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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
at the University of Hawaii - Manoa

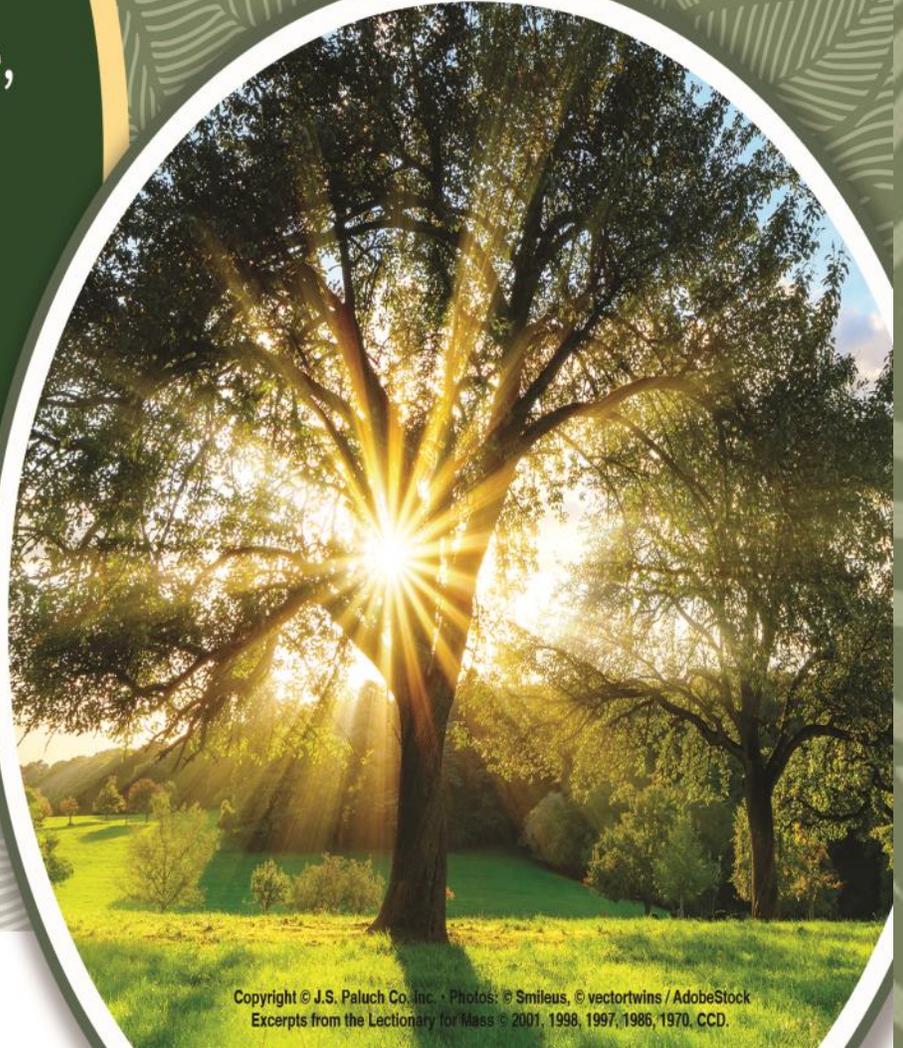


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I, the Lord,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree,
and make the
withered tree bloom.
As I, the Lord,
have spoken,
so will I do.

Ezekiel 17:24

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Aloha! Welcome!

We are the Catholic Center and Campus Ministry at the University of Hawai'i, and under the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu, serving parishioners, staff, faculty, and students alike that stimulates critical thinking and dialogue about issues that challenge Christian living and commits to a living faith that practices and promotes justice.

We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose to join us. We invite the contribution of gifts in stewardship and evangelism, and challenge one another in the same manner that Jesus challenges us: to love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind and to love your neighbor as yourself.

Come journey with us!

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We welcome your call and are here to serve you! Contact the Parish Office to speak with us or make an appointment. We look forward to hearing from you!

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
(except Diocesan Holidays)
Newman Center may remain open till evening programs conclude

Saturday and Sunday:
Open during Mass times and for activities as needed.

From the Desk of the Pastor



"Lord, it is good to give thanks to you."

One of the wonderful works of God that amazes me are those massive trees I see on my nature adventures here at home and abroad, from the Banyan Trees here at home to the Great Sequoia Trees in California. Some of these massive trees are hundreds to thousands of years old. Our readings this weekend uses tree imagery to convey what God will do for his people and what the Kingdom of God is like. For the People of God, the prophecy was a reason to hope. God indeed fulfills this promise through the Son. Jesus on the cross is the Tree of Life that "puts forth branches and bear fruit." He ushers in the Kingdom of God that is like a mustard seed that grows into a big tree "so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." The Church began as a mustard seed in the beginning when Christ established it but now it has become like a forest of Banyan, Great Sequoia, and Mustard Trees that has become the dwelling place of all nations, a refuge for saints and sinners alike. Through the parables of Jesus that we will hear in Ordinary Time, may we become better intentional disciples who calls others to those branches that shelter us with love.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar (@fralfred808)

Important 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.



Campus Ministry

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

"Talk Story" was a favorite pastime of mine growing up in the beautiful valley of Kalihi. I remember spending days of outside play and evenings of eating dinner and having random conversations with the neighborhood kids. I often recall those days of just "talking story." In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus shares two parables (stories) with his disciples about the faith and the Kingdom of God. Jesus spoke to his disciples in parables in order for them to understand.

As we are in this season of Ordinary Time, let us continue to allow our hearts and minds to grow in faith, hope and love. May we take the time to give thanks to our good and gracious God for the abundance of blessings in our lives.



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

3 Three-word Prayers To Turn Your Day Around



God is unfailing near us, and ever speaking to our hearts, but the occupations of the day often keep us from remembering his presence. To grow in love for our Creator, we must occasionally call to mind his closeness, and speak to him.

Our words can be simple as any greeting we'd make to a parent, child, spouse, or sibling in the same room with us. "Jesus, I trust you," is one example. Or simply, "Abba." "Jesus, be Jesus in my life" can be a beautiful prayer. Sometimes it's good to have one of these arrow prayers on repeat in our minds.

Here are three quick prayers of just three words that can turn our day around when things get busy, stressful, or difficult:

My Jesus, mercy.

I trust you. (Or, I thank you)

Jesus, Mary, Joseph

For more detailed explanation of these 3 three-quick prayers, visit <https://aleteia.org/2021/06/08/3-three-word-prayers-to-turn-your-day-around/>

Offer your heart to Jesus with this Prayer



A primary goal of the spiritual life is to be more like Jesus. This isn't easy to accomplish on our own and we need all the help we can get. Many saints offered prayers to Jesus, giving him their hearts so that God could mold their heart to be more like his. Here is a traditional prayer that focuses on this "heart exchange."

*O most holy Heart of Jesus,
fountain of every blessing,
I adore you, I love you and with a lively sorrow for my sins.
I offer you this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient, pure,
and wholly obedient to your will.
Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.
Protect me in the midst of danger;
comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body,
assistance in my temporal needs,
your blessings on all that I do,
and the grace of a holy death.
Within your heart I place my every care.
In every need let me come to you
with humble trust saying,
Heart of Jesus, help me.
Amen.*

<https://aleteia.org/2021/06/08/offer-your-heart-to-jesus-with-this-prayer/>

5 TIPS TO KEEP YOUR FAITH ALIVE



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Other alternatives

Whenever you feel tempted, have an activity like heading to the gym or playing an instrument.

04

Change your wallpaper

Change the background on your cell and computer to an inspiring verse or quote that might help you.

03

Keep a rosary with you

Let it act not as an accessory but as a constant reminder of Mary's "yes" to God even when it was tough.

02

Phone a heavenly friend

Find out if there's a Patron Saint for your particular struggle and ask him/her for prayers.

01

Phone a friend you can count on

Whenever you're struggling, tell a friend. You don't need to tell them everything, but talking to them might help you.

Based on the article by LifeTeen.com "Remembering God: 5 Tips to Keep Your Faith Alive" <http://lifeteen.com/blog/remembering-god-5-tips-keep-faith-alive/>



Around the Parish

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.



For more information about the Food Vault,
www.facebook.com/foodvaulthawaii

Mahalo for your generosity!



Children's Faith Formation classes meet on Sundays during academic year, immediately following the 9 am Mass.

Please contact Anna Viggiano to enroll your child in the program.

Support Newman Center

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June 21—22

When you shop at

smile.amazon.com,

Amazon donates.

Use our Link below:

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New to Newman Center - Holy Spirit Parish?

Aloha! E Komo Mai!

We welcome you to your new spiritual home and are delighted to have you join our parish community!

At Newman Center - Holy Spirit Parish, we know that we are all individual parts of the mystical Body of Christ. Working together, we find great joy in doing God's work here on earth. We invite and encourage you to join us as we pray, work and fellowship together.

Please contact the Parish Office to register.

Welcome!

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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"Planted in the house of the Lord,
the just shall flourish."

Sheepish Question:

What kind of seeds do I want to plant in faith this week?

Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass (<i>Tuesday-Friday</i>)	12:10PM
Sunday Mass (<i>Saturday Evening Anticipated Vigil</i>)	5:00PM 9:00AM 11:00AM (<i>Student Mass</i>) 5:00PM

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation By Appointment

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

Baptism By Request

Please contact Fr. Alfred at least one month before the date desired for the Baptism.

Funerals At Need

Funerals and the Rite of Christian Burial are made in conjunction with the Mortuary of your choosing. Please contact the Parish Office prior to finalizing a date with the mortuary.

Holy Matrimony By Request

Couples need to contact Fr. Alfred at least eight months prior to your desired wedding date to begin the marriage preparation required by the Diocese of Honolulu.

Holy Orders—Religious Life By Call

Is God calling you to the Priesthood, Diaconate, or Religious Life? God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called. Call us today to setup a discussion with our Pastor where you can continue discerning God's call.

Holy Communion Ongoing

Programs are available for those who have not yet received their First Eucharist. Please contact our Parish Office for more information.

Confirmation Ongoing

Programs are available for those who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact our Parish Office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick By Request

If you or someone you know are in need of receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call our parish office to schedule

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Ongoing

If you or someone you know are have not yet been baptized and are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Faith, please call our parish office to learn more about the RCIA,

The Word of the Lord Weekly

Today's Readings

First Reading — I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

Gospel — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31;
2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Flag Day

Saturday: St. Romuald; Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday: Father's Day

GOD'S TIME

We either pay attention to or ignore "clock time" as we play in the summer sun and note the earth's tilt and the lengthening days. We live by time. We reckon time in seconds and minutes and hours, or we use broader chunks like supertime and summertime.

God keeps another sort of time. God speaks to us of "saving time," that is, the time of salvation. This sense of time is called *kairos*, and this time is always now, always present and available, always revealing, often surprising.

This Sunday's readings alert us to the reality and the import of God's time. Ezekiel and the Gospel of Mark remind us that our labor and our plotting and our planning rest in God. For God takes our smallest efforts and makes of them great works. Paul points us to the "harvest" time, urges us to be watchful for its coming, and calls us to recognize that we must spend our time pleasing God.

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THE CHURCH AND THE SPIRIT

Where the Church is, there is the Spirit of God; and where the Spirit of God is, there is the Church and all grace, and the Spirit is truth.

—St. Irenaeus



Spirituality Corner

Prayer On the Go

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>
<https://www.sacredspace.ie/>

Daily Scripture and Reflections:

<https://www.dailyscripture.net/daily-meditation/>

Weekly Essays on Ignatian Spirituality by

Fr. Randy Roche, SJ:

<https://mission.lmu.edu/cis/spiritualessays>

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.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Preparation of the Altar

The altar is the focal point of our churches. It is a sign of Christ in our midst; indeed, it has been said that "the altar is Christ" (Dedication of an Altar, 4). The altar is a table "on which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated in mystery throughout the ages until Christ comes"; but it is also the place for a festive meal: "a table at which the Church's children assemble to give thanks to God and receive the body and blood of Christ" (Dedication of an Altar, 4).

Both these functions of the altar are clear in the rites for the preparation of the altar that follow the general intercessions, which remind us of the preparations we make at home for a festive meal. The deacon or altar servers come forward and, bowing, place a cloth known as a corporal (from the Latin for "body") over the altar cloth. They place the chalice, the cup to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist, and the Sacramentary or Roman Missal, which contains the prayers of the Mass, on the altar. These reverent preparations help us to focus on what is about to happen: the sharing of a holy meal, a solemn sacrifice.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: Saint Juliana of Falconieri

1270-1341 Feast Day – June 19

Juliana was the only child of a wealthy couple in Florence, Italy, who had built the church of the Annunciation there. She refused to marry and was enrolled as a tertiary with the Servite order; her uncle, St. Alexis Falconieri, was one of the seven founders of the Servites. For nearly 20 years, Juliana lived a devout and useful life at home. In 1304 she formed a community of tertiary sisters who devoted themselves to prayer and good works in Florence. She is considered the foundress of the Servite community of nuns, and was canonized in 1737.



Stewardship Corner

Tithes and Offerings:

(06/05/2021-06/06/2021) \$ 2,686.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,216.00

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, by visiting WeShare at:

newmanhawaii.weshareonline.org

Thank you, for your continued support of our parish as we strive to meet the needs of our faith community!



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