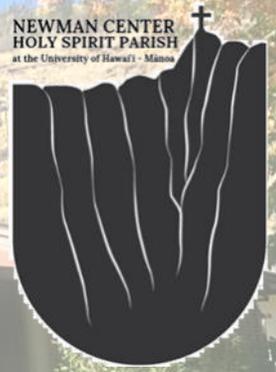


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Amen, I say to you,
no prophet is accepted
in his own native place.

Luke 4:24

JANUARY

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FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you."



The words from the prophet Jeremiah in our first reading this weekend are a reminder for each of us that God has given us a purpose and unique mission to fulfill. Through Jeremiah's account of God calling him to be a prophet, we too come to an awareness of the particular ways in which God is calling us. What is left out of the reading is Jeremiah's sense of inadequacy to fulfill what God asks of him. His response to God was, "Ah Lord God! I do not know how to speak. I am too young." Then the Lord answered Jeremiah, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you" (1.6-8). Don't we have similar thoughts and feelings when God calls us to do something that we think we are incapable of doing? I still have those thoughts and feelings whenever I am challenged to go out into the deep of ministry. I don't know where God is taking me with my studies, my work at the chancery, and my ministry here at Newman. What I do know, is that God is with me like he was with Jeremiah even during times of uncertainty. In the gospel, Jesus shook up the people from his hometown that they tried to hurl him over the hill. They could not take his teaching even though it was the truth. As the saying goes, "the truth hurts." If Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, then his truth is for our own good. In our prayer this week, let ask the Lord what he is calling us to and what truth do we need to face.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@alfred808)



Important Community Notices

- UH FOOD VAULT COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
- For those parishioners who would like a dispensation from the Sunday Obligation due to the surge in covid-19 cases, please contact Fr. Alfred Omar.
- 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 — God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalms — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel — When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (Luke 4:21-30)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday:	St. John Bosco
Wednesday:	The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life;
Thursday:	St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	St. Agatha; First Saturday

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Win these friends of yours not with blows, but with gentleness and kindness. So begin right now to show them that sin is ugly and virtue beautiful.

St. John Bosco

19th-century Italian priest who devoted his life to educating poor boys. He founded the Salesian Order in 1859.
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January 31

TO BE A PROPHET

Today's readings show us what it is like to be a prophet. As Jeremiah recounts his call, God warns him that he will need strength and perseverance to withstand the hostility he will face from "Judah's kings and princes" and "its priests and people" (Jeremiah 1:18b). God also assures him that they "will not prevail over you, for I am with you" (1:19). The psalm reflects both of these struggles as well as deliverance from them ("salvation").

This is exactly what Jesus experiences in today's Gospel. After he claims that his own mission is the same as what Isaiah proclaimed, at first the people marvel at his "gracious words" (Luke 4:22). Soon, however, they become suspicious, skeptical, and hostile, even threatening to kill him. But just as God promised to deliver Jeremiah, so Jesus "passed through the midst of them and went away" (4:30).

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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:

(1/22/2022 - 1/23/2022) \$ 1,669.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,556.00
(01/21/22-01/27/22)

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

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

Called to Serve

*We are in need of volunteers for
OUR*

Liturgical Environment Ministry

*"God does not call the qualified, rather,
he qualifies the called!"*

Please sign up on the sign up board. No experience necessary. We will reimburse up to \$45 for supplies per week.



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Generous and Loving Creator, you have called us to Malama i ka Makana (Cherish the Gift). As disciples of your Son, we ask that your Spirit open our minds and hearts to more deeply appreciate your countless blessings. Increase your transforming spirit within us, so as to nurture our call to stewardship as a way of life marked always by faith-filled prayer, service to others and generous giving. With the kokua of St. Marianne and St. Damien, teach us to be good stewards so we may return a hundred-fold the makana entrusted to us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's second reading we find one of the most beautiful and familiar passages in the Bible; a recitation of fifteen characteristics of Christian love typically read at weddings and anniversary celebrations. Of course, this was not what Saint Paul had in mind when he was chastising the Christian community at Corinth for its lack of love. He admonished the members of the community to exercise better stewardship of Christian love. The practice of patience, humility, joy, truth, peace, affirmation, and hope are ways good stewards put love into action. Might there be one or two of these attributes we can work on in order to grow in our love for God and others?



Around the Diocese

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HOLY MASS FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

WITH BISHOP LARRY SILVA

WHO CAN RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT?
Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament of the Church and is offered to Catholics who are dangerously ill due to sickness, injury, or old age. The Sacrament is for serious mental or emotional illness, as well. While we should not be excessively concerned about the degree of seriousness of the condition, the casual participation in the Sacrament must be avoided in good conscience.

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Jesus' statement that no prophet is accepted in his home town reminds us that it is often difficult to hear a challenging message from those who know us best, even if it is true. Perhaps we remember and even regret this aspect of our childhood and adolescence. We may have overlooked the wisdom and guidance of our parents, while allowing the voices of others—teachers, friends, and counselors—to carry more weight, even when these people were telling us the same thing. Perhaps this developmental stage is unavoidable. Perhaps as we have matured, we have come to a new appreciation for our parents and others whose perspective and experience we once rejected. Today's Gospel provides an opportunity to talk about and to learn from such experiences.

As you gather as a family, consider proverbs or other wise sayings that are familiar to your family ("Blood is thicker than water;" "All that glitters is not gold."). Consider what these proverbs mean and whether you believe them to be true. Why or why not? Jesus challenges the people of Nazareth by reminding them of old sayings that seem to have a lot of truth in them. Let's listen to this Gospel and consider what these proverbs mean. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 4:21-30. Ask: What were the proverbs that Jesus quoted? (Physician, cure yourself; No prophet is accepted in his native place.) Consider the meaning of these proverbs and look for examples from your own family life that show their truth. Consider how your family might accept one another's wisdom and guidance and not reject the prophets in your midst.

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Pray

Catholic prayer against bad thoughts

Philip Kosloski - published on 01/23/22

Ask God to protect your heart from the temptation of bad or evil thoughts.

There are times in our daily activities where we encounter a person or situation that incites within us bad or evil thoughts. These thoughts could be temptations against purity, or they could be thoughts that are directed at a particular person, desiring their harm.

Whatever category these thoughts may be in, God desires that we have good and positive thoughts that bring peace into our hearts. Here is a prayer from the St. Andrew Daily Missal that helps combats those bad thoughts.

Almighty and most merciful Lord, favorably consider our prayers, and deliver our hearts from the temptation of evil thoughts: that we may deserve to become worthy dwelling-places of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Grow

What have we lost to our smartphone addiction

Daniel Esparza - published on 01/21/22 - updated on 01/25/22

The leisure time that we would normally spend to recover from work (but also to enrich one's life with a deeper experience of the world, of ourselves, of others, of nature, of God) has been traded for sheer data consumption.

In a recently published book, *Human Virtuality and Digital Life*, the philosopher Victor J. Krebs analyzes our understanding of the virtual as a prosthetic extension of our natural capacities, helping us do things better, faster, more efficiently. The virtual is prevalently thought of as an improvement — hence, augmented reality. Even virtual realities and metaverses, commonly thought of as mere copies of the already-existing universe in a non-material horizon, promise a better experience of it: they are (supposedly) more fun, more productive, more real.

However, the idea of the "virtual" was originally linked with potentialities instead. It was not so much about doing things "better," but making things be what they are supposed to be.

The medieval Latin *virtualis*, Krebs reminds the reader, derives from the original Latin *virtus*, meaning not necessarily "virtue" (as one might naturally assume) but rather "potency," a word traditionally used in ancient Greek philosophy to designate the capacity things have to be or do something. A seed, for example, is potentially (virtually) a tree, and a tree is potentially (virtually) a log cabin. But what is a human being potentially?

A classic, ancient, major philosophical question asks why is there something rather than nothing. The noted (and most controversial) existentialist philosopher Martin Heidegger famously called it "the fundamental question of metaphysics." Some later contemporary thinkers maintain virtual reality has made this question even more complicated by inaugurating an in-between space that is not something — yet not strictly "nothing" either. Augmented and virtual realities and metaverses, while not being things, are nevertheless something: they are "out there," yet also "right here," even "in here." They have a kind of presence of their own. How can these intermediate "entities" affect our material lives, our understanding of the "real," our online and offline behaviors, and our everyday decisions? How do they shape what we potentially (virtually) are?

Whereas most people would not be able (or willing) to spend \$650,000 on a virtual mega-yacht, we do buy, consume, interact, and treasure digital objects. We carefully shape our internet profiles, keep (more or less tidy) photo albums on Facebook, "save" online game parties, and do our best to maintain a more or less coherent online persona. When done correctly, we get that sweet virtual (yet oh-so-real) reward we all crave: likes. In a recent interview with Sergio C. Fanjul published in *El País*, the South Korean-born Swiss-German philosopher Byung-Chul Han compares "likes" to "digital amens": they are the ultimate "virtual" validation of who we are, what we say, how we look, what we do, who we are with, what we eat, etc. Likes permeate every single aspect of our (online) shared lives. Is that what we human beings potentially are, "likable" beings? It is true that being unpleasant or hateful for the sake of it is pointless. Can we say the same about being "likable"?

Smartphones, Han explains, play a dual role in our quasi-virtual existence: they are both digital workplaces and digital confessionals. As workplaces, smartphones have managed to displace idleness and contemplation. Han notes how contemporary human existence has been entirely absorbed by relentless, non-stop activity, thus making it easily exploitable: virtuality has made the workday virtually infinite, replacing leisure time with more activity. One is always available, as we all know, we keep our smartphones at hand, even (or especially) when we are not working. The leisure time that we would normally spend to recover from work (but also to enrich one's life with a deeper experience of the world, of ourselves, of others, of nature, of God) has been traded for sheer data consumption. In Fanjul's interview, Han elaborates on why we need to put a halt to information: "We need information to be silenced. Otherwise, our brains will explode. Today we perceive the world through information. That's how we lose the experience of being present. We are increasingly disconnected from the world. We are losing the world. The world is more than information, and the screen is a poor representation of the world. We revolve in a circle around ourselves. The smartphone contributes decisively to this poor perception of the world. A fundamental symptom of depression is the absence of the world."

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But also, being the cult objects of our digitally-driven lives, smartphones work “like a rosary and its beads,” our fingers relentlessly scrolling down or swiping right and left — a pattern “religiously” repeated, as if trading one habit for another, going from (inward) meditation to (outward) voyeurism. The main difference, Han claims, is we don’t use smartphones to ask for graces or forgiveness, but to call for attention instead. Whereas the Rosary is a contemplative, inward-oriented prayer, the kind of narcissistic exhibitionism/voyeurism that abounds on social media runs in an entirely opposite direction. This compulsive need to reach out does not necessarily translate, Han suggests, into a real relationship with others. It is, instead, the symptom of a collective depression.

“When we are depressed,” Han goes on, “we lose our relationship with the world, with the other. We sink into a scattered ego. I think digitalization, and the smartphone, make us depressed [...] As a child, I remember holding my mother’s hand at the dentist’s office. Today the mother will not offer the child her hand, but a cellphone. Support does not come from others, but from oneself. That makes us sick. We have to recover the other person.”



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 5

- 8:30 am – Continental Breakfast
- 9:15 am – Keynotes 3 & 4
- 10:15 am – Break
- 10:30 am – Impact Session
- 11:15 am – Small Groups
- 12:00 noon – Mass
- 12:30 pm – Lunch
- 1:30 pm – Impact Session
- 2:15 pm – Small Groups
- 3:00 pm – Formal Free Time
- 6:15 pm – Dinner
- 7:00 pm – Keynotes 5 & 6
- 8:00 pm – Adoration + Confession & Prayer Teams
- 9:30 pm – Praise & Worship

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 4

- 5:00 pm – Mass
- 6:00 pm – Dinner
- 6:30 pm – Kick-off ☺
- 7:00 pm – Keynotes 1 & 2
- 8:00 pm – Small Groups
- 8:45 pm – Hang out time

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 6

- 1:00 pm – Backyard Mission
- 4:00 pm – Impact Session
- 5:00 pm – Student-led Mass
- 6:00 pm – Dinner
- 6:15 pm – Keynotes 7 & 8
- 7:15 pm – Wrap up/Take Aways



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Reflect

In my youth minister days, I often presented this question to the core team leaders in our weekly meetings, “What was your Jesus moment this week?”

In today’s Gospel, one could say that there was a “Jesus moment.” We hear that the people in the synagogue were surprised to hear Jesus speak in such a way to insinuate that He was the Messiah, as foretold with the prophet Isaiah. They knew of Jesus and where he was from and were just in shock to hear such a thing. Despite the peoples’ rejections, Jesus spoke of how the prophets Elijah and Elisha experienced the same rejection. This further explanation to the people did not convince them otherwise. In fact, it angered them more, to the point of driving Him out of the town.

In our everyday lives, we have thoughts of doubt, moments of rejection, and fears of failure. And the list goes on. But what do we do about it? How do we face struggles head on when we start doubting? How do we face people who reject us daily and all that we are and do? How do we face failure and strive for success? The answer is L-O-V-E. Jesus is seeking for our attention. He loves us so much that He wants to have a personal relationship with us. Jesus wants us to live our lives with love in our hearts, minds, and souls. He wants just a moment with us. Will you make time for him? Will you listen? Will you open your heart?

I challenge you to seek Jesus this week. Find a moment (or several) to truly listen to what He is asking of you. Let us continue to allow Jesus into our hearts and ask Him to help us to love, to just simply love.

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!
 Fay C. Pabo (@fa_jo_pabo0)

