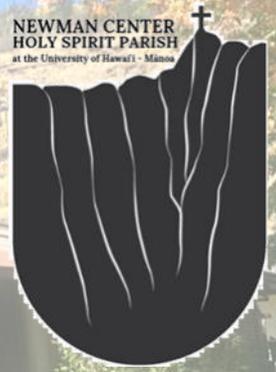


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“Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there
looking at the sky?”

Acts 1:11



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Ascension
OF THE LORD

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

A PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY OF UVALDE

*Heavenly Father,
You are the source of life and the seat of all wisdom.
You call us to grow in knowledge, to serve with compassion,
and to thrive in community. Our schools, all schools, are formed
for this.*

*Once again and still, a school has been rocked by gun violence.
A place of learning was transformed into a place of violence.
Innocent children lost their lives. Dedicated teachers lost their
lives. Welcome them into your loving embrace. Show your
justice and mercy to the gunman.*

*Give solace to the parents and community of Uvalde.
Give comfort to all those who have witnessed tragedy and are
trying to comprehend this senseless act. Give courage to
lawmakers to enact laws that finally and truly control guns;
Give boldness to citizens to demand action from their elected
officials.*

*Bless us with your protection, for we are all your children.
May we live in peace; May we learn in safety; and may we strive
to bring the peace of Christ to our troubled world.*

Grant this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(RT/FDLC – May 25, 2022)

"He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you."

As we celebrate Ascension Sunday, may we resolve to be witness of the Risen Lord in word and in ACTION. We can do better...#Lovethyneighbor

Have a blessed Easter week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



Important Notices

- UH Food Vault Collection next weekend. Please do not bring expired items. Mahalo for your generosity.
- The center will be CLOSED Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.
- 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 — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23*.

Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday:	Memorial Day
Tuesday:	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Justin
Thursday:	Ss. Marcellinus and Peter
Friday:	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions; First Friday



SENT FORTH

Today we celebrate Jesus' return to heaven. If we struggle to know how to feel about this event, we take our cue from Jesus' disciples. These disciples are first-hand witnesses to the Ascension, returning afterward to Jerusalem, where "they were continually in the temple praising God." Long-time companions of the Lord, they surely feel the pain of physical separation from Jesus. Yet they praise God continually. They accept God's plan, looking forward to the day when Christ will come again. As our reading from Hebrews affirms, Christ will return to "bring salvation to those who eagerly await him." This Good News is almost too much to take in; the Acts of the Apostles explains that an angel has to wake the disciples from their stupor, reminding them to start the Lord's work. Today's readings are our own angel, sending us forth in joyful hope.

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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:

(5/21/2022 - 5/22/2022) \$ 2,720.00

Online Giving: TBA
(5/20/22-5/26/22)

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

Catholic Communication Campaign: May 28 & 29, 2022
Holy Father (Peter's Pence) June 25 & 26, 2022

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 Moment

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of our Lord, a feast which, in part, celebrates the confidence he placed in his close followers to continue his ministry. In the Gospel reading Jesus reminds his followers of the purpose of his mission, and commissions them to continue his work by proclaiming his word and by living courageously that which they preached. He also promises them the Holy Spirit who he said would strengthen them for the task ahead.

As stewards of Jesus' life and ministry, a good question for us to reflect on this week might be this: Has Christ's confidence in the quality of our own witness been well placed?

Family Connection

Any family that has tried to sit down to a family dinner or packed the car for a trip has heard children argue at least once about who should sit where. To sit next to someone, especially if that person is important, is to have a place of honor. Jesus has this place of honor, seated now at the right hand of the Father (as we say in the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed), but there's more to this metaphor than where Jesus sits in relation to God. To be in the place of honor is also to be in a place of power. Knowing people in powerful places can be very helpful. Children remind us of this each time we are called upon to referee a conflict. Jesus, honored now at God's right hand, is a powerful ally for us. As you gather as a family, recall a time when there was a discussion, or perhaps even an argument, about where people were going to sit. Talk about why it might be important to a person to sit in a particular place. Mention that in this Sunday's Gospel we learn about Jesus' place in heaven. Read together Luke 24:46-53. Talk about how in the Creed we describe Jesus' place in heaven as "seated at the right hand of the Father." Discuss what we might learn about the relationship between God and Jesus from today's Gospel and from the Creed and what we can learn about Jesus' relationship to us. Observe that one of the things we learn is that Jesus continues to help us from this place of honor in heaven. Pray together the Apostles' Creed.



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 Parish



Join us next weekend as we resume Hospitality Sunday fellowship.
You are welcome to bring a food item to share with our Newman Ohana.

Saturday, June 4 after the 5PM Mass
Sunday, June 5 after the 9AM and 11AM Mass

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 said, "Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know ..."

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Answer: *that you sent me*



CLI is back this Summer!

Leadership Training open to all high school youth in grades 10-12.

June 26 – July 1, 2022

at St. Stephen Diocesan Center

Applications are due to the OYYAM by April 29, 2022.

Packets and more information on the website:
www.catholicahawaii.org/oyyam/ym/cli-hi
Questions? Contact the OYYAM at oyyam@rcchawaii.org.



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

Jesus said to them, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." Acts 1:8

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Pray

Prayer to your Guardian Angel

Philip Kosloski - published on 05/12/22

Here are the words of the traditional prayer to your Guardian Angel.

Among the many prayers taught by Catholic parents to their children is the prayer to your Guardian Angel. It is a prayer often linked to St. Anselm of Canterbury, a Benedictine monk who lived during the 11th century, but may have been composed by a different monk around the same time.

Here are the words to the prayer to your Guardian Angel.

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day, be at my side,
To light and guard, rule and guide.
Amen.

Grow

Jesus teaches this lesson in the most dramatic way imaginable.

In the Ascension readings, we get to hear St. Luke's take on the Ascension twice — once from his Gospel and once from his book the Acts of the Apostles.

Jesus tells the Apostles, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Then "he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight."

What he does is the equivalent of an airplane pilot-instructor ending an in-flight training session by strapping on a parachute and leaping out of the plane.

It is, in fact, exactly the situation young people find themselves in when their parents help them move into their first apartment and then drive away. In both cases, our first instinct is to stare at the ceiling and say, "What now?"

That was what the Apostles did, until a voice slapped them back down to reality.

"Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" ask two angels who appear on the scene. "This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

This makes the task much more digestible for the Apostles. They have to witness to the ends of the earth on their own, but he will return. The airplane instructor plans to radio back in. The parents will visit in a month.

The readings for the Seventh Sunday drive the point home even more. Stephen gets a window into where Christ is. "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God," he says in the first reading. But "I will not leave you orphans," Jesus says in the Gospel. "I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice."

The very last words of the Gospel reading reveal the key to how this system works.

The last words of the Ascension Gospel are also the last words of the entire Gospel of Luke:

"They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God."

Thus, Luke's Gospel ends where it began: In the Temple. Way back in Luke 1, the very first scene that Luke shares is Zechariah in the Temple, hearing God's promise that his salvation is on the way.

Zechariah doubts it.

Here, the Apostles hear God's promise and believe.

For them, the Temple is the place where they receive grace from on high to bring Jesus to the rest of the world.

For us, the church is the place where we rest with God and gather the graces we need to bring our faith to the rest of our lives.

We enjoy the real presence of Jesus in our churches so that we can address the real absence of Jesus in the world outside.

"You will be my witnesses in your homes, your neighborhood, and your workplace — to the ends of the earth," he tells us.

It's up to us. With him.

Reflect

It was Maya Angelou that said, "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

Today, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. This was the moment that Jesus blessed his disciples, parted from them, and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:51). The disciples were probably in admiration of this phenomenal moment in time. How do we keep this amazement, wonderment, and awe in God alive in our hearts? Do we stop and take a moment each day to thank God for all that He does for us? We are here, alive and breathing. But are we living our lives the way God wants for us? Let us make the best of our lives right now, today! We must be unceasing examples of faith, hope and love with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Tragedy continues to haunt our every day lives. We continue to pray for the innocent lives that were lost in the recent weeks, especially the lives lost in the tragedy at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas this week. We pray for their families and the Robb Elementary School and Uvalde community.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you,
Blessed are you, among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

Easter blessings to you and your 'ohana!

- **Fay C. Pabo** (@fa_jo_pabo0)

