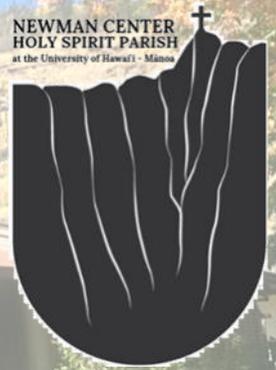


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"They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace."



The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 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.

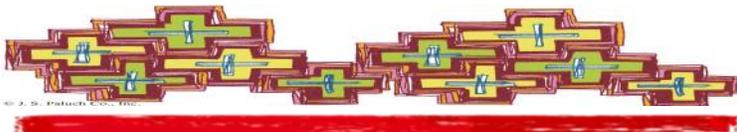
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

From the Desk of the Pastor

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing... For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace."

Merry Christmas! Recently, I received a Christmas card from a priest classmate and friend of mine who serves in one of the remote parts of the Diocese of Sacramento, California. In his card he wrote, "In the celebration of the appearance of the child, Jesus, we're reminded that true wealth is not measured by being swaddled by mansions, fancy clothes, or like things, but true wealth is where one becomes swaddled with love and becomes vulnerable to be loved. Our symbol of true wealth is this infant who makes himself vulnerable to us that we may hold him as part of our human family." This, I think, sums up the whole theology of the incarnation and the reason for our celebration this new season. God, who is infinite and seeks to be in communion with us, becomes flesh and dwells among us. Love is the reason for the incarnation of the eternal Word of God. May we allow that love to shine through our lives. Have a blessed feast of the Nativity of the Lord!

With Aloha,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



Important Notices

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



Pray

Prayer that the birth of Christ will strengthen our faith

Philip Kosloski - published on 01/08/22

Ask God to keep you firm in the faith, reflecting on the birth of Jesus.

The Christmas season is a beautiful time to reflect on the birth of Jesus and the effect of that event on our spiritual lives.

The reality of the Incarnation should boost our faith in God, strengthening us for any trial that may come upon us.

Here is a collect prayer of the Church that asks God for the strength to keep the faith in the light of the Incarnation.

God, our Father,
since through the human birth of your only Son
you began in us the work of redemption,
keep us firm in faith, and with Christ as the Shepherd of
our souls bring us the glory you have promised.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2022/01/08/prayer-that-the-birth-of-christ-will-strengthen-our-faith/>



Grow

Newman and Augustine on the meaning of Christmas

Russell Shaw - published on 12/16/22

That "terrible aboriginal calamity" is at the heart of it.

What is the meaning of Christmas? That question may not be quite as simple as it sounds.

For many people, Christmas means big, jovial meals with family and friends, singing seasonal hymns in church, exchanging gifts. And for some generous souls, it also means serving meals to the poor or visiting lonely people in hospitals or nursing homes.

Those are all good answers, I think—all those things really are a welcome part of Christmas. But for a deeper take on the matter, let's turn to two towering religious thinkers and masters of rhetoric, St. Augustine and St. John Henry Newman.

For both of them, the coming of Jesus is directly linked to the doctrine of original sin—that "terrible aboriginal calamity," Newman calls it, which brought about humanity's state of alienation from God and continues to serve as breeding ground of personal sins. The Incarnation, which we celebrate at Christmas, is God's chosen means of undoing this terrible damage through the redemptive, grace-giving life of Jesus Christ.

Against this background, Augustine in his Christmas homilies enjoys marshaling paradoxes to illustrate "the humility of God." He therefore speaks of the newborn Savior as, "unspeakably wise, wisely speechless as an infant; filling the world, lying in a manger; so great in the form of God, so small in the form of a servant, in such a way that neither the greatness was diminished by the smallness, nor the smallness overwhelmed by the greatness."

And to what end? Here is Augustine's answer:

"Unless he had a human birth, we would never attain to the divine rebirth; he was born that we might be reborn....His mother bore him in her womb; let us bear him in our hearts.

CAMPUS MINISTRY



Grow

The virgin was big with the incarnation of Christ; let our bosoms grow big with the faith of Christ. She gave birth to the Savior; let us give birth to praise. We mustn't be barren; our souls must be fruitful with God."

Writing 14 centuries later, John Henry Newman offers much the same account of Christmas in his own inimitable fashion. After the fall, he points out, the Second Person of the Trinity

"might have remained in the glory which he had with the Father before the world was. But that unsearchable Love, which showed itself in our original creation, rested not content with a frustrated work, but brought him down again from His Father's bosom to do his will and repair the evil which sin had caused."

The first Christmas wasn't the end, though, but the beginning, inasmuch as it remains for us to complete the work of redemption in ourselves. Here's Newman again:

"The first grace is faith, the last is love; first comes zeal, afterwards comes loving-kindness; first comes humiliation, then comes peace; first comes diligence, then comes resignation. May we learn to mature all graces in us—fearing and trembling, watching and repenting because Christ is coming; joyful, thankful and careless of the future because he is come."

So Christmas most certainly does mean big, happy family dinners, familiar carols and hymns, and gift-giving, along with acts of kindness performed for the needy and the sad. Pile on the Christmas trees, the holiday wreaths, the familiar music, and enjoy every blessed bit of it. But in the midst of it all, let's keep the eyes of our hearts fixed on that tiny figure in the manger. In the end, nothing we do would count for very much if he hadn't come to celebrate that first Christmas with us.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2022/12/16/newman-and-augustine-on-the-meaning-of-christmas/>

Reflect

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord." – Luke 2:11

Merry Christmas! Maligayang Pasko! Feliz Navidad! Mele Kalikimaka!

On this Feast of the Nativity of the Lord, we celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord, God choosing to become one of us. This choice has been part of God's plan along. We are given this special gift of the Baby Jesus, who is for us the Savior in our lives and the lives of those around us. May we receive this gift of Emmanuel, God is with us, with open arms, and share the joy of Jesus' birth to our family and friends this Christmas season.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." – Luke 2:14

We wish you and your 'ohana a very merry & joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year!

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.

"Joy is the true gift of Christmas, and we can communicate this joy simply:

with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness.

And the joy we give will certainly come back to us." – Pope Benedict XVI

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

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



Liturgical Schedule

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| 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 — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalm — The whole world has seen God's salvation (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

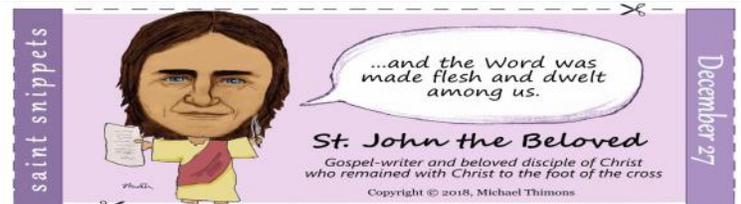
Gospel — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18 |
| Thursday: | 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40 |
| Friday: | Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 |
| Saturday: | 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18 |

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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| Monday: | St. Stephen |
| Tuesday: | St. John |
| Wednesday: | The Holy Innocents |
| Thursday: | St. Thomas Becket; Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord |
| Friday: | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph |
| Saturday: | St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord |



WHAT ALL THE WAITING HAS BEEN FOR

Today's readings are as familiar to most of us as the carols we sing and the commercials that overwhelm this holiday season. Often Christmas finds us tired, struggling with preparations and expectations. What we really want to feel is joy and peace. The stress of preparation, of waiting, is reflected in both Isaiah and Paul's letter to Titus. Luke tells us of the exhaustion that Mary and Joseph felt: a young pregnant wife and her husband, forced to travel just as she is about to give birth, unable even to find a room to stay in. It must have been miserable. They must have been afraid. In the midst of this exhaustion, misery, and fear, a child is born, a Son is given. The world is then filled with light and hope, joy and peace. In that moment they, and we, know what all the waiting has been for.

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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.

Family Connection

At Christmas we celebrate the great mystery that God became flesh and dwelt among us. We call this mystery the Incarnation (the word means "to take on flesh"), and it changes everything. Today's Gospel reminds us that we can also look upon the Nativity from God's perspective to better appreciate the significance of the Incarnation. The mystery we proclaim at Christmas is that God, the very God who created all things from nothing and who is light itself, took on our humanity in order to transform us. Through his birth among us, we have seen the face of God and have become nothing less than God's own children. At this awesome mystery, we adore.

Gather as a family around your Nativity set. Keep this image before you and talk about how familiar we are with this scene. Invite members of the family to recall the details of Jesus' birth that we hear in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Observe that the Gospel of John invites us to consider Jesus' birth from a different perspective. Read together today's Gospel, John 1:1-14. John's Gospel reminds us that the image we see in our Nativity set is a most remarkable sight: God made himself at home with us by taking on flesh and becoming a human person. We call this mystery the Incarnation. What are some of the things that John's Gospel says happened for us because Jesus came to dwell among us? (Light overcame darkness; we see God's glory in Jesus; we became children of God.) Together thank God for this mystery of the Incarnation and the salvation that we received because Jesus was born among us. Sing together a Christmas hymn, such as "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "Silent Night."



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

12/17/2022-12/18/2022: \$2,847.00

Online

12/16/2022-12/22/2022: \$3,342

Campus Ministry:

\$900.00

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
Augustine 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

