

NEWMAN CENTER

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

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.

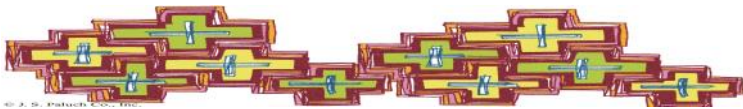
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose 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 we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord on the day the Church of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor was dedicated in the fourth century. It wasn't until the fifteenth century that the feast was placed on the Roman calendar by Pope Callistus III. Since then, we have celebrated this feast on August 6 every year. The account of the Transfiguration is recorded by all three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew 17.1-8; Mark 9.2-9; Luke 9.28-36) and places the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Scholars believe that the event probably occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall because of Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths. A few months ago, a parishioner asked me what's the significance of Moses and Elijah conversing with Jesus. I told her that Moses represents the Law and Elijah represents the Prophets. She responded with, "Ah!" as if a lightbulb turned on and her eyes were opened. I'm not sure if that was a life-altering event for her but surely the event of Transfiguration was life-altering for Peter, James, and John. Peter even testifies with excitement to what he saw in our second reading today. The Transfiguration of Jesus changed his life forever and it continued to nourish and strengthen him even through persecution. In the gospel, the apostles wanted to stay on the mountain with that glorious vision. However, Jesus led them back down the mountain into their mission. We all have a Transfiguration experience in our lives that have been life-altering. It may not have been a vision of Christ but a simple encounter of God in prayer or an event. We might be tempted to stay where we are comfortable and feel good with our experience of Christ, but this feast is a reminder that we must go and be witnesses of Jesus' eternal glory. May we always listen to him!

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@alfred808)



Important Notices

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

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:

His clothing was bright as snow,
and the hair on his head as white as wool;
his throne was flames of fire,
with wheels of burning fire. (Dn 7:9)

Psalm:

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.
(Ps 97)

Second Reading:

When that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory,
"This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased."
We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain.
(2 Pt 1:17-18)

Gospel:

And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun
and his clothes became white as light. (Mt 17:2)

Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

Sunday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Observances for the week of August 6, 2023

Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Monday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

Tuesday: St. Dominic, Priest

Wednesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Friday: St. Clare, Virgin

Saturday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

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)

The Monday night contemplative Prayer group continues to meet each Monday night via zoom. The schedule is 30 minutes of silence, Lectio Divina using as our scripture reading the Gospel from Sunday, petitions, concluding with the Our Father. Usually there are about 6-9 who join each week with some people joining us from Canada and the Big Island. All are welcome to join us.

We are also affiliated with Contemplative Outreach Hawaii that uses Centering Prayer as their meditative practice. Sometimes, a few members of St. Clements Church have joined us waiting for the establishment of a centering prayer group at their own church. For information contact: June Naughton at jnaughton808@gmail.com. Or 808 383-8954.

Family Connection

Every family has special moments that they remember and share. In sharing these stories, the meaning and importance of the events develops and deepens over time. This is how it was with the disciples' remembrance of Jesus' Transfiguration. The full significance of what they had seen and experienced could only be understood after Jesus' Death and Resurrection. As Peter, James, and John reflected on the event and told other believers about the Transfiguration, their own faith deepened. Because Matthew, Mark, and Luke recorded the account of the Transfiguration in their writings, we too can deepen our faith in Jesus, the Son of God and our Savior.

Gather as a family and think about some special memories that your family recalls over and over again. Talk about why these moments are important to you. Remember that in the Bible we find many important stories about Jesus. They have been recorded so that we too can learn about him and his teachings, so that we too can come to know and love Jesus, God's beloved Son. Read today's Gospel, Matthew 17:1-9. Discuss as a family how Jesus fulfills the promises that God made to Israel and how God glorified Jesus after the Resurrection. Talk about your family and the promises you have made to one another. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer so that as a family you continue to grow in faithfulness to one another and to your heavenly Father.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and in today's Gospel reading we hear it proclaimed that on Mount Tabor, Peter, James, and John caught a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. The event took place shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus was, indeed, the Messiah. In today's second reading from Peter, we hear his personal testimony. This comes from a man who spent more than three years with Jesus. Peter witnessed his humanity. He saw Jesus hungry, tired, and finally, rejected and crucified. But he also saw Jesus feed the 5,000, walk on water, heal the sick, and raise the dead. He saw Jesus in his glory when he was transfigured. He saw Jesus risen from the dead and ascend into heaven with the promise that he is coming again in power and glory. How strong is the stewardship of our own faith? Do we accept Peter's apostolic witness to Jesus as Christ? Does this testimony help us acknowledge and trust Christ Jesus as our Lord and savior?

Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

07/29/2023-07/30/2023	\$2,036.00
Online 07/28/2023-08/03/2023	\$2,931.00

PV Purchase & Maintenance:	\$9,492.00
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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





Peace starts one step at a time

Please Join Us!

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Join a multi-faith service & silent walk to remember the 78th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Japan and the 17th anniversary of the 1600-mile pilgrimage of three Buddhist monks to save humanity from the cycle of nuclear destruction. Join us at the Nagasaki Peace Bell Memorial at Honolulu Hale to express our gratitude for another year without global nuclear destruction and our hope for continued nuclear restraint.

Wednesday, August 9th at 5:30 pm

Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI
(808) 536-7044 - The movie, "ATOMIC FLAME" shown at 3:30pm



LOCATION

Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI to Nagasaki Peace Bell

SCHEDULE

3:30 PM - Movie showing: "ATOMIC FLAME"

5:30 PM - Welcoming Remarks

6:00 PM - Walk Begins

7:00 PM - Aspiration and Ringing of the Peace Bell

THE INSPIRATION FOR THE PEACE WALK

From July 25 to August 9, 2005 three Japanese monks made a walking pilgrimage of 1600 miles from San Francisco, California to Trinity, New Mexico to return the atomic flame from Japan to its origin point, thus closing the 60-year cycle of destruction and saving humanity.

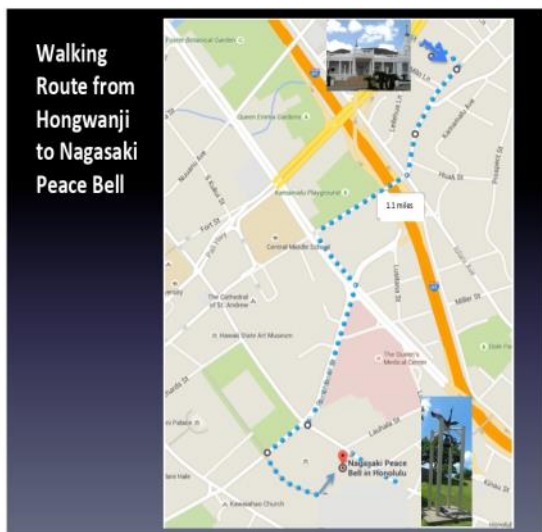
The Four-Petals Partnership (Buddhist, Quaker, Catholic and Protestant traditions)

Quarterly Peace Services rotate between multi-faith sponsors to express our joint affirmations for peace, of mindfulness and a blossoming from our common humanity.

SUGGESTED APPAREL & Other tips:

Wear something "Peaceful" & comfortable shoes. Bring an umbrella.

Some small lanterns with lights will be available, or bring your own.



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir

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!



The poster features a light green background with stylized trees and a group of diverse children holding hands in a circle. A large QR code is positioned on the right side, with an arrow pointing towards it from the text '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



SAVE THE DATE
40th Anniversary of
Newman Center

Gala

OCTOBER
FRIDAY 6 AT 5 PM

Japanese Cultural Center of
Hawaii's Generations Ballroom

The poster has a dark red background with a gold border and a laurel wreath at the bottom. The word 'Gala' is written in a large, elegant white script font.

Around the Diocese



 **REBOOT**
FEATURING
CHRIS STEFANICK

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church
95-370 Kuahelani Ave.
Mililani, HI 96789

September 6, 2023
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Tickets: \$33 - \$39
www.reallifecatholic.com

The poster features a photograph of Chris Stefanick speaking. The REBOOT logo is a blue circle with a white figure. The background is dark blue.



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Our Lady of Sorrows
Resurrection of the Lord
St. Elizabeth
St. Michael



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Pray

Prayer to imitate St. Lawrence's fiery love of God
Philip Kosloski - published on 08/10/22

Ask God to grant you the same passionate love that gave St. Lawrence the strength to endure a fiery martyrdom.

St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr of the Church, is well-known for his fiery death, earning him the patronage of all cooks.

However, we mustn't forget that St. Lawrence became a martyr because of his intense love of God. It was his love of God that gave him the strength to endure such a gruesome death for Christ's sake.

Below is the collect for his feast day, asking God for that same love.

O God, giver of that ardor of love for you
 by which Saint Lawrence was outstandingly faithful in service
 and glorious in martyrdom,
 grant that we may love what he loved
 and put into practice what he taught.
 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/2022/08/10/prayer-to-imitate-st-lawrences-fiery-love-of-god/>

Grow

How to find faith in times of doubt
Fr. Alex Wyvill - published on 07/31/23

One moment, I felt like a failure, like my efforts bore no fruit. And just minutes later, God gave me a reminder from my friend: The fruits of our labor take time to grow.

Once, when I had to write a major term paper, I was experiencing serious writer's block. After weeks of procrastination, a friend advised me that I needed to trust in my writing abilities and just write something.

At the last minute, I sat down and, pulling an all-nighter in the process, finished the paper. It wasn't perfect, but it was done. With a feeling a triumph, I submitted the essay — perfectionism conquered.

Just a day later, the professor replied with his comments. After just three pages, he had made 70+ revisions, at which point he had stopped reading. He advised me to thoroughly re-think the whole thing and to resubmit after an extension.

It hit me like a gut punch. This wasn't how the story was supposed to go! I felt like a failure, and didn't understand why God would let this happen. My labor seemed to bear no fruit. I slumped in my chair.

Just then, I received an email notification. It was from a classmate who I met 10 years ago in undergrad; I had not heard from her since. She wrote to inform me that she had been deeply impacted by a conversation we had shared almost a decade ago. In her email, she explained how our conversation led her through a whole range of experiences, eventually prompting her — just a few months ago — to be received into the Catholic Church. Now, she wanted to thank me for the fruit my words had borne in her life.

There I was: One moment, I felt like a failure, like my efforts bore no fruit. And just minutes later, God gave me a reminder from my friend: The fruits of our labor take time to grow. It took 10 years for that simple conversation to bear fruit in my friend's life, and yet it made a big difference to her.

It helped me to reframe the present "failure" with my paper as a "fruit" still growing, not to be harvested until farther down the road.

So, if you are facing challenges, failures, and doubts in your life, take a second to recollect the surprising fruits of the past — especially when they came in similar times of challenge, failure, and doubt.

By believing that God will provide now just as he provided then, we can live in genuine faith that this, too, shall bear fruit — even if we know not how.

This is part of the series called "The Human Being Fully Alive" found here: <https://aleteia.org/tag/the-human-being-fully-alive/>

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2023/07/31/how-to-find-faith-in-times-of-doubt/>

TRANSFIGURATION



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Reflect

You and your family plan a family outing to the beach. Everyone gets ready and packs the car with all the necessary items – beach mats, cooler of food and drinks, towels, and extra clothes. After five minutes of driving on the road, you notice tiny beads of water on your windshield. Then those tiny beads of water turn into blobs of water and boom! Heavy rain and winds. Sadly, to say, that your family beach day plans must change.

According to Google, change means to make someone or something different, to alter or modify, to replace with something else. Change can make us feel good or uneasy. Change can be for the better or for the worse. Change can have a positive outcome, and sometimes it doesn't. How do you feel about change?

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus. This significant moment of Jesus transforming before his disciples becomes a phenomenal experience and glimpse of a heavenly sight for them! This is not for Jesus to show off that He is God but to reveal His true identity as the Son of God. I guess change can be a good thing, revealing good things to us and for us. Change doesn't need to always be something bad or negative. There are times in our lives when change needs to happen for us to see things in a different light. In the case with the disciples, Jesus felt the need for them to have this intimate experience, to transform their hearts and set their faith in Him so to prepare them for the challenges that they will face onward. May we embrace our "Jesus" moments and recognize the importance of our task as His disciples, to listen and follow Jesus in word and deed. Let us turn to Him in times of challenges and uncertainties that we face in our daily lives. May we look to this encounter of the Transfiguration as an inspiration of faith, hope, and love

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)



Welcome Week

Newman Center
Holy Spirit Parish
Campus Ministry



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Wednesday, August 23 | 5PM



FRIDAY FUN NIGHT

Friday, August 25 | 5PM



BEACH DAY

Saturday, August 26 | 9AM-1PM

*Location: TBA



MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sunday, August 27 | 5PM

*Commissioning of Student Council Members



WELCOME BBQ

Sunday, August 27 | 6PM

*Food, fun, & fellowship!

*RSVP | campusministry@newmanhawaii.org

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