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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.
- Food Vault Monthly Collection 6/5-6
- King Kamehameha Day Holiday 6/11 NC Closed



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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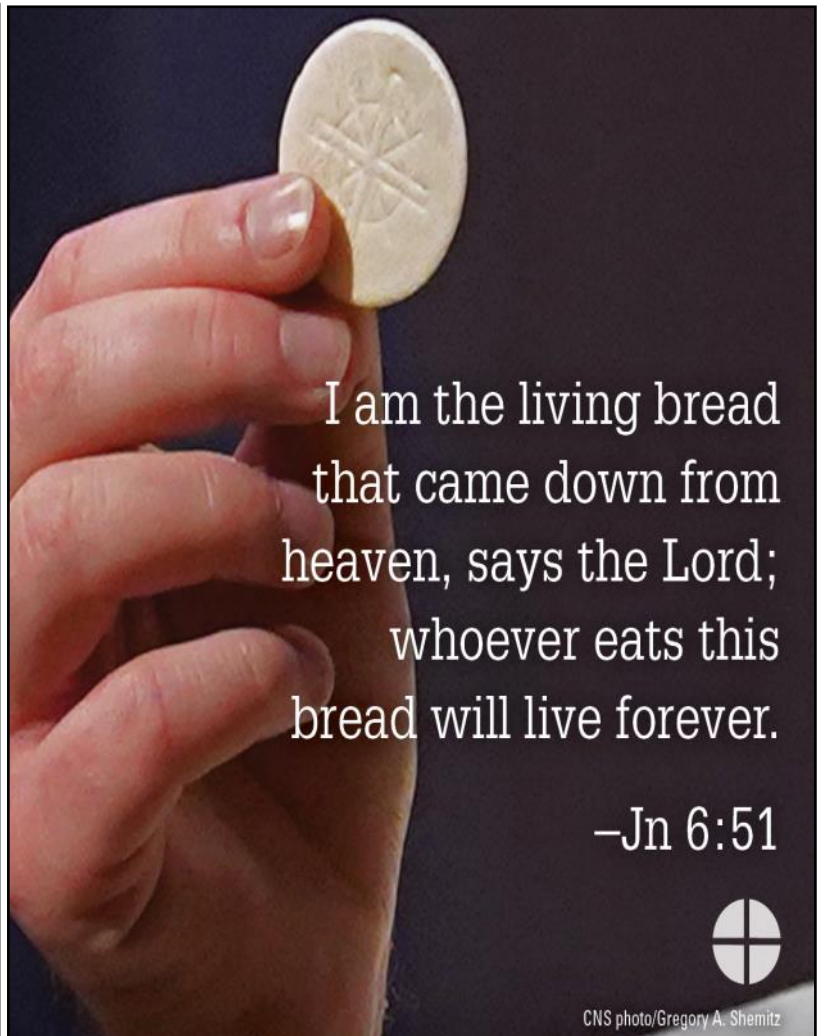
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that came down from
heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this
bread will live forever.

—Jn 6:51



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From the Desk of the Pastor

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever."



Two summers ago on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Fr. EJ and I were in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. We had the privilege of concelebrating Mass with the local bishop and joining in the Eucharistic Procession from the Church of St. Francis to the Cathedral. The most moving part of the whole procession was at the final benediction. The square that was busy with people eating, drinking, shopping, praying, etc. became quiet and I witnessed many on their knees in adoration on the hard cobblestones as they received the blessing. We believe that the Eucharistic species is not just a symbolic representation of Christ but is his very body and blood, soul and divinity that is our spiritual nourishment. Throughout our walk across Spain, wherever Fr. EJ and I were at 12noon, we celebrated the Eucharist together. The celebration, even on a flat rock, sustained us. The importance of this sacrament cannot be stressed enough that the Church calls its celebration the "source and summit" of our faith. God knows that we are hungry, hungry for love, communion, and community, that he gives us the miracle of the Eucharist. May we treasure this gift, with reverence and devotion, and let the Lord transform our lives by it.

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/

Stewardship of Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

(05/29/2021-05/30/2021) \$ 2,324.00

Online Giving:

(05/28/2021-06/03/2021) \$ 1,566.00

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

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called Corpus Christi, the Latin words for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

In our reading for today, we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples to prepare their Passover celebration. It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper. On this Sunday, however, our Lectionary reading omits the verses between these two passages; in those omitted verses we hear Jesus predict his betrayal by one of his disciples.

The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel’s history. It celebrates God’s deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal includes many ritually important elements, such as unleavened bread, lamb, and bitter herbs. Each food item recalls an aspect of the Exodus event. The instructions for the preparation of this meal are carefully prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is a central obligation of the Jewish faith tradition to celebrate this meal and to give thanks to God for his deliverance and protection.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today’s Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with his disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with his disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus’ own body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus’ own blood. Mark’s Eucharistic theology looks forward to the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurates.

The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.

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!

SAINT OF THE WEEK Blessed Jolenta of Poland 1235-1298 Feast Day – June 12

The daughter of King Bela IV of Hungary and granddaughter of the emperor of Constantinople, this medieval princess was raised by her elder sister, St. Kunigunde, queen of Poland. Their family tree included other saints: Hedwig, Elizabeth of Hungary and Margaret of Hungary. Jolenta married a Polish duke whose charitable works earned him the popular name “Boleslaus the Pious.” After his death in 1279 and the marriage of two daughters, Jolenta, Kunigunde, also now widowed, and Jolenta’s youngest daughter entered a Poor Clares convent. Jolenta later became abbess of a convent she had founded with her husband. Also known as Helen of Poland and Yolanda of Poland, Jolenta was beatified in 1827.



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STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Your presence at the Eucharistic Table is truly the source and summit of our faith. And in the breaking of the bread your presence is meant to impel us to reach beyond our immediate gathering and unify us with the larger gathering of our sisters and brothers around the globe.

If we can recognize you in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we must also be able to recognize you among those who hunger and suffer in the world. But if our faith in your presence under the appearance of bread and wine does not translate into action, we are still unbelievers.

Deepen our faith, make us good stewards of your Eucharistic presence and help us to bear fruit in the lives of those we encounter, especially those most in need of your love and compassion. Amen

5 Ways to Grow in Devotion to the Eucharist



1. Desire. Ask yourself how much you really want to understand and grow closer to the Lord in the Eucharist. The first step is always the desire, the inner decision to allow His presence to be more real in your life.

2. Faith in the mind. Take the time to learn about the sacrament. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is always a good start. "The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life." – CCC 1324

3. Faith in the heart. Remember that love is only understood loving. We must strive for a deeper understanding of the sacrament, but it will always remain a mystery. That is why we must learn to develop an affectionate relationship with the Lord in the Eucharist. Go before him and thank Him for his love, for his mercy, for the ways that he acts in your life and the lives of others. Then do the same from your end, express (writing many times helps) your own love and feelings for him.

4. Faith in action. Each authentic encounter with Christ in the Eucharist must change us. After receiving or praying in his presence, try to pick out a concrete act that you can do to bring Christ to others.

5. Learn from others. Something that has been very helpful is to read other's accounts about their relationship with the Eucharist.

For more details, visit <https://catholic-link.org/excellent-explanation-of-the-eucharist-5-steps-growing-eucharist-devotion-video/>

Aloha and Welcome!



We would like to welcome the newest member of our Pastoral Team, Brandon Akiona, who will serve as our Communications and Pastoral Assistant.

Brandon was born and raised in Hawaii. He attended Holy Trinity, Star of the Sea, and Damien Memorial School. He has been active

in liturgical ministry at various parishes in the Diocese since 1999. Brandon moved to California in 2011 where he served as the Director of Liturgy and Music for 10 years. He returned home early this year and is excited to join and serve our faith community. "I am grateful to Fr. Alfred for giving me the opportunity to serve the faith community of Newman Center - Holy Spirit Parish. I am excited to be able to learn from you as well as share God's gifts with you. I welcome your guidance and support on how to better serve our faith community. Please don't hesitate to share your ideas with me. I look forward to journeying with each of you."

Please join us welcoming him to our parish!

Weekly Wisdom From The Saints



"Maintain a humble attitude, that you might not lose the fruits of good works."
- St. Ephrem (June 9)



Campus Ministry Corner

"He is not past, He is present now." - St. John Henry Newman

When I think of the "Body of Christ," I recall an oldie but goodie church song that was loved and cherished by all at my home parish—"We Remember," by Marty Haugen.

The refrain to the song is as follows:

*We remember how you loved us to your death,
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
And we believe that we will see you
when you come in your glory, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.*

On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, **We remember** Christ's sacrifice of love on the cross.

We celebrate the Eucharist, Christ truly present in the elements of bread and wine. **We believe** the Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith. Let us often take part in the Eucharist to nourish our minds, bodies, and souls so we can be examples of Christ to the world.

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

- Fay C. Pabo (@fa_jo_pabo)

Prayer to Awaken a Universal Love of the Eucharist



The Eucharist is known as the "sacrament of love," and was given to the Church to unite all people more closely to Jesus.

However, the Eucharist is not widely appreciated, and many do not believe in the words of Jesus, that he is truly present under the appearances of bread and wine.

To help more people come to a deeper love of God in the Eucharist, here is a prayer to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament that asks for her help in achieving a wider devotion:

*Virgin Mary, our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament,
glory of the Christian people, joy of the universal Church,
salvation of the world; **pray for us and awaken in all the
faithful devotion and love of the Holy Eucharist**
in order that they may render themselves
worthy to receive it daily.*

<https://aleteia.org/2020/08/21/prayer-to-awaken-a-universal-love-of-the-eucharist/>

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