

NEWMAN CENTER

Holy Spirit Parish

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
at the University of Hawai'i - Mānoa



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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.

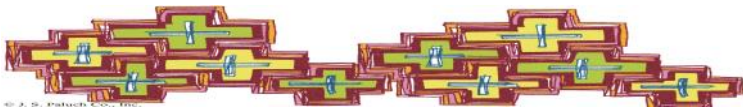
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

By now, we all have, in one way or another, been affected by the recent wildfire disaster in Lahaina on Maui. Our continued thoughts and prayers are with those who are suffering tremendously from their great loss. As a community of faith and the Body of Christ, we are called to put our faith into action. First, we pray. We pray for strength, resilience, and healing for the victims and their families. Then, we do. Do what we can to support and show our solidarity with those who have lost so much.

There are two ways our parish will be providing a relief aid. You can make a tax-deductible contribution online: <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic> and/or donate goods. The following is most needed at this time: non-perishable food, bottled water, toiletries, canned goods, new/slightly used clothing, shoes, towels and blankets, baby food, diapers etc. We will collect these items until Monday, August 21, 2023 and bring them to Maryknoll School who get them to Maui.

As you spend some time in prayer this week, please include these intentions and prayer:

For those who suffer lost of their homes, we pray...
For those who have been injured in any way, during this natural disaster, we pray...
For the very young and for the elderly—our most vulnerable in natural disasters, we pray...
For those who have no jobs to return to, we pray...
For those whose places of worship have been destroyed, we pray...
For those whose families are scattered or temporarily displaced, we pray...
For those who need medications, food, or water, we pray...
For leaders and first responders in times of tragedy, we pray...
For volunteers who counsel, advise, and support victims of disaster, we pray...

Let us pray.
Holy One, you are our comfort and strength in times of sudden disaster, crisis, or chaos. Surround us now with your grace and peace through storm or earthquake, fire or flood. By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, sustain those who work to rescue or rebuild, and fill us with the hope of your new creation; through You, our rock and redeemer. Amen.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



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:

Then the LORD said to him,
"Go outside and stand on the mountain before
the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 19:11)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your
salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

My conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing
me witness
that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in
my heart.
For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut
off from Christ
for the sake of my own people. (Rom 9:1-3)

Gospel:

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"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on
the water."
He said, "Come."
Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the
water toward Jesus. (Mt 14:28-29)

Readings for the week of August 13, 2023

Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14
(8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday:

Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt
17:22-27

Tuesday:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday:

Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt
18:15-20

Thursday:

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday:

Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday:

Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt
19:13-15

Observances for the week of August 13, 2023

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Tuesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Stephen of Hungary

Saturday: St. John Eudes, Priest

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

The mission of the Church is to continue the work of Jesus. The family, the domestic church, participates in this mission too. Talk about how your family participates in the mission of the Church. Discuss ways in which you seek to reach out to your neighbors and people in need through acts of kindness, mercy, and justice. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 14:22-33. Talk about how Peter wanted to be like Jesus, to walk on water like Jesus did. Note that Peter was successful for a time, but then he doubted Jesus, and he began to sink into the water. Talk about how your family's acts of mercy and justice are rooted in your faith in Jesus. Pray together that Jesus will continue to work through your family to prepare the kingdom of heaven.

Pray together the Morning Offering or the Lord's Prayer.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Today's Gospel reveals what miraculous things can happen when one embraces a single-minded faith in Jesus Christ. Peter gets out of a wind-tossed boat when the Lord calls him. His faith is tested by his obedience to Jesus who is calling him out onto the water. In the midst of the waves and the wind, Peter gets out of the boat and walks toward Jesus. Good stewards heed Christ's call to them. Sometimes that call directs them to take on seemingly impossible challenges. This week, reflect on how the Lord could be calling you out of the safety of your own "boat" to take on the impossible.



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

08/05/2023-08/06/2023:	\$3,297.00
Maintenance:	\$25.00

PV Purchase and Maintenance:	\$7,170.00
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2nd Collection Catholic Charities:	\$621.00
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Online: 08/04/2023-08/10/2023:	\$1,395.00
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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 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



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

God and the Good Strong Wind

My only real memory of the Mackinac Island ferry was the physical sensation of the wind against my face. I remember, distinctly, that it hurt.

It surprised and confused me because wind had never felt painful before. Looking back now, I realize that it wasn't just the wind but the spray from the waves that crashed against the side of the ferry — that was what produced the sharp, biting sensation on my skin. But I couldn't have known that then, because my eyes were clamped shut. I refused to open them, even if I had, I would not have seen much, because my long hair was blown straight across my face.

I was four years old, and it was, in the immortal words of Winnie-the-Pooh, a very blustery day as my family made our way to Mackinac Island. I remember thinking I was going to die. I'm positive now that it wasn't really all that dramatic, but at four years old, you're awfully scared of a good strong wind.

Deep inside, aren't we all, really?

I think of the apostles who cannot recognize Christ — their friend — because he is doing something new. Something impossible. They are so sure he is a ghost, a sinister thing — children are always frightened of what they cannot understand.

And even when he reassures them, still Peter is not convinced. He demands, essentially, a miracle. He demands that Christ make him do what only Christ can do.

And even when the miracle takes place — he walks on water, he defies physics — still he is human. Scared, doubtful, distractible. No match for a good strong wind.

"Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter..." Matthew 14:31

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If we have a separation of church and state, how should faith influence the way we act in society, especially for those who have a role in the government?

Answer:

No matter who we are, our inner lives affect the way we interact with the world. In the United States, we have freedom of religion. That means there is no official state-sanctioned religion. This does not mean that our faith is a private affair with no impact on public life! We have the ability to freely exercise our religious beliefs in accord with our conscience. Not only do we have the option to do so, but we also have the responsibility.

We're called to imitate Christ in every area of our life, not compartmentalize our faith. This means acting with respect and honoring the common humanity all we encounter. It means recognizing the person behind the politics. It also means standing up for the truth of human life and dignity and advocating for just policies that serve the common good. The Vatican has produced a "Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church." It contains more detailed exposition of how our Catholic faith relates to various aspects of public life.

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



SAVE THE DATE
40th Anniversary of
Newman Center

Gala

OCTOBER
FRIDAY 6 AT 5 PM

Japanese Cultural Center of
Hawaii's Generations Ballroom

Around the Diocese



REBOOT

FEATURING
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Mililani, HI 96789

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Pray

Pray these Bible verses to give you strength

Philip Kosloski - published on 07/21/19

The Bible is full of prayers that can give us strength in our time of need. St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr of the Church, is well-known for his fiery death, earning him the patronage of all cooks. There are often times in our lives when we feel weak and devoid of any strength within our souls. It can be difficult to endure and we may be tempted to give up the fight. However, God is there, ready to give us that extra strength we need. We simply need to ask for it. Below are a few powerful Bible verses that can be used as prayers for strength when we need it the most.

Sustain me by your promise that I may live; do not disappoint me in my hope. Strengthen me that I may be safe, ever to contemplate your statutes. (Psalm 119: 116-117)

He gives power to the faint, abundant strength to the weak. Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint. (Isaiah 40:29-31)

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. (Ephesians 3:14-17)

The Lord, my strength and might, has become my savior. (Psalm 118:14)

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2019/07/21/pray-these-bible-verses-to-give-you-strength/>

Grow

Keeping the faith in the midst of life's hardships

Edifa - published on 11/18/20

How can we still believe in God's Providence when we are confronted with the challenges of life?

Mourning, miscarriage, break-ups, unemployment, loneliness, serious illness ... hardships are inseparable from human existence. But each time they happen it seems like life has betrayed us, that we have been yanked out of our peaceful bubble, seeing what we have tried so hard to build collapse, the image we had of ourselves shaken to the core. In addition, the believer is confronted with a test of faith: "You may have the feeling that God is absent and does not support you," notes Nathalie Sarthou-Lajus in *Cinq Éloges de l'épreuve, cinq regards croisés sur ces maux qui creuser en nous la relève de la grâce* [Five Praises for hardships, five different ways to consider how those difficulties bring us to grace].

To get through an ordeal, first you have to shout, cry, protest ...

"My God, my God why have You forsaken me?" The cry of Jesus resounds in every human tragedy: "I thought I had a special connection, a closeness to God and suddenly, there's only silence, abandonment," notes Olivier Belleil, member of the Word of Life community, author, and preacher. "After the death of my husband," confides Isabelle Rochette de Lempdes, "it seemed impossible to live without him, impossible and even unthinkable. And yet ..." Once you are over the initial shock, what is there to do but endure?

Wanting to get back on track immediately is an illusion: getting back up is a long road. "The first step is to recognize you have been defeated," says philosopher Martin Steffens. "To get through the ordeal you first need to yell, cry, protest. And not bounce back immediately." The psalms are filled with these tears and protests. Beginning with the De profundis: "From the abyss I cried out against you ..." Notes Olivier Belleil, "The Bible allows man to experience this protest. It is not a question of blasphemy, but of saying that it is intolerable." Job goes so far as to ask God: "Why are You my adversary?"

To denounce the ordeal that has struck us, to name it, to see it in all its terribleness is a proof of realism. "We have to recover from the ordeal, but to get through it, we have to start by experiencing it," says Martin Steffens. "It's not by denying reality that you overcome it." So let's stop always trying to be positive, as we are often told: losing a loved one, assisting a sick child, seeing a business go bankrupt. It hurts and we can't immediately accept it.

Acceptance is not resignation

Prolonging this stage would risk locking us into a deadly attitude, like sitting by the side of the road and not moving forward when the race is far from over. Regaining a taste for life means accepting one's legacy. "So as not to become embittered, to know true peace," recalls Agnes. "At the beginning of my bout with cancer, I had to put all my energy into saying yes to this disease that was eating away at me, I had to accept it." Acceptance does not mean morbid resignation or indifference: "The challenge is to be open to all of life," analyses Martin Steffens, "to learn to create a melody of happiness even if it's in a different key than what you were expecting." Accepting a child's disability, accepting that he or she must live with a thorn in his flesh, can take a whole lifetime, with all its ups and downs. The path is not



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Reflect

St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Hebrews that "faith is the realization of what is hoped for, and evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) We give honor and praise to our God that gave us life and will continuously provide for all our needs, in good times and in bad times. In today's Gospel, we recall the moment of faith amid stormy weathers. Jesus helps Peter amidst his doubt and fear. In that moment, Peter acknowledges Jesus as the true Savior, the Son of God. This courageous story reminds us that in times of trials, challenges, and suffering, we must take courage, trust in His infinite love, and live out our faith.

Our hearts and minds have been challenged this week by the natural disasters that have hit our islands, especially on the island of Maui. With the remnants of a passing hurricane, the State of Hawai'i was dealing with high wind advisories which are said to have started the wildfires across the islands. The historic city of Lahaina was greatly affected and is mostly gone with nothing left but dust and ash. It will take a very long time to recover and rebuild Lahaina. Let us come together as one 'ohana to pray for one another, especially our brothers and sisters in Christ on Maui, and those that are going through the hardship of grief and loss of their families, homes, and livelihood. May we be guided to God's loving arms so to find solace and strength in Him always. #MauiStrong #PrayForLahaina

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
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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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