

NEWMAN CENTER

Holy Spirit Parish



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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous.” - Mt 13:49-51

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.

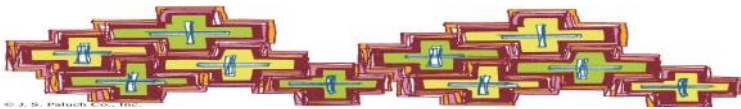
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose 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 you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom."

The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. In our Gospel passage from Matthew today, Jesus employs three parables to describe this kingdom.

In the first of today's parables, our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. But the deep joy that comes in following Him makes the "price" entailed worth it. Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is "like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it."

In each of these stories, the kingdom of heaven is somewhat "hidden." We must intentionally search for it amidst the noise of the world that bombards us. Yet, our Lord reminds us that His Kingdom is meant for everyone and He wants us to find it! He says, "It is like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind."

But Jesus concludes His teaching with a rather ominous image, reminding us that every "fish" will also be judged as good or bad. "The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace." This is a description that is difficult to forget. Clearly Jesus wants to get our attention.

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose, and we will obtain the immeasurable joy that only comes when we live as disciples of Jesus.

—www.CatholicSteward.com

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@alfred808)



Important Notices

- Hospitality Sunday Next Weekend
- UH Food Vault Collection Next Weekend
- Liturgical Environment ministers needed. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board.
- Second Collection next weekend for Catholic Charities

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

Like the person who found the buried treasure and the merchant who acquired the pearl of great price, we seek to find the signs of the kingdom of heaven in our lives. In fact, we even work to bring about God's kingdom in our actions and in our words. We pray that our family values reflect our pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

As you gather as a family, talk about what your family values. Make a list together of those things that your family considers most important, such as family, friends, faith, trust, and love. Place this list before you as you read today's Gospel in its shorter form, Matthew 13:44-46. In these parables, Jesus teaches us that it is worth giving up even valuable things in order to possess the kingdom of heaven. Look at the list your family made and talk about how these things are important to the kingdom of heaven. What has your family given up to make these values important in your life? As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. Pray together for God's kingdom by praying the Lord's Prayer.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

A profound stewardship prayer is offered by the young King Solomon in today's first reading. He asks the Lord to give him an understanding heart, compassion towards God's people and the insight to distinguish right from wrong. An understanding heart, or wisdom, is a gift from God. It is a gift that enables us to make good decisions and prudent choices. Cultivating and sharing this gift is essential, especially when poor decisions and lack of compassion have consequences that affect the lives of others. During these disquieting times, are we asking God for an understanding heart? Are we exercising good stewardship over the gift of wisdom? Are we sharing our compassionate hearts with others?



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

07/17/2023-07/23/2023: \$2,027.00

Online 07/22-28/2023: \$1,315.00

PV Collection: \$5,750.00

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





ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
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WITNESS TO JESUS

Dear Friends,

Peace be with you!

Jesus never experienced old age. He died at age 33. Though fully human like us, he never felt the disorientation of a fading memory, the aches and pains of arthritis, the dimming of his vision, the halting step, diminished strength, loss of hearing and stooped shoulders.

But no one had greater empathy for the widowed and infirm than Jesus. Indeed, his Jewish tradition elevated honoring father and mother to a commandment. And in fact, Jesus' very last instruction before he died, delivered from the cross, was one compelled by his concern for the elderly – his own mother. As recorded in the Gospel of John, "When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.'" The disciple was John.

Jesus went beyond merely asking John to "take care of" his mother. He declared them mother and son, a profound familial bond, with John taking Jesus' place as Mary's child, also suggesting that Jesus had been caring for his mother, most likely widowed by then, all along. "From that time on, this disciple took her into his home," the Gospel states.

Housing, security, protection, care, family. These also are the priorities of Catholic Charities Hawai'i in its commitment to Hawaii's seniors – our mothers, our Fathers, our grandmothers and grandfathers.

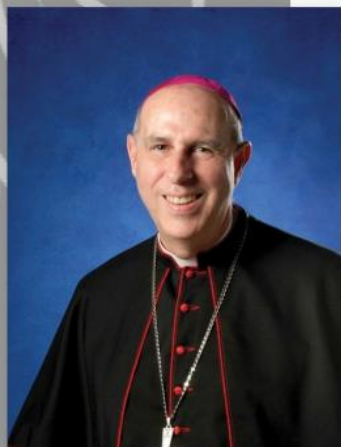
The theme for this year's Catholic Charities Sunday is "His mercy is from age to age," a truth declared by Mary in her Magnificat, and also the theme of Pope Francis' 2023 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

In today's youth-oriented, ego-centric, throw-away culture, our elderly are too often dismissed, shoved aside, left alone, receiving less than adequate care, and no longer valued as contributors to society. Catholic Charities Hawai'i counters that attitude with its strong obligation to our kupuna, assisting them with housing, transportation, counseling, social activities, leisure, case management and more. But our seniors must not only be seen as recipients of services, but treasured as "teachers of tenderness," as Pope Francis put it, "so that their experience and wisdom may help young people to look toward the future with hope and responsibility."

Our kupuna are precious. And deserving. Please be generous this Catholic Charities Hawai'i Sunday to support them – and all the other sisters and brothers served by Catholic Charities Hawai'i. Your wonderful support in the past is deeply appreciated!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu



HOUSING STABILITY & HOMELESS ASSISTANCE



families and individuals housed & safe

HELP LINE CALLS



provided information and referrals to programs and services

IMMIGRANT SERVICES



immigrants welcomed with dignity



FAMILY & YOUTH ENRICHMENT

5,777

children & families strengthened



OLDER ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES

4,544

kūpuna kept connected, healthy and active

KAUAI



3,310 resource family training, family strengthening services, housing assistance, disaster relief and community support services

MAUI COUNTY



4,664 resource family training, family strengthening services, housing assistance, disaster relief and community support services

HAWAII



2,844 family strengthening services, housing assistance, foster care, counseling services, disaster relief and community support services



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REBOOT
FEATURING
CHRIS STEFANICK

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Mililani, HI 96789

September 6, 2023

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Tickets: \$33 - \$39

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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!

Newman Center-Holy Spirit Parish

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Preschool age - Grade 8
High School
*Sacramental Preparation

Pre-Registration is now OPEN!

40th Anniversary Gala Planning Committee

Planning for the 40th Anniversary Gala is underway, and we need volunteers for the committee. The committee will be meeting in the next couple of weeks. If you are interested in being part of the planning of this special occasion, please call the parish office or email Father Alfred Omar at: pastor@newmanhawaii.org

Council Members Nominations

It is that time again to nominate yourself or fellow parishioners to serve on the advisory councils of the parish. We are in need of members for the Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, and the Building & Maintenance Committee. If you would like to make a nomination, please contact Father Alfred Omar at: pastor@newmanhawaii.org



Pray

Catholic prayer for generosity

Philip Kosloski - published on 05/22/21

Often called the "Prayer of St. Ignatius," it was not actually written by the saint.

Many Catholics are familiar with a prayer more commonly known as the "Prayer of St. Ignatius." It is on the back of prayer cards and is often memorized. Yet this prayer for generosity was not written by him at all.

Jesuit priest Fr. Jack Mahoney details the history of this prayer on the website Thinking Faith. It dates back only to the late 19th century and is not found in any of St. Ignatius' writings.

At the same time, the prayer is certainly in the "spirit" of St. Ignatius and is one of the most popular Catholic prayers around.

Here you can find this prayer for generosity, asking God to give you a more generous heart .

Lord, teach me to be generous,
to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to look for any reward,
save that of knowing that I do your holy will.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2021/05/22/catholic-prayer-for-generosity>

Grow

How to become the best version of yourself

Javier Fiz Pérez - published on 01/14/18

Effort is the key to becoming who you are meant to be.

People who are successful and fulfilled have a secret: a lot of hard work and effort. A noble ideal, no matter what it is, does not excuse us from this.

An ideal is like a compass that guides us toward the goal, but it will not row the boat for us. It's not enough to know what we want. We have to want it by doing what it takes to achieve it.

Wanting something intensely will fill us with enthusiasm and creativity.

Effort and motivation go hand in hand. Loving what we do is a condition for going after our goals full force, and for overcoming the difficulties that come up.

As human beings, we are motivated by goals, objectives, interests; our motivation depends on the intensity of our true priorities. Our priorities feed our motivations, and our motivations stimulate our priorities.

Some steps for reaching your fulfillment:

Let's be aware of what we value and want

Our values and priorities in life are the foundation on which everything else is built.

Exploration and motivation

Always having a positive attitude toward new goals and all the initiatives that come up in our mind. If we don't launch ourselves toward new goals, we will not have the satisfaction of getting new results.

Learning by mistakes or initial failures

It's normal to have mistakes in life. There is no such thing as a life without mistakes, because no one has the formula for perfection. The human mind also learns more from mistakes when we work toward our goals than it does from abstract theories.

Constancy and effort

Keep on keeping on, but do it ever more effectively. Time is our best ally to guarantee good results in life.

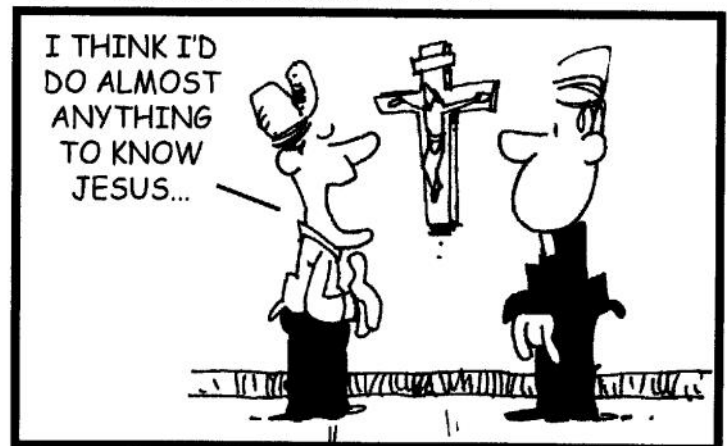
Every day, take a few minutes to think about what you're doing

One of the best ways to manage moments of stress and tension is with a short time of reflection, some minutes of calm analysis. Our brain will always help us to assimilate everything we're living through, but we have to know how to give it time to work.

Effort becomes fruitful work that leads to excellence if — imbued with value, motivation, and love — it springs from the dignity of the person who perfects himself and contributes to the perfection and personal fulfillment of others.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2018/01/14/how-to-become-the-best-version-of-yourself/>

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Reflect

A few weeks ago, I had dinner with some friends from high school that I haven't seen in years. We were all catching up with each other about the comings and goings of our lives. Then, one of my friends caught us off guard with a specific question, "At this moment in your life, are you truly happy?" There was a long pause of silence, as we were all pondering on this bizarre yet simple question. To be honest, it took us a while for us to process the question but continued with our table conversation anyway.

Are we happy where we are at this moment in time? Do we have joy in the things that we do? What makes us truly content? Do find value in the things that make us happy and glad? Where in all this happiness and joy does God fit in? Our good and gracious God wishes and hopes for all the above for us – happiness, joy, peace, and more! There is no substitute on earth that would replace His love for us. God's love has no bounds. His love is so real that He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, for us so to die for us so that we might have life. That is sacrificial love at its ultimate finest! God's infinite love is more valuable than any treasure or materialistic possession in the world. May we continuously seek courage and strength from God as we go about our day-to-day lives, to ask for the wisdom to know right from wrong, good from evil. And to choose joy and happiness with God always.

"We need to ask ourselves if our lives have the flavor of the Gospel; if others perceive that we are men and women of God; if it is the Holy Spirit that moves our lives." – Pope Francis

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)



AUGUST
04
 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
712 NORTH SCHOOL STREET
HONOLULU HI 96817



SAVE THE DATE

40th Anniversary of Newman Center

Gala

OCTOBER

FRIDAY
6
AT 5 PM

Japanese Cultural Center of
Hawaii's Generations Ballroom