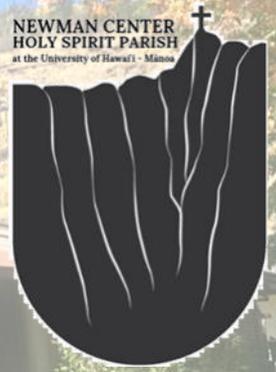


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SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Anyone of you who does not renounce
all your possessions cannot be my disciple.*

— Luke 14:33

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.

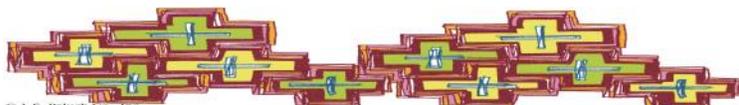
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose 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

"In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge."

Almost forty years ago, on September 12, 1982, Bishop Joseph Ferrario dedicated the Newman Center and then-Jesuit house (now Dever House) with a ceremony and celebration of Mass. In the groundbreaking ceremony more than a year before, Newman club student Peter D. Harney gave an address to those present. He said, "just as the university has formed a framework for me to grow academically, the Newman Center, the Newman Community has formed a framework for me to grow spiritually. It's provided guidance. It's provided help in focusing my efforts to grow spiritually. It's given me understanding when I've been sad. It's cared for me when I've been sick. Newman has given me a sense of belonging. It's given me room to utilize, to expand, to develop my talents. It's cared for me. It's shared my problems. It's helped me learn to care for others. It has loved me. It has helped teach me to love."

In 2022, we continue to provide a home for all where they can develop a religious and spiritual framework and have a sense of belonging. Our Newman Center continues to provide a place to pray, study, grow, and connect for members of the University community and beyond. This year, we also mark 90 years of campus ministry at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. As we reach this milestone, it is fitting that we celebrate.

May we also use this opportunity to pray that we be able to continue our mission for ages to come.

Next Sunday, on September 11, we will kick-off our year-long 40th Anniversary celebration with a student-led Mass at 5pm with Bishop Silva followed by a dinner fellowship (6pm) on the lawn.

All are welcome to join!

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@alfred808)



Important Notices

- Newman Center will be closed this Monday
- SIGNUP FOR CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION TODAY!
- Signup sheet available for Hospitality Sunday
- 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 5:00PM (<i>Student-led Mass</i>)

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 — Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Psalms — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel — To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Thursday:	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday:	St. Peter Claver
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

saint snippets

Peace of heart - without it, no good can make us happy. With it, every trial, even the approach of death, can be borne.

Bl. Frédéric Ozanam
French scholar, lawyer, husband, and father.
In 1833, he founded what is known today as the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
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September 9

LIMITS

Today's readings continue the theme of humility explored last Sunday. All three readings today encourage us to admit that we have limits, and God has none. The poignant poetry of Wisdom resonates with all of us who have ever struggled for peace in situations we cannot control: "For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns." Saint Paul recognizes his own limitations, both physically (he is in prison) and spiritually: he cannot compel his friend to obey his wishes; he can only propose his request and respect Philemon's free will. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God alone can complete the good we wish to do in the world. While we thank God for the gifts we receive—and the families we love—we acknowledge that they are temporary, and humbly cling to 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.

Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

(8/27/2022 - 8/28/2022)

\$ 4,231.00

Online Giving:

To be posted next week

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

The Catholic University of America: Sept. 10 & 11, 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

At the conclusion of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus tell a "great crowd" that "...anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." A few of Jesus' immediate disciples, such as Peter, John and James, did just that: They responded to Jesus' call, renouncing everything to follow him. How do modern disciples of Jesus respond when confronted with this apparently harsh command of Jesus? Surely the renunciation of possessions need not mean literally giving all one's possessions away, does it? Questions we might ponder this week though: Do our possessions keep us from encountering Christ at Mass? Do they distract us from our parish family? Do our possessions interfere with our relationships? Do they make us insensitive to those less fortunate?

Family Connection

Provide your children with a list of things that they are responsible for interspersed with things that they like to do—for example, make their beds, take out the garbage, go to the park, do homework, watch television, have a snack, feed the cat. The list should reflect their responsibilities and favorite recreations. Tell them to pretend that company is coming and ask which of the things listed should be done first. Explain that this is called setting priorities. Paraphrase the Gospel story for the children. Ask them what Jesus says is the most important thing for them to do. Jesus tells us that the number-one priority is to follow him. But just as it is not always easy to do the things we are supposed to do before doing the fun things, it is not always easy to be a follower of Jesus. Yet when we put Jesus first, we will be truly happy.



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



Season of Creation - September 1 to October 4, 2022

2022 Season of Creation Prayer

Creator of All,
From your communion of love your Word
went forth to create a symphony of life that sings your
praise.

By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth
to bring forth a diversity of creatures who praise you in
their being. Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

You called human beings to till and keep your
garden. You placed us into right relationships with each
creature so that we could listen to their voices, and learn
how to safeguard the conditions for life.

But we turn in on ourselves and away from our
co-creatures. We close our ears to the counsel of our fel-
low creatures. We fail to listen to the cries of the poor and
the needs of the most vulnerable. We silence the voices of
those who hold the traditions that teach us to care for the
Earth. We close our ears to your creative, reconciling and
sustaining Word that calls to us through the Scriptures.

We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats
that will never speak again. We grieve the loss of human
cultures, along with the lives and
livelihoods that have been displaced or perished. Creation
cries out as forests crackle, and animals alike flee the fires
of injustice that we have lit by our unwillingness to listen.

In this Season of Creation, we pray that you would call to
us, as from the burning bush, with the
sustaining fire of your Spirit. Breathe upon us.
Open our ears and move our hearts. Turn us from our in-
ward gaze. Teach us to contemplate your
creation, and listen for the voice of each creature declaring
your glory. For "faith comes from hearing." Give us hearts
to listen for the good news of your promise to renew the
face of the Earth.

Enlighten us with the grace to follow the Way of Christ as
we learn to walk lightly upon this holy ground. Fill us with
the hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of
your healing love that sustains our common home.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news
to all creation, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

*The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration
of prayer and action for our common home. We listen and
respond to the cry of creation as one Christian communi-
ty. It begins on September 1, the World Day of Prayer
for the Care of Creation, and ends October 4, the Feast
of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.
We will join the Season of Creation this year by offering
specific Prayers of the Faithful for Creation during Masses
all month.*



The Burning Bush
— Ex 3, 1-12 —

**Listen to the
Voice of Creation**
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

**The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation
2022.**

Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the
devastating effects that climate change has on the most
vulnerable of our planet.

Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and
people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice
that we have caused.

On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tend-
ed the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the
bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence.
This holy fire affirmed that God
heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be
with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from
injustice.

In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit
calls us to listen to the voice of creation, and faithfully
respond through worship, repentance and
action.

As you celebrate this Season of Creation, light candles in
your worship or action. And may this symbol remind us to
take off our sandals, contemplate our connection to holy
ground, listen for the voice of creation, and be filled with
hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of
God's healing love that sustains our common home.



Pray

Prayer for a more generous spirit
Philip Kosloski - published on 01/13/20

Generosity is intimately linked with happiness.

It is often said that the more generous person can be, the happier they will become. Jesus is the prime example of that belief lived out to the fullest extent possible. He gave himself for us and was the happiest person, not in a superficial way, but filled with a joy no one could take from him.

St. Francis of Assisi is another example of someone who gave everything he possessed to the poor and was filled with a happiness that endured.

Here is a prayer commonly attributed to St. Ignatius of Loyola for a more generous spirit.

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,
Teach me true generosity,
Teach me to serve you as you deserve.
To give without counting the cost,
To fight heedless of wounds,
To labor without seeking rest,
To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward.
Save the knowledge that I have done your will. Amen.

Grow

Breaking news: Actor Shia LaBeouf converts to Catholicism
Cerith Gardiner - published on 08/25/22

The troubled movie star has found some much-needed peace in the arms of the Catholic Church.

In some positive news from Hollywood, the actor Shia LaBeouf has converted to Catholicism after studying for his lead role in the upcoming Padre Pio movie. It might not come as surprise to many, considering the Italian saint is a pretty powerful intercessor.

When the actor started preparing for the role as the famous mystic and stigmatist, he reported being in a very dark place due to a number of personal scandals and accusations, as Fox News reported:

"I had a gun on the table. I was outta here. I didn't want to be alive anymore when all this happened. Shame like I had never experienced before — the kind of shame that you forget how to breathe. You don't know where to go. You can't go outside and get like, a taco. But I was also in this deep desire to hold on."

His decision to take the role of Padre Pio was essentially for his career, and not for his faith. Yet, the actor seemed to be looking for some sort of guidance to help him through his personal trials and tribulations.

Although while growing up, LaBeouf was influenced by his mother's Jewish faith and his father's Christian faith, the actor had moments in his life where he didn't believe in God. However, it seems that God had plans for him by giving his career a certain nudge in a very positive direction.

In an interview with Bishop Barron, with whom LaBeouf had spent time while preparing for his role, the 36-year-old shared: "The reach-out had happened. I was already there. I had nowhere to go. This was the last stop on the train. There was nowhere else to go — in every sense."

Grow

Interestingly he also pointed out: "I know now that God was using my ego to draw me to Him. Drawing me away from worldly desires. It was all happening simultaneously. But there would have been no impetus for me to get in my car, drive up [to the monastery] if I didn't think, 'Oh, I'm gonna save my career.'"

Heavenly intervention

The actor also explained how he felt that God had been a little "tricky" in his approach to drawing him closer to Him:

"When I got here, a switch happened. It was like Three-Card Monte. It was like someone tricked me into it, it felt like. Not in a bad way. In a way that I couldn't see it. I was so close to it that I couldn't see it. I see it differently now that time has passed."

The Transformers star also explained how the Christian approach to repentance was also instrumental in helping him come out of his dark place. While having to admit to himself the wrongs he'd committed, he also had to learn how far-reaching God's mercy can be.

"It was seeing other people who have sinned beyond anything I could ever conceptualize also being found in Christ that made me feel like, 'Oh, that gives me hope.'" LaBeouf shared with Bishop Barron in the interview. "I started hearing experiences of other depraved people who had found their way in this, and it made me feel like I had permission."

It's worth watching the interview in its entirety, as the actor shares much more about his conversion and his role as the beloved Capuchin friar. However, one rather charming, and stressful point that LaBeouf shared was the pressure he felt from other Catholics who would tug on his sleeve after Mass and say to him:

"Don't get it wrong. He's the only one we have."

While we await the release of the upcoming Padre Pio, we can already give it a five-star rating for inspiring a very troubled actor to enter the Catholic faith. And no doubt Padre Pio is smiling down from above for the role he played.

Here is the link to Bishop Barron's interview with Shia LaBeouf:
<https://youtu.be/hjxKG4mR3U4>

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2022/08/25/breaking-news-actor-shia-labeouf-converts-to-catholicism/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NEW STUDENT COUNCIL AS THEY BEGIN A NEW SCHOOL YEAR



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Reflect

Check all that apply:

- ◇ “Ahhhhh! I overslept! I’m gonna miss my first class!!!”
- ◇ “Wait, we have to do what? When was this mentioned on the syllabus?”
- ◇ “Um, I don’t know if I can stay for a few extra hours for work. I have church tonight.”
- ◇ “Do I really need to upgrade to the new iPhone?”
- ◇ “I’m so over school!”

I can honestly say that being a student has lots of demands and sacrifices. There are different priorities and deadlines to meet every day, along with expectations of completing them in a timely manner or suffer the consequences. In addition, there is constant planning and organizing involved in every aspect of the life of a student. So too, as for a disciple. The demand of discipleship is not easy, but the challenging part. In today’s Gospel, Jesus addresses for us the image of the cross. There is more to discipleship than we think. It’s not just simply following Him and then go about our lives the same way. Sacrifices will need to be made and we will need to think of what it will cost us. Jesus tells it to us straight because nothing can get in the way of following Him, not even the love of our family and all our wealth and material things. Let us stand firm, in word and in deed, and aim to be true disciples; let go of all distractions that keep us from following Him, and keep our eyes on the prize, which is the Kingdom of God.

We continued our welcome week with a fun Karaoke evening, retreat with our student council leadership with our digital FOCUS missionaries, Katherine Redmond and Jacob Barajas, and our Mass of the Holy Spirit and Welcome BBQ. We also hosted an Aloha Night to welcome new students. It was a fun evening of outdoor games, pizza meal with fellowship, a guided tour of the center, and a mini talk story time. Mahalo to DJ Gary Meyer for providing the musical elements for a very eventful Karaoke night! Mahalo to Katt and Jake for their continued love, prayers, and most especially for being in-person for our Welcome week/Fall outreach. Mahalo to our newly commissioned student council members for saying “Yes” in leading our campus ministry this 2022-2023 school year! Mahalo to Rayna & Vito Galati for providing dessert for our Welcome BBQ!

MAHALO to our parishioners and benefactors for your continued love, prayers, and support for campus ministry. Please keep the students, faculty, and staff of UH Mānoa in your prayers this school year.

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

Blessings to you and your ‘ohana!

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



WELCOME BACK BBQ

