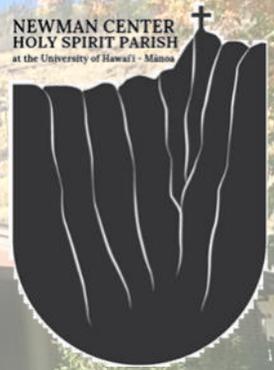


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*John the Baptist Preaching
in the Wilderness*
Gustav Doré
(French, 1832-1883)
1867
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I am baptizing
you with water,
but one
mightier than I
is coming.
I am not
worthy to
loosen the
thongs of
his sandals.

Luke 3:16

Third
Sunday of *Advent*

December 12, 2021

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



"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!"

We are halfway through our Advent journey, and we are reminded to rejoice always. Both of the readings from the Prophet Zephaniah and St. Paul speak of rejoicing. We rejoice because the salvation of the Lord is at hand. However, let us not pretend that the world is already perfect and there are no problems or a pandemic happening. Despite all that is happening around us and the struggles that we face on a day-to-day basis, we draw our hope and joy from the Lord who came in history, comes now in mystery, and is to come again in glory. The coming of Jesus is the reason for our joy! God is with us and remains with us until the end of the age. May the celebration of the birth of the Lord reach into the depths of our spirits, lifting us up to a new hope for compassion and mercy.



The First Year Sacraments class presented goodies bags that they assembled and donated for the Fall Semester Study Haven Week to Father Alfred Omar last Sunday. They wished all our college students to do well on their finals!

Have a blessed Advent week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)

Important Community Notices

- Study Haven begins December 11. Please see the schedule posted on the bulletin board.
- Due to current City Orders, please wear your mask at all times during the Mass and while in the Newman Center. If you are feeling ill or are awaiting a COVID-19 Test Result, please stay home. Thank you for your cooperation!

Liturgical Schedule

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

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation By Appointment

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

Baptism By Request

Please contact Fr. Alfred Omar 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 Omar 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 — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Saturday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday:	St. Lucy
Tuesday:	St. John of the Cross

Those whose hearts are pure are temples of the Holy Spirit.

St. Lucy

3rd-century noble Italian who consecrated her virginity to God and sought to give her riches to the poor. She was martyred for her Christian faith at the age of 21.

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December 13

REJOICE

The prophetic writings we hear in today's scriptures call us to rejoice and celebrate the goodness of God. Zephaniah, Isaiah, Saint Paul, and John the Baptist in Luke's Gospel all follow the rich tradition of the Biblical prophets, a tradition that reaches full expression in Jesus. The prophets warn that human failings have truly disastrous consequences. All are summoned to repent, and to change their lives. Today we hear the Good News that God's gracious love exceeds and overcomes all human corruption. God has not given up on us. Indeed, God keeps pursuing us, and eagerly seeks to reconcile with us. God's initiative to set the world aright culminates with Jesus, whose coming John the Baptist announces. John's prophetic message summons us to join in God's reconciling work, by living generously and justly in our daily lives. As we rejoice in God's grace, we then extend the fruits of this grace to all.

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Nourishing Our Faith

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.

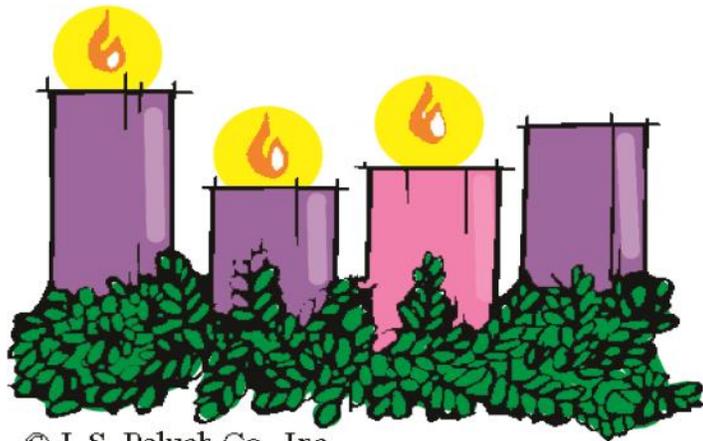
PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Advent

May the God of peace make us completely holy.
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!
Expectant, let us live in joyful hope
for the revelation of the glory
of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!
To him be glory forever!

Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel we hear the prophet John the Baptist being asked an insightful stewardship question: "What should we do?" Each group wants to know the appropriate response to John's call; each reply points to how they should treat others. John does not simply say, "Be baptized." Rather, he points them to their jobs and personal relationships. John's message is simple: judgment is near, and repentance includes treating others well. We should be willing to share what we have with those in need. To listen to John the Baptist is to be called to account. Do I give only of my excess, or am I the good steward who is willing to make daily sacrifices in order to help others?

Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

(12/04/2021-12/05/2021) \$ 2,743.00

Online Giving: \$2,637.00

May we continue to receive God's gifts gratefully, manage them responsibly, and share them joyfully. Mahalo for your generosity!

Upcoming Second Collections:

Retirement Fund for Religious: 12/11-12/12

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

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE



Around the Diocese



While many of us may enjoy holiday shopping and the general anticipation of Christmas, let us not forget about the great number of people still struggling during this pandemic with financial difficulties, medical challenges, and other hardships. That's why Catholic Charities Hawaii (CCH), one of the state's largest social service agencies, is making it easy for us to share our gifts with others through their annual Holidays from the Heart campaign.

This Christmas, consider sharing your aloha with families, keiki and kupuna in need by donating gift cards to grocery or retail stores such as Foodland, Wal-Mart, Target, Long's or Ross. These gifts make it possible for individuals and families in need to purchase everyday essentials as well as other toys and goodies to brighten their holiday season. If you have donations, questions or queries about Holidays from the Heart please call the CCH Oahu Office at (808) 527-4820.



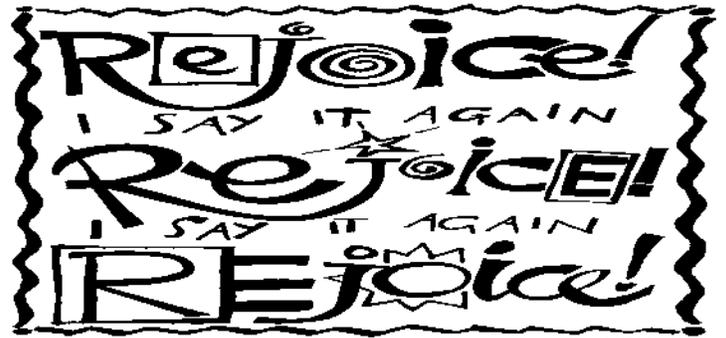
Christmas Poinsettia Offering

We are now accepting flower offerings to enhance our liturgical environment for the Christmas season.

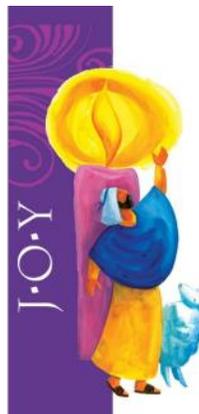
If you would like to donate poinsettias, please bring them by Wednesday, December 22.
Mahalo!

Family Connection

The theme of the season of Advent is sometimes described as a period of waiting for the birth of Jesus. However, today's Gospel reading suggests something different. John the Baptist did not tell the crowds to wait for the Messiah. He told them to prepare for the Messiah through acts of repentance. If Advent is a time of waiting, it is not the sitting in the doctor's office kind of waiting. It is a busy time of preparation, more like the waiting we might do when preparing for dinner guests. Our challenge is to not make this season a frenzied time, but rather a time of joyful anticipation and making ready for God who comes to dwell among us and changes our lives with the gift of salvation. As you gather as a family, talk about the preparations your family is making during the season of Advent. Reflect together on these activities, not only on what you are doing but why you are choosing to do these things. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:10-18. Consider how Advent is a time for making ourselves ready to receive Jesus in our lives. Could your family make some changes in your Advent activities so that each person is well prepared to celebrate the gift of salvation at Christmas? Conclude in prayer together that your family will be able to live the spirit of Advent. Sing together an Advent song, such as "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" or pray together today's second reading, Philippians 4:4-7, as you light the third candle on your Advent wreath.



The Candle of Joy



Otherwise known as the Shepherd Candle, this candle reflects the joy that comes through Jesus' arrival, and through the salvation he has gifted us.

Christians may wonder why the church decided to make this particular candle a different color than the others.

Although Christians have presented several reasons for the pinkish nature of the candle, from a tradition where priests would wear pink vestments to parents eagerly awaiting the joy of a child's arrival by painting the room pink, the rosy candle has its roots in

something known as Gaudete Sunday.

During this third week of advent, this Sunday celebrates the passage Philippians 4:4-5, its verses extolling readers to "rejoice" for "indeed the Lord is near."

Around the Parish

NEWMAN CENTER – Holy Spirit Parish Christmastide Mass Schedule

Vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

December 24 (Christmas Eve)

5:00 PM and 10:00 PM

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

December 24 (Christmas Day)

10:00 AM

Vigil Mass of the Feast of the Holy Family

December 24 (Christmas Day)

5:00 PM



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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!



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

John said, "I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier ...

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Answer: *than I can see*



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“He has sent me to bring glad tidings
to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted...”

Sheepish Question:

What worldly concerns hold me back
from the freedom Christ offers?

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Pray

Pray for strength against evil with this Advent prayer of Benedict XVI

Philip Kosloski - published on 12/03/18

May the light overcome the darkness this Advent season.

Advent, similar to Lent, is a time of spiritual warfare. It's a period when the devil attacks us more openly, as we strive to reorient our lives to Jesus Christ.

Pope Benedict XVI reminded us of this reality during a general audience in 2008, stating that "Advent also means anticipation. The dark night of evil is still strong."

For this reason, Benedict advised the faithful to "pray with the ancient People of God: 'Rorate caeli desuper,'" and to pray the following prayer for strength to overcome evil during Advent.

Come Jesus; come, give power to light and to good; come where falsehood, ignorance of God, violence and injustice predominate. Come Lord Jesus, give power to the good in the world and help us to be bearers of your light, peacemakers, witnesses of the truth. Come, Lord Jesus!
While we wage our own spiritual battles this Advent season, let us pray for strength and cry out to God, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Grow

How to observe Advent in joyous simplicity

Philip Kosloski - published on 12/02/21

Advent is a beautiful season, designed to be a special time of simple preparation for the great feast of Christmas.

Sometimes we can overcomplicate things, especially when it comes to our preparations for Christmas. It can be tempting to go over the top, which can leave us feeling exhausted from everything we try to do.

Furthermore, our consumerist culture can often drive our Advent time, leaving little to no room for reflection.

The Church urges us instead to use Advent as a time for "joyous simplicity."

This spiritual theme is detailed in the Vatican's Directory on popular piety and the liturgy.

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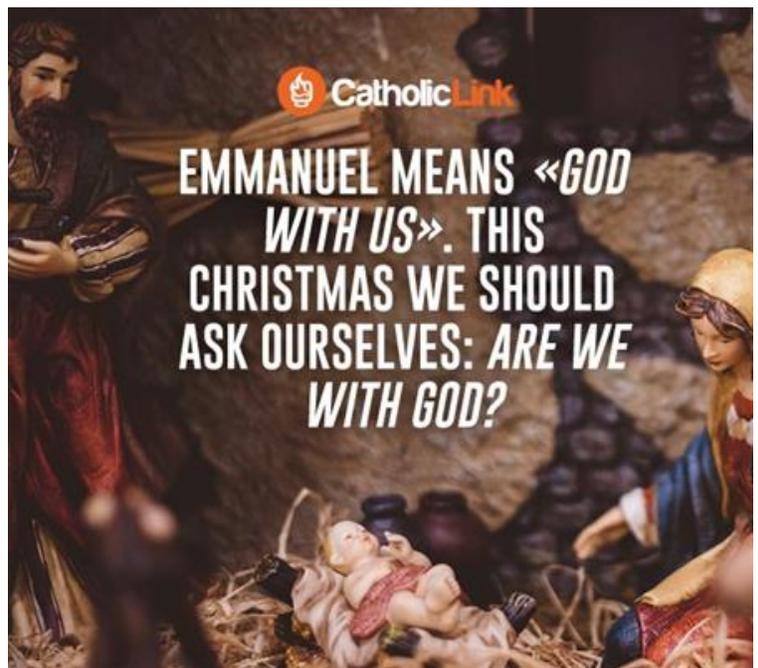
Popular piety, because of its intuitive understanding of the Christian mystery, can contribute effectively to the conservation of many of the values of Advent, which are not infrequently threatened by the commercialization of Christmas and consumer superficiality.

Popular piety perceives that it is impossible to celebrate the Lord's birth except in an atmosphere of sobriety and joyous simplicity and of concern for the poor and [marginalized]. The expectation of the Lord's birth makes us sensitive to the value of life and the duties to respect and defend it from conception. Popular piety intuitively understands that it is not possible coherently to celebrate the birth of him "who saves his people from their sins" without some effort to overcome sin in one's own life, while waiting vigilantly for Him who will return at the end of time.

The Church recognizes the threat of commercialization and the general "busyness" of Advent. It is no longer a time of quiet expectation, but one of last-minute buying of presents.

If you do anything this Advent, delay putting up Christmas decorations and try to remind yourself of the simplicity of this season. Reserve a special place for your Advent wreath and Christmas creche. Other than those items (and maybe a Jesse Tree), try to limit your activities in Advent and make more time for prayer and meditation.

Above all things, slow down! Advent is a joyous season if we can take the time to observe it in a spirit of simplicity.





Reflect

"I haven't gone Christmas shopping.."
"I need to book my plane tickets.."
"I am over this semester.. I'm Christmas-break ready!!"

There are so many emotions we are feeling lately. How are you doing? How are you feeling? On this Third Sunday of Advent (aka Gaudete Sunday), the message is REJOICE. The readings call us to shout for joy, cry out with joy and gladness, rejoice in the Lord always, and to ready the way of the Lord. St. John the Baptist tells us to wake up, pay attention and be prepared. How are you preparing your hearts for the Baby Jesus?

Speaking about preparing – our students are preparing for exams this week. We ask for your prayers for our students as they prepare for their exams and finish up their semester. In spite of the stress and anxiety that comes with exams week, find some time to enjoy the JOY in this season where Jesus is the reason.

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



On December 9, 1531, a 57-year-old Aztec, Juan Diego, saw the Blessed Mother on a hill in Mexico City. She told Juan to have a church built in her honor. When Juan went to ask Bishop Zumarraga about this, the bishop did not understand the Indian dialect—and he did not believe in the vision Juan described.

Three days later, on December 12, Mary appeared again to Juan Diego, and this time she gave him a sign for the bishop. "Take these roses to the bishop," she said, as she arranged in his cloak beautiful roses she had Juan Diego pick from the hillside although it was winter. When he was admitted into the bishop's room, Juan Diego opened his cloak, and out dropped the roses. On the cloak there remained an image of Mary as she had appeared to Juan Diego.

The image of Mary on the cloak is known as Our Lady of Guadalupe for an interesting reason. On that same day, Mary appeared to Juan's uncle and cured him, giving him a message for the bishop, saying that she would "crush the serpent's head." The bishop did not understand the Indians' language. The Indian word for "crush the serpent" sounded to him like "Guadalupe," the name of Mary's shrine in Spain. Thinking that the Virgin wanted the new shrine to have the same name, the bishop called her Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Mary appeared to Juan Diego dressed as an Aztec woman to show her love and compassion to an oppressed group of people. Mary had heard the prayers and pain of these people, and she came to give them hope.

Mary's visit to Guadalupe is a reminder that God will remember his mercy for all people. In Mary's song of joy, the Magnificat, she praised God because he has put down the mighty, exalted the lowly, filled the hungry, and sent the rich away empty. People honor Our Lady of Guadalupe because they recognize her motherly concern for them.

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