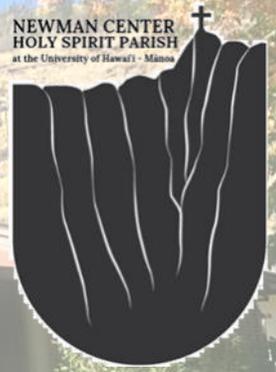


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*Then from the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."*

LUKE 9:35



Second Sunday of Lent

MARCH 13, 2022

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

"The Lord is my light and my salvation."



Whenever the gospel writer Luke records Jesus going off to pray, it is an indication to us that something important is about to happen. On this Second Sunday of Lent, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John, up a mountain to pray. While Jesus was praying, something does happen. His face changed in appearance, his clothes become dazzling white, and two of his ancestors, Moses and Elijah, appeared to converse with him. They were there to help Jesus face what is before him in Jerusalem, that is, his "exodus." This word "exodus" reminds of a key moment in salvation history—a time when God took initiative to lead his people to freedom in Egypt. It was a journey through the desert where they would come to know who God is as "I am who am", depend on him for daily sustenance, and be guided into the promised land by him. However, let us not forget that the journey was not easy. The bible tells us of their daily temptations and their complaints against Moses and God. They were tired, they struggled with the uncertainty, they feared, and they questioned God. The temptations were strong and they even suggested going back to Egypt, a place of slavery and security. Yet, they continued along the desert journey and would discover that God would fulfill a promise made to them. We too are desert travelers and not only during Lent. We are traveling through the uncertainties of life with the certain hope that our citizenship is in heaven. As the voice said in our gospel today, we are called to listen to Jesus. He is the one who guides and encourages us to continue the journey. May we listen to him!

Have a blessed Lenten week,,

Fr. Alfred Omar

(@fralfred808)



Important Community Notices

- 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 — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land" (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

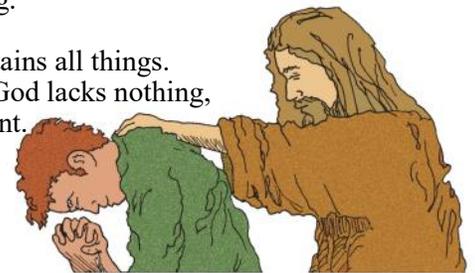
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Thursday:	St. Patrick
Friday:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem; Abstinence
Saturday:	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

LET NOTHING DISTURB YOU

Let nothing disturb you,
Nothing frighten you.
All things are passing.
God never changes.
Patient endurance attains all things.
Whoever possesses God lacks nothing,
God alone is sufficient.

—St. Teresa of Ávila



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A GLIMPSE OF GOD

Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived God's presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them. Abram put his faith in God and saw God's power in a wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ's very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow God's ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God.

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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.

Breaking Open the Word

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

(3/05/2022 - 3/06/2022)	\$ 2,771.00
Online Giving: (3/04/22-03/10/22)	\$ 3,211.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 1,514.00
Tonga Relief:	\$ 100.00

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

Catholic Relief Services 03/26 & 003/27

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

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



Around the Diocese



Join us
for the *Culminating Activities*
of the
**500 Years of Christianity
in the Philippines - Hawaii Celebration**

Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa
712 N School Street, Honolulu, HI 96817
19 March 2022, Saturday

Schedule of Activities:

9:00 AM— Registration and
video presentation

10:00 AM— Thanksgiving Mass:
BISHOP LARRY SILVA
Presider and Homilist

Distribution of bento lunch to follow
after the Thanksgiving Mass

For clarification and
to attend in-person send RSVP
not later than 10 March 2022 via email:
500YOChawaii@rcchawaii.org

Livestream:
www.facebook.com/hicocathedral

Family Connection

In today's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to the disciples saying, "Listen to him." The Transfiguration was a focused moment for the disciples when they heard God speaking to them and experienced Jesus in glory. They most certainly left this focused moment with a new appreciation for the importance of Jesus' words even if they did not yet understand everything that he had taught them. During Lent, we are invited to consider our attentiveness to Jesus and to one another. In the pace and noise that often characterizes family life, how well do we listen to one another? What opportunities do we have for quiet prayer?

As you gather as a family, count the number of pieces of equipment in your home that produce sound: televisions, radios, CD players, computers, video games, etc. Observe if sometimes more than one piece of equipment is playing simultaneously and how this might affect communication. Discuss the question: What is it like to try to talk with one another when this equipment is on? Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 9:28-36. Consider whether the noise and pace of your family life allows family members opportunities for quiet prayer. During Lent, it may be appropriate for your family to choose a time for quiet in the household by turning off televisions, radios, and CD players. Consider whether your family would like to establish such a time during this Season of Lent and suggest that it might allow you the opportunity to listen more attentively to one another and to find time for quiet prayer. Spend a few such moments as a family, asking God to help you listen well to one another and to Jesus.



The City and County of Honolulu is expanding eligibility of its Rental and Utility Relief Program (RURP) for renters financially impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic. New federal eligibility rules mean more of our neighbors on O'ahu may now qualify for financial assistance.

Previously, renters were required to prove hardship due to the pandemic. Expanded eligibility means these hardships do not need to be directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the program is increasing the length of support to 18 months.

Examples of financial hardship during the pandemic include loss of income since March 2020, loss of a job or reduced hours since March 2020, or an increase in household costs during the pandemic. More than 13,000 families have received support through the city rent relief program in partnership with Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH). Renters or landlords interested in applying or wanting to learn more should visit www.oneoahu.org/renthelp.

"In our continued partnership with the City, Catholic Charities Hawai'i is committed to helping people stay safely housed through this rent relief program," said CCH CEO and president Rob Van Tassell. "This latest round of federal assistance will be beneficial for those with extended loss of employment or continuing to face a reduction in work hours."

Corporal Works of Mercy



Shelter the homeless

There are many circumstances that could lead someone to become a person without a home. Christ encourages us to go out and meet those people to help.

How to do it:

- 1 See what kind of assistance your local homeless shelter needs.
- 2 Donate time or money to organizations that build homes for those who need shelter.
- 3 Educate yourself and others about the millions of children and families fleeing from war, illness, hunger and impossible living conditions.

Contact Home Works of America,
803-781-4536 or www.homeworksofamerica.org.

READ MORE: www.themiscellany.org

Around the Parish

Get to know Runa Yonamine

Runa Yonamine is our elect who will be receiving all three sacraments of initiation on Easter Vigil this year.

Please keep her in your prayers and welcome her into our faith community when you see her around.



My name is Runa Yonamine, a Master's of social work student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. The Catholic faith was my answered prayer by God, when I was desperately praying for healing and community back in December 2020. As I came to Newman center, I knew from the beginning that I would stay and be baptized. The joy in people's faces and the heart of service was something deep and profound. People's love for Christ, and deep desire to be Holy captured my heart. The student community has shown me immense love. Newman Center truly became my home. My Godmother, Nicolette Sandoval, is someone important to mention, as she diligently and patiently sat with my questions for many months. Her pure and deep presentation of the Lord and her devotion to Mother Mary is something that always touches deep within me. I will be baptized, confirmed, and receive first communion this Easter Vigil. I am grateful for everyone who has been part of my faith journey.

Please pray for me as I pray for you.

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.

During the transfiguration, Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became ...



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Answer: write *daylight*

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!!!

We welcome Noah Jet Sagario Cabrerros who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism last week. Please include him in your prayers, along with his parents Mitchel and Melody. Congratulations and Welcome, Cabrerros Ohana!

NO, MOSES AND ELIJAH WERE NOT ASKING JESUS FOR LAUNDRY TIPS



While Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face became different, and his clothing became white and gleaming. And behold, two men were talking with him; and they were Moses and Elijah, who, appearing in glory, were speaking of his departure which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Lk 9:30-31

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Pray

Prayer for the victims of war

Phillip Kosloski - published on 03/08/22

Ask God to draw close to all the victims of war, that they may be protected and not lose hope in the darkness.

When war ravages a country, the civilians are the ones who suffer the most, even though they are not the ones fighting.

War leaves countless victims in its path, and they are in constant need of our prayers and support.

Here is a prayer adapted from the early 20th-century prayer book *War Prayers for a Week*.

O God who brings the light out of darkness,
grant that those on whom this war has laid the burden of
sorrow,

may thereby be drawn closer to you
and may set their affections firmly on things above,
so that in the time to come they may serve you
with a perfect heart.

Stretch forth the right hand of heavenly assistance,
and grant the victims of war safety and protection,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Grow

Don't white-knuckle this Lent

Tom Hoopes - published on 03/07/22

What if your human nature was not something you had to fight against, but something very good that prayer, fasting, and almsgiving uncover?

It's easy to think of Lent in an entirely wrong way.

We think of fasting as a fight against our human nature. We add new prayers, which are a burden to us. We fast from our true desires and fight hard to give them up. We have to remember to give something to the poor — pennies, usually, in the rice bowl.

There is another way. What if your human nature were not something you had to fight against, but something very good that prayer, fasting, and almsgiving uncover?

Here's a new way to think of each.

Lenten prayer gives you the energizing feeling of knowing you have a purpose in life.

Grow

In his 2020 Lenten message, Pope Francis says, "We need to pray because we need God. Thinking that we need nothing other than ourselves is a dangerous illusion."

Anyone who has fallen in love knows exactly what he is talking about. Falling in love immediately replaces the thought, "I'm alone and that's fine," with the knowledge, "We are together, and that must be." Being loved by someone makes colors brighter, it makes music better, it makes drab days bright and bright days better — because it gives them all a purpose greater than myself.

Being "in love" with God means even more. As Bishop Robert Barron points out, God is not another thing among many in the world, he is the meaning and purpose of everything that exists in the world. Because he is outside of time, creation is not a past event for him; he is creating everything right now.

God is present in all things by "essence, presence, and power," according to St. Thomas Aquinas — directing everything, holding everything, and enabling everything.

When you realize this, and connect with him in prayer, the whole world starts to be illuminated by God's presence. You see his beauty in a blade of grass, his goodness in the smile of a friend, and his truth in everything that happens. You gain the ability to accept small victories without pride, and to withstand defeats, and even tragedies, without being afraid.

That's what Lenten prayer does.

Lenten fasting isn't about limiting your freedom, it is about making your will flexible enough to do what you truly want.

"Let us not grow tired of fighting against concupiscence, that weakness which induces to selfishness and all evil, and finds in the course of history a variety of ways to lure men and women into sin," Pope Francis said in his Lenten address for 2020.

We tend to think that fasting means depriving ourselves, and we look forward to Easter when we can indulge in the things we like once again.

But our wills aren't choosing what's best for us unerringly. "Concupiscence" means our wills are often like a 3-year-old's, demanding we give our appetite what it wants, good or bad, right now.



Grow

Fasting exercises your will to make it more flexible and that gives you the joys of freedom:

- freedom from being impatient with time spent with others because you want to get away and be alone with your addiction
- freedom from getting bored with your kids and watching YouTube instead
- freedom from social media addiction, which interrupts everything we do to make it into a post
- freedom from lacking confidence in public if you haven't had a drink
- freedom from worrying about the debt load you keep piling higher and higher
- freedom from the weariness that comes from late night binges of shows or video games.

Fasting allows you to choose who you are going to be, instead of giving in to what your body demands.

Lenten almsgiving, then, becomes more than pennies in a rice bowl.

Pope Francis made the "almsgiving" Lenten task the center of his message, meditating on St. Paul's words to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest."

Almsgiving becomes "sowing goodness," Pope Francis said, and it is not "a burden but a grace, whereby the Creator wishes us to be actively united with his own bountiful goodness."

Pope Francis counts the blessings of giving. Giving to others:

- "Frees us from narrow self-interest"
- "Infuses our actions with graciousness"
- "Elevates our vision" to see "treasure in heaven"
- Replaces "bitter disappointment at shattered dreams" with hope that "soars on eagle's wings."
- Gives us "a foretaste of the joy of the Kingdom of heaven."

In short, prayer allows us to see God in all things, fasting allows us to choose God at all times, and almsgiving allows us to cooperate in God's great work of grace.

Lent isn't an exercise in white-knuckling as we fight against our natural instincts; it's a graced time when we can finally connect with who we were made to be.

Lent gives me a more God-sized soul in place of a more me-sized God.

Reflect

According to Google, change means to make someone or something different, to alter or modify, to replace with something else. Change can make us feel good or uneasy. Change can be for the better or for the worse. Change can have a positive outcome, and sometimes it doesn't. How do you react to change?

During this Lenten season, we take a moment to step back, and evaluate our lives and are we really paying attention to God? The norms of Lent are to give up something, to change our ways, to do and better. But are we doing it wholeheartedly? Pope Francis says, "Lent is a time to give up useless words, gossip, rumors, tittle-tattle and speak to God on a first name basis." He goes on to say that, "We live in an atmosphere polluted by too much verbal violence, too many offensive and harmful words."

Let us be real this Lenten season. Let us pray for a change of heart, that we may see with eyes of faith and compassion, hear with ears of hope and peace, and speak with mouths of love and joy. We pray for a change in attitude, that we continue to see the positivity in others, rather than focusing on their faults and failures. We pray for a change to do better, that we may be true disciples of the love that God has for us and genuinely shining that love to the world. It's time to step out of the darkness of evil and sin, and to recognize the good light that God continuously shines on us.

"Listen to Jesus and follow him. That's the message of the Transfiguration." – Pope Francis

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

Blessing and peace to you and your ohana!

- Fay C. Pabo (@fa_jo_pabo0)

Friday's during Lent at
6PM in the church



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