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FIRST SUNDAY OF

Advent



NOVEMBER 27, 2022

“You also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44

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.

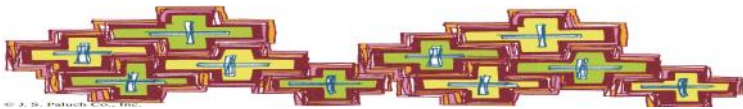
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

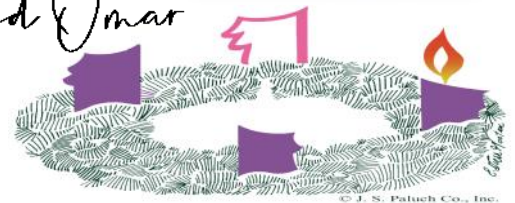
"Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

Happy new liturgical year! I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving Day holiday with family and friends. I am still full from eating lots of turkey, stuffing, mash potatoes, and other favorites at our Thanksgiving Day luncheon and my family dinner gathering. Mahalo to all those donated towards our sumptuous feast! This weekend, we begin the season of Advent. The First Sunday of Advent reminds us of the Lord's coming into our lives. In fact, the word "Advent" literally means "coming." It is this coming which the prophet Isaiah speaks about concerning the messiah. In Christ, God descended into creation by taking on flesh and made his dwelling among us. He lived, died, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven and now sits at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us. He will come again in the future, and all things will be restored in him. In today's gospel, Jesus speaks about his coming at the end of the age. While we don't know the hour nor the day when that will happen, we are forewarned. In the days of Noah, the people were caught unprepared. The same will happen with the second coming of the Lord. It will come as a big surprise. However, instead of indifference, we are called to respond with vigilance. We are challenged to prepare ourselves spiritually and physically. The Season of Advent is a time for us to prepare as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our savior Jesus Christ. Let us not waste any more time and let God be incarnate in our lives.

Have a blessed Advent week,

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



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 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 — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalms — We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord's house (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

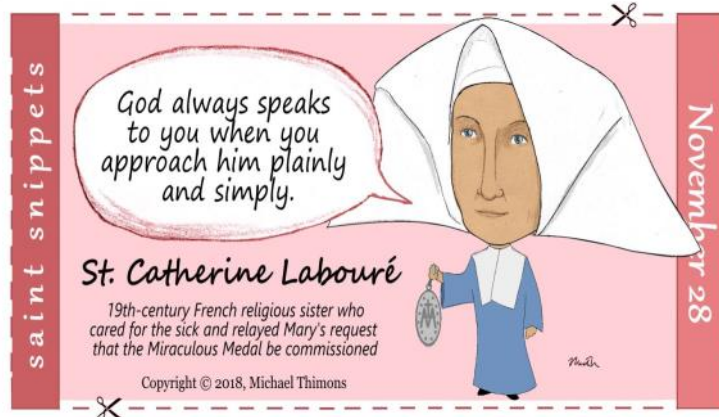
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wednesday:	St. Andrew
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday



PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT

We are called to reflect the light of God's love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home, work, or school, in our parish, in the world. "All nations shall stream toward it," toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God's light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ's light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today's Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light.

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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)

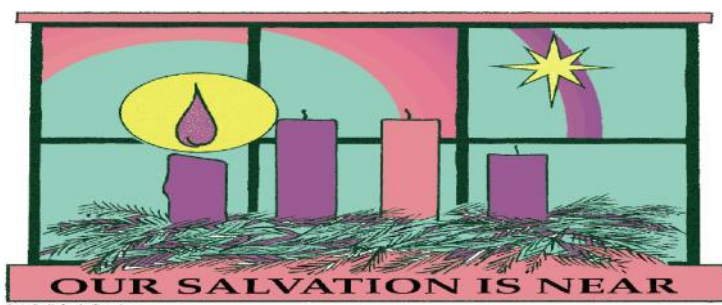
Monday Nights at 6:30 pm. 30 minutes of silence, followed by Scripture and Sharing. For more information, contact June Naughton (808) 524-2718.

Stewardship Moment

On this first Sunday of Advent Jesus urges his disciples to stay awake and prepare themselves for the Lord's coming. Good stewards prepare themselves and await Christ's judgment in joyous expectation. This attitude requires genuine spiritual maturity, of course; the kind that is cultivated by prayer, participation in the sacraments, loving attention to family and one's communion of faith, and love for one's neighbor. Are we prepared for the Lord's second coming? Are we ready to receive Christ? Are we ready to look joyously for Christ's judgment?

Family Connection

Many of us feel the pressure early in the holiday season to be ready for Christmas. But today's Gospel challenges us to be ready for something other than the gift-giving of Christmas. Read together today's Gospel reading. As a family, talk about what it means to be ready for the day of the Lord. One of the roles of the family, the domestic church, is to be a school of faith leading one another to salvation. Reflect together as a family on how your family helps one another to be better Christians. Commit to one thing that your family will do this Advent season to help one another be better Christians. You might choose to write this commitment down and post it in a prominent place in your home, perhaps near your family's Advent wreath. Pray together that God will help you in this Advent commitment. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

Collection 11/19/2022-11/20/2022	\$1,860
Online 11/18/2022-11/23/2022	\$1,842
2nd Collection	\$ 400.00

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

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 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

RCIA Inquiry Period

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), also called the Catechumenate, is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith for persons who are experiencing a conversion in their lives and seeking either Christian baptism in the Catholic Church or full Communion with the Catholic tradition of Eucharist and Confirmation.

It is a process which enables the study of the Gospels, Catholic Christian teaching, the acceptance of Christian values and morality, the development and deepening of a life of prayer and action with the support and involvement of the local Christian community. The RCIA is more than a course of instruction. It is a process of conversion, designed to meet the unique and individual needs of the participants.

Who is RCIA for?

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith
 - Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

If you are interested in joining the RCIA process, please contact Father Alfred Omar at pastor@newmanhawaii.org or 808-988-6222.

5 WAYS TO PREPARE YOUR HEART THIS ADVENT



- 1 Prepare room at the Inn**
Make room in your heart for Jesus.
- 2 Clean out the cobwebs**
After an Examination of Conscience, go to Confession.
- 3 Hang new curtains**
"Decorate" your heart with joy and hope.
- 4 Get out the fine china and set the table**
Let your attitude be one of enthusiastic expectation.
- 5 Open the front door and wait**
Wait for Christ's arrival silently and in a spirit of prayer.

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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 to his disciples, "You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son ..."

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Answer: *of Man will come*

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



HER HEART IS AWAKE EVEN WHEN SHE IS ASLEEP

STAY AWAKE Be READY!

Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming." Mt 24:42

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Around the Diocese



ART OF WITNESS

A Celebration of Jesus in the Eucharist

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022

7:00 AM -- MORNING MASS

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM -- PROGRAM

MARY, STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH & SCHOOL

Talented and faith-filled catechists and artist-educators from our Hawaii Catholic Schools will help us reflect upon the beauty of the source and summit of our faith – the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist – and inspire in us creative new ways to proclaim the Truth to the world.

WE'LL HAVE ART, MUSIC, SACRED MOVEMENT, SINGING, FLORAL ARRANGING, AND MORE!

OPEN TO ALL. CHILDREN/PARENTS ARE WELCOME!

Artwork by: Connor Lopez
Mary Star of the Sea School

\$10 PER ADULT (18+)

ALL ARE WELCOME,
INCLUDING FAMILIES!

CHILD/YOUTH FREE IF ACCOMPANIED
BY REGISTERED ADULT

PROGRAM INFO AND REGISTRATION AT
www.catholicwawaii.org/artofwitness



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CELEBRATE 10 YEARS WITH

A White Christmas



Join us in honoring
the first EPIC Award recipient.

LISA GOMES,

Director, Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

TICKET PRICES

General (8 yrs & up) **\$60**

Child (3-7 yrs) **\$20**

Infant (0-2 yrs) **FREE**

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
\$50 GENERAL \$15 CHILD
Late admission \$75 General | \$30 Child

DECEMBER 30, 2022

FRIDAY 6-10PM

Hawaii Okinawa Center Ballroom

94-587 Uke'e St. | Waipahu, HI

For more info, visit EPICMINISTRY.NET

Day of Recollection Journeying with a Saint

Join us for this opportunity to grow in your faith. Learn more about the life and service of Mother Theodore Guerin. We will learn more about Mother Theodore and how she is model for us on caring for the sick and the poor.



**NEW
DATE!**

When? Saturday, December 3, 2022

Time: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Where? Zoom

Who? Young people of all ages. Parents of children in grades 5 and under are required to participate with their child(ren).

This is an interactive experience. Participants are asked to have a camera and microphone available. Young people who participate in the full event will receive a Mother Theodore Guerin patch.

www.catholicwawaii.org/dor



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Called to Serve

We are in need of volunteers to serve in the
Eucharistic celebration as

LECTORS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS/GREETERS

"God does not call the qualified, rather, he qualifies the called!"

If you are willing to give of your time, talent, and treasure in

Liturgical Ministry, contact Brandon Akiona at

pastoralassistant@newmanhawaii.org today!

We look forward to serving God's people with you!



CAMPUS MINISTRY



HAPPY
Thanksgiving



Pray

Advent prayer for wisdom and the end of fear

Philip Kosloski - published on 12/17/21

Ask God to flood your soul with wisdom and to banish fear from your heart.

Fear can cripple us, and it takes true wisdom to understand that only God can banish fear in our lives.

Here is a prayer adapted from the Liturgical Year that asks God for that wisdom and true peace of heart.

O Jesus, Son of God, born of a Virgin,
whose Nativity struck the nations with terror
and compelled kings to reverence you,
grant unto us the beginning of Wisdom,
that we may thereby yield fruit
and render you by our advancement
in the same the fruits of peace.

O you who came like a torrent
to call the nations and was born on earth
for the conversion of sinners,
show unto us the gift of your grace
whereby all fear being removed,
we may ever follow you
by the chaste love of inward charity.
Amen

Grow

Have you ever tried making an Advent resolution?

Philip Kosloski - published on 11/14/22

The season of Advent is similar to Lent, a penitential time when we can make resolutions to live closer to Christ.

Many Catholics are familiar with making Lenten resolutions, including various sacrifices and commitments to increase spiritual activity.

Often this might include giving up chocolate for Lent, or engaging in almsgiving during the penitential season.

Advent is also meant to be a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. While Catholics are not often encouraged to make resolutions during Advent, the liturgical season is meant to be a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

As an example, beginning in the 8th century Eastern Christians doubled down on their preparations for Christmas. They firmly believed in the ancient maxim, "fast before you feast," and followed Christ's example of fasting for 40 days in the desert before he began his public ministry. To properly prepare for the glorious celebration of Christmas on December 25, they fasted for 40 days, beginning November 15 and ending on Christmas Eve.

Grow

While the Nativity Fast was not as rigorous as the Lenten Fast, it still reiterated the point that Advent was designed as a penitential season.

The modern celebration of Christmas in the Western world is probably one of the biggest hurdles to observing Advent in this way, as our friends and family members dig into Christmas cookies and invite us to Christmas parties.

While celebrating Christmas during Advent isn't a sinful action, it does make it more difficult to quiet our souls to prepare spiritually for Christ's birth.

Whatever you do during Advent, consider making a small Advent resolution that will draw you in to a closer relationship with the Christ Child.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2022/11/14/have-you-ever-tried-making-an-advent-resolution/>

Reflect

Happy Advent and a Happy New (liturgical) Year to all!

As a child (perhaps still as an adult now), I always misplaced and/or lost my things – from books to clothes to jewelry, and the list goes on! I would often turn to my dad and ask for his help and assistance in these moments of childhood crisis. His response, 99% of the time, would repetitively be, "Look with your eyes, and not with your mouth."

The readings this Sunday call us to be alert as we await the coming of the Lord. We become impatient at times with God's plan, therefore we drift away from Him and choose our own paths. Nevertheless, God is ever so faithful, no matter how many times we turn away from Him. I invite you to take a leap of faith this Advent season to be vigilant, open our eyes, truly prepare our hearts and minds for God's greatest gift to us and to be ready to receive His beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

"Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down." – Pope Francis

We are thankful to our parishioners and benefactors for your continued love, prayers, and support in sustaining the mission and vision of campus ministry here at Newman Center. We are beyond blessed for by your generous heart and spirit.

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

Blessings to you and your 'ohana!
- **Fay C. Pabo** (@fa_jo_pabo0)

