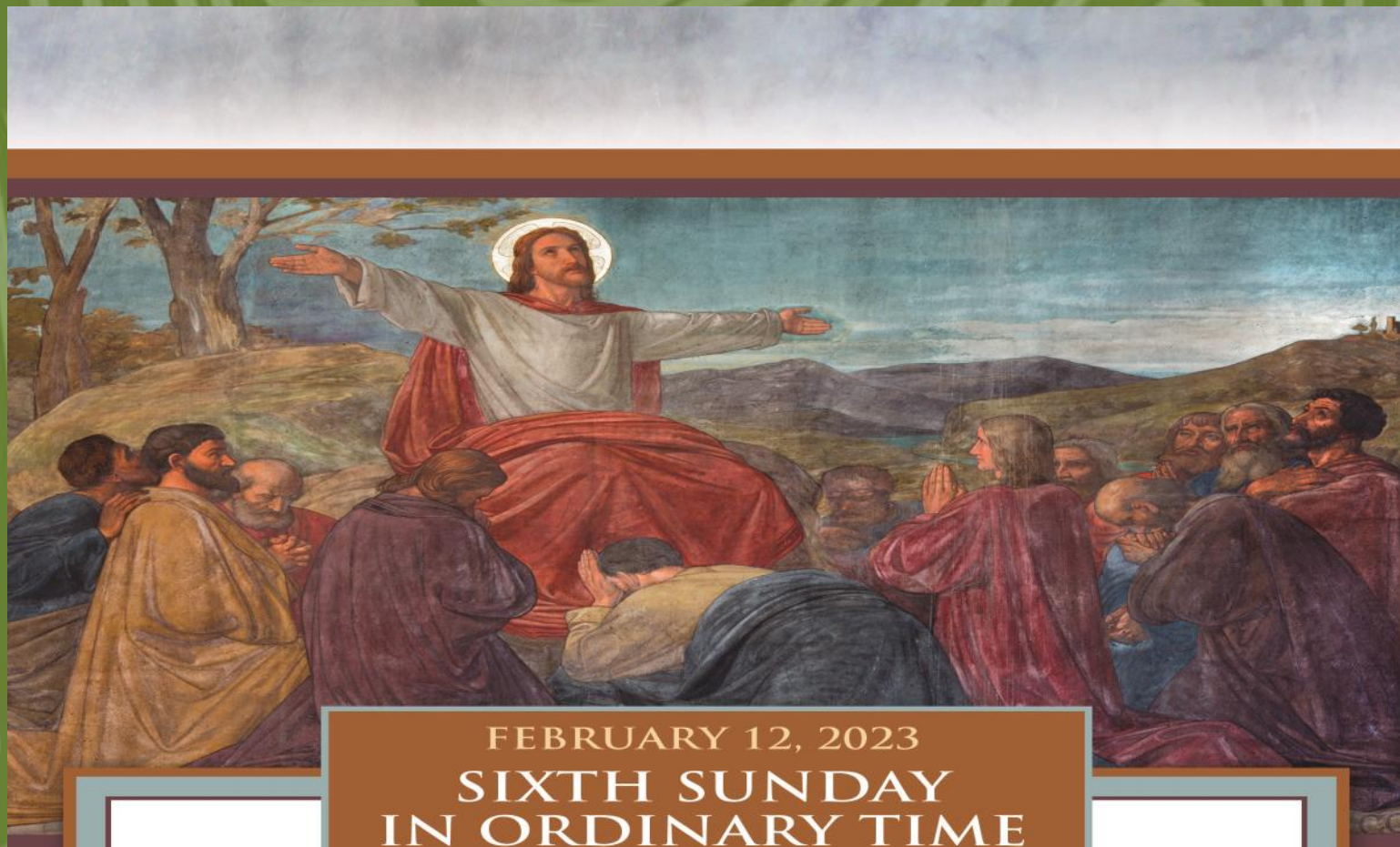


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FEBRUARY 12, 2023
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*“Amen, I say to you,
until heaven and earth pass away,
not the smallest letter or the
smallest part of a letter
will pass from the law.”*

MATTHEW 5:18

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.

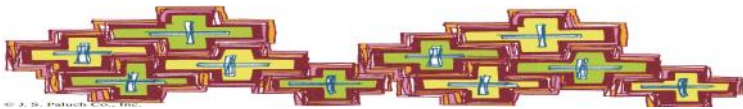
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

"Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!"

Remember when you were in school? On that first day of school, the teacher goes over the rules. Be on time! Listen to the teacher and follow directions! Raise your hand when you would like to speak! Obey all school rules! Throughout our lives, we cannot run away from laws, commandments, rules! When I entered the seminary, the first thing we received was the rule of life.

Today, we hear Jesus preaching about the commandments and new ones to live by. This passage comes from the Lord's Sermon on the Mount. In hearing the sermon of Jesus, we might be hearing once again...don't do this... don't do that. However, that is not the point of his teachings. We hear Jesus calling us, not to a superficial, exterior performance of commandments, but to a far more profound response – a deeper, interior change that will enable us to do as he instructs. It is all about our interior disposition and today he is giving concrete examples of what we heard him say to his disciples last week. They are to be "salt of the earth," "light of the world" and a "city set on a mountain." As his disciples also, we are called to a different way of living. We are to seek reconciliation where there is anger and alienation. We are to tame our desires despite the licentiousness of the world around us. And we are to be faithful to one another, so when we make promises, we keep them. Jesus' life showed us what the Sermon looks like when lived out. May we do likewise.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



Important Notices

- Ash Wednesday Parking: Please use stalls behind the Newman Center or the St. Francis campus
- Ash Wednesday Mass at 12:10PM, 6:00PM, and 9:00PM
- Parish Lenten Series on Tuesday, February 28 and Wednesday, March 1 at 6:00PM

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 — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalms — Happy are those who observe God's commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

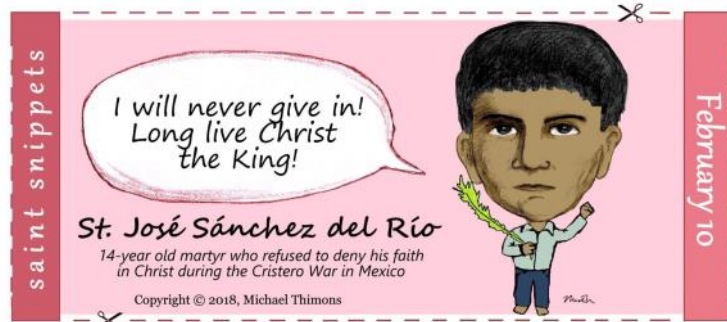
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday:	Ss. Cyril and Methodius
Friday:	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary



THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

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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:

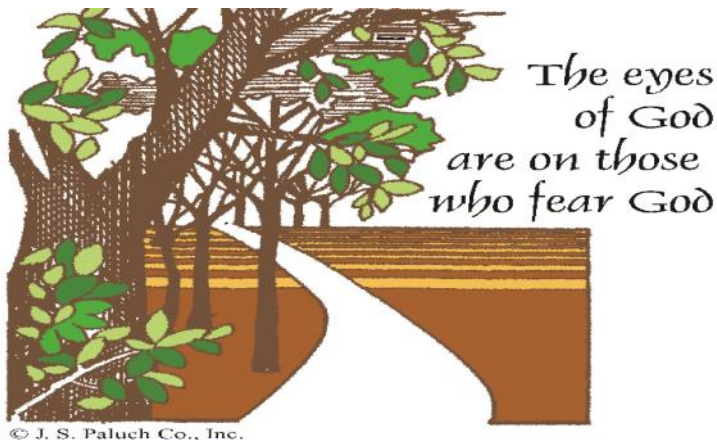
<https://mission.lmu.edu/cis/spiritualessays>

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

Families have rules. Without rules, family life would be chaos. As a family, brainstorm a list of rules that you are all called to follow in your home in order for you all to get along together. Think about rules for play time, rules for eating, rules for how to speak to one another, rules for going out with friends, and so on. Emphasize that families follow rules as a way of showing love and respect for one another. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about following the Law. Say: God's Law of love can be thought of as rules that we are to follow in order to show our love and respect for one another. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 5:17-37. Talk specifically with one another about how anger is to be dealt with in your family. Conclude by praying for the grace to overcome anger and to show respect for one another as a family by following God's Law of love.



Stewardship Moment

In today's Gospel, part of his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus does not speak of replacing the law of the Old Testament. He goes beyond it. He obliges his followers to work at being holier than even the strictest of Pharisees. But the work is not accomplished by following a religious "law", it requires growing in love for other human beings. Followers of Jesus know they are required to be good stewards of others. In what way will you exercise good stewardship over other people this week?

Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

Collection 02/04/2023-02/05/2023: \$7,904.00

Online Collection: 02/03/2023-02/10/2023: \$1,155.00

2nd Collection Augustine Education Foundation: \$570.00

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

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

Catholic Relief Services: 03/18/2023-03/19/2023

Giving Made Easy

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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



Around the Parish

Newman Center Lenten Series 2023

Tuesday, February 28 and Wednesday, March 1 at 6PM

Learning to Listen to God

A TWO-PART SERIES ON THE
DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS IN THE
TRADITION OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA
AND THE JESUITS

How do I discover God's plan for me?
How do I know that I am listening to the Lord?
(And not my projection of what I think God
wants for me?)
How do I know what to do with my life?
What career choices to make?

This two-part Lenten series explores the rules for the Discernment of Spirits from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, the Founder of the Jesuit Order. A 500-year tradition, this practical guide can be used as a tool to deepen one's relationship with Christ.

The first evening explores St. Ignatius's first set of rules which apply to spiritual beginners.

The second evening builds on the foundation from the first set and will explore additional rules and principles for those who are more experienced in discernment.

Both evenings will include ample time for prayer and discussion. 90 minutes each evening.

About the Presenter:

Born in Seattle and raised in Honolulu, Fr. Phillip Alcon Ganir, S.J. joined the US West Province of the Jesuits in 1999 after graduating from UH Mānoa in Political Science and Asian Studies. In addition to the spiritual, pastoral, and academic training required of Jesuits, he completed music degrees at the Manhattan School of Music and the University of Notre Dame, and worked as an Associate Pastor at St. Ignatius Parish, Sacramento. Currently, a PhD Candidate in Catechetics at Washington DC's Catholic University of America, he is writing his dissertation on music and catechesis while assisting in campus ministry at Georgetown University, where he currently resides in the Jesuit community. He is proud to call O'ahu his home, especially the Newman Center where he worked as an undergraduate; Damien Memorial School where he graduated in 1994; and St. Elizabeth, 'Aiea, his parish and former grade school.



New to Newman Center - Holy Spirit Parish?

Aloha! E Komo Mail!

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 or diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more ..."

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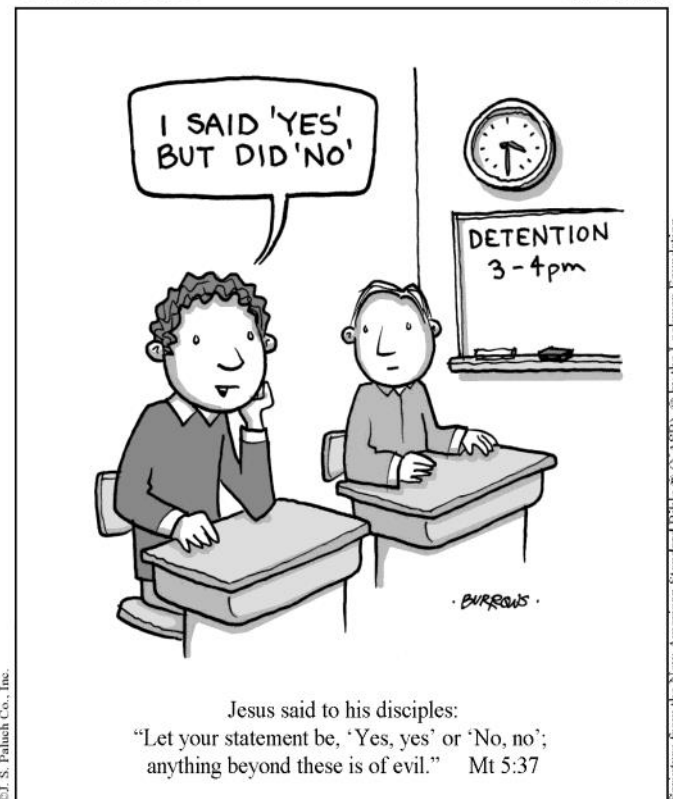
Answer: *is from the evil one*

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus said to his disciples:
"Let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no';
anything beyond these is of evil." Mt 5:37

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Four-Petals Peace Service and Affirmations

This will be the 35th of a series of quarterly Peace Services, rotating between the sponsoring organizations. It is a multi-faith service for peace, of mindfulness and an expression that particularly resonates among our faiths, blossoming from our common humanity.

For more information on this Catholic-led Peace Service, contact June Naughton at 808-383-8954.

- We affirm that all people should have the opportunity to enjoy lives of harmony and peace.
- We affirm that while we may follow different faith traditions, our traditions and beliefs all include a strong desire for peace.
- We affirm that each faith tradition will offer its expression of contemplative reflection providing an experience of peaceful attentiveness with the common goal of peace and aloha.

Time: The service begins at 6:30pm
please arrive early to sit and settle down

Date: Monday, February 20, 2023

Place: Online via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83897782134?pwd=VXIiZjJLTWlWakwyNWkKRk1aWFJhUT09>

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"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.'" - Matthew 16:24

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Pray

Bishop authorizes private prayer for Benedict XVI's intercession

Philip Kosloski - published on 02/07/23

A Brazilian bishop authorizes the first prayer to ask for Benedict XVI's intercession. Only a few weeks after Pope Benedict XVI's death, Brazilian bishop Dom Antônio Carlos Rossi Keller of the Diocese of Frederico Westphalen has authorized a private prayer to seek the intercession of the deceased pontiff. He explained his reasoning in an interview published on A12. "Only the Church can officially say whether Benedict XVI will be canonized or not, if he lived the Christian virtues in a heroic degree. So this is a filial prayer, it is not an official prayer of the Church, it is a prayer of the sons and daughters who knew the pope through his person, his writings, his teachings, and they realize that he is a man who loved God very much, loved the Church very much, served with generosity and dedication, to the point that when he realized he no longer had the strength to govern the Church, he humbly withdrew. For these reasons, I composed this prayer, naturally with the value of personal piety, and it should not be said publicly, only individually. I believe that many graces will be granted through the intercession of Benedict XVI." The prayer is intended as a private prayer and does not guarantee that Benedict XVI would ever be canonized a saint. However, it is among the first steps in the long road to canonization. If the cause for his canonization was ever approved, Benedict XVI would join a long list of popes in the last century who have been canonized. Below is Aleteia's translation of the Brazilian bishop's prayer. Any graces or miracles attributed to Benedict XVI's intercession must be communicated to the Vicariate of Rome

Almighty and ever-living God,
you inspired in the heart of your servant, Pope Benedict XVI,
the sincere desire to encounter you and proclaim you,
becoming a humble "Cooperator of Truth"
and offering himself as a servant for Christ and the Church.

Grant that I may love Christ's Church
and follow in my life the eternal truths that it proclaims.
Deign, Lord, to glorify your servant Pope Benedict XVI,
and grant me through his intercession the grace that I now ask of
you. Amen.

Pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2023/02/07/bishop-authorizes-private-prayer-for-benedict-xvis-intercession/>



Grow

Fr. Mike Schmitz's Confession guide will prepare you for Lent

J-P Mauro - published on 02/04/23

The host of the 'Bible in a Year' and 'Catechism in a Year' podcasts makes Confession easy to understand in a brief video.

Lent is fast approaching and one of the best ways to prepare for the season of reflection and penance is to attend the Catholic Sacrament of Reconciliation. The practice of Confession is important to the faith life of Catholics, as it allows us to deepen our relationship with God by acknowledging the ways in which we distance ourselves from the Lord and seek forgiveness for these sins.

While Confession is an invaluable practice that encourages us to mature in our lives and faith through self-examination, too few Catholics seek Reconciliation with regularity. According to a 2020 study from Pew Research Center, only 43% of American Catholics visit the confessional once per year. The portion of those who go to Confession multiple times per year falls as low as 17% and barely 7% go monthly.

These figures brought to mind a guide by Fr. Mike Schmitz which has been invaluable to our own Confession preparations in recent years. If there's a priest out there who could get the faithful back into confession, it's Fr. Schmitz. With a natural charisma and conversational tones, he has led both the Bible in a Year and Catechism in a Year podcasts to #1. Today we'll be examining one of Fr. Schmitz's videos from seven years ago, titled "Making a Good Confession."

Fr. Schmitz, who has barely aged a day in seven years, instructs that the first question we must ask ourselves is "Has God been #1 in your life?" and "Have you put other things ahead of God."

The older we get, he explains, the more things we have in our life that can be put before God, but we are called to place God in the center of our lives. Admission of such a failure is essential to repairing and strengthening our relationship with God.

The priest next goes into the understanding of what a sin is. He notes that a lot of times he will hear the penitent say "Well, I try to be a good person," or "I don't really hurt anybody." These are good things, but the goodness of a person has no bearing on the sins they commit. Fr. Schmitz explains:

"Sin is this: [saying] 'God I know what you want me to do. I don't care. I want to do what I want to do.' It's knowing what God wants and freely choosing to do something else."

Fr. Schmitz advises us to take advantage of resources to examine our lives and prepare us to confess. He notes that there are "cheat sheets" that can be found with a simple internet search that can guide the faithful through the examination of conscience, made for both kids and adults. Next, he directs us to the Litany of Humility, written by Cardinal Merry del Val, which he suggests will help us identify the areas in our lives in which we have failed.

Another place where Catholics can find immeasurable potential for self-examination is in the words of Christ himself. Fr. Schmitz suggests reading the Beatitudes, the eight blessings recounted by Jesus during his Sermon on the Mount, recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, and four which Jesus gifted us in his Sermon on the Plain, in the Gospel of Luke.



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Finally, Fr. Schmitz directs us to the Consciousness Examen, written by St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order. Despite the name, it is a bit different than an examination of conscience. First, one must pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help us determine what needs to be confessed. Then one must go over the events of the day, identifying where we accepted the invitation of God's grace and thanking God for these opportunities. Conversely, we must identify the ways in which we rejected God's invitation and ask his forgiveness.

All of this prep work is meant for us to reach an honest revelation about the state of our relationship with God. Confession, Schmitz explains, is not just about sin, but "it's about living out of a relationship with God." This is why the first question we must ask ourselves is if we have placed God in the center of our lives.

For a short video, Fr. Schmitz covers a lot of ground and gives us a lot to contemplate. His excellent guide to Confession is an invaluable resource, especially for those who may not have been to Confession for a long time. Still, all of us can find the tools to build a deeper faith and relationship with God. It is worth reflecting on Fr. Schmitz's advice in the weeks before Lent.

Here is the link to Fr. Schmitz' video: <https://youtu.be/GCmumpsrwBE>

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2023/02/04/fr-mike-schmitzs-confession-guide-will-prepare-you-for-lent/>



Reflect

"Clean your room!"

"Do your homework!"

"Get off your phone and go to sleep!"

"No, you're not going out with your friends. Go to church!"

Sounds familiar? For me, yes. These phrases were quite common during my childhood days. The commanding words of my father were law in the Castillo household. We had no choice but to abide by them or else suffer the consequences, which we avoided at all costs.

Today's readings focus on the law and commandments. In obeying God's commandments, we choose to live our lives according to His will and not of our own. Trusting in God's infinite love is all we need for sustenance in our lives. We are reminded that the wisdom of God is far greater than our own. There are times when we become complacent in our faith journey and get sucked into the elements and ways of the secular world. For us to draw closer to God, we need to look beyond the law and commandments and respond in justice and love, just as Jesus is teaching us in today's Gospel. Lord, your words are spirit and life. Help us to focus more on your law of love so that we may fully encounter You and only You alone. Help us to look beyond the challenges of discipleship and onto the joy of building the Kingdom of God together.

"Jesus knows that it is not easy to live the commandments in this all-embracing way. That's why he offers the assistance of his love. He came into the world not only to fulfill the law, but also to give us his grace so that we can do the will of God by loving him and our brothers and sisters." – Pope Francis

Mahalo to all, especially our parishioners and benefactors, for your continued love and support in sustaining the mission and vision of campus ministry here at Newman Center. We are truly grateful for your generous heart and spirit. Let us continue in building the Kingdom of God together!

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

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

