

NEWMAN CENTER

Holy Spirit Parish



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SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a

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.

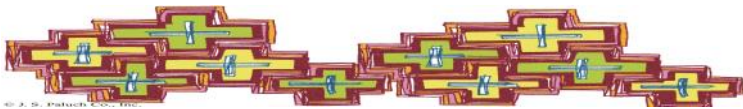
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

"You taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins."

On this 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus continues teaching his followers with three more parables of the kingdom of heaven. Each parable gives us different images of what the kingdom of heaven is like.

The first parable likens the kingdom of heaven to a farmer who sowed good seed in his field. When everyone was sleeping, the enemy came and planted weeds in the field. Our human instinct is to immediately uproot the weeds, but the sower says not to. In terms of the kingdom of heaven, our human reaction is to respond immediately. The divine reaction is to wait until the harvest. Even though we know that the weed will never become a grain of wheat, in God's providence a sinner can repent and be saved. The second parable speaks of the kingdom of heaven like a mustard seed. It is one of the tiniest seeds in the world. When it is planted, it grows into a huge tree. So, the tiny seed of the kingdom of heaven is planted and it grows into a big tree where people can find shelter. Finally, the third parable likens the kingdom of heaven like yeast. What happens to dough when you add yeast to it? It rises. So, the kingdom of heaven is like dough with yeast. However, the yeast needs time to make the dough rise. The kingdom of heaven takes time to grow and expand. The kingdom's growth is hidden - like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected—as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds. The kingdom of heaven is here and now but not fully realized. May we grow as the wheat for the harvest and call others to do likewise.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Alfred Omar
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Important Notices

- We are in need of liturgical ministers. If you are interested in serving, please see one of our staff members or mass coordinators.

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:

And you taught your people, by these deeds,
that those who are just must be kind;
and you gave your children good ground for hope
that you would permit repentance for their sins.
(Wis 12:19)

Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

Second Reading:

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible
groanings. (Rom 8:26)

Gospel:

"Let them grow together until harvest;
then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,
'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for
burning;
but gather the wheat into my barn.'" (Mt 13:30)

Readings for the week of July 23, 2023

Sunday:

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
(5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or
13:24-30

Monday:

Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,
6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday:

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26,
27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday:

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday:

Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday:

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-
27 or Lk 10:38-42

Observances for the week of July 23, 2023

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

Tuesday: St. James, Apostle

Wednesday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

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

Taken together, the parables found in today's Gospel offer both a sobering reminder about the Kingdom of God and words of encouragement. As the wheat and the weeds must grow together until the harvest, so we may not know whether our actions contribute to God's Kingdom until God's final judgment. With this word of caution in mind, we act always in prayer that our actions will be consistent with God's plans. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we hear words of encouragement. God can bring the Kingdom of Heaven from even the smallest of beginnings. Thus, we ask God to work through us for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Set aside some time this week to make bread with your family. Show the amount of yeast that is required to raise an entire batch of bread. Observe that little things can go a long way. After the bread has been baked, gather together as a family. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 13:24-43. Reflect together on what Jesus means when he teaches that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed and like yeast. In these parables, Jesus is teaching us that God can work wonders from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of God. This means that even the little things that we do can make a big difference in the lives of others. What are some of the little things that we can do in our family that help to make things better for others?

Decide on one action to take together. Pray that God will use your action to make a difference in the world. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's second reading, Saint Paul bids us to take comfort in knowing that when God invites us to pray to him, he knows our true needs, even if we do not. The Holy Spirit intercedes and prays for us even if we can't come up with appropriate words; even when we don't have a clue what to ask for. We are not left alone. Good stewards know that prayer is an important part of living a life in Christ. The important thing is to make space for God. Do we let God into our hearts? Do we make room for the Holy Spirit to pray within us?



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

07/15/2023-07/16/2023: \$2,580.00

Online 07/14-21/2023: \$6,705.00

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

Catholic Charities 08/05/2023-08/06/2023

Catholic University of America: 09/02/2023-09/03/2023

Ohana In Christ Diocesan Appeal: 09/30/2023-10/01/2023

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





Pray

Prayer to Sts. Joachim and Anne, patrons of grandparents

Philip Kosloski - published on 07/25/21

Pray to Jesus' grandparents for strength and courage in your life.

Grandparents are beautiful gifts to any family, and their presence is a blessing to both their children and their grandchildren.

Sts. Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus, are perfect examples for us and powerful intercessors.

Below is the prayer for the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, asking their intercession, that we may be drawn closer to God.

**O Lord, God of our Fathers, who bestowed on Saints Joachim and Anne
this grace,
that of them should be born the Mother of your incarnate Son,
grant, through the prayers of both,
that we may attain the salvation you have promised to your people.
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.**

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2021/07/25/prayer-to-sts-joachim-and-anne-patrons-of-grandparents/>

Grow

Making peace with not knowing everything

Fr. Michael Rennier - published on 06/05/23

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I've always wanted to know everything. My mother calls me a know-it-all (because I pretend to know everything when, in fact, I know very little). For instance, I can't simply enjoy a cup of coffee like a normal person. I have to exhaustively research how to roast the beans with the most subtle techniques and apply the best brewing methods to produce the required aromatics. I don't simply ride a bicycle for fun. Instead, I look at all the different models of road bikes, the frames, drive-trains, geometry of the machine, and even go so far as to research what the riders in the Tour de France use for equipment. I fall into rabbit holes on specific topics and can't get out. Whatever the topic is, I want to know more.

To some extent, it's not a bad trait. I'm sure we all do our deep dives into our passions, and there's nothing wrong with seeking out knowledge on topics of interest and trying to achieve excellence. The world is an endlessly interesting place. It's no virtue to be ignorant. Or, to phrase it another way, it might be argued that it's better to know how to make and appreciate a good cup of coffee than to settle for instant, low-quality brands.

On the other hand, I know that, for me at least, the constant desire for knowledge gets out of hand. There's an element of pride to it. I assume I can gain expertise in topics that my intellect isn't equipped for, and become frustrated when I can't figure them out. I cannot make peace with the fact that I cannot know everything. On any given topic, there's always someone who knows more, another book to be read, another nuance to consider. That bothers me.

I suppose my desire to feel like an expert on everything is because lacking knowledge feels like a lack of control. If I don't know something, then I can't control it. This makes me vulnerable. It means I have to trust someone else and ask for help.

Controlling God

I remember this scenario playing out in a harmful way for me when I was in college. At the time, I was struggling with my religious faith because of a number of different personal issues. One of the ways I tried to solve my doubt was by going on a quest to acquire "all the theological knowledge." I would stay up late into the night reading philosophy and theology books. I read deeply in every tradition of rational and spiritual thought stretching from the ancient Greeks, through the enlightenment, and into modern-day Protestantism. I read about eastern religions and the Koran. I worked hard at learning to read the Bible in its original language, thinking that eventually I would know enough to sort out my doubts and have a stronger Christian faith. The only problem was that, the more I learned, the more I didn't understand. Theology has endless byways and even the best students of the Bible and original languages argue over how to read the Scriptures. I became ever more lost.

Worse yet, after I began a postgraduate degree in theology at Yale, I arrived on campus as a proud intellectual young man, only to quickly realize that I was surrounded by fellow students who knew a lot about theology. They were smart. Smarter than me. It became even more painfully clear how much knowledge I lacked. This realization was followed by the final, crushing insight that I would never, ever gain enough knowledge to be satisfied. The subject of theology is too big. God is too vast. If I was going to judge my faith by the measure of my own intellect, I was going to fail miserably.

This same process can be followed on every single topic. There's always someone who knows more, always a new piece of knowledge to be gained, always more expertise to be mastered. We cannot know everything.

Now, this doesn't mean there isn't great joy in learning new things. The world is a fascinating place. The more we know it the better we can love it. So I say, always keep learning. Maintain a healthy interest in the world. It's worth it even if you find the subject to be inexhaustible.

It's all a question of motivation. Now that I know my limitations I ask myself, do I want to keep learning because I'm a proud show-off who wants to control everything? Or, do I keep learning because I'm so very much in love with how amazing everything is, and if I never get to the bottom of it all will I be okay with that?

At the heart of reality is a grand mystery. I've made peace with the fact that I'll never solve it. I've actually come to appreciate the fact that I'll never solve it. We want to find ourselves in the midst of a mystery, because the mystery points to the superabundance of grace and love in which we find ourselves swimming. We humans aren't masters of the universe, but we are destined for a life beyond this one. The fragrance of the next life, the perfume of Paradise, is already drifting through this earthly garden. We're not there yet. It's all still too much for us.

Maybe it always will be too much for us. That's the joy of it.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2023/06/05/making-peace-with-not-knowing-everything/>

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Reflect

Discipline was quite common growing up in the Castillo household. My father held high expectations, especially when tasking us with various chores and household responsibilities. There was no time to choose or negotiate with him. If we were told to do something, my dad expected the chore/task/job to be completed in a timely manner. If not, then we were to expect some kind of consequence. Now as an adult looking back, it made sense. Making choices were necessary as kids because it would help to equip us as adults when we encounter difficult and tough situations.

We, as human beings, are encountered with many choices to make each day – from simple choices, such as deciding to cook at home or order take-out for dinner, to more complex decision making, like choosing to be around kind people or surrounding yourself with negativity and toxicity. God is our greatest cheerleader and believes that we can achieve our highest potential as disciples of Christ. He gives us love, joy, peace, and happiness every day. Imagine that we can be great influences of that same faith, hope, and love to others through our words, actions, and attitudes. What will you choose?


"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen." – St. Thomas Aquinas

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**
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AUGUST
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FRIDAY



**STATE
SIDE**


Young Adult Event

AN EVENING WITH CHRIST & COMMUNITY

RSVP 

**ADORATION AT 6:30 PM
DINNER FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW**

**CO-CATHEDRAL ST. THERESA
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SAVE THE DATE
40th Anniversary of
Newman Center

Gala

OCTOBER
FRIDAY 6 AT 5 PM

Japanese Cultural Center of
Hawaii's Generations Ballroom