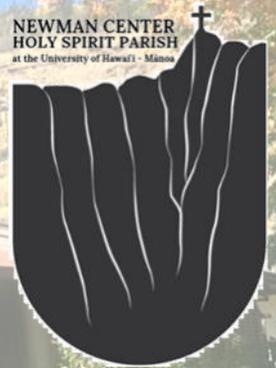


# NEWMAN CENTER

## Holy Spirit Parish



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If you were raised  
with Christ,  
seek what is above,  
where Christ  
is seated at  
the right hand  
of God.

COLOSSIANS 3:1

EIGHTEENTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME

JULY 31, 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.

## A Seminarian Reflection

It always surprises me how many examples there are in the Gospel of people just bullying Jesus around. "Teacher, tell my brother to share with me." "Teacher, tell my sister to get up and help me!" I like to think I would never dare to do that, but how often do I find myself praying the equivalent sort of prayer, which often, sounds like "Jesus, my brother seminarian is annoying, make him stop." We have many deep desires that we present to the Lord as demands. Last week, I said that it's better to go to the Lord with these flawed prayers than not to go to him in prayer at all, and that's true, but if we never move past these prayers, we never grow closer to him. Our faith lives are not simply an answer to our material problems, but rather our connection to the divine.

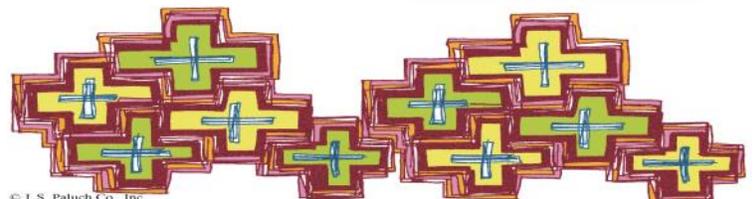
Our Lord replies very kindly as he rejects these requests: "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" On the surface, this seems odd. Of course, it would make sense that He is a judge and arbitrator- but the actions we bring to him do judge do not merit being heard in his Divine Court. His work of salvation is not just to fix familial and societal problems on this earth but rather to draw us closer to Him on this earth. In that divine communion we find ourselves necessarily drawn closer to our brothers and sisters on this earth, and closer to Him in the next life.

On another note, next weekend (Aug. 6-7) will be my final weekend here at the Newman Center. It has been such a blessing to be able to be a part of this community for the summer. You have been a gift and a blessing to me and have given me such a great insight as I progress in my seminary formation. Mahalo nui loa.

See you in the Eucharist,

Have a blessed week,

*Taylor Mitchell*



## Important Notices

- UH Food Vault Collection next weekend
- Hospitality Sunday 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** — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

**Gospel** — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

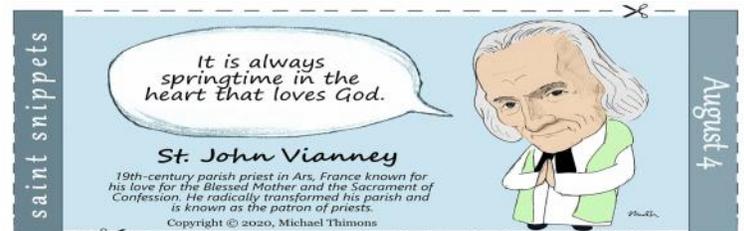
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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday:	St. Alphonsus Liguori
Tuesday:	St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard
Thursday:	St. John Vianney
Friday:	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; First Friday



### THE CENTER OF A MEANINGFUL LIFE

Today's readings invite us to reflect upon some of life's deepest questions, and to explore the meaning of faith. We hear of the universal human search for meaning in our lives in the book of Ecclesiastes. In Luke's Gospel, we hear Jesus' parable about one who foolishly seeks ultimate security through the accumulation of wealth. In Colossians, faith in the crucified and resurrected Christ is proclaimed as the path to a richly purposeful and meaningful life. The path of Christian faith places our work, our sufferings, and our limitations within the larger picture of God's purposes for all of us. In Jesus, God is revealed as our companion in human suffering and limitation. God's love is at the center of a meaningful life. We place our trust in this loving God, who created us to share in this love, and to share this love with others.

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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:

(7/23/2022 - 7/24/2022) \$ 3,162.00

### Online Giving:

(7/22/22-7/29/22) \$ 2,048.00

Diocese of Honolulu Seminarian Ed. Fund

\$ 200.00

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

### Upcoming Second Collections:

Catholic Charities Hawaii: Aug. 20 & 21, 2022

### 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!

## Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers a warning to those who pursue leisure and pleasure as their goal in life without concern for the poor and less fortunate. He tells the parable of the wealthy landowner who, upon yielding an exceptionally profitable harvest one year, determines that he will live the rest of his days in relaxation; to eat, drink and be merry. God calls the miser a "fool" and lets him know that his greed and self-indulgence will not bring him the security he seeks.

Good stewards acknowledge that the money and possessions entrusted to them are to be used to further the mission of Jesus Christ. This week let us reflect on our own daily consumption habits. Do we spend money on articles that make us better ambassadors of Christ? Does our personal lifestyle bring "good news to the poor" (Luke 4:18)?

## Family Connection

Family life helps us learn about the values of solidarity and the common good. As a family, we strive to respect the rights of each family member and make decisions that promote the common good of the family. Talk about what it would be like if the family ordered a pizza and then divided it unevenly, with some members getting as many pieces as they wanted while others got only a half slice. Talk about how you work to make sure that everyone in the family has his or her fair share.

Talk about how your family is also a member of the human family, called to share the goods of creation fairly and justly. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to remember that the goods of the world are intended to be shared by all. Read aloud Luke 12:13-21. Talk about the parable of the rich fool and ask family members to describe what they think he did wrong. Emphasize that although the man in the story doesn't seem bad, Jesus points out that this man's flaw was that he was thinking only about himself and his own comfort and security. Emphasize that when we fail to think about the needs of others, we call that a sin of omission.

Remind your children that each time we go to Mass, we ask forgiveness for what we have done and for what we have failed to do. We call this prayer the Confiteor. End this time together by praying the Confiteor ("I confess to almighty God...").



## 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







## Pray

**Pray this prayer to help you detach from earthly possessions**

*Philip Kosloski - published on 04/01/19*

When it's difficult to let go of something, this can help.

It's easy in our Western culture to accumulate lots of "stuff." Whether poor or rich, we all love to hold on to our earthly possessions.

This can easily become an unhealthy attachment to material things. Unfortunately, it is not something new. In fact, Jesus spoke against it in his own day, urging his disciples to give what they did have to the poor.

While most of us are not called to live in poverty as religious and some priests vow to live, we are all challenged to detach ourselves from our possessions. In the end, things must not control us; we must be in control of them. Below is a helpful prayer that can be the first step in acquiring a heart detached from earthly goods and focused on the things that will last for all eternity.

O Jesus, who chose a life of poverty and obscurity,  
grant me the grace to keep my heart detached  
from the transitory things of this world.

Let it be that henceforth, You are my only treasure,  
for You are infinitely more precious than all others possessions.  
My heart is too solicitous for the vain and fleeting things of earth.

Make me always mindful of Your warning words:  
"What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world,  
but suffer the loss of his own soul?"

Grant me the grace to keep Your holy example always before my eyes,  
that I may despise the nothingness of this world  
and make You the object of all my desires and affections. Amen.

## Grow

**The Down Side of Empathy**

*Zoe Romanowsky - published on 07/26/22*

Being able to empathize with others is important, but there's something even more vital.

We hear a lot about the importance of empathy. Being able to empathize is necessary for healthy relationships and for living and thriving at work, school, home, and society in general. It is one of the most important traits to encourage in children as they grow up. Empathy is an emotional and cognitive response that fosters connection and understanding between people. Empathetic people have the ability to share the feelings of another person, to come along beside them, step into their shoes, and see things from their perspective, even if they've never had the same experience. Empathy fosters a sense of belonging and trust among people. The only down side of empathy is that it doesn't go far enough. Empathy should ultimately lead us to compassion.

The word "compassion" means to "suffer with" someone, with the notion of aiding another person in his or her need. The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) is an example of compassion. The traveler empathizes with the beaten man on the side of the road, but it doesn't stop there — he has compassion for the man by showing him concern and care, and taking action to relieve his suffering. This requires him to come up with a plan to help and take the steps to make it happen.

Compassion is the standard for every Christian, and for anyone who wants to make love their highest aim. You can't be compassionate without empathy, but empathy is just the starting place.

So don't just stop at empathy — or you may get stuck in it. Cultivate compassion by allowing your feelings of identification and connection to lead you to consider what the other person needs and how you can help. This may be some kind of act of mercy, or it may be prayer, but by seeking to be compassionate you will be imitating not just the Good Samaritan but the Lord Himself.

## Reflect

Last week, I went to pick up breakfast for me and my husband. And of course, the drive-thru line was ridiculously long. Fifteen minutes later, I finally arrived at the speaker and put in my order. I get to the window to pay for my food and the worker happily tells me that it's already been paid for by the person in front of me. My face froze and my eyes filled with tears of joy. I beeped my horn and waved to the gentleman in front of me and shouted, "Thaaaaaank yooooou!" Because of this kind, random act of kindness, I did not hesitate to do the same for the person behind me. I told the worker to let me pay for their order. She goes on to tell me that this "pay it forward" has been happening all morning. This very much so warmed my heart and made my day.

We are truly blessed! We receive blessings from God every day. Yes, there are moments when we are challenged, when we struggle, and when we fall down so hard that we can't get up. God sees us as a blessing, not a burden. Because we are blessed, we are called by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the blessings we have received with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us "pay forward" the blessings of God's love, mercy and grace with one another.

*"Certainly, possessions, money, and power can give a momentary thrill, the illusion of being happy, but they end up possessing us and making us always want to have more, never satisfied. 'Put on Christ' in your life, place trust in Him, and you will never be disappointed." – Pope Francis*

Blessings to you and your 'ohana!

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