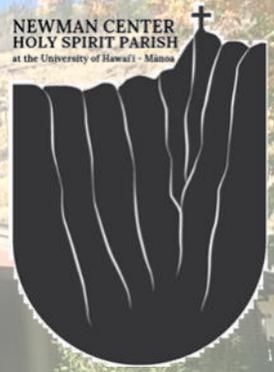


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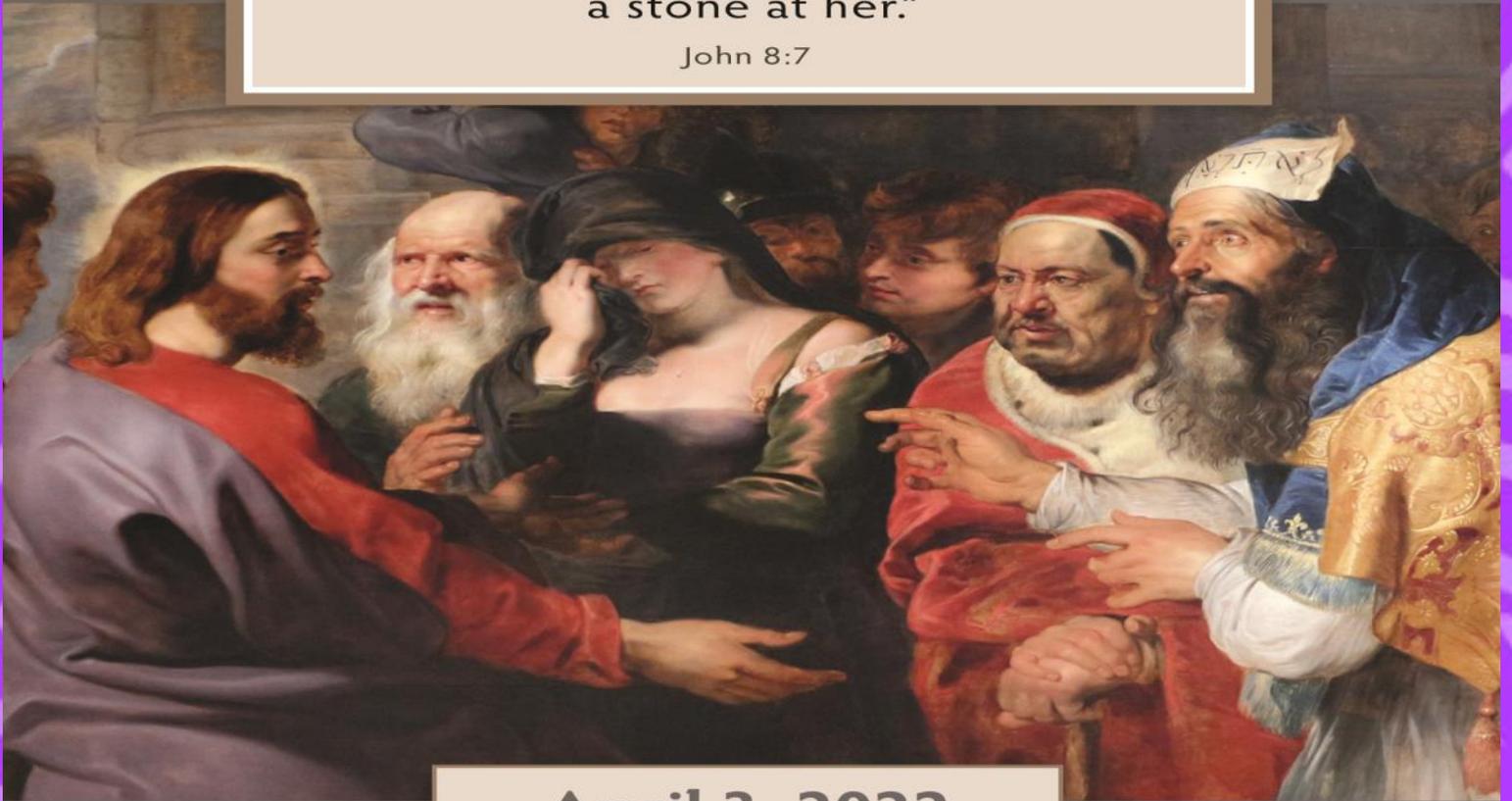


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Fifth Sunday of **LENT**

“Let the one among you
who is without sin
be the first to throw
a stone at her.”

John 8:7



April 3, 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

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 has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."



We enter our final full week of Lent before the week we call Holy. In today's gospel an angry crowd stands ready to condemn and punish a woman caught in the act of adultery. The scribes and the Pharisees bring her to Jesus for a judgement. It is Jesus

who is the one they want to put on trial. If Jesus argues that the woman should not be stoned, he would be violating the Mosaic teaching and Jewish tradition. If he says she should be stoned, he would be violating his own compassionate teaching. The scribes and the Pharisees were sticklers for the Law. According to the Law, a person caught in the act of adultery was to be stoned to death along with their partner. Externally, that was their motive. Internally, they were using the woman caught in adultery to trap Jesus. All eyes were on Jesus for a response. In silence he bends down and writes on the ground with his finger. The crowd continued asking Jesus for a judgement. Standing up Jesus says, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Realizing that they themselves are now on trial, the scribes and the Pharisees leave one by one. Jesus challenges those ready to stone the woman to look within themselves to see their own sin and to look beyond the Law to receive God's mercy. In these final weeks of Lent, let us reflect on God's continual offer of mercy for sinners. May we who have experienced that mercy, act mercifully towards others.

Have a blessed Lenten week,

Fr. Alfred Omar

(@fralfred808)



Important Notices

- Mahalo for your non-perishable food donations for the UH Food Vault. Next collection: May 7 & 8
- Blessing Bag deadline is next weekend
- If you are feeling ill or are awaiting a COVID-19 Test Result, please stay home. Face coverings indoors is optional. 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 does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21)
Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126)
Second Reading — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14)
Gospel — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

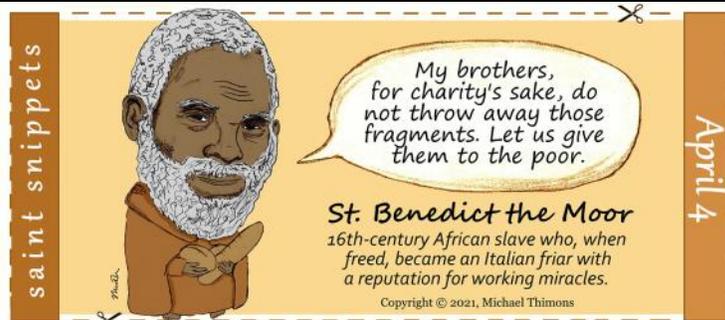
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Isidore
Tuesday: St. Vincent Ferrer
Thursday: St. John Baptist de la Salle
Friday: Abstinence

TRUE TEACHERS

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.
 —St. Bernard of Clairvaux



SOMETHING NEW IN CHRIST

Jesus knew that the scribes and Pharisees were trying to trap him. They put him in what seemed to be a no-win situation. Let the woman who was caught in adultery go, and he would have been accused of ignoring the law. Let her be stoned, and he would fail to show mercy toward her, contradicting his life's message. Jesus' response teaches three crucial lessons: none of us is free of sin; we are not the ultimate judges of others; Jesus is the mercy of God, in whom we can always trust. In Christ, God does something new. When we give our hearts to Christ, we have the hope of new life, a life in which mercy reigns.

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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:

(3/26/2022 - 3/27/2022) \$ 8,115.00

Online Giving:
(3/25/22-03/31/22) \$ 1,001.00

Catholic Relief Services \$ 285.00

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!



LENTEN
blessing bag
PROJECT

We will be hosting this year's Blessing Bag project, and seeking donations (see list below). You may bring your donations to the church. Mahalo for your support!

NECESSITIES

- GALLON SIZE ZIPLOC BAGS, BAND-AIDS, BABY WIPES, HAND SANITIZER, SMALL WASHCLOTH, LARGE SIZE SLIPPERS

TOILETRIES

- TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE, FLOSS, SOAP, COMB, FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS, DEODORANT

NON PERISHABLE ITEMS

- ENERGY BARS, TRAIL MIX, GUM, INSTANT OATMEAL

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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

Strong words come from Saint Paul in today's second reading. He reveals in no uncertain terms that life in Christ is our goal. Everything else, he maintains, is "rubbish." Junk. Trash. Garbage. Is that true? Is everything else "rubbish" compared to deepening our relationship with the Lord? What about putting recreational activities ahead of attending Mass? Or preferring uninterrupted hours playing the latest video games or watching TV to spending time in a bible study group, choir practice or serving in a soup kitchen? Or keeping late hours at work over sharing the gospel with friends and neighbors? To what extent do we exercise stewardship over our relationship with Christ?



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Week 2022
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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (April 9-10)	Wednesday of Holy Week (April 13)	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper (April 14)	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion (April 15)	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (April 16)	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (April 17)
5:00 PM Vigil (Saturday) 9:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass 5:00 PM Mass	6:00 PM Vespers Tenebrae Service to follow	7:30 PM Mass 10:45 PM Night Prayer	1:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy 7:00 PM Taize Prayer Service	8:00 PM Mass Reception to follow	9:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass 5:00 PM Mass

Come and journey through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord

Family Connection

There are few people that we know better than the members of our own family. We know one another's strengths and abilities, and we also know one another's limitations and weaknesses. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, we may be tempted to focus on the faults and sins that familiarity with one another can sometimes reveal. As family members, however, we also have the ability to see one another's faults and sins within the context of the whole person. When we can keep this perspective, we are more likely to look upon one another with compassion. Family life, then, presents us the opportunity to see one another as God sees us, not with judgment and condemnation for our weaknesses and failings, but with mercy and compassion. When we learn to withhold judgment for the faults we know are there and seek the best in one another, we help one another to experience the depths of God's compassion, mercy, and love.

As you gather as a family, observe that when we know people well we know their faults as well as their strengths. At times, we can be tempted to focus on the faults we see in others. Discuss what your family life would be like if you always focused on one another's faults. Observe that in today's Gospel, Jesus refuses to focus on the sin of the woman brought to him for judgment. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 8:2-11. Ask: What did the people who focused on the woman's sin want to do? (stone the woman) What does Jesus say to the people who accused the woman caught in adultery? (that the person with no sin should throw the first stone) Are any of us without sin? (No.) Observe that we can help each other to grow in God's love by refusing to focus on one another's faults and sins. In this way, we can help one another to see ourselves as God sees us: with understanding and compassion. Conclude in prayer together asking God to forgive our sins by praying the Act of Contrition.

Corporal Works of Mercy

Visit the prisoners



How to do it:

People in prison are still people, made in the image and likeness of God, and deserve the opportunity to hear the Word and find the truth of the message of Christ.

- 1** See if your parish, or one nearby, has a prison ministry and if so, become involved.
- 2** Volunteer to help out or donate to charities that give Christmas presents to children whose parents are in prison.
- 3** Support efforts that seek the abolition of the death penalty.



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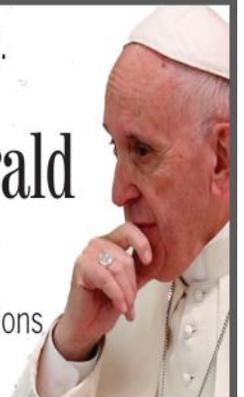
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Around the Parish

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

An Evening with Fr. Felix Just, S.J.

April 7, Thursday - 6:00 PM
Newman Center

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.



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 did not condemn the woman caught in adultery. He told her, "Go, and from now on ...

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Answer: *do not sin any more*

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SPRING CLEANING

Saturday, April 9th 2022

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Please join us as we spend a few hours to clean and prepare our church for the Easter season! There is a task for everyone of every age. All are welcome! Light lunch and refreshments will be provided. Mahalo for your stewardship!

For more information,

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

IT'S A MIRROR.
NEXT TIME YOU FEEL
LIKE JUDGING SOMEONE
ELSE, LOOK HERE FIRST.



Jesus said to them,
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Pray

When you see someone sin, pray these short prayers of mercy and forgiveness

Philip Kosloski - published on 04/28/19

Let your first thought be not of condemnation, but of mercy.

One of the most difficult temptations to overcome is that of judging a person who publicly sins in front of us, or even a person whose sins are publicly announced on the news. We immediately want to think less of that person and to degrade them by saying or thinking uncharitable thoughts.

Yet, if we are to live the Christian way of life, our first thought should be of mercy and forgiveness.

Jesus said to his disciples that dwelling too much on the faults of others will easily lead to a tendency to overlook our own faults.

"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment, you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye." (Matthew 7:1-5)

A way to overcome this initial reaction is to pray for that person, invoking God's mercy upon them. Here are a few aspirations that can be helpful to develop this habit.

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. Lord! Lay not this sin to their charge. My God! I forgive from my heart all who have injured me; and I beg for them all the graces of which they stand in need.

If they have, by injuring me, offended thee, my God, please forgive them.

By doing this simple act of praying for them, you will be following God's command to "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

It's not an easy disposition to foster, but one that will lead to a more merciful and charitable heart.

Grow

Struggling with your Lenten intentions? Here are a few tips!

Cerith Gardiner - published on 03/30/22

Forty days can be a very long time if you're going without your favorite sweet treat or reducing screen time.

When Lent kicks off there's a bit of a buzz as you decide to do something meaningful to mark this special period of time in the Christian faith. However, all those good intentions start to wane as the weeks go by and the realities and stresses of everyday life take over.

With the global situation creating uncertainty and anxiety, it seems doubly hard to not succumb to temptation and head to that cookie jar, but hold your horses, you can do this! There are less than three weeks to go until we celebrate Christ's Resurrection, and just think how satisfying it will be to know that you held on for those 40 long days!

I know it's easier said than done (as I longingly eye the tin filled with chocolate and cookies), but there are some useful ways to stick to your commitments:

MAKE ACCESS DIFFICULT

Remember my chocolate and cookie tin? Well, I need to follow my own advice and stash it away. If you're giving up a certain snack or drink, place any that have left in an area that's hard to reach. If things get drastic you could lock it up and get someone to hide the key.

If you want to reduce screen time, try putting your phone or laptop in a drawer so you won't be tempted to look it every few minutes.

BE INSPIRED BY JESUS

You could add an image of Jesus, or maybe a crucifix, next to any temptations so that you'll have a physical reminder of why you are making this effort.

PASS ON THE PLEASURE

If some of your kind friends give you something you've given up, take pleasure in offering it to someone else. For example, if gifted a box of chocolates, you could give it your children's school teacher, or take to a senior facility. Be sure to let your friends know so that they can share in the act of kindness.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

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NOTIFY OTHERS

If you're finding it hard to stick to your guns, make sure your loved ones are aware. My eldest son inadvertently came home with a box of Coke Zero, knowing how much I like it. Stupidly, I hadn't told him I'd given it up for Lent, so for a few brief moments before I gave it to my neighbor, I had to stare at my favorite drink!

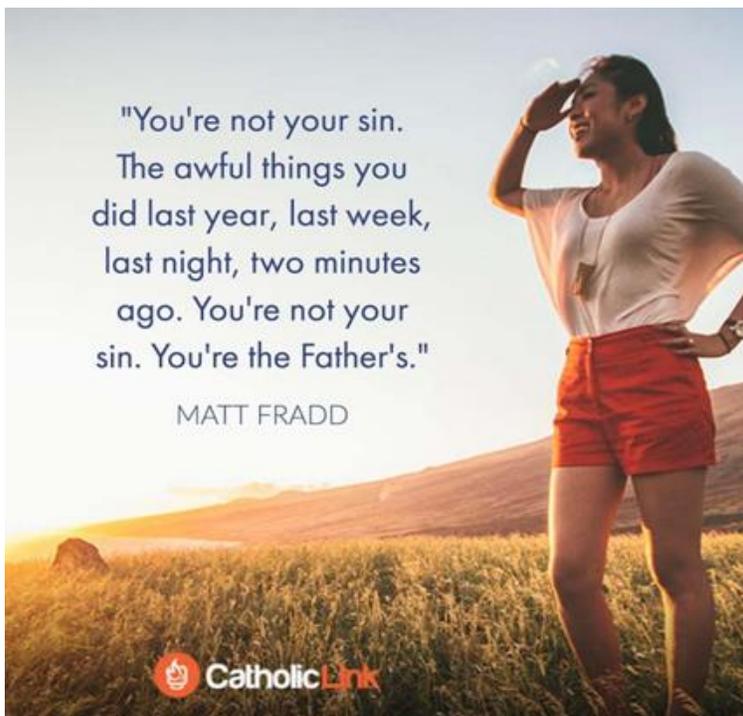
By telling friends and families that you're giving up something important to you, they can offer you encouragement and support — and keep their cookie jar far from your wandering eyes if you visit. Also, kids are great at being your support squad, although they'll be your strongest critics, too. My children would have been so disappointed in me if I'd cracked and opened up a can of Coke Zero, and it's my job to set an example in showing some restraint.

CHOOSE A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

Instead of thinking about what you're giving up, think more about what you are gaining. Whether it's a healthier diet or a greater understanding of the power of temptation, use this opportunity to embrace the whole 40 days as a beautiful spiritual journey bringing you even closer to God.

SEEK A LITTLE HELP FROM ABOVE

Jesus faced temptation by the devil, yet he resisted, using the Word of God to guide Him. Lean on Him for inspiration and follow his example to offer your temporary suffering to God our Father.



Reflect

"How can we understand forgiveness if we haven't recognized the depth of our sin?" – St. John Henry Newman

I think back years ago when I was in youth ministry. The core team leaders and I would play a few songs in the beginning of our sessions to get the youth excited for the evening. One of their favorite songs was called "The Gospel Slide" by Dana Stovall. It was an energetic, line dance type of song that would call out the directions for the dance moves. The beginning part of the song would start: Calling all saints to the dance floor... We're gonna Gospel slide and give the devil a fit. Then it continues with calling out instructions: Two times to the right. Two times to the left. Throw your hands up. Now stomp that devil down! That "Stomp that devil down" portion of the song was everyone's favorite part because everyone would stomp their feet so hard to the ground.

What do you do when the devil comes seeping into your everyday life? Do you invite the devil in? Or do you stomp that devil down? I think the latter is easier said than done.

In today's Gospel reading, we hear the story of the woman caught in adultery. The scribes and Pharisees bring a woman before Jesus and tells Him that this woman was caught in adultery, and in following the law of Moses, the woman must be stoned for committing such an act (John 8:3-5). These supposed leaders of the Church and the Law see that any act of sin results in condemnation and punishment. But Jesus acknowledges the woman, forgives her, and tells the woman to sin no more.

Sin is defined as turning away from God and acting against our own dignity and worth. We are reminded in the Gospel today that sin is not the end for us. The devil doesn't win. Again, we are reminded of God's infinite love and mercy for us. God's love stomps that devil down, and restores us in faith, hope and love in Him. God is our one and only judge and we leave all that to Him alone. Let us not be so quick to judge and "stone" one another with our words and actions, but to encourage and speak of joy and peace. Let us take the time to return to the Lord with our brokenness and hardness of hearts and pray that He make us whole again. So that we may shine the light of Christ's love and peace with one another. St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

Blessing and peace to you and your 'Ohana!

- Fay C. Pabo (@fa_jo_pabo0)

