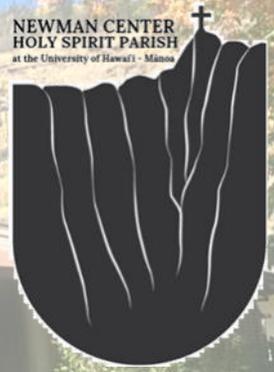


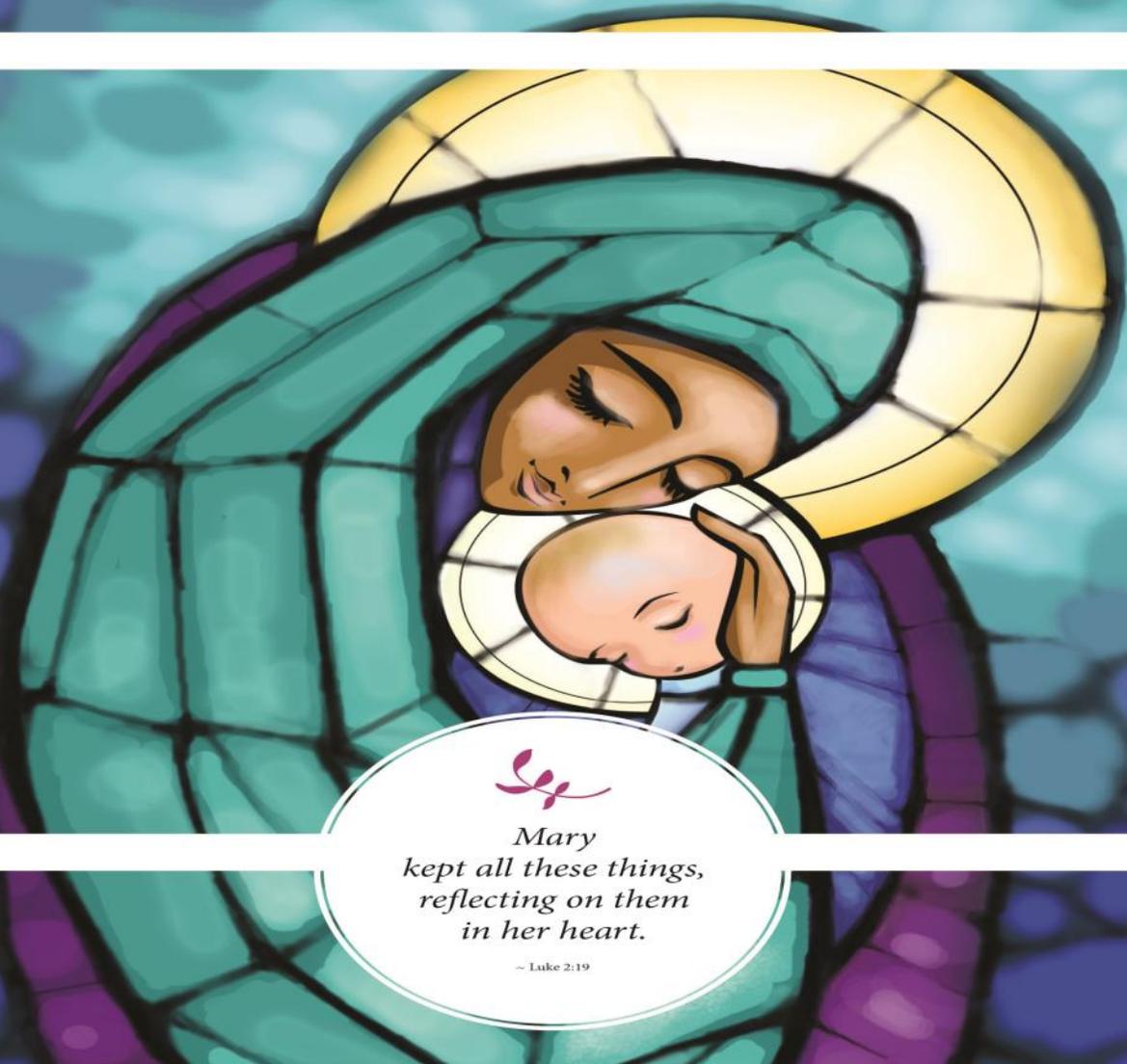
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January 1, 2023 | Mary, the Holy Mother of God



Mary
kept all these things,
reflecting on them
in her heart.

~ Luke 2:19

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.

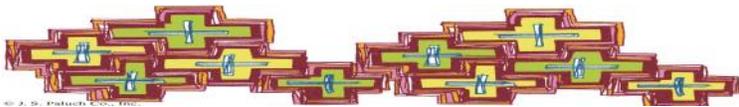
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

"The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!"

You might have thought today was the Feast of the Holy Family since it is normally the Sunday following the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord Jesus Christ. Instead, today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God which is the eighth day of the Christmas octave. So, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

During the days of Christmas, the focus has been the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Our gospel reading today, doesn't begin with them. Instead, the focus is the shepherds who play an important part in the Christmas drama. After having been visited by an angel in the fields, they went in haste to Bethlehem and found the infant Lord lying in the manger. When they made their visit, they spoke about their experience in the field and what the angel told them about Jesus. Those around who heard their message were amazed. This is significant because the message of mere shepherds, outcasts of society, amazed the people. They went home glorifying and praising God for what they had seen and heard. Sunday after Sunday, we are fed and nourished by Word and Sacrament. Are we amazed by what God does for us at Mass? Do we go back into the world glorifying and praising God by our lives? As we begin a new calendar year, may we be renewed by God's grace and stay amazed by God's active role in our lives.



With Aloha,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



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Important Notices

- The Newman Center will be closed on January 2, 2023 in observance of the New Year holiday.
- Hospitality Sunday and UH Food Vault Collection NEXT WEEKEND



Pray

2 Simple prayers to begin the New Year

Philip Kosloski - published on 01/01/18

Pause for a minute to pray these prayers with hopeful expectation at what is to come.

New Year's Day is typically a day filled with hope, looking forward to what will transpire during the next 12 months. One of the best things we can do in the first moments of the New Year is to pause for a few moments to pray.

This helps us to remember that God wants to be a bigger part of our lives in the New Year and accompany us on our journey. Whether it be in our joys or sorrows, God wants to be there and help us draw closer to the eternal joy of Heaven.

The USCCB has a powerful and simple prayer that helps set the stage for the coming year, recognizing God's providential hand in all things, past, present and future.

Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights,
seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning,
forever and ever. R/. Amen.

Pope Benedict XVI also began each year in prayer, on a day now known as the "World Day of Peace." Here is his short prayer, asking God to make each of us an instrument of his peace in the New Year.

Here I would recall the prayer asking God
to make us instruments of his peace,
to be able to bring his love wherever there is hatred,
his mercy wherever there is hurt,
and true faith wherever there is doubt.
For our part, let us join Blessed John XXIII
in asking God to enlighten all leaders so that,
besides caring for the proper material welfare of their peoples,
they may secure for them the precious gift of peace,
break down the walls which divide them,
strengthen the bonds of mutual love, grow in understanding,
and pardon those who have done them wrong;
in this way, by his power and inspiration all the peoples
of the earth will experience fraternity,
and the peace for which they long
will ever flourish and reign among them.
With this prayer I express my hope that all will be true peacemakers,
so that the city of man may grow
in fraternal harmony, prosperity and peace.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2018/01/01/2-simple-prayers-to-begin-the-new-year/>

Grow

5 Things You Might Not Know About January 1st

Marge Fenelon - published on 12/30/14 - updated on 06/07/17

The day's religious roots run deep.

If someone asked you about the significance of the January 1, what would you say? The first thing that would probably come to your mind would be that it is New Year's Day. And, you might possibly cite it as the biggest hangover day of the year. If you're really up on your Catholic Faith, you would remember that the Church honors Mary as Mother of God on that day. You'd be correct about all three of these things, but did you know that there's more to it?

Here are five things that you might not know about January 1:

1. January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. A solemnity is a liturgical celebration that is different from feast days and memorials. All three honor the Saints or special aspects of Jesus and Mary, but solemnities are the highest degree of celebration and are reserved for the most important mysteries of the Faith. Solemnities include Easter, Pentecost, the Immaculate Conception, the main titles of Jesus, and Saints that are of particular importance in salvation history. Solemnity masses have the same basic elements as Sunday ones, including all three readings, prayer of the faithful, the Creed, and Gloria. Some solemnities are also holy days of obligation but these vary from country to country according to the standards set by the bishops' conferences. In the United States, January 1 is a holy day of obligation.

2. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is celebrated on the Octave of Christmas. Octave comes from the Latin word for "eight," and is the name for the ancient Church practice of celebrating Christmas for eight days. The tradition dates back to the Old Testament, when the Hebrew people observed many of their feasts for a period of eight days. For example, the "Feast of Tabernacles" and the "Dedication of the Temple." Later, the Roman Emperor Constantine added the celebration of the dedication of basilicas to this tradition. In the past, there were several feasts that were celebrated with octaves; since Vatican Council II, only Easter and Christmas have octaves.

The reason the Hebrews celebrated for eight days was that life was so hectic for them and families struggled under pressures and divisions caused by pagan traditions; the Church granted a period of eight days, so that families could more fully take in the importance of these liturgical feasts. With Christmas bearing the importance that it does, it's no wonder the Church allows us eight days of special contemplation (although traditionally the Christmas season ends with the Baptism of Jesus, celebrated on January 11 this year).



Reflect

Happy New Year! Maligayang Bagong Taon! Feliz Año Nuevo!
Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

In this new 2023 year, we take time to reflect on the previous year and create realistic (and sometimes over-the-top) resolutions to help us be better versions of ourselves. Some of examples of the resolutions we make may include spending more quality time with family and friends, adopting a healthier lifestyle, and adding more prayer and reflection time to our busy lives.

In a very special way, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, and her role as the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. We see Mary not just as Jesus' mother but ours as well. The readings today remind of God's abundant blessings and His infinite love for us, and how His Son, Jesus, was born of Mary to save us. This is the will of God. This concept/thought can be a bit overwhelming and perhaps monotonous to hear or even fully grasp. Think about it – don't you think Mary and Joseph felt the same way? Joseph was probably all stressed out with many things on his mind, and Mary worrying about Joseph and the Baby Jesus. Despite all their anxiety and worry, they took the time to listen, reflect, and take it all in. This is the will of God. There's that phrase again. But it's true!

In this new year, let us challenge ourselves to take a step back, listen, reflect, and take the time to be aware of and be responsive to God's presence and work in our lives. Only then will we understand and know God's will for us.

"As we begin a New Year, we place ourselves under the protection of the Mother of God, who is also our mother. May she help us to keep and ponder all things, unafraid of trials, in the joyful certainty that the Lord is faithful and knows how to change crosses into resurrections." – Pope Francis

We wish you and your 'ohana a very merry & joyful Christmas (Yes, it's still Christmas) and a blessed New Year! We thank you, 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)



Happy New Year!

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3. Mother of God, or in Greek Theotokos, is the highest title ever to be given to Mary. She was given this title during the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD. The Council taught that Jesus' humanity and divinity could not be separated, and therefore Mary rightly deserved the title Mother of God. Mary brought Jesus into the world, and so she truly is God's mother, since Jesus is the second person of the Trinity.

4. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is the oldest feast of Mary celebrated in the Catholic Church.

5. Mary not only is Mother of God but she also is truly your mother. When she said yes to Gabriel at the Annunciation, she said yes to being Jesus' mother, and at that same moment gave her yes to becoming our spiritual mother.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that Mary is our mother in the order of grace.

"Her role in relation to the Church and to all humanity goes still further. In a wholly singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope, and burning charity in the Savior's work of restoring supernatural life to souls. For this reason she is a mother to us in the order of grace."

"This motherhood of Mary in the order of grace continues uninterruptedly from the consent which she loyally gave at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross, until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect. Taken up to heaven, she did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix." (CCC 968, 969)

Mary's role as our mother began at the Annunciation and continues for all Eternity. Because she loves her Son so very much, she loves us tenderly as members of his Mystical Body.

So, when we wake up on New Year's Day, we can go ahead and turn the calendar page and get excited over the prospects of a brand new year. We can also hit the Bloody Mary's to alleviate our hangover symptoms. But far more than that, we can rejoice because we are deeply loved by a Mother who is, not only Mother of God but also our Mother.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2014/12/30/5-things-you-might-not-know-about-january-1st/>

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 — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalms — May God be merciful and bless us (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

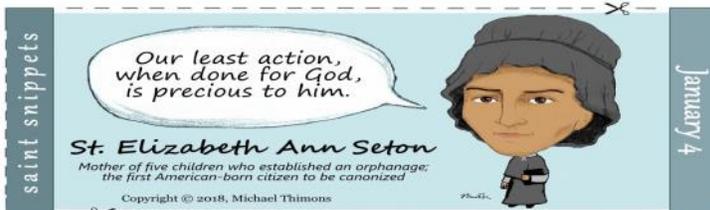
Monday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday:	1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday:	Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Tuesday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Wednesday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Thursday:	St. John Neumann
Friday:	St. André Bessette; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday;

NEW YEAR

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul. —G. K. Chesterton



BLESSINGS

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.

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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

In today's Gospel, we learn that Mary honored her commitment to God by naming her child Jesus, the name given to him by the angel Gabriel. In Matthew's Gospel, Joseph is told to name the child Jesus because he will save the people. The name Jesus means "God saves." Even in his name, Jesus announces the mission he came to accomplish. Your family might use today's feast as an opportunity to talk about names. Reflect together on the name of each member of the family. What does each name mean? Why was each person so named?

Read together today's Gospel, Luke 2:16-21. Recall that the name Jesus means "God saves." Think about how Jesus fulfilled the mission that his name suggests. Pray as a family that each family member will fulfill their mission to be faithful followers of Jesus, in whom we find our salvation. Pray for Mary's help by praying together the Hail Mary or singing together, "Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly."

Stewardship Moment

The encounter between God and Moses in today's first reading is awe-inspiring. God bestows three blessings upon Moses and directs him to extend those blessings to others: The Lord blesses you and keeps you. The Lord lets his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord looks upon you kindly and gives you peace. Good stewards realize these blessings are showered upon them in a unique and special way each time they receive the Eucharist, and exercising good stewardship of the Lord's blessings in this sacrament begins by receiving these gifts with profound gratitude.

Perhaps it would be a good idea this week to memorize these marvelous blessings and repeat them to yourself frequently. Make them part of your morning prayer each day.

**God sent
his Son,
born of a
woman**



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

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Augustine Educational Foundation 02/11/2023-02/12/2023

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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

