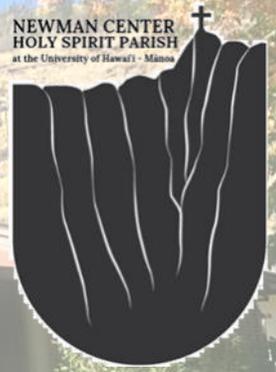


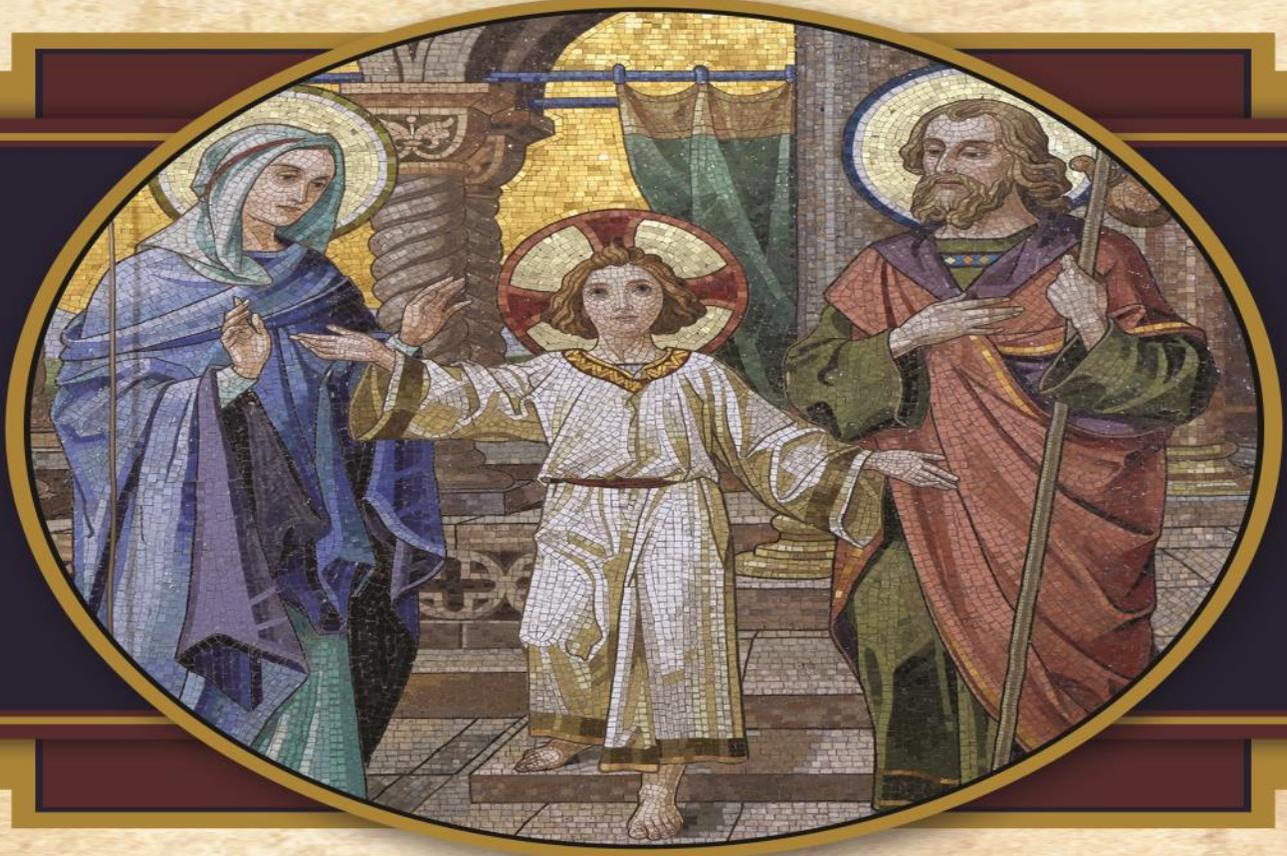
# NEWMAN CENTER

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### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 26, 2021



*Jesus said to his parents,  
“Why were you looking for me?  
Did you not know that I  
must be in my Father’s house?”*

*Luke 2:49*

# 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!

## Pastoral Team

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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

"A holy day has dawned upon us.  
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great  
light has come upon the earth."



Merry Christmas! While the secular world has moved on to the next holiday, we continue to celebrate the mystery of the Nativity of the Lord.

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph be a model of faith, hope, and love for our own families!

Have a blessed Christmas Octave  
and safe New Year,

*Fr. Alfred Omar*  
(@fralfred808)

### Important Community Notices

- Newman Center will be CLOSED from Monday through Friday of this week. NO 12:10PM Mass will be celebrated.
- UH Food Vault collection next weekend, January 1-2
- 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 ( <i>Student –Led Mass</i> ) 5:00PM

## 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** — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) *or* Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) *or* Psalm 128.

**Second Reading** — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) *or* Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].

**Gospel** — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday:	The Holy Innocents
Wednesday:	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Thursday:	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Friday:	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Saturday:	The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday; New Year's Day; First Saturday

### FAMILY LIFE

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the "en-flesh-ment" of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus' mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God's intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.

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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.

## Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

### Tithes and Offerings:

(12/12/2021-12/19/2021)	\$ 4,963.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,072.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 547.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 250.00

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

### Upcoming Second Collections:

Church in Latin America & Black & Indian Missions 01/22 & 01/23  
Augustine Educational Foundation 02/12 & 02/13

### Giving Made Easy

Giving online is safe and easy using our secured online platform, by visiting WeShare at:

[newmanhawaii.weshareonline.org](http://newmanhawaii.weshareonline.org)

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

MELE KALIKIMAKA!  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**May the birth of Christ renew you  
in God's love and may you, your  
family and your loved ones walk  
always in the light of the Lord!**



### 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 MOMENT

The ultimate aim of Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians is to teach the community how to deepen its relationship with Christ Jesus. His list of virtues summarizes the ideals of communal stewardship: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. For Paul, practicing these virtues opens our hearts to Christ as individuals and as a worshipping community. This is how the Christian community ought to live. This is how its members should behave in their dealings with others, particularly with fellow believers. As we approach a new year, how might we embrace one of these virtues more fully in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus?

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE



## Christmas Gospel Connection

There are four Masses that are celebrated for the Feast of Christmas and each is given its own set of readings to help us contemplate Christ's birth. The Gospel for the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve is taken from the beginning of the Gospel of Matthew. The Mass at midnight proclaims the birth of Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. The Mass at dawn on Christmas morning continues the story of the birth of Jesus as found in Luke's Gospel, ending with the shepherds' visit to the infant Jesus. In each of these Gospel readings, we hear portions of the infancy narratives with which we are familiar.

The Gospel for the Christmas Mass during the day is taken from the beginning of John's Gospel, but this part of John's Gospel is not an infancy narrative like those found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Instead, John's Gospel starts at the very beginning and presents the Creation story as the framework for announcing the Incarnation. John's opening words echo the first verse in the Book of Genesis. This framework invites us to view Jesus' birth from God's perspective. Each of the Gospels makes clear that Jesus' birth was the result of God's initiative. John's Gospel, however, emphasizes that Jesus' birth was the divine intention from the moment of Creation.

As we observe in today's reading, the Gospel of John includes highly philosophical and theological language. One example that particularly stands out in this Gospel is John's repeated references to "the Word" in the opening verse. This expression (logos in the Greek) borrows from a concept found in both Jewish and Greek thought. Jews used this phrase to describe God's action in the Creation story, for example, and in the Wisdom literature. In Greek thought, the logos was understood as an intermediary between God and humanity. John and others in the early Church adopted this language to describe God's incarnation in Jesus. As the term was used to express the Trinitarian faith of Christians, the Word came to be equated with the Second Person of the Trinity.

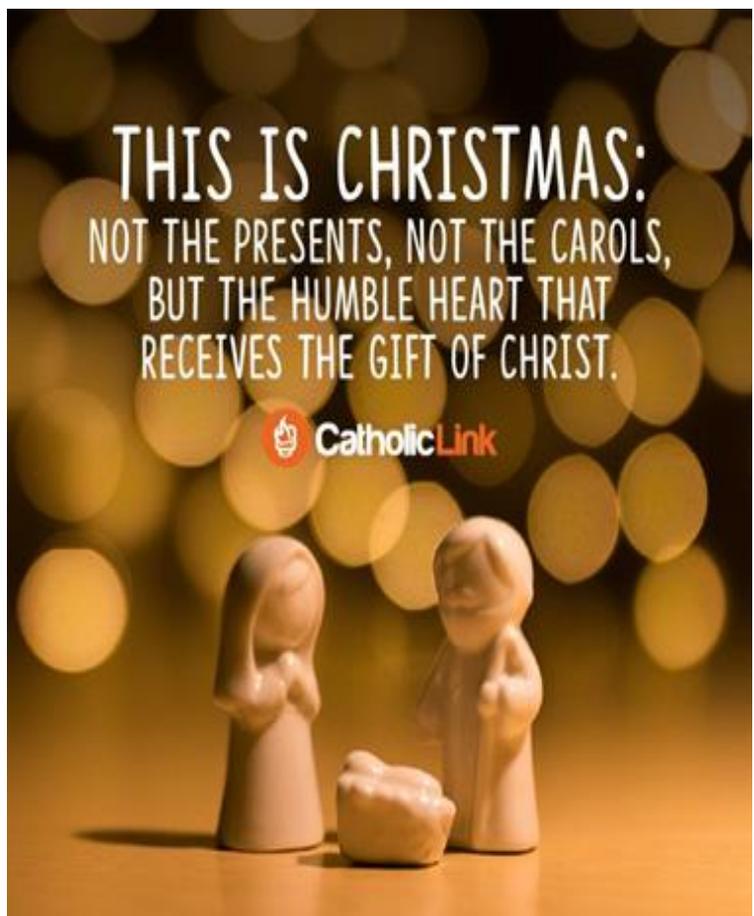
In this prologue to the Gospel of John, we also hear the main themes that will be developed in his Gospel. These are often presented as dualities: light and dark, truth and falsehood, life and death, and belief and unbelief. We also hear in this prologue a unique aspect of John's Gospel, the theme of testimony. John the Baptist was sent by God to testify to Jesus, the light. Others in this Gospel will also offer testimony about Jesus. The reader is invited to accept this testimony, which bears witness to Jesus, the Son of God. But even more directly, Jesus' action and words will testify to Jesus' identity as God's Incarnate Word.

Thinking about Jesus' birth in these theological and cosmological terms is particularly appropriate as we celebrate the Feast of Christmas in the darkness of winter. At this time, nature itself seems to remind us of the darkness of sin. Into this darkness, in the midst of our sinfulness, God comes to dwell among us. John's Gospel reminds us that through the Incarnation, God saves us from the darkness of sin and makes us his children.

## Family Connection—Feast of the Holy Family

Today's Gospel describes a time of anxiety in the life of Jesus' family. We can imagine their panic and worry as they discovered that Jesus was not with the caravan returning to Nazareth. The Holy Family journeyed with family members and friends because traveling alone was dangerous. When they found Jesus at the Temple, Jesus spoke like a typical adolescent, unsympathetic to his parents' concern. Yet his words teach an important lesson about reducing anxiety in our family life. In essence, Jesus says, "If you had remembered who I am, you would have known where to find me." In their panic, Mary and Joseph had forgotten what had been told to them before Jesus' birth, that their son was the Son of God. Knowing a person well helps reduce our anxieties for them because we can better predict how they will behave, and we know their capacity to handle the challenges life might present to them.

As you gather as a family, have fun playing the game "How well do you know me?" Take turns trying to stump one another by asking family members questions about yourself, such as "What is my favorite memory of a family vacation?" "Given a choice, what dinner menu would I pick?" "If I could travel anywhere in the world, where would I go?" One member of the family might prepare and read the questions aloud as each person writes down the answers. Family members then take turns guessing the answers, playing this game as a quiz show. Observe that one thing about families is that we learn to know each other well.



Around the Parish

**THE CENTER WILL BE CLOSED FROM  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27  
TO  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31**

NEWMAN CENTER  
Holy Spirit Parish  
CAMPUS MINISTRY

**STUDENT LOUNGE &  
SUNDAY STUDENT DINNERS**

\*Resume on Sunday, January 9, 2022

**PROGRAMMING FOR  
CAMPUS MINISTRY WILL  
BE ON BREAK FROM:**

December 18, 2021  
to January 8, 2022

**MAHALO TO ALL WHO DONATED  
POINSETTIAS TO ENHANCE OUR  
CHRISTMAS ENVIRONMENT!**



Around the Diocese

**RED MASS**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**

**CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF PEACE**  
Downtown Honolulu (1184 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813)

The Red Mass has been a tradition since 1955 for government officials and the community to gather at the beginning of the Legislative Session to pray together.



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!

## 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.

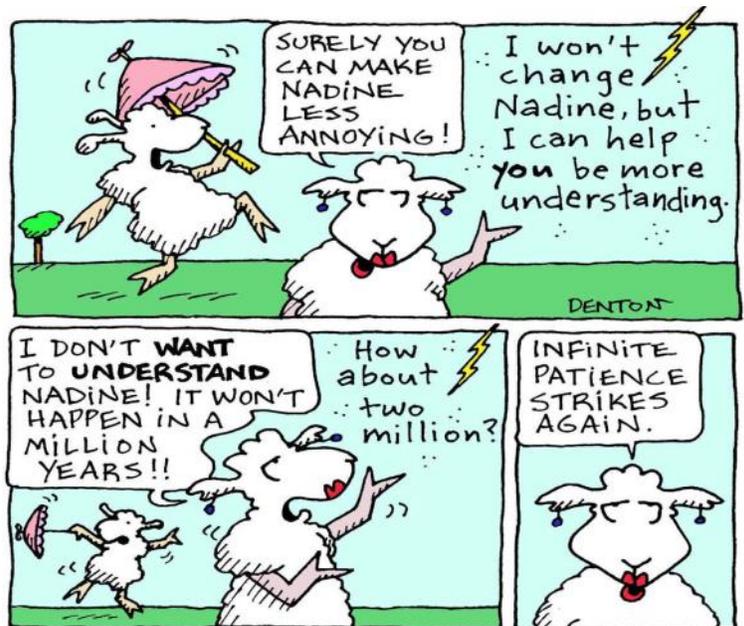
Jesus' parents returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found ...

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Answer: *him in the temple*

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“Put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another.”

**Sheepish Question:**

Who especially needs my compassion today as a beloved sister or brother in God's family?



## Pray

Ask God for help to imitate the Holy Family with this prayer

*Philip Kosloski - published on 08/23/20*

Imitating the Holy Family is not easy, which is why we need to pray daily for added grace.

Family life is not always easy, yet each family is challenged to imitate the Holy Family. As sinful humans, we can never reach the level of sanctity that was achieved by the Immaculate Virgin Mary, or Jesus, the Son of God.

However, we can strive daily to imitate their virtues and ask for their help to bring peace and harmony into the home.

Here is a prayer from the early 20th-century My Prayer Book that asks for God's grace to imitate the Holy Family.

Grant us, Lord Jesus, always to follow the example of your holy family, that at the hour of our death your glorious Virgin Mother with blessed Joseph may come to meet us, and so we may deserve to be received by you into your everlasting dwelling place.

## Grow

10 Thoughts from Pope Francis on God's tender love at Christmas

*Ary Waldir Ramos Diaz - published on 12/19/21*

These beautiful reflections cut through the commercialization to the real heart of the holiday.

Since the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has shared some beautiful and profound reflections on Christmas and how we as Christians should live this special time of year.

Here, we revisit some quotes from the first three years of his papacy that can help us cut through the commercialization of this holiday to experience it "guided by the flame of faith which illuminates our steps, and enlivened by the hope of finding the 'great light,'" so that "by opening our hearts, we also can contemplate the miracle of that child-sun who, arising from on high, illuminates the horizon." (Midnight Mass, December 24, 2014)



**THE MANGER REPRESENTS GOD'S TENDERNESS**

"I invite you to pause before the Nativity scene, because the tenderness of God speaks to us there. There we contemplate divine mercy, which became human flesh and is able to soften our gaze." (December 18, 2015)

**JESUS DEDICATED ALL HIS LIFE TO US; LET US DEDICATE OURS TO OTHER PEOPLE**

"Jesus did not simply appear on the earth, he did not dedicate a little of his time to us, but rather he came to share our life and to embrace our aspirations. Because he wanted, and still wants, to live here, together with us and for us. Our world, which at Christmas became his world, is close to his heart. The Nativity scene reminds us of this: God, in his great mercy, came down to us to remain with us forever." (December 18, 2015)

**THE LOVE SHOWN AT CHRISTMAS DOESN'T IMPOSE ITSELF BY FORCE**

"The Nativity scene also tells us that he never imposes himself with force. Remember this well, you children and young people: the Lord never imposes himself with force. To save us, he did not change history by performing an elaborate miracle. He came instead with total simplicity, humility and meekness. God does not like grandiose revolutions of history's powerful, and he does not use a magic wand to change situations. Instead, he makes himself small, he becomes a child, so as to attract us with love, to touch our hearts with his humble goodness; to unsettle, with his poverty, those who scramble to accumulate the false treasures of this world." (December 18, 2015)

**CHRISTMAS IS LIGHT, IT'S A PATH, BEYOND SENTIMENTALITY AND MATERIAL GIFTS.**

"Christmas Night (...) is not simply an emotional or sentimental matter. It moves us because it states the deep reality of what we are: a people who walk, and all around us – and within us as well – there is darkness and light. In this night, as the spirit of darkness enfolds the world, there takes place anew the event which always amazes and surprises us: the people who walk see a great light. A light which makes us reflect on this mystery: the mystery of walking and seeing." (December 24, 2013)

**THIS NIGHT, SALVATION COMES FOR ALL PEOPLE. (TITUS 2:11)**

"The grace which was revealed in our world is Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, true man and true God. He has entered our history; he has shared our journey. He came to free us from darkness and to grant us light. In him was revealed the grace, the mercy, and the tender love of the Father: Jesus is Love incarnate. He is not simply a teacher of wisdom, he is not an ideal for which we strive while knowing that we are hopelessly distant from it. He is the meaning of life and history, who has pitched his tent in our midst." (December 24, 2013)



## Grow

### THOSE WHO ARE LAST, THE HUMBLE, LIKE THE SHEPHERDS, RECEIVED THE BABY JESUS

"The shepherds were the first to see this 'tent,' to receive the news of Jesus' birth. They were the first because they were among the last, the outcast. And they were the first because they were awake, keeping watch in the night, guarding their flocks. The pilgrim is bound by duty to keep watch and the shepherds did just that. Together with them, let us pause before the Child, let us pause in silence. Together with them, let us thank the Lord for having given Jesus to us, and with them let us raise from the depths of our hearts the praises of his fidelity: We bless you, Lord God most high, who lowered yourself for our sake. You are immense, and you made yourself small; you are rich and you made yourself poor; you are all-powerful and you made yourself vulnerable." (December 24, 2013)

### THERE'S NO ROOM FOR FEAR. CHRISTMAS IS RENEWED LOVE THAT ALWAYS OVERCOMES THE OBSTACLES.

"To us the Lord repeats: 'Do not be afraid!' (Lk 2:10). As the angels said to the shepherds: 'Do not be afraid!' And I also repeat to all of you: Do not be afraid! Our Father is patient, he loves us, he gives us Jesus to guide us on the way which leads to the promised land. Jesus is the light who brightens the darkness. He is mercy: our Father always forgives us. He is our peace. Amen." (December 24, 2013)

### AT CHRISTMAS, WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE AND EMBRACE THE PROBLEMS OF THOSE AROUND US.

"Do we have the courage to welcome with tenderness the difficulties and problems of those who are near to us, or do we prefer impersonal solutions, perhaps effective but devoid of the warmth of the Gospel? How much the world needs tenderness today! The patience of God, the closeness of God, the tenderness of God." (December 24, 2014)

### HOW DO WE WELCOME GOD'S TENDERNESS?

"Do I allow myself to be taken up by God, to be embraced by him, or do I prevent him from drawing close? 'But I am searching for the Lord' – we could respond. Nevertheless, what is most important is not seeking him, but rather allowing him to seek me, find me and caress me with tenderness. The question put to us simply by the Infant's presence is: do I allow God to love me?" (December 24, 2014)

### GOODNESS AND MEEKNESS ARE NECESSARY FOR AN AUTHENTIC CHRISTMAS.

"Life must be met with goodness, with meekness. When we realize that God is in love with our smallness, that he made himself small in order to better encounter us, we cannot help but open our hearts to him, and beseech him: 'Lord, help me to be like you, give me the grace of tenderness in the most difficult circumstances of life, give me the grace of closeness in the face of every need, of meekness in every conflict.'" (December 24, 2014)

## Reflect

Merry Christmas! Yes, it's still Christmas! Today we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Yes, they are as real as any typical family can be. I am certain that they had their shares of ups-and-downs as a family unit.

In today's Gospel, St. Luke shares the story of Jesus lost in the temple. Both Mary and Joseph, along with relatives and others, were searching for Him. "After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard Him were astounded at His understanding and His answers." (Luke 2:46-47). Why would Jesus put so much stress and worry on His parents? But Jesus' answer to his parents was this, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49).

How can we interpret this passage and relate it to our very own lives? Do we ever wonder if God thinks the same of us? Do we seek Him often to know that He is there? Do you think He often questions where we (aka his children) are? Do we confidently respond in the same way as Jesus? Or do we fail to answer at all? As we are still in the spirit and season of Christmas, let us take a moment to reflect on our own relationships within our family unit, and assure them of our continued love and support in their lives. We pray for the grace to seek the Baby Jesus daily in our lives, and look to His dear parents, Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph for guidance and help.

Blessing and peace to you and your ohana!  
St. John Henry Newman, pray for us! - Fay C. Pabo  
(@fa\_jo\_pab0)



*Merry Christmas to you and your*

*'Ohana, from the students of*

*Campus Ministry*