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FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

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He cried out in a loud voice,
“Lazarus, come out!”

John 11:43

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.

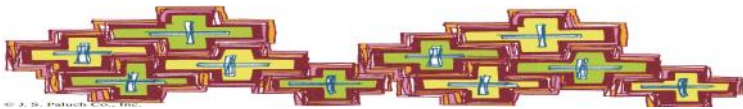
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die."

You may have read in the last Hawaii Catholic Herald that Bishop Larry Silva has allowed the resumption of Holy Communion under both species, the Precious Body and the Precious Blood, starting at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. He left the final decision to each pastor to bring back the Precious Blood at their respective parishes. After consult within the parish and some discernment, I have decided to not restore the cup at this time. We will review the possible restoration of the cup in a few months.

I want to take this opportunity to remind you that the Church has always taught the doctrine of concomitance, by which we know that under each species alone, the whole Christ is sacramentally present and we receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1390) states: "Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite."

People have asked if "dipping the host" is possible. This way of receiving Holy Communion is called intinction is generally not practiced in our diocese since it eliminates the communicants' option to receive Communion in the hand and also denies the right of the Faithful to receive Communion in the form of the consecrated host only.

Thank you for your patience as we work together to keep our community healthy!

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@alfred808)



Important Notices

- Newman Center is CLOSED on Monday, March 27 in observance of the Prince Kuhio Holiday
- Hospitality Sunday transferred to Easter Sunday
- UH Food Vault Collection next weekend

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 — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and saves us (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];

Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

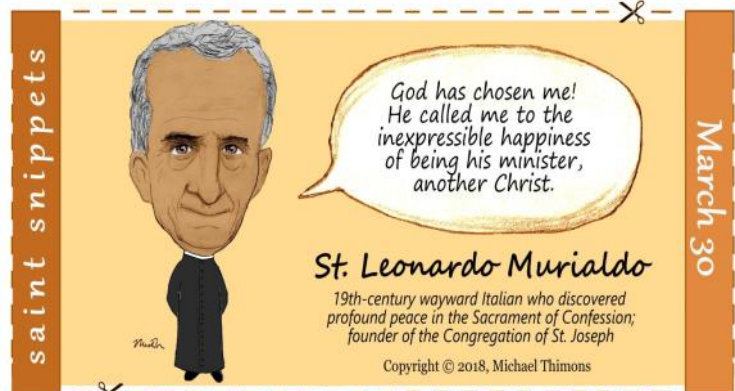
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: First Saturday



LIFE FROM GOD

As we approach Holy Week, our readings speak of a God who, in the midst of death, brings new life to the people. In Ezekiel, we hear that God will open the graves of the people of Israel, who faced near extinction. In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives new life to Lazarus in a manner that prefigures the resurrection of Jesus. Paul tells the Romans that in Christ, God will not only give life to our bodies after death, but God offers us abundant life here and now. We observe that the external conditions for the people described in these readings did not radically change. Israel was still in exile. Lazarus would eventually face death again. But now God's presence and power are revealed. Even when our situation in life is difficult and perhaps not likely to change soon, we remember that the Spirit dwells within us.

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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

Jesus' promise of eternal life is a central element of our Catholic faith. Even though Easter is still two weeks away, our Gospel today invites us to acknowledge Jesus' power over death, evidenced in the raising of Lazarus, and to anticipate Jesus' conquering of death once and for all in his death and Resurrection. We sometimes use examples from nature to help describe this mystery of our faith. Jesus himself talked about the seed that dies when planted in the ground in order to produce new life (John 12:24). Using that image and others, we find hope and confidence in Jesus, the Resurrection and the life.

Gather your family today and read today's Gospel in its shorter form, John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45. Write Jesus' promise from today's Gospel ("I am the resurrection and the life.") on a large sheet of white paper. As your family talks about what Jesus means by this promise, decorate Jesus' words with symbols that will remind you of his promise of eternal life. Display this reminder of Jesus' promise in a prominent place in your home and keep it there until Easter. Pray that you will always remain confident in Jesus' promise of eternal life. Conclude by praying together the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed.

Stewardship Moment

Jesus called to his friend from the dead, "Lazarus, come out!" It is the same call our Lord makes to us unceasingly: "Come out!" Jesus calls us from our tomb of doubt and unbelief, from the darkness of our fear and anxieties; from the depths of our weaknesses and lack of hope. Christian stewards pray for an open heart so that they may hear the voice of the Lord, heed the continuous call to come away from their former way of living and reprioritize their lives in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do we believe Christ has the power to transform our lives? Do we take time to listen for his call?



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

03/18/2023-03/19/2023 \$3,109

Online Collection: 03/17/2023-03/24/2023: \$2,835

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



New to Newman Center - Holy Spirit Parish?

Aloha! E Komo Mail!

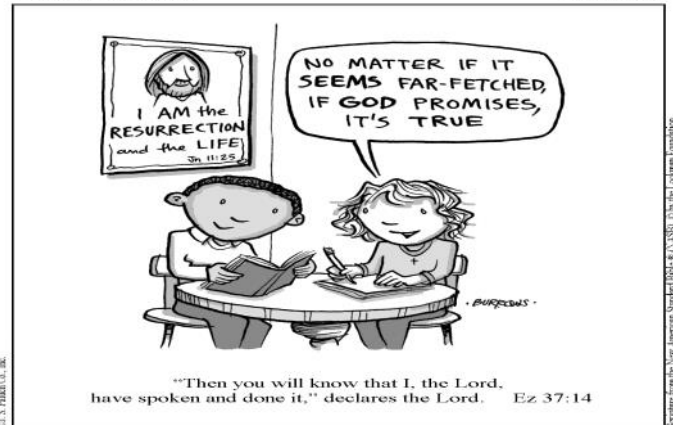
We welcome you to your new spiritual home and are delighted to have you join our parish community!

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!

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Holy Week 2023

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Palm Sunday
of the Lord's
Passion
(April 1-2)

5:00 PM Vigil
(Saturday)
9:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass
5:00 PM Mass

Wednesday of
Holy Week
(April 5)

6:00 PM
Tenebrae Service

Holy Thursday
Mass of the
Lord's Supper
(April 6)

7:30 PM Mass
10:45 PM Night
Prayer

Good Friday
of the Lord's
Passion
(April 7)

1:00 PM Good
Friday Liturgy
7:00 PM Taize
Prayer Service

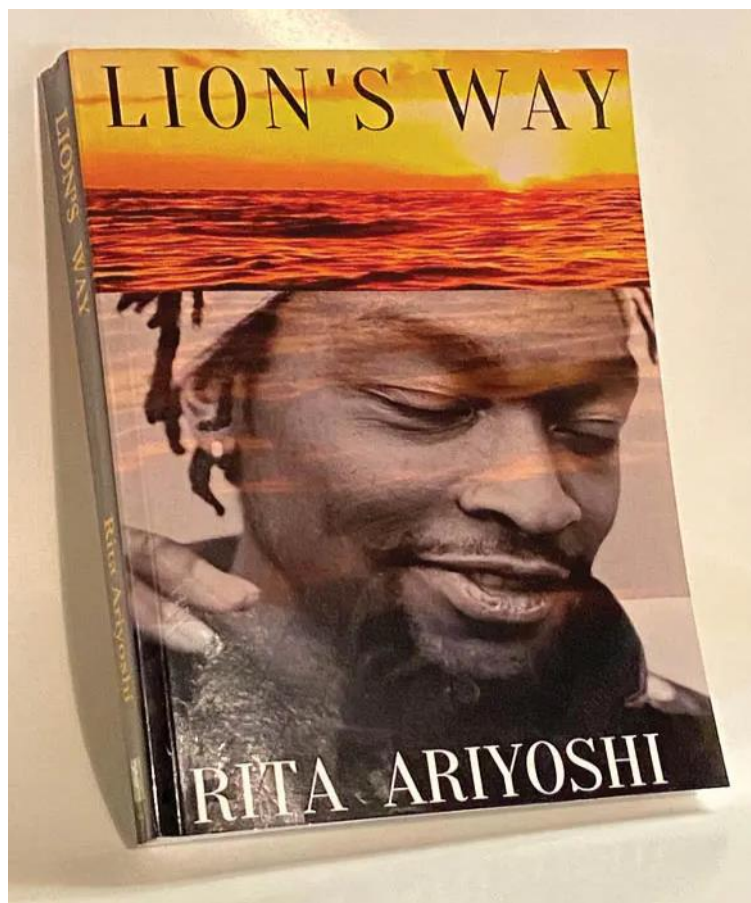
The Easter
Vigil in the
Holy Night
(April 8)

8:00 PM Mass
Reception to
follow

Easter Sunday
of the
Resurrection of
the Lord
(April 9)

9:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass
5:00 PM Mass

Come and journey through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord



By Patrick Downes
Hawaii Catholic Herald

Page 25. That's where "Hawaii Catholic Herald" appears in the novel "Lion's Way" by local writer Rita Ariyoshi and when I knew I had to finish reading the book's remaining 305 pages. What I found surprised me.

It is not every day that you come across a novel about a diocesan priest in Hawaii, much less one who is not distinguished by his crime-fighting abilities or sexual scandals or political intrigue, but for his gift for hearing confessions.

And, no, the author doesn't stoop to entice the reader with salacious tales from the booth. She treats the sacrament reverentially as the channel of God's mercy that it is. "The priest's greatest desire in life was to be alone with God, to have his very breath rise as incense to touch the hem of the Divine Presence, but he found himself saddled with a gift for the sacrament of reconciliation, for listening, comforting and chastising in a way that set people on the path to peace clothed in new compassion and courage. Recognizing this extraordinary gift, the Catholic bishop of Honolulu sent Father Lion to parishes throughout the islands to bring back into the fold the lost sheep ..."

The priest is a former child slave from South Sudan (the troubled place where Pope Francis just visited). His African name is Kor Majok. Kor means Lion.

He was taken into captivity at age 7 by a human trafficker who killed his father. As a slave his job was to watch his owner's cattle. It was a life marked by cruelty and abuse. His owner sawed the little finger off both of Lion's hands for losing a cow. As a young man, he is visited in his dreams by a man he would later recognize as St. Damien, who prepared him for his escape.

He came to the Honolulu diocese through an agreement between his African bishop, whom he met in refugee camp, and the Honolulu

bishop, who was recruiting priests.

In Hawaii he is known as Father Lion. His ministry is to visit island churches, celebrate Mass, preach and hear confessions. He travels from parish to parish mostly on foot which allows him the solitude his "keen, intuitive mind" craves and the faithful companionship of his beloved poi-dog, Michael, named after his guardian angel.

The author offers a disclaimer that all the names and places are "fictitious" or "used fictitiously," the second qualification that applies to all the churches in the story that really exist, like Sacred Heart, Naalehu, St. George, Waimanalo, and St. Benedict, the "Painted Church."

The bishop in the story, Bishop Jim Carroll is truly fictitious, thankfully. The writer describes him as "a puzzling mix of holiness and ambition" with a weakness for fine dining — particularly at Alan Wong's restaurants. As one who appreciates Father Lion's gifts, he also finds in him a spiritual advisor and fraternal confidant.

Used fictitiously

Other characters and events "used fictitiously" approach familiarity for those with knowledge of the Catholic Church in Hawaii: a Father Paul on Kauai, a Father Terry on Maui, a former China missionary Father Henry who built Kailua's St. Anthony Church. A rape and murder reminiscent of the Big Island's Dana Ireland case. St. Stephen Seminary. A Sister Felicia Jenkins who runs Project Rachel, a program for women with post-abortion trauma out of a convent on Kaneohe Bay. A surfer who loses an arm to a shark on Maui. A hurricane on Kauai.

The Hawaii Catholic Herald is mentioned for running a piece about Father Lion.

The story takes place during the administration of a Hawaii-born president and the year Father Damien was made a saint — 2009. It includes real details from those events such as the diocese acquiring the first-class relic of Father Damien's heelbone upon his canonization.

Father Lion's ministry takes him across the Big Island, Oahu, Kauai, Lanai, Maui and on Molokai, where he rides a mule down to the Hansen's disease settlement in Kalaupapa.

In his travels, meets many needy people suffering from physical, emotional and spiritual poverty. They include the imprisoned, the drug-addicted, the homeless, the rich, the elderly, the sick, the mentally tormented. He floods them all with God's merciful message. The reader meets the priest's family back in South Sudan where he goes for the wedding of his sister, a visit filled with both hope and horror.

As you might expect, the book has a lot of praying by its main character. It is a welcome literary device that brings depth to Father Lion's spirituality. It also uses pidgin English dialogue gently and appropriately.

In contrast to the spiritual advice he easily dispenses, Father Lion finds himself in personal turmoil, torn between his desire to return to Africa to serve his people, his yearning for the simple contemplative life, and a new assignment from his bishop as pastor of a certain Kailua parish. It is a position he views as uncomfortably cushy. In the end he chooses "the most disagreeable of virtues" — obedience.

Ariyoshi was editor of the Hawaiian Airlines inflight magazine and the founding editor of Aloha magazine, after which she pursued freelancing, writing for National Geographic and numerous travel magazines. "Lion's Way," Ariyoshi's first novel, was published in 2022 by Savant Books and Publications, Honolulu. It is available on Amazon and www.savantbooksandpublications.com.



Pray

Pray this prayer for a beautiful and peaceful death

Philip Kosloski - published on 11/06/18

Written by St. John Henry Newman, it asks God for a death surrounded by the loving arms of God.

Whether we like to admit it or not, we will die some day. None of us knows the day nor the hour when God will call us home, and sometimes that truth can give us anxiety.

This is why it is important to give ourselves to God, trusting in his merciful plan for us. When we do so, we can live with a firm trust that God will not abandon us on our deathbed, and will surround us with his loving arms in our time of greatest need.

Here is a prayer composed by St. John Henry Newman that reflects this desire for a peaceful death, giving us comfort and hope that death will no longer have a "sting," but will facilitate a beautiful transition from this world to the next.

O my Lord and Savior, support me in my last hour
by the strong arms of Thy sacraments, and the fragrance of Thy
consolations.
Let Thy absolving words be said over me, and the holy oil sign and
seal me;
and let Your own Body be my food, and Thy Blood my sprinkling;
and let Thy Mother Mary come to me, and my angel whisper peace to
me,
and Thy glorious saints and my own dear patrons smile on me,
that in and through them all may die as I desire to live,
in Thy Church, in Thy faith, and in Thy love.
Amen. My Jesus, mercy.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2018/11/06/pray-this-prayer-for-a-beautiful-and-peaceful-death/>



Grow

The powerful image that reminds us of what awaits us in Heaven

Cerith Gardiner - published on 03/22/2



A loving father wanted to share how his little boy is experiencing his new life with his Father in Heaven.

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It's very easy to feel stressed and overwhelmed in life. But it's important to remember that all the hardships and challenges we overcome on earth are just part of the journey that will lead us to Heaven. And one recent photo captured this point so meaningfully.

A photo shared on Facebook by Mum Central shows a headstone a father had made for his young son, depicting his son "free of his earthly burdens."

The headstone, which shows a child standing on his wheelchair and reaching up to the sky, reminds us that everything we endure, whether physically or mentally, on earth is only momentary. And that is the joy that we as Catholics can hold on to during our time on earth.

Recalling another young inspirational boy

The image is also reminiscent of the near-death experience of another young boy who relied on a wheelchair. The youngster, called Jonathan, had various physical disabilities and on one occasion was medically dead for a short space of time.

However, in that precious moment, he recounted to his mother how he'd arrived in "Jesus' Garden" and was able to run and walk and climb trees. Although he was resuscitated, the whole experience left him impatient to die again!

Thankfully, he is still with us, and is inspiring others with his faith and his experience of a life in which he is unable to speak, has extremely limited movement, and relies on his eyes to communicate. His story, which we shared in the past, is unique, and definitely worth the read. It reminds us to embrace what we have, as God has given us a purpose here on earth.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2023/03/22/the-powerful-image-that-reminds-us-of-what-awaits-us-in-heaven/>



Reflect

"Death is not something easy to talk about. In my family, it was hardly mentioned. I remember going to wake and funeral services when I was younger, but really didn't understand what was going on. I guess one would have to go through a near-death experience to empathize. I was 16 years old when I experienced "death." These three words changed my life – "You have cancer." I remember the first thing that came to mind was, "Ok, I guess that's the end of my life – death!". I didn't really know much about cancer, but I knew that people died from it. So here I was, a senior in high school trying to figure out what to do with the rest of my life, but now I have some how fight for my life. I struggled with chemotherapy and medications, suffered a lot of physical and emotional ailments, and experienced many instances of giving up. But through the grace of God and the prayers of all my family, church family, friends, and the healing hands of the numerous doctors, nurses, and medical workers of the children's hospital, I survived. However, through the years, I've experienced death around me – the beautiful people that supported me, cared for me, and those that I was blessed to have met in the hospital, who are now my guardian angels.

We continue our Lenten season with today's Gospel of the Raising of Lazarus from the dead. Jesus exhibits His power over conquering death and foreshadows His own Resurrection, a sign of hope to all those who believe. Martha and Mary, along with Jesus, face the loss and grief of their brother and friend. We, too, experience the realities of sadness, anger, and grief of death, as part of our own humanness.

Temptation... Disbelief... Sin ... Blindness... Doubt... We've experienced one or more of these in our lifetimes. And in the times when we face trials and tribulations in our lives, we fall, sometimes harder than others to the point of near death. As we near the end of our Lenten journey and walk in the way to the cross of Christ, let us use the insight we've gained so to put our full trust in God. May we continue to encounter God in our everyday lives, allowing Him to continue to mend the infirmities that darken our hearts and minds so to accept the call to discipleship wholeheartedly. And so, we look to our good and gracious God for strength this Lenten season and look forward to the hope and promise of the Resurrection of Jesus.



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"The cross of Christ, embraced with love, never brings sadness with it, but joy, the joy of being saved and of doing a little of what he did on the day of His death." – 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 blessed and grateful for your generosity.

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

Blessings to you and your 'ohana!

- **Fay C. Pabo** (@fa_jo_pabo0)

