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SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

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.

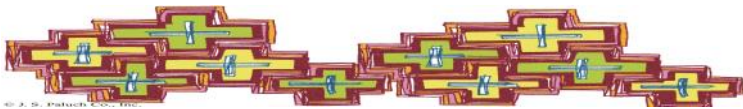
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

Today's readings take us back to some basics of stewardship living and demonstrate the genius of this way of life.

Our First Reading, from 2 Kings, shows us the necessity and power of hospitality. It recounts the story of a woman who showed loving hospitality to a visitor, inviting him to dinner with her family and arranging a room for him in their home so that he would have a comfortable place to stay during his travels through her town. She reached out to the man in a simple and practical manner to make him feel welcome and was rewarded in an extraordinary way.

In our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul reminds us of the power of our Baptism and how this sacrament makes us disciples. What does that mean for us here and now? St. Paul tells us very clearly: "You must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." We must live for Christ! Nothing less will do.

Our Lord proclaims this same instruction in a rather shocking way in our Gospel passage from Matthew: "Whoever finds his life [by living for oneself] will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." But how do we lose our life? Precisely through loving actions towards others, loving them as if they were Christ. "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple... he will surely not lose his reward."

The simple brilliance of stewardship living — only our infinitely creative and compassionate God could conceive it!

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Have a blessed week!

Fr. Alfred Omar
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Important Notices

- Newman Center will be closed this Monday and Tuesday in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass (*Tuesday-Friday*) 12:10PM

Sunday Mass
(*Saturday Evening Anticipated*) 5:00PM
9:00AM
11:00AM
(*Student-led Mass*) 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

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there."
(2 Kgs 4:9-10)

Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. (Rom 6:3-4)

Gospel:

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me." (Mt 10:40)

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Readings for the week of July 2, 2023

Sunday:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday:

Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday:

Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday:

Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

Friday:

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday:

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17

Observances for the week of July 2, 2023

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Thomas, Apostle

Tuesday: Independence Day

Wednesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Thursday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

One can tell a lot about a family by the way they welcome others into their home. Despite parental efforts to elicit the best behavior from their children, family efforts to entertain guests are sometimes difficult. Practicing a spirit of Christian hospitality within the family can be an occasion to reflect upon the importance of this virtue. A family spirit of hospitality is a sign of faith.

When your family gathers, ask each person to consider the following questions about manners: What does it mean to be a good host? What does it mean to be a good guest? Invite each person to share their thoughts and experiences about being a guest or a host. When they have finished, read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 10:37-42.

Ask family members to describe what Jesus says about hospitality extended to his disciples. (Those who receive Jesus' disciples also receive Jesus himself; hospitality to Jesus' disciples will be rewarded.) Then encourage family members to talk about what it means to be a good guest or a good host. You might also talk about ways in which your family's hospitality might be improved upon. Conclude in prayer together that your family grows to be one in which Christian hospitality is experienced by all. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's gospel reading the Twelve hear Jesus speak these words: "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." This is the first time Matthew mentions the word "cross" in his gospel, and it is not in direct reference to Jesus' crucifixion but as a prerequisite to following him. Good stewards recognize that the call to discipleship requires them to "take up the cross" and align their goals in life and their fate with that of Jesus, that is, with suffering, opposition, resistance and even death.

Reflect this week on the crosses you need to take up daily in order to comprehend the way of Jesus Christ



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

\$2,114 .00

Online:

\$1,775 .00

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Upcoming Second Collections:

Holy Father (Peter's Pence) 07/01 & 07/02

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





Pray

Catholic prayer for the United States on Independence Day

Philip Kosloski - published on 07/04/21

A short Catholic prayer for the United States as its citizens celebrate the 4th of July.

While the United States celebrates its independence on the 4th of July, it is important to pause for a moment and ask God to blessed and protect this nation.

Here is a short prayer from the Roman Missal to pray for the United States on Independence Day.

Father of all nations and ages,
 We recall the day when our country claimed
 its place among the family of nations;
 for what has been achieved we give you thanks,
 for the work that still remains we ask your help,
 and as you have called us
 from many peoples to be one nation,
 grant that, under your providence,
 our country may share your blessings
 with all the peoples of the earth.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.
 Amen.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2021/07/04/catholic-prayer-for-the-united-states-on-independence-day/>

Grow

Alice von Hildebrand's wit and wisdom displayed in new book

John Burger - published on 06/29/23

'Remnant of Paradise' offers sample of Catholic philosopher's essays - and perhaps a motivation to explore more of her and her husband's work.

Remnant of Paradise: Selected Essays is a sampler that can serve as an introduction to the life and work of Alice von Hildebrand, who died in January 2022 at age 98. But since von Hildebrand, a philosopher in her own right, spent her career promoting the work of her husband, Remnant of Paradise might also lead one eventually to discover the life and work of Dietrich von Hildebrand. And thereby it would accomplish much.

"Your husband is no doubt one of the very great ethical thinkers of the 20th century," Pope St. John Paul II told Alice von Hildebrand during a private audience at the Vatican in 1980. The exchange is contained in an essay written for Crisis magazine in May 2005, just after the pope's death. It is one of the essays contained in this book.

The slim volume has been published by the Hildebrand Project, an organization that Alice von Hildebrand herself helped set up. The book contains some of her best essays, going back to 1967, covering her signature concerns, such as feminism vs. femininity, the blessings of old age, the objective nature of truth, and conversion. Some essays had not been published previously.

Her wit and feistiness come through on every page. One essay in particular caught my eye, because it contains an idea I found to be unique and original. Writing for The Wanderer newspaper, von Hildebrand suggested that the Church add to its liturgical calendar a feast honoring Mary, Queen of Widows. We don't often think of it, but the Blessed Mother lived much of her life as a widow, and surely, many widows (and widowers) can take solace in the fact that Mary knows what they are going through.

Friendship

The title of the book comes from a 2006 essay von Hildebrand penned for Crisis, "The Canons of Friendship."

"Friendship is the remnant of paradise," she begins the essay. It's an intriguing thought, and one wishes von Hildebrand had explained it further in the piece. She does offer important guidance on what friendship is and what it requires, however, and that is even more important today, when the word "friend" has been used so liberally that it tends to lose its meaning.

"Gratitude is the blessed oil on which friendship and marriage thrive," she writes. "Noble friendships and happy marriages ... are characterized by the fact that one is always willing to acknowledge one's fault, one's weakness, and to ask for forgiveness."

Getting back to her account of the audience with John Paul II, she also described the pope's outstanding ability, related by many others who met him, of making one feel that one is the only other person in the world at that moment.

"The thing that struck me most was his presence. I truly had the impression that this man – who carried the whole burden of the Church on his shoulders – was giving me his full attention and could have repeated back my every word. He was fully there, as if my modest message mattered to him."

The power of truth

The second half of the book is filled with short tributes to Alice von Hildebrand, some of which contain memorable anecdotes. Among the notables here are Cardinal Raymond Burke, Italian politician Rocco Buttiglione, poet laureate Dana Gioia, and philosopher Peter Kreeft. But there are remembrances from people who were just friends – one of the "titles" von Hildebrand held in such high regard. One, former student Robert Kreppel, recalled that her classroom at New York's Hunter College was "always popular."

Popular with students, perhaps, but not with fellow faculty and administrators of the secular college. Some suspected her of proselytizing.



Grow

As Josef Seifert, founding rector of the International Academy of Philosophy in Liechtenstein, wrote in an obituary, "She frequently faced opposition from her own colleagues, in part out of envy (for she quickly became very well liked by her students) and in part because some of her colleagues were quite anti-Catholic and some of her students had converted to Catholicism. In her autobiography, she notes this opposition with some surprise because she never spoke of Catholicism in the classroom."

The book alludes to one student's conversion, stemming simply from a classroom discussion of Plato and Aristotle. For von Hildebrand, once students embraced the idea that there is truth and one can find it, the door is open to God.

We can only imagine how Alice von Hildebrand would react to some of the trends found in society today – both on campus and elsewhere. The blurring of a true human anthropology with the idea that "gender" is fluid, for example, is but the most outrageous example.

But the truth is eternal, and ideologies have come and gone. Reading Remnant of Paradise is a good way to latch onto that truth – and then delve deeper.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2023/06/29/alice-von-hildebrands-wit-and-wisdom-displayed-in-new-book/>

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Reflect

Have you ever received a gift or purchased an item that has a sticker or paper with the following: Some assembly required? I have the most difficult time with assembling things, even with detailed instructions. My eyes start bulging, my heart rate starts racing and my blood pressure starts to elevate. The next step would be for me to find and call my husband or the closest person next to me for help/assistance.

Instructions can be hard to follow, especially when it's not detailed well enough for us to understand or when we choose to not follow the directions and decide to do it on our own. In today's Gospel, Jesus provides explicit instructions to His apostles. He starts breaking down the costs and rewards of discipleship to them. Who said that choosing a life with Christ was going to be easy! As with all things, there will be joys and challenges on the journey. When we put our heart and soul into Christ, our faith is constantly tested, and we carry on as Jesus sustains us in mind, body, and soul. He also reminds us of the importance of hospitality in this journey of discipleship. We extend our welcoming hands and reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ and walk with each other as examples of God's generosity and love. May we together share in the joys and challenges of faith with one another and be constant examples of God's love and peace to all.

"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." – St. Teresa of Calcutta

Mahalo to all our parishioners and benefactors for your continued love and support in sustaining the mission and vision of campus ministry here at the 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)



MAHALO FR. JP FOR YOUR TALK ON FAITH & SCIENCE!

