

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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# 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.
- Memorial Day Holiday-Center Closed 5/31
- Food Vault Monthly Collection 6/5-6



### 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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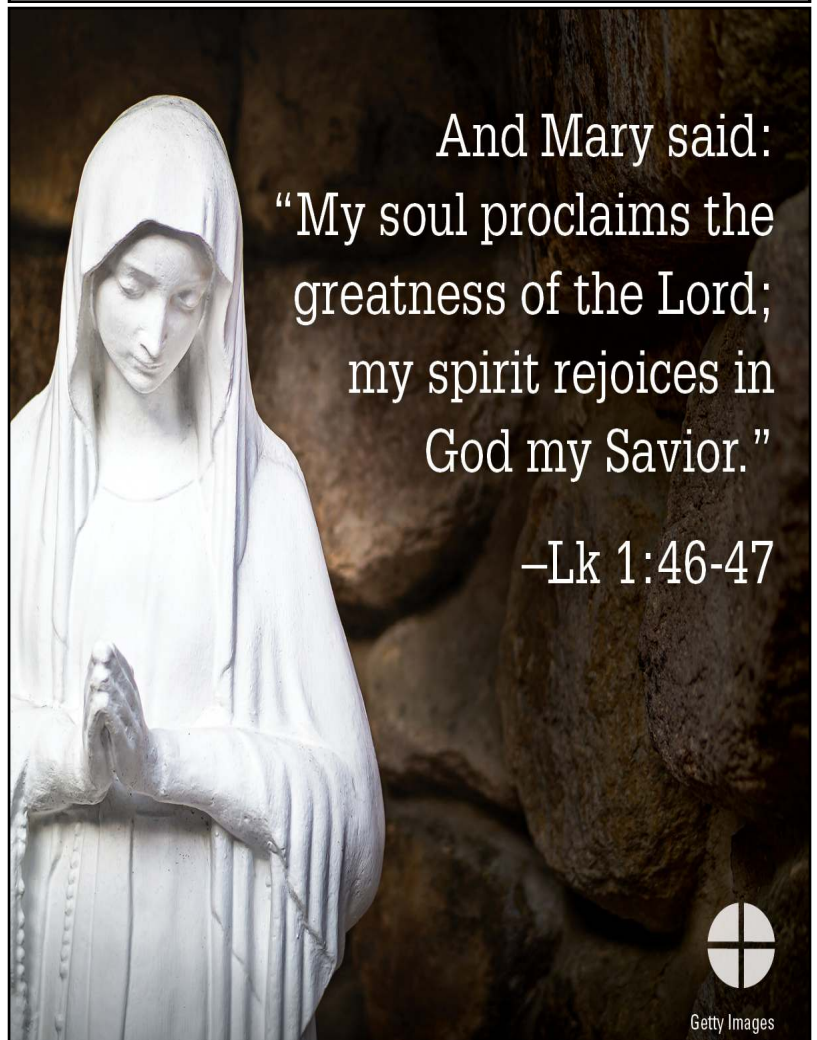
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And Mary said:  
“My soul proclaims the  
greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in  
God my Savior.”

—Lk 1:46-47



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## From the Desk of the Pastor

“Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.”



When we thought the season of feasts was over, the Church's liturgical calendar gives us two more Sundays of Solemnities. This weekend is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The doctrine of the Trinity has been the center of debate as early as the 3rd century until now. All these are but attempts to understand and interpret the central Christian mystery of one God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Even one of the greatest Church Fathers St. Augustine said, “si enim comprehendis, non est Deus” meaning “if you understand, it isn't God.” Our understanding of God, then, is limited. This does not mean we cannot know God. After all, weren't we made to love, know, and serve God? My favorite understanding of God is from Richard of St. Victor, who sees the Trinity in terms of a community of love. Holy Scriptures say that, “God is love.” That love within God cannot be love of himself. True love is towards another. The love of the Father is poured out towards the Son and is reciprocated. In order for the love to be perfect, it is shared to another, the Spirit. God is a perfect community that communicates selfless love towards each other. We are called to imitate that self-giving love of God. That is what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Through our loving, we teach and make disciples baptizing them, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. So go and love!

Have a blessed week,  
Fr. Alfred Omar (@fralfred808)

### 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.

### 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_essay/)

### Stewardship of Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

(05/22/2021-05/23/2021) \$ 2,707.00

Online Giving:

(05/21/2021-05/27/2021) \$ 2,976.00

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:

Holy Father (Peter's Pence): June 26 & 27

#### 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!

### 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. Please contact Anna Viggiano to enroll in the program.

## SUNDAY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. The Gospel for this Solemnity is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. In its conclusion, Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples in today's Gospel.

The final commission, as this part of Matthew's Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, many of the most important events happen on a mountaintop, and Matthew used this motif often. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, and Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in the Sermon on the Mount. In today's Gospel, the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed them through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach. It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples; recall that Jesus had already sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this final commission, the eleven are told to go to all nations. The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people, and the task is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity; this is one of the clearest attestations for Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity found in Scripture. Other New Testament references to Baptism describe it as being celebrated in the name of Jesus. As we read this Gospel on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of faith is meant to be lived. As baptized Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love.

### Stewardship Moment



In today's Gospel and in the reading from the letter of St. Paul we hear of the gift of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In our devotional life we make the sign of the cross and recite the "Glory Be" as an expression of our faith as a Trinitarian people. But what does it mean for Christian stewards to accept in a practical way the experience of God in this three-fold gift? Is it not a call to share our own life in community, with compassion and love, and to work for healing, justice, peace and unity? Is it not an invitation to invite others into fellowship with us in the unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

### SAINT OF THE WEEK Saint Clotilde Died 545 Feast Day – June 3



The Catholic Clotilda persuaded her pagan husband, King Clovis of the Franks, to allow their children to be baptized and eventually witnessed his baptism in 496 in Reims, France. But her 34-year widowhood was marked by family fights over power. Clotilda took charge of the three sons of Clodomir, her son killed in 524 by a cousin bent on revenge. Another son, the ambitious Childebert, killed the two older grandsons in her care. The third grandson, called Cloud or Clodoald, gave up his claim to the Frankish throne and became a monk. Clotilda left Paris, devoting her final years to charitable works in Tours.

### Congratulations Confirmati!



Congratulations to our newly Confirmed and receivers of first Holy Communion: Emi Grace Espiritu, Emma Nanea Nagel, Ryan Takao O'Donnell, David Patrick Shimokawa, and Alexander Jun Woo.

Much mahalo to Dr. Anna Viggiano, our DRE, for her ministry and leadership in our Religious Education program and for Mrs. Maile Lam for being the catechists for our sacraments class for the last two years.

A job well done also to our other catechists who taught religious education virtually this past school year: Mrs. Lisa Espiritu, Mrs. Courtney Midla, and Mrs. Dimpna Figuracion -Borsky.



# Campus Ministry Corner

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



True or false—We believe everything we see and/or hear. Majority of people would say false, but in reality, think it true. This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. God reveals himself in the Trinity - God as the Father, God as the Son, and God as the Holy Spirit - basically one God in three Persons. We hear in the gospel of Matthew "The Great Commission" of Jesus, sending and instructing his disciples to, "God, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20). And how gracious is our God to reassure us that He will remain with us always. How can we not believe and trust in God after hearing that? Here's the thing - it's up to us to believe and trust in Him.. Or not. We have a choice. Only then, in full trust and belief in God, can we truly follow Jesus and be his disciples, seeking and inviting others to share in the love of God. Blessed Trinity Sunday to you!

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

**5 KEYS to PRAYER**

- QUALITY**: The quality of your prayer is more important than the quantity and length.
- SINCERITY**: Be sincere when talking to the Lord. Speak from your heart.
- CONCENTRATION**: Train yourself to concentrate and try your best to ignore distractions.
- LOCATION**: Look for a suitable and silent place to say your prayers.
- PREPARATION**: Prepare your mind and heart. Ask the Holy Spirit to be present.

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GRACIOUS GOD, ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY,  
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO  
COURAGEOUSLY LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES  
FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM. MAY  
THE EXAMPLES OF THEIR SACRIFICE  
INSPIRE IN US THE SELFLESS LOVE OF  
YOUR SON, OUR LORD JESUS  
CHRIST. BLESS THE FAMILIES OF OUR  
FALLEN TROOPS, AND FILL THEIR HOMES  
AND THEIR LIVES WITH YOUR STRENGTH  
AND PEACE. IN UNION WITH PEOPLE OF  
GOODWILL OF EVERY NATION, EMBOLDEN  
US TO ANSWER THE CALL TO WORK FOR  
PEACE AND JUSTICE, AND THUS, SEEK AN  
END TO VIOLENCE AND CONFLICT  
AROUND THE GLOBE. WE ASK THIS  
THROUGH YOUR NAME.

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN

### 4 Ways to increase the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life

One day, the Apostles ask of Jesus, "Lord, increase the faith within us." And Jesus answers them with the parable of the mustard seed.

We too might be tempted to ask for a larger measure of the Holy Spirit to be capable of accomplishing great things. But let us first remember that the Holy Spirit is one of the three persons of the Trinity. **When the Holy Spirit gives Himself, He gives Himself personally, without measure and in totality.** He is a radical and full gift, an effective reflection of the absolute love of the Father and the Son.

Some advice about welcoming the Holy Spirit with renewed fervor and availability:

- 1. Making sure our soul is willing to receive the Holy Spirit**
- 2. Acknowledging the disorder of sin in our lives, asking God's forgiveness**
- 3. Carrying out acts of charity & benevolence**
- 4. Not forgetting to pray every day**

To read further on the Holy Spirit, visit <https://aleteia.org/cp1/2021/05/23/4-ways-to-increase-the-presence-of-the-holy-spirit-in-your-life/>

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**Weekly Wisdom From The Saints**

*"What we ourselves cannot bear let us bear with the help of Christ."*

- St. Boniface (June 5)