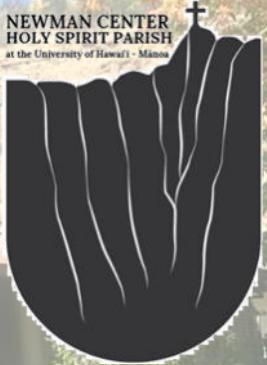


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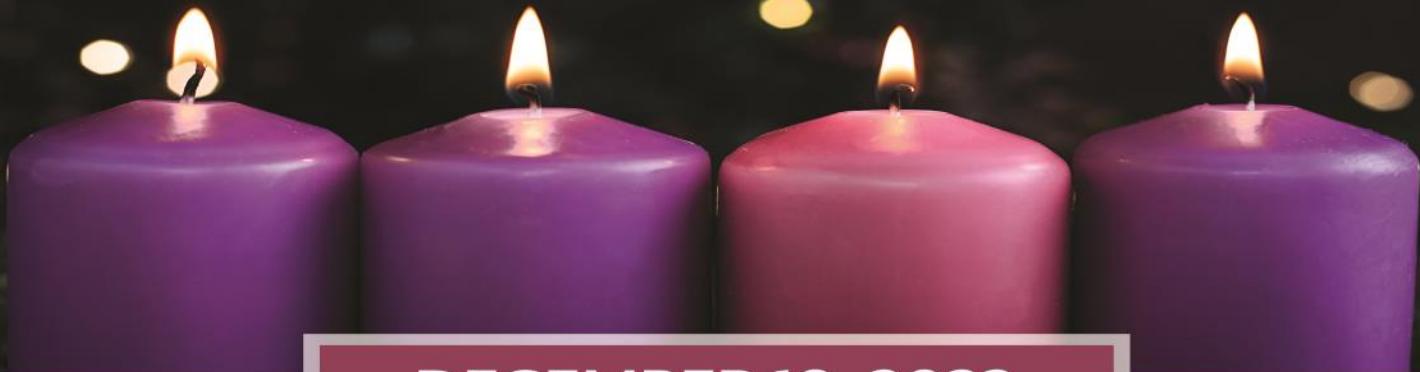
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means “God is with us.”*

MATTHEW 1:23

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

"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

We just wrapped up the fall semester Study Haven Week for our students and it got me reflecting on the wonderful happenings our parish have been able to do this past year. With the help of our Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) missionaries and our Campus Minister, Fay Pabo, we were able to host SEEK22 in February at our center. There were 30 participants that joined the three-day conference filled with prayer, keynote sessions, and small breakout groups. Also in February, during the diocesan phase of the synodal process, we collaborated with the Campus Ministry from Chaminade University and had a successful night of prayer, dialogue, and fellowship. The parish also had additional sessions for people to participate in. This was a positive step towards becoming a more synodal Church. At the Easter Vigil, we initiated seven students into the faith. They continue to be active members of our community. A couple of our Jesuit friends, Father Felix Just and Father Randy Roche, were able to come this year and offer lectures for our Adult Faith Formation. Those evenings were successful, and we hope to offer more in the coming year. With the easing of the Covid-19 restrictions, we were able to bring back our Easter Egg Hunt, Welcome Back BBQ, monthly Hospitality Sunday, and even our Advent/Christmas Party. This fall, we had about 70 students sign up for the Newman Club through tabling on campus and through the weekend Masses. While the numbers fluctuate throughout the year, we have an average of 33 students staying for our Sunday Night Student Dinners. Finally, we continue to have student leaders lead weekly bible study groups. These are just some of the many activities we did this past year and I thank you for your generous stewardship of time, talent, and treasure, that made this happen.

We cannot do this without your support. I humbly ask you to prayerfully consider an end of the year gift of financial support to Newman Center-Holy Spirit Parish, so that we may continue to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and beyond.

Have a blessed Advent week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



Important Notices

- The Newman Center will be closed for its annual closure from December 26-30, 2022.
- We will also be closed on January 2, 2023 in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

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

In today's Gospel we hear of the coming of Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." We celebrate three Advents: the birth of Christ, his Second Coming, and his presence in the world today. Our daily lives are attended by God's presence. Indeed, "God is with us." The Good News of Christ's Incarnation is that we are the sign, the "sacrament," of Christ's presence in the world. People are supposed to see us, see how we love one another, see how we treat the stranger among us, see how we give comfort to the poor and afflicted, and share the Good News with joy. They see how good stewards are the light of Christ. And there can be no possible response except to say: "God is here!"

Family Connection

Joseph and Mary are our models for family life and for service of God. Even when the circumstances seemed unclear, Joseph trusted God. Healthy family life is built upon trust, trust in God and trust of one another.

Spend some time talking as a family about the importance of trust in your family life, including the ways in which the children trust the adults in the family as well as the ways in which the adults trust the children. Then read today's Gospel. Talk about Joseph's trust of God and reflect together on how your family trusts in God. Pray together that your family life will be built on trust, as was the family life of Joseph and Mary. Pray and sing together an Advent song, such as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

12/10/22-12/11/22:	\$3,225
2nd Collection Retirement Fund for Religious:	\$987.00

Online

12/09/2022-12/5/2022:	\$2,497.00
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May we continue to receive God's gifts gratefully, manage them responsibly, and share them joyfully. Mahalo for your generosity!

Upcoming Second Collections:

Church in Latin America & Indian Missions	01/21/2023-01/22/2023
Agustine Educational Foundation	02/11/2023-02/12/2023

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

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE



Around the Parish

NEWMAN CENTER - Holy Spirit Parish Christmastide Mass Schedule

Vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

5:00 PM and 10:00 PM

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

10:00 AM

Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Saturday, December 31

5:00 PM

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Sunday, January 1

9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 5:00 PM



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!

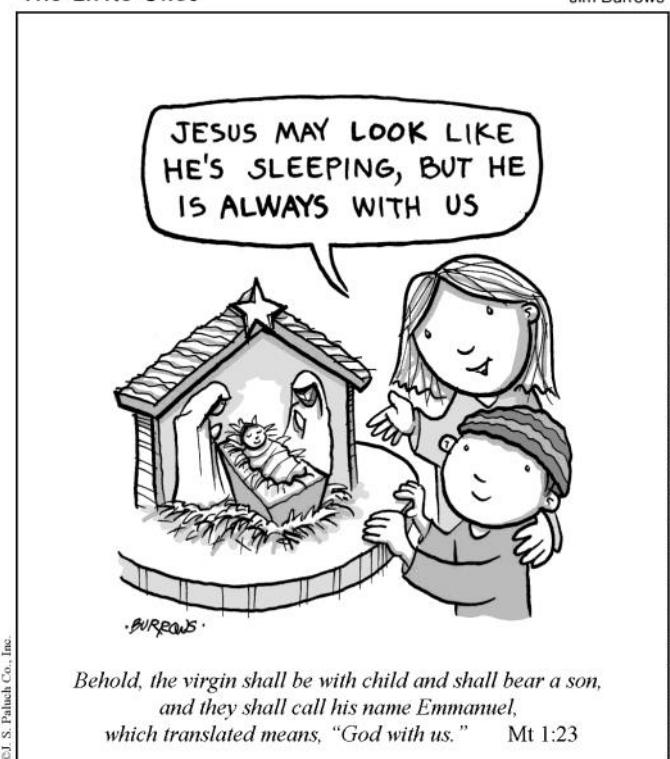
At Newman Center - Holy Spirit Parish, we know that we are all individual parts of the mystical Body of Christ. Working together, we find great joy in doing God's work here on earth. We invite and encourage you to join us as we pray, work and fellowship together.

Please contact the Parish Office to register. Welcome!



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



*Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son,
and they shall call his name Emmanuel,
which translated means, "God with us." Mt 1:23*

— UH FALL 2022 RECAP —



Two Visits to the Island

- On-Campus Time: tableing, spike-ball, & spending time with students
- Student Meet-Ups: coffee & meal meet-ups, hike & beach time, in-person Bible studies, frequenting Sacraments, in-person mentorship
- Leadership Formation: day retreat for evangelical training in person with virtual day retreat before visit & make up session after
- Events: welcome week events (Karaoke night, Sunday dinner, etc.), SEEK promo night, leadership dinners

Virtual Time with Students

- Check-ins: varied conversations & relationship building with students, checking in on life as well as building & checking in on spiritual goals
- Bible Studies: weekly time of fellowship, deepening of faith, and learning to share the Good News with others in small groups
- Retreat: we were able to give the talks for the retreat from afar
- "Growing Disciples" Groups: focused mostly on personal spiritual growth & the beginnings of evangelization & mission practicals with the hope of moving into full mission training
- One-on-one mentorship: personal accountability & mission training

Fruits from Mission

- Regular conversations about faith, morals, & personal life with students
- Two in-person Bible studies continue to thrive & one new virtual study started
- Roughly twenty Bible study participants
- Weekly mission training to teach students to evangelize with two students virtually
- Weekly mission training from one student to another, in-person (Nicolette & Gigi)
- Students verbalizing desire to "go out" on campus & beyond their comfort zone at Newman to meet people and bring them in





Pray

A prayer to Mary, Mother of Advent from St. John Paul II

Philip Kosloski - published on 12/16/17

As we approach Christmas, here is a short prayer from a pope who deeply loved the Blessed Mother.

Advent is a special time in the Church's calendar, one that is especially connected to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope John Paul II, who had a deep devotion to Our Lady, said in an Angelus address in 2003, "In this journey of expectation and hope that is Advent, the Ecclesial Community is identified more closely than ever with the Most Holy Virgin. May it be she, the Virgin of expectation, who helps us to open our hearts to the One who, by his coming among us, brings the priceless gift of peace to all humanity."

Each Advent John Paul II made it a point to pray to the Blessed Mother and offered special prayers to her, that she may adequately prepare our hearts for Christmas Day.

Below are two prayers, combined from addresses he gave in 1999 and 2004. Together they make a beautiful prayer for Advent, invoking the Blessed Mother's intercession in these final days before we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the mystery of the Incarnation.

May the Virgin Mary help us
to open the doors of our hearts to Christ,
Redeemer of man and of history;
may she teach us to be humble,
because God looks upon the lowly;
may she enable us to grow
in understanding the value of prayer,
of inner silence, of listening to God's Word;
may she spur us to seek God's will deeply and sincerely,
even when this upsets our plans;
may she encourage us while we wait for the Lord,
sharing our time and energies with those in need.
Mother of God, Virgin of expectation,
grant that the God-who-comes will find us
ready to receive the abundance of his mercy.

May Mary Most Holy, "Woman of the Eucharist" and Virgin of Advent,
prepare us all to joyfully welcome Christ's coming
and to celebrate worthily his sacramental presence
in the mystery of the Eucharist.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2017/12/16/a-prayer-to-mary-mother-of-advent-from-st-john-paul-ii/>

Before Christmas To-Do List:

1 Prayer

2 Silence

3 Rest

- Fr. Peter Kovacina

Grow

The startling obedience of Saint Joseph

Brother Silas Henderson, SDS - published on 12/17/16

He listened with his heart, as we must do too, to discern God's will for us

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins"...

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

—Matthew 1:20, 24

The Gospels do not relate a single word of Joseph, the husband of Mary. He is a silent, supportive figure standing in the shadows during the Season of Advent, coming into view only in the final days of this season of watching and waiting.

Although our Catholic tradition has often referred to Joseph as the "just" or "righteous man" (cf. Matthew 1:19), the story related in the Gospel for this Fourth Sunday of Advent presents a different facet of Joseph's character: obedience.

Taken from the Latin words *ob* and *audire*, our English word "obedience" means to listen or to hear. But this sense of listening doesn't mean that we simply take in and then follow the commands of another person. Obedience like that shown by Saint Joseph is a deeper sort of awareness and intentionality. Joseph listened, yes, but he listened with his heart. This is the kind of obedience that we Christians are called to in our relationship with God and with one another.

To say it another way, to be obedient as a Christian is to say, "I love you so much and am so in tune with your needs and desires that words are unnecessary." To get a sense of this, think of married couples who have been together for several years and who can anticipate each other's needs or of a parent who knows what their child is feeling without any words ever having been spoken. Obedience, in its truest sense, isn't about submission to the will of another. Obedience is about relationships.

As we have journeyed through the Season of Advent, we've heard promises from prophets and priests, we have received admonitions from Saint Paul, urging us to be patient and to hope. More than that, Jesus has reminded that he will come again in judgment and power in the fullness of time to bring about the full realization of Reign of God. These have been days of hope, expectation, waiting, perseverance, and, yes, obedience. Because, like Joseph and Mary who said "yes" to what was asked of them, God has also been asking something of us in these Advent days. And what is it God is asking?

The obedience of faith (cf. Romans 1:5).



Grow

In a 1966 Advent reflection, Dorothy Day wrote:

Faith is required when we speak of obedience. Faith in a God who created us, a God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Faith in a God to whom we owe obedience for the very reason that we have been endowed with freedom to obey or disobey. Love, Beauty, Truth, all the attributes of God which we see reflected about us in creatures, in the very works of man himself whether it is bridges or symphonies wrought by his hands, fill our hearts with such wonder and gratitude that we cannot help but obey and worship.

Ultimately, our Advent journey has been a time of discipleship. We are being asked to trust that God has kept—and continues to keep—the promises made to our spiritual ancestors so many centuries ago. And part of this trust is our awareness of how Christ is present and active among us today.

As we enter into this final week of Advent, ask Saint Joseph and the Blessed Virgin to help you cultivate a spirit of humble obedience so that you are able to discern what it is God is asking of you in these holy days. Offer a prayer of thanks for the ways that you experience the presence and power of Emmanuel—God-With-Us.

How does the faithful and loving obedience of Saint Joseph help you understand obedience in a new way?

How have you experienced the presence of Christ in these past weeks of Advent?

What are your hopes for yourself and for the world as we look toward Christmas?

Words of Wisdom: "What was the influence of Joseph's—and Mary's—obedience on the formation of the child Jesus? Did they, in the child's presence, speak about the 'angel of the Lord' who visited Joseph three times?... The obedience of Jesus perfectly reflected the religious atmosphere of the family whose head was Joseph. Concerning his obedience to the heavenly Father, Jesus would declare later on, 'I always do what is pleasing to him' (John 8:29)." —Lucien Deiss, C.Ss.P., Joseph, Mary, Jesus

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2016/12/17/the-startling-obedience-of-saint-joseph/>



Reflect

During my time as a youth minister, I was constantly looking for icebreakers and activities to do for youth nights, vicariate gatherings and retreats. One of my personal favorites is the "trust fall," in which a person consciously falls, trusting their team member(s) to catch them. Although the instructions are simple, the activity can be challenging and for the most part, quite difficult.

Can this be the same in our lives? Trust can be challenging and difficult for us in every aspect of our lives. When we start having issues with trust, other factors come to play – insecurity, anxiety, and doubt, to name a few. In today's Gospel, we hear from St. Matthew Joseph's take on the birth of Jesus. Because Mary is with child even before they are married, Joseph decides to divorce her quietly to avoid controversy and protect Mary. But God intervenes, as the angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream and tells him that the child Mary is carrying was conceived by the Holy Spirit and goes on to explain his role in God's plan. Joseph put his full trust in God and does what he is instructed to do. Obedience at its finest.

As we quickly approached Christmas, let us be reminded of God's plan and efforts for us. It is time for us to put our doubts and fears behind us and place our trust in God. Let us be attentive to hear His voice. Like Joseph, let us be obedient to the God's plan and with open arms be ready to receive the Baby Jesus.

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man." — 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. We most especially thank you for your extra prayers this week as we end the Fall 2022 semester.

Safe travels to our students and professors who will be going home for Christmas break. We pray for their safe return.

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

Blessings to you and your 'ohana!

- Fay C. Pabo (@fa_jo_pabo0)

