine. They have full-bodied Cabernets, fruit Merlots, and buttery Chardonnays. While I love drinking my favorite Cabernet Sauvignon at different wineries, I enjoyed most learning about the wineries' history and walking through the vineyards. Jesus, in today's gospel, says that he is the true vine and God the Father is the vine grower. As disciples, we are Jesus' branches. The Father, as the vine grower, ensures that the branches are viable and yields much fruit. If not, they are pruned. The trials and struggles that we experience can be seen as pruning where we are disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness. The Lord wants us to bear much fruit for the glory of God. Let us remain rooted in Christ, be open to pruning, and bear much fruit.

Have a blessed Easter 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)

### Pastoral Team Phone Ext

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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 05/03/2021**

1 Cor 15:1-8  
PS. 19:2-3, 4-5  
Jn 14:6-14

### **Tuesday 05/04/2021**

Acts 14:19-28  
PS. 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21  
Jn 14:27-31a

### **Wednesday 05/05/2021**

Acts 15:1-6  
PS. 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5  
Jn 15:1-8

### **Thursday 05/06/2021**

Acts 15:7-21  
PS. 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10  
Jn 15:9-11

### **Friday 05/07/2021**

Acts 15:22-31  
PS. 57:8-9, 10 and 12  
Jn 15:12-17

## SAINT OF THE WEEK: Saint Rose Venerini 1656-1728 Feast day – May 7

Born in Viterbo, Italy, Rose entered a convent after her fiancé died, but soon returned home to care for her widowed mother. She chose to be a teacher rather than a contemplative, and opened a free school for girls in 1685. In 1692, the bishop of an Italian diocese asked her to train teachers and administer the schools there. She and St. Lucy Filippini became friends, and Rose began setting up schools around Italy. Despite opposition, including arson and assaults on some of her teachers, the order she founded was officially recognized as a congregation, the Venerini Sisters, after her death.



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## FAMILY CONNECTION LOYOLA PRESS GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-8

*Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.*

The goal of our life of prayer is to increase our awareness that Jesus lives with us always. Prayer is more than a dialogue with God; prayer is a lifting of our minds and hearts to God so that God might dwell and act within us and through us. The pinnacle of our life of prayer is our communion with Jesus in the Eucharist. Through this sacrament, we receive Jesus himself, and he remains with us. Our life of prayer and our union with Jesus will lead us to fruitful service to others.

Place a plant in your gathering space. Invite everyone to look at the plant, noting the connection between the plant and its leaves. Talk about the integral connection between all the parts of a healthy plant. Introduce today's Gospel by saying that Jesus talked about his relationship to his disciples using this metaphor. Read today's Gospel, John 15:1-8. Talk about the ways in which we are invited to relate to Jesus as his disciples today—prayer, Scripture, the Eucharist, and so on. When we do these things, Jesus promises to remain with us and to lead us to serve others well. Pray together that we will continue to be attentive and open to Jesus as he works in our lives today. Pray together the Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love.

### 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%20essay/)

### 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

In today's Gospel reading on "the vine and the branches," Jesus offers a quintessential stewardship statement: "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." The theme of this reading is "fruitfulness." We hear the expression "bear fruit" five times. And "bearing fruit" is not something that the branches can do by themselves. They are extensions of the vine, Jesus, and are pruned by the gardener, God the Father, who wants them to be fruitful and to be drawn into the unity of the Father and Son. Good stewards recognize that God's love, presence, gardening and pruning are gifts. Do our lives reflect a capacity to be fruitful? Do we believe that by hearing the Word of the Lord and responding, we not only produce "good fruit," but abide in the very life of God?



## Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (04/24/2021-04/25/2021)	\$ 3,524.00
Online Giving: (04/23/2021-04/29/2021)	\$ 1,756.00
Retired Diocesan Priests Fund:	\$ 331.00
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:

Catholic Communication Campaign: 05/15 & 05/16

## 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!

## Sunday Mass Obligation

As of April 4, Easter Sunday, Bishop Silva has ended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed.

All who are able to attend Sunday Mass without putting themselves or others at serious risk of infection are to do so. If you are feeling ill and/or have a fever, please stay home.

**For the parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish, Fr. Alfred has continued the dispensation from the obligation until May 30, 2021, since the Center cannot safely accommodate an increase of attendees.**

For more information on COVID-19 directives from the diocese, visit [www.catholicahawaii.org](http://www.catholicahawaii.org).

## 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!

## Help with Ministries

As the new semester begins, we are in need of Liturgical Ministers for weekend Masses, especially the Sunday 5 pm:

**Greeters**, to welcome the community, **Lectors** to proclaim the scripture, and **Extraordinary Ministers** to help serve with the distribution of the blessed sacrament.

A liturgical minister is assigned to the Mass he or she most often attends and is usually assigned once a month. The Sunday 5 pm mass is always looking for members to join the choir.

The ministry of environment needs people to create the **floral arrangements** that enhance our liturgical events. The Center provides \$40 a week for the cost of flowers.

Interested in serving as an **acolyte / altar server**? This is a great way to integrate the Mass as part of your spirituality.

If you are interested in serving in a ministry at Mass, contact the parish office at [manager@newmanhawaii.org](mailto:manager@newmanhawaii.org).

Please sign up on the "**Arranging Flowers**" sheet on the chapel door.

**Thank you for your continued service to our community.**

## SUNDAY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.



Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

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### WORD AMONG US REFLECTION: ACTS 9:26-31

*He tried to join the disciples. (Acts 9:26)*

There's a lot of adventure in today's first reading, isn't there? Paul, fresh from escaping death threats in Damascus, arrives in Jerusalem, where he faces suspicion from Christians and an attempted murder from some Greek-speaking Jews.

Why so much drama? Quite possibly God was using all this upheaval to "prune" Paul, to further purify him from remnants of his old life (John 15:1-3).

We are so used to talking about the saints as if their holiness were a given, but that's rarely the case. For many of them, the road to holiness was as long and winding as it is for many of us. After all, we know that Paul had a strong, assertive personality. Humility doesn't always come easily!

By his own admission, Paul was "an arrogant man" before his conversion (1 Timothy 1:13). You can imagine how some of that arrogance might still have been present as he tried to convert people. Maybe the man who had once spent his life "breathing murderous threats" against Christians still needed to learn Jesus' teaching about being poor in spirit (Acts 9:1). So it's possible that God was using the chaos Paul encountered in Jerusalem to help him examine his heart and see where he still needed to change.

Anyone who has lived more than a few decades will tell you how valuable it is to be pruned by the Lord. They probably didn't enjoy it at the time, but looking back, they could appreciate the fruit of such pruning. Coming face-to-face with our selfishness or arrogance or resentments can move us to turn to Jesus and ask him to purify us and set us free.

So let Jesus prune you from time to time. He promises that if you do, you will bear "more fruit" (John 15:2). You'll become more like him, just as Paul did.

*"Jesus, you are a wise and gentle gardener. Keep pruning me so that I can become more like you."*

## BURIAL SERVICE FOR FR. JACK RYAN



The burial service for Fr. Jack Ryan is scheduled for Friday, May 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery (45-425 Kamehameha Hwy, Kaneohe, 96744). The presider is Bishop Larry Silva.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information please contact the Office of Clergy at [dcachola@rcchawaii.org](mailto:dcachola@rcchawaii.org) or [ghonorio@rcchawaii.org](mailto:ghonorio@rcchawaii.org).

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*See, I am doing something new!*

~Isaiah 43:19a

**An Online Directed Retreat**  
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**10:00 am and 5:30 pm Daily Zoom**

Be transformed by the Living Christ as we begin by **sorrowing** at the empty tomb, **hoping** as we walk with the risen Christ, **trusting** as we witness his ascension, and **loving** as we prepare to receive the Pentecost Spirit. Join us for a powerful sacred journey to move from the depths of our human condition to the dazzling radiance of the Spirit burning within!

Retreat limit – 14 participants  
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**Suggested Donation: \$200**  
**Registration Deadline: May 10**

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## 500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

### Hawaii Celebration Virtual Gatherings

**APRIL 24, 2021 | Saturday, 10 AM - 11 AM**

Speakers: Fr. Edgar Brillantes and Fr. Adrian Gervacio  
Topic: Mercy: Today's Pathways to Mission

**MAY 29, 2021 | Saturday, 10 AM – 11 AM**

Speaker: Dr. Clementina Ceria-Ulep  
Topic: Joy: A Convincing Sign of Mission

**JUNE 26, 2021 | Saturday, 10 AM – 11 AM**

Speaker: Sister Rosalinda Barrozo  
Topic: Missionary Transformation

The topics are based on the Pastoral Letter of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines for the Year 2021, entitled: "Becoming Jesus' Missionary Disciples." The speakers will share their reflections on the topics in their pastoral experiences as priests, lay person and woman religious respectively in the context of Hawaii. Participants will be given opportunities of interactive sharing.



VIRTUAL GATHERINGS WILL BE ON ZOOM. DETAILS ON HOW TO JOIN WILL BE ANNOUNCED THROUGH PARISH BULLETINS AND PULPIT



# # campus ministry life

Although we were without our shepherd/pastor, Fr. Alfred Omar for another weekend, we were blessed nonetheless with the presence of Fr. Gregorio Honorio, Jr., who is the Vicar of Clergy for our Diocese of Honolulu. Maraming Salamat (Thank you very much) to Fr. Greg for taking the time to be with the Newman Center faith community this past weekend! We were fed with a hearty meal from One Plus One Restaurant in Moili'ili. All college students are invited to join us for the next two Sundays for Student Mass at 5pm, followed by take-out dinner afterwards.



## Student Mass & Take-out Dinner April 25, 2021

Photos from: Dann Ebina

**STUDENT VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Students interested in joining a virtual bible study with FOCUS Digital Campus

Contact our Campus Minister, Fay Pabo  
campusministry@newmanhawaii.org

**SUNDAY STUDENT MASS AT 5:00PM**

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*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*

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**Sunday Student TAKE-OUT DINNER @ 6:00PM**

\*For more info, contact Campus Ministry  
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Photos from: Dann Ebina

We originally cancelled this past week's STREAM night due to the temporary closure of the center. However, we had a planned an outdoor hike instead. Then, our plans had to change again due to the rainy weather. We jumped on the opportunity to play a game of spike ball and ended the evening with light painting! Mahalo to Dann for spearheading this fun and spirit-filled evening!!!



## Stream Night Spike ball April 28, 2021

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Calling all 2021 graduates!



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Class of 2021

SUNDAY, MAY 9th  
5:00 PM Student Mass

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## Campus Ministry Corner

*"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." - John 15:7-8*

These instructions of Jesus is quite simple - to become a true follower of Christ, we must simply know, love and follow Him. What are we waiting for? We often wait for a response from God when we are in times of trouble and despair. We often steer away from Him when we know He's the true answer. We often become complacent and arrogant with blessings that are right in front of us! God is the vine grower.. Jesus is the vine... And we are the branches.



*Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things, whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices. Amen.*  
(Serenity Prayer of St. Theresa of Avila)

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

### 4 Things To Do When Your Prayer Time is Dry

Samantha Delfin

*What happens when we enter into the desert of prayer?*

While some of us easily walk in the hope and solace of Christ in the sacrifices of the season, others of us wonder whether we've wandered from our Guide and question His ongoing Presence.

The saints often speak about dryness in prayer. While I am no canonized saint (though I believe in God's greatness to make me one), it brings me a bit of comfort knowing that I am not alone in experiencing a similar dryness in the spiritual life despite my efforts.

Dryness in prayer time can come to those who, despite sincerity in their efforts, meet a sense of separation from God, "with no taste for thoughts, memories, and feelings, even spiritual ones," particularly when reaching a point of contemplative prayer (CCC 2731).

However, before we self-diagnose our dryness, we should first remind ourselves that "[p]rayer is both a gift and a grace and a determined response on our part. It always presupposes effort (CCC 2725).

We must prudently caution ourselves in confusing spiritual dryness with spiritual laziness.

Imagine having a coworker that you work side-by-side with everyday, but know nothing about. You two carry on in a "business as usual" sort of way day in and day out without any sort of invested interest or personal dialogue to truly enter into one another's lives outside of the task at hand. There is an unspoken agreement to maintain a utilitarian relationship. Similarly, if we only perceive our relationship with God as utilitarian, a sort of "I ask and You answer" entitlement, there is no real relationship or sincere care for the other. We cannot say that our prayer is dry if we have not put in the effort to make a connection and respond to His pursuit of us (CCC 1).

Now that we have that out of the way and we can say we are experiencing dryness in prayer, what can we do about it?

- 1) The Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 2) Explore Other Practices of Vocal and Meditative Prayer
- 3) Be in the Desert
- 4) Pray for Conversion

For more detailed information on these four things, visit <https://catholic-link.org/prayer-time-spiritual-dry/>



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### Weekly Wisdom From The Saints

*"We have found the one... Come and see...."*

- Sts. Philip and James (May 03)

