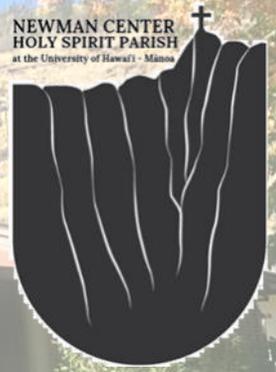


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## Holy Spirit Parish

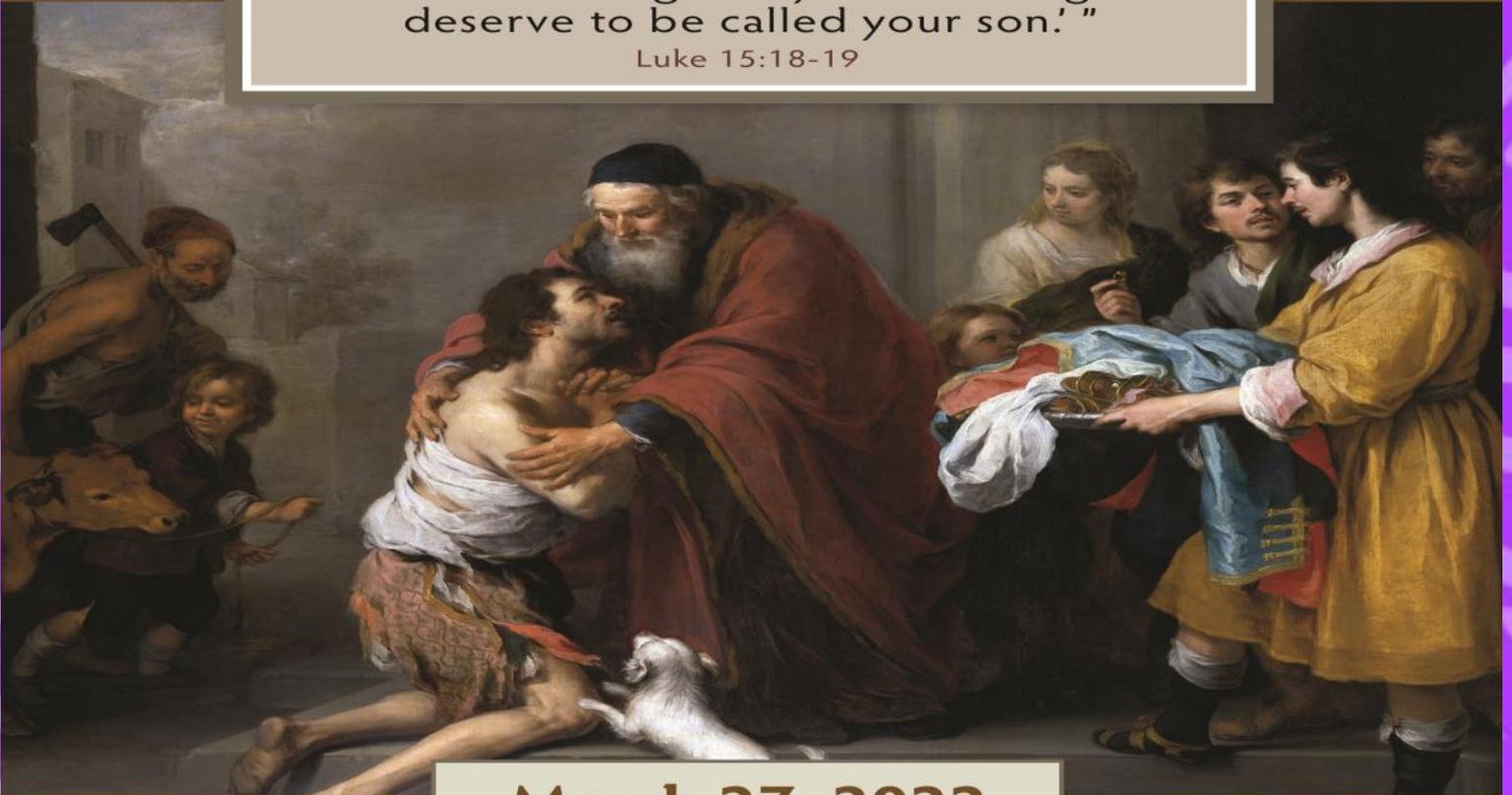


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### Fourth Sunday of **LENT**

"I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.'"

Luke 15:18-19



**March 27, 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!

## 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



"Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord."

Last Friday, the bishops around the world with the flock joined Pope Francis in the Act of Consecration of humanity, and Russia and Ukraine in particular, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In his letter to the bishops, Pope Francis wrote, "this Act of Consecration is meant to be a gesture of the universal Church, which in this dramatic moment lifts up to God, through his Mother and ours, the cry of pain of all those who suffer and implore an end to the violence, and to entrust the future of our human family to the Queen of Peace." I joined Bishop Silva at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace for Mass and we prayed this at the end. In the evening, after the Stations of the Cross, I led all in the Act of Consecration. Part of the prayer says, "we have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars. We have disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed peoples' dreams of peace and the hopes of the young. We grew sick with greed, we thought only of our own nations and their interests, we grew indifferent and caught up in our selfish needs and concerns. We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions, to grow arrogant and aggressive, to suppress innocent lives and to stockpile weapons. We stopped being our neighbour's keepers and stewards of our common home. We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war and by our sins we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves. Now with shame we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!" This reminded me of our gospel reading this weekend, the Parable of the Prodigal Son. It speaks about how God is generous in his mercy and never stops loving us. No matter how often we may have turn our backs on God and squander our inheritance, God comes running to hug us and take us back in our repentance. The question is, are we humble enough to admit our guilt and go running back to God?

Have a blessed Lenten week,

*Fr. Alfred Omar*

(@fralfred808)



## Important Notices

- Parish Reconciliation Service this Wednesday at 6PM
- UH Food Vault Collection next weekend
- 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).

**Psalms** — 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:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Friday:	First Friday; Abstinence
Saturday:	St. Francis of Paola; First Saturday

### SERVE THE POOR

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.

—St. Louise de Marillac

Live always in the fear of God, and never forget his benefits.

**St. John of Egypt**  
4th-century carpenter who became a hermit. He possessed the spiritual gift of prophesy and healing.

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### LOST AND FOUND

The parable of the father and his sons is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' stories. The father in the parable is lavish in forgiveness and revels in the return of his young son, who was lost and now is found. The older son is also lost—lost in his refusal to forgive, lost in his failure to grasp his father's generous spirit. The Israelites spent many years lost in the desert, seeking the land of milk and honey, yet often failing to seek the God who delivered and fed them. We are sometimes lost as well. We lose sight of the Lord and the Lord's ways. God never loses sight of us, however. God waits, ready for us to come to our senses, ready to welcome us back with open arms.

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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:

(3/19/2022 - 3/20/2022) \$ 1,807.00

Online Giving: \$ 1,541.00  
(3/18/22-03/24/22)

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

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

# LENTEN

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# blessing bag

## PROJECT

Campus Ministry  
will be hosting  
a Blessing Bag  
project as part  
of this semester's  
Lenten project.

We will be seeking  
donations of toiletries.

You may bring  
your donations  
to the church  
in the basket  
marked for Blessing  
Bag Project.

### Stewardship Moment

Today we hear one of the most beloved stories in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. Reconciliation is a prominent theme. Seeing the younger son returning to him, the son who left the family and squandered his inheritance, the compassionate father runs to embrace him. Jesus offers us a vision of a loving God who is merciful and forgiving when we, through our own sinfulness, leave his presence, and then through repentance, return to him. The remainder of the Lenten season offers us an opportunity to reflect on God's compassion and our need for reconciliation. If you have not done so already, consider celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation and experience God's loving embrace and forgiveness.

# mahalo

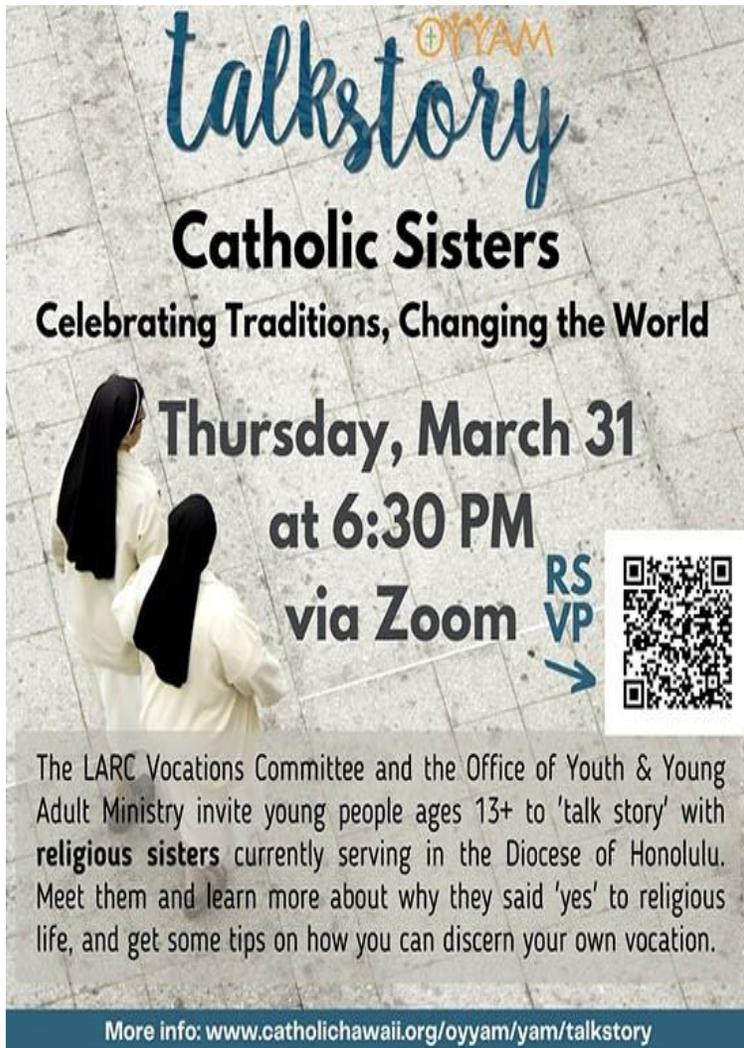
### STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

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

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE

## Around the Diocese



**talkstory**  
Catholic Sisters  
Celebrating Traditions, Changing the World  
Thursday, March 31  
at 6:30 PM  
via Zoom **RSVP**



The LARC Vocations Committee and the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry invite young people ages 13+ to 'talk story' with **religious sisters** currently serving in the Diocese of Honolulu. Meet them and learn more about why they said 'yes' to religious life, and get some tips on how you can discern your own vocation.

More info: [www.catholicohawaii.org/ooyam/yam/talkstory](http://www.catholicohawaii.org/ooyam/yam/talkstory)

## "A Conversation of the Significance of the Holy Week for Catholics"

An Evening with Fr. Felix, S.J.

**April 7, Thursday - 6:00 PM**

Please come early (5:30) for fellowship and light pupus  
Bring a friend

Fr. Felix is a member of the Jesuits West Province, serving currently as the Coordinator of Theological and Liturgical Formation under the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He has worked extensively with the Campus Ministry Program at Mount of St. Mary's University, LA for almost 25 years. Fr. Felix gives many public lectures and workshops for parishes and dioceses on a wide variety of biblical, liturgical, spiritual and theological topics.



## Family Connection

"Hey, that's not fair!" How many times have we heard this spoken in our family? Family members challenge one another's generosity, operating from the perspective of limited resources. If we have given to one, perhaps there won't be enough for the other. Jesus wants us to understand that this is not how it is with God's mercy and forgiveness. God offers his love to all of us in abundance. The forgiveness of the father in the parable is an image of God's love for us, generous beyond measure in his love for both of his sons. Can we truly believe that God acts this way towards us and accept his mercy without jealousy, knowing that God's love for another does not diminish his love for us? As you gather as a family, talk about the words and phrases you speak to one another when angry. Identify words or phrases that reflect jealousy towards one another. Talk about why we sometimes feel jealousy towards one another. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. Talk about why the older brother is jealous of the younger brother. Identify words that the family members in the parable might say to one another to begin to heal their broken relationships. Make a family commitment to say these types of words and phrases to one another with greater frequency. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

## Corporal Works of Mercy

### Clothe the naked



#### How to do it:

Many people don't have sufficient funds to buy warm clothing each year, or keep their growing children in shoes and clothes.

- 1 Go through your drawers and closets and find good-condition clothes and shoes to donate to agencies that provide assistance for those in need.
- 2 Participate in programs that provide towels and linens for hospitals in distressed areas.
- 3 Support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

## Around the Parish

### Get to know Keith Wong

Keith is one of our candidates who will be entering into full communion with church on Easter Vigil this year. Please keep him in your prayers and welcome him into our faith community when you see him around.



My name is Keith Wong, and I am an undergraduate nursing student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Although I was a product of New York City's Catholic school system, I was baptized into a Southern Baptist congregation that pushed me away from 10 years of Catholic religious instruction. As a "separate brethren" Evangelical, I grew staunchly anti-Catholic in my beliefs. Despite this, I was always attached to traditional Catholic art, music, and history. When I came across some of the most debated topics in Christian theology, from transubstantiation to Martin Luther's 5 Solae, the Holy Spirit guided my curiosity into 2 years and counting of theological and historical research. I became exposed to Catholic media and apologetics, and using what I knew and new things I had learned, I began to refute every single misconception I was taught against the Catholic Church. Moreso, it appeared to me that the Catholic arguments concerning core doctrines of the Christian Faith always came up on top.

The journey does not stop there. I decided to visit historical churches in Hawaii and became friends with the pastor of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. In the fruitful conversations we've had, he directed me to Newman Center. Coming to the Center is one of the greatest blessings of my life. I rediscovered the Most Blessed Eucharist, which is the heart of worship, and the truths of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I encountered a staff and priest who are the epitome of Christian shepherding. I met the best nursing mentor and countless friends at Newman who are equally enthusiastic about Faith in Christ. And finally, in this home away from home, I seek full communion with the Church through RCIA.



## 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.

The Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners ..."

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*and eats with them*

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### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



WE MIGHT BE HERE AWHILE

CONFESSIONAL

PIZZA DELIVERY

Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 2 Cor 5:18-19

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## Pray

### Prayer to St. Benedict for help with Lenten disciplines

Philip Kosloski - published on 03/21/22

St. Benedict is a perfect intercessor for us during Lent, as he is widely known for his own self-discipline that his monks tried to imitate.

St. Benedict is known as the founder of Western monasticism and was highly regarded for his example of penance and self-discipline.

His example of holiness continues to inspire many religious men and women today in their daily struggle for self-mastery.

Here is a prayer by Dom Prosper Gueranger in his Liturgical Year that asks for St. Benedict's intercession during Lent.

St. Benedict, O blessed favorite of God,  
pray for all the faithful of Christ  
during these days which are consecrated to thoughts and works  
of penance.

It was in the midst of the holy austerities of Lent  
that you went to the abode of everlasting delight.  
Help us Christians, who are at this very time in the same  
campaign of penance.

Rouse our courage by your example and precepts.  
Teach us to keep down the flesh and to subject it to the spirit  
as you did.

Obtain for us a little of your blessed spirit,  
that turning away from this vain world,  
we may think on the eternal years to come.

## Grow

### 3 Unconventional ways to give alms this Lent when you're maxed out

Cecilia Pigg - published on 03/22/22

With inflation getting worse and gas prices through the roof, here are some creative ways to make almsgiving possible this Lent.

Is your budget stretched to its limit this Lent? With gas prices and food prices much higher than they were last month, I am right there with you.

However, just because we don't feel like we have money to give, we are still called to stretch our hearts this Lent through generosity in almsgiving. The Church doesn't say that the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are only for the wealthy.

## Grow

She asks all of us to embrace sacrifices in these 40 days to help us move ever closer to God.

So, what's a Christian to do? You want to give, and you know you should give, but feeding yourself and your family is taking every last penny. Well, here are a few outside of the box ways to give when you just don't have the cash.

### Give your time

Is there a Lenten fish fry in your area? Or is your parish hosting a Lenten retreat? Offer to help set up or clean up afterwards. Could a friend use some babysitting help? Offer to sit with someone's kids for an evening.

Be vigilant for ways you can help. If you hear about an acquaintance who is moving, step up. Maybe you live near a retirement home, and can visit with some residents one night.

If you ask the Holy Spirit to show you where to give your time, He will draw your attention to someone or a group of people who need you and your specific talents.

### Give your attention

Is there someone you have been avoiding lately? I don't mean someone you are establishing legitimate boundaries with because of past issues, I mean someone you are avoiding just because they aren't particularly enjoyable to be around. Make an effort (and go out of your way if necessary) to have a conversation with him or her. Or think about someone in your community you could help welcome.

Could you have a conversation with someone after Sunday Mass you haven't talked to before? One friendly interaction can make all the difference. I remember moving to my current city and going to a new parish. The first day I went, one person said hello in the parking lot after Mass, making small talk about my out-of-state license plate. That was all it took to make me want to come back, and to feel like maybe I could find a home in this new church.

### Give your treats

Can you pause your Netflix or Spotify subscription for a month, and give that money to someone in need? What about skipping fast food or your fancy coffee one time this month? Then give the money to a local cause or someone you know who needs it. It might not be much, but if you think back to the widow in the gospels, it doesn't need to be a large amount of money to be a true sacrifice.



## Grow

Not only will you be giving alms this way, but you'll get a dose of fasting too while you're at it. Pray for the person you are helping with your sacrifice and, boom, you've got all three Lenten practices covered in one movement.

The goal of almsgiving is to remember that our possessions, our money, and our very selves do not belong to us. God gives us life, and holds us in being. We need to be able to see our lives as gifts from Him, rather than focusing on our lives as products of our own effort and hard work. The less attached we are to our view of things and our plans, the more we can attach ourselves to His plan and will for our lives.

Jesus, we give you our time, attention and treats this Lent, by giving them to others instead of using them for ourselves. Help us to love like you, and thus get to know you better. Amen.

## Reflect

When I was a music teacher, one of the very first things that I would mention to the students on the first day of school is to make mistakes in my class. The students would have confused faces and all their hands would go up, all asking me at once, "What do you mean?" or "Miss, that makes no sense at all!" I would then go on to say that when we make mistakes, we eventually learn from them, sooner rather than later.

In today's Gospel reading, we hear the infamous parable of the Prodigal Son or is it the parable of the Forgiving Father? However way you see the story, the message is clear – God's love and mercy is for real. The father in the parable is portrayed as how much God, our Father, loves us unconditionally and is a forgiving God. At times, we can identify ourselves as the older son – faithful to his family, living up to the expectations of his father, but filled with jealousy, anger, and perhaps envy for the acknowledgment and gratitude for his being there, or perhaps the younger son – immature, carefree, only thinking of himself and eventually wanders away from his family, the people who love and care for him the most. But the father in the parable becomes an example of love, forgiveness, and joy.

No matter how many times we make mistakes or choose wrong over right, God's love and mercy remains constant in our lives. He is always waiting for us to return to Him. God wants us to know and understand that He is loving and forgiving. As we approach the midpoint of the Lenten season, let us continue to mirror God's generous love and mercy towards our families and brothers and sisters in Christ.

"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven." – Pope Francis

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!  
Blessing and peace to you and your ohana!

- Fay C. Pabo (@fa\_jo\_pabo0)



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF  
PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION!



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