

NEWMAN CENTER

Holy Spirit Parish



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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.

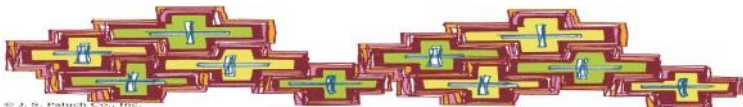
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

"O God, let all the nations praise you!"

Mahalo for all your donations for the Maui Disaster Relief drive! We have been bringing your donations down to Sacred Heart Parish and Maryknoll School all week. While the recovery and rebuilding of Lahaina will take years, your donations will help those who have lost everything in the short-term. Through the efforts of several of our local Catholic organizations, we have set up donation pick up sites and spiritual care tents in West Maui. Please continue to pray for these responders!

Today's gospel might seem strange since Jesus is depicted in an unflattering light. We are not used to hearing about Jesus dismissing someone by ignoring them or even referring to someone as "dogs." Usually Jesus is the compassionate one, eager to help those in need especially those who have faith in him. It seems that is not the case in today's passage. Is Jesus really as indifferent? What is going on here? The woman's faith has pushed her beyond her usual boundaries. She is a Canaanite and so has left her homeland to go out to meet Jesus. There is also a conflict between the Jews and the Canaanites because the Canaanites were the original inhabitants of the Promise Land and were pushed out by the Israelites. So, the woman had taken risk when she entered enemy territory. She had the courage to leave the security of the familiar into a place of tension in order to get help from Jesus. Her faith was also shown in her persistence with Jesus. She was not easily dissuaded, even when Jesus refers to throwing the "children's" (the Jews) food to the "dog" (the Gentiles). Nonetheless, she persists, and Jesus grants her request. She exhibits more faith than the disciples, for she sees that the God Jesus proclaims is for all people and all nations. The outpouring of God's love is for all people and we are called to share that Good News. May we then be persistent in our faith and consistent in sharing God's love!

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:

All who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer (Is 56:6-7)

Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading:

For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all. (Rom 11:32)

Gospel:

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." (Mt 15:28)

Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Observances for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Pius X, Pope

Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Thursday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, 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

Even when spurned by Jesus, the faith of the Canaanite woman makes her bold enough to argue and ask again for what she needs. Her persistence and great confidence that Jesus could heal her daughter reminds us of the confidence with which our children bring to us their own needs. In their faith and trust we can find modern examples of how we might approach God in prayer.

As a family recall some times when a request for something was presented by one family member to another with confidence and persistence. If the request was denied, talk about why that was so. If the request was eventually granted, talk about what led to the change of heart. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 15:21-28. Was anyone surprised by Jesus' response to the Canaanite woman? Why or why not? What makes Jesus change his mind and heal the woman's daughter? When we pray, God wants us to be as confident in his mercy. Invite family members to identify the things that they most need from God. Pray these prayers of petition together as a family, confident that God will hear and answer your prayers.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's first reading, the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah during a time of political dissolution and moral decline. The prophet had warned God's judgment against people for the feelings of self-importance they found in their possessions, and condemned them for various forms of economic injustice such as exploiting the poor and immigrants. Good stewards know that Isaiah's message is as compelling today as it was in the time of the kingdom of Judah: Do the right thing. Offer justice and compassion toward others. Be honest in all your dealings. And remember to observe the day of the Lord.



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

08/12/2023-08/13/2023: \$1,610.00

PV Purchase & Maintenance: \$1,320.00

Online 08/11/2023-08/17/2023: \$2,320.00

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

Catholic 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

The Prayers God Always Answers

When I was a child, my mother bought a book called “The Prayers God Will Always Answer.” I remember my anticipation as I cracked the spine and turned to the first page.

I had been spending a lot of time asking God — begging God, actually — over and over again for some specific things that were not materializing. Frankly, it was beginning to feel a lot like that time I asked Santa Claus for a new house, only to wake up on Christmas morning to find ordinary, non-house-shaped presents under the tree — and a growing sense of suspicion that my faith had been ill-placed.

To the great disappointment of my pre-teen heart, my mother’s book was not a directory of magical phrases God is compelled to obey. It was a list that included things like “Forgive me” and “Help me.” I tossed it aside, disappointed.

I marvel at the wisdom and the confidence of the Canaanite woman who persists in begging Jesus to heal her daughter. She is ignored, and still she will not be deterred. The disciples try to dismiss her — still, she presses on. Christ himself challenges her, and her faith makes her ready with a reply.

Somehow, I am sure that even if Christ had said, “No, it cannot be done for you as you wish,” she would have still dropped to her knees and worshiped him, because she knew what I did not: God is not a vending machine, and he’s not the genie from “Aladdin.” Prayer is not a negotiation, but a relationship.

The story of the Canaanite woman is not a story about how to get God to give you what you want. It is a story about the prayers God always answers.

“Then Jesus said to her in reply, ‘O woman, great is your faith!’” — Matthew 15:28

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?

Answer:

The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as “religious orders”) are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person’s name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

Other common examples include:

DC = Daughters of Charity

FSC = The Brothers of the Christian Schools/Christian Brothers

OCist = The Order of Cistercians

OCD = Order of Discalced Carmelites

OFM = The Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans)

OFM Cap = The Capuchin Franciscans

OP = The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)

OSF=Franciscan Sisters

SC = Sisters of Charity

SDS = Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Priests and Brothers and Salvatorian Sisters)

SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame

SVD = Society of the Divine Word (Divine Word Missionaries)

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!



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

Around the Diocese



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.

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In 2008, the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF) was established as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation to support our parish and school communities. We have set up a dedicated webpage for donations to go directly to HCCF to support the relief efforts for our fellow community members affected by the Maui wildfires. This is an opportunity for us to show our solidarity as a Catholic faith community and lend a helping hand to those who have lost so much. You can make a tax-deductible contribution by visiting the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>. Every donation, no matter the amount, will play a crucial role in helping to rebuild lives and restore hope.

You may also make a donation using the following secured links:

St. Anthony's Church

<https://www.osvhub.com/stanthonymaui/giving/funds>

EPIC Young Adult Ministry

https://app.aplos.com/aws/give/EPICMinistry/mauiwildfirerelief?mc_cid=9e4a23b156&mc_eid=18c982c213

Catholic Charities Hawaii

<https://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org/maui-relief/>

Maria Lanakila, pray for us!



Pray

Begin each day recognizing your dependence on God

Philip Kosloski - published on 02/02/21

It is good to remember that we can do nothing without God's help.

It is easy to forget that we owe everything to God's love and mercy. We truly can do nothing without him, yet we often act as if all the credit belongs to us!

One way to combat that tendency is to begin each day recognizing our total dependence on God.

Here is a prayer adapted from the 19th-century prayer book Morning Prayers.

Acknowledging myself your creature,
O God and the work of your hands
and confessing total dependence on you,
I desire to praise and glorify you
and to pay you the best homage I am able,

in union with that which is paid you by all who fear you and love you
upon the earth, and by all your blessed angels and saints in heaven
and by your Son my Savior, Jesus Christ. I adore your sovereign
Majesty and lay prostrate in soul and body before you this day.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2021/02/02/begin-each-day-recognizing-your-dependence-on-god/>

Grow

3 Saints for back-to-school

Michele McKenna - published on 08/14/22

As you get ready to begin a new academic year, take these saints with you for help and inspiration.

The start of a new school year is a uniquely stressful time of transition for most families. Whether you have small children getting ready for kindergarten or high schoolers preparing to move into dorms for the first time, the fall is a time of changing routines and establishing new habits.

Change can be challenging. Like most things in life, though, the good news is, we have a saint for that! There are actually many saints who lived lives devoted to education in some form, but here are a few to get you started.

St. Thomas Aquinas

Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican who studied and taught theology, is traditionally considered the patron saint of students. When he was a student himself, he was large and slow to speak, and so he was originally thought to be rather dull minded, and his fellow classmates even nicknamed him the "Dumb Ox." But this "Dumb Ox" went on to become one of the most brilliant theologians in the history of the Church. Here is a prayer St. Thomas Aquinas wrote for students:

"Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom! Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion. This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Joseph of Cupertino

Joseph of Cupertino, the patron saint of studying, was born in Cupertino in the 17th century. As a young boy, he was frequently absent-minded and had a great deal of difficulty learning. It is now thought that he must have lived with some kind of learning disability, but at the time, his challenges only caused others to become impatient with him. He was not well-liked, even by his own family members, and he struggled to find his way in the world. He eventually wound up with the Franciscans and there, in community, he grew in holiness and humility.

Here is a popular prayer to St. Joseph of Cupertino, to be said before taking an exam:

O humble St. Joseph of Cupertino, help me especially in the decisive moments of this examination, protect me from forgetfulness and disturbing anxiety which often debilitates me. You struggled with forgetfulness and anxiety. I implore you to pray for me that I may receive the grace to calmly and thoughtfully take this examination and for these my intentions (mention your intentions here). Amen.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first U.S. citizen to become a saint. She was born in a well-to-do family in New York City in 1774. She was the mother to 5 children of her own, but also raised her late husband's younger siblings after his death. She founded a religious order for women and the first Catholic schools in the United States. As the founder of the American system of Catholic education, she is considered the patron saint of Catholic schools.

Here is a teacher's prayer to St. Elizabeth Seton:

Holy Father, You called Elizabeth Ann Seton to educate your children. Inspire us, by her example, to find your will in the present moment. Through her prayers, may we learn to teach others how to love like you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Teacher. Amen.

When you're packing your backpack for back-to-school this year, don't forget to pack along a prayer or two. Remember to pray for students, teachers, and all families. May all the saints, our heavenly helpers, pray for us as we learn and grow in the year to come.

— Michele McKenna is Director of Admissions for Magdalen College, a liberal arts college nestled in the mountains of Warner, New Hampshire, that prepares students to "go out into the deep."

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2022/08/14/3-saints-for-back-to-school/>



Reflect

I remember an assignment from my junior high English teacher. He gave us all copies of the infamous "Love is patient, love is kind..." passage from 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. We had a short discussion on the meaning of this scripture passage. He then passed out another sheet of paper with the same passage but with the word "love" removed and replaced with a blank space. He asked us to redo the assignment and to add our names in the blank spaces. There was a moment of silence in our classroom. I, myself, had a difficult time putting my name in the blank spots. This assignment really hit us deep in the heart and made us think hard and long about who we were and what God sees of us.

Today's Gospel reading is all about God's infinite love for us, no matter who we are. Because we are all made in His image and likeness. And a product of God's love for us is sending His Son, Jesus, to us. He breaks the barriers of all sin and indifference and restores us back to life in Him. Let us continue to be example of God's great love, even in these challenging times. May we be persistent and use our faith in extending mercy and forgiveness with one another. Let us show the world that love still exists.

Welcome back UH Mānoa students! We are thrilled to have our students back from summer break to flood the center once again with their presence! We have a lot of activities in store for you these first few weeks of school. Check out our social media sites (IG & FB - @NewmanHawaii), parish website, and bulletin for more detailed information. A super big MAHALO to our parishioners and benefactors for your continued love, prayers, and support for our student community. We are truly blessed and grateful for your kind generosity. Let us pray for one another as we begin a new school year! #MauStrong #PrayForLahaina



St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

Blessings to you and your 'ohana!

- **Fay C. Pabo** (@fa_jo_pabo0)

The image contains two posters. The top poster is for 'BEACH DAY' on Saturday, August 26, from 9AM to 12PM, meeting at Newman. It features beach-themed icons like a seashell, sunglasses, a star, and a watermelon. The bottom poster is for 'Aloha Night' on Wednesday, August 30, at 6PM. It features tropical icons like a toucan, a guitar, and flowers. Both posters encourage carpooling.

BEACH DAY
Saturday, August 26
9AM - Meet at Newman!
**Carpool is encouraged!*

CALLING ALL NEW STUDENTS!
YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
Aloha Night
Wednesday,
August 30
6PM

The poster for Friday Fun Night has a blue background with yellow text. It includes a grid of orange squares with white arrows and a photo of a table with various items like a clock, a camera, and a bag of snacks.

**FRIDAY
FUN
NIGHT**

**AUG
25
5PM**