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SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

Aloha! Welcome!

We are the Catholic Center and Campus Ministry at the University of Hawai'i, and under the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu, serving parishioners, staff, faculty, and students alike that stimulates critical thinking and dialogue about issues that challenge Christian living and commits to a living faith that practices and promotes justice.

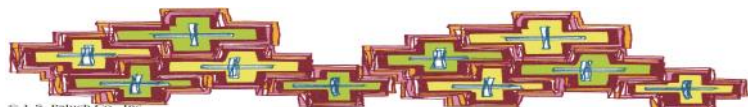
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose to join us. We invite the contribution of gifts in stewardship and evangelism, and challenge one another in the same manner that Jesus challenges us: to love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind and to love your neighbor as yourself.

Come journey with us!

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We welcome your call and are here to serve you! Contact the Parish Office to speak with us or make an appointment. We look forward to hearing from you!



Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
(except Diocesan Holidays)
Newman Center may remain open till evening programs conclude

Saturday and Sunday:
Open during Mass times and for activities as needed.

From the Desk of the Pastor

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

In the beginning of the Gospel passage today, Jesus was trying to find out who he is to other people. He was asking his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" People were saying that he was John the Baptist others, Elijah, still others Jeremiah the prophet or some other ancient prophet. Then Jesus changes the question, "But who do you say that I am?" Of course, Peter, the head of the Apostles, answers, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Evidently Peter recognized something deep within Jesus that was divine, someone coming from God. Immediately, Jesus praises him because the heavenly Father revealed the mystery of the heavenly kingdom to Peter. However, at the end of the gospel passage Jesus instructs his disciples to tell no one that he is the anointed one –the Christ- because the Jews were expecting a different kind of Messiah. The kind of Messiah the Jews were expecting was one who would be their King and lead them in Military force to liberate them once and for all from any oppressing force. He would be the one to rule all nations. Jesus, the true messiah, the anointed one of God, would come to rule all nations through a different way. He is to suffer, be crucified, and die. God became one of us so that ALL of us, and not only the Jews, can be free from sin and eternal death. We all have the possibility to be a child of God and have eternal life because of Christ. Yet, the path that leads to holiness is not an easy one. Jesus says, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." Reflect this week on who Jesus Christ is to you.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



Important Notices

- Hospitality Sunday next weekend
- UH Food Vault Collection next weekend
- 2nd Collection Next Weekend: Catholic University of America

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:

"I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open." (Is 22:22)

Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

Gospel:

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 16:18-19)

Readings for the week of August 27, 2023

Monday:

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday:

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday:

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Observances for the week of August 27, 2023

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

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

Today's Gospel reminds us that the Church is built on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. Peter announces the core of our faith, that Jesus is God's only Son. The family, as the domestic church, has this same faith as its foundation. As you gather together as a family, talk about people whose faith has helped you to be a member of the Church and talk about what you have learned from leaders in our Church today. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 16:13-20. Talk about what you know about Peter and his importance to the early Christian community. Talk about what we can learn from Peter and his profession of faith about Jesus. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm or an Act of Faith.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Saint Paul reminds us in today's second reading that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God's own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God. Every breath we take is a gift. Every good deed we perform is grace. Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion and justice of God and his gifts known throughout the world. The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing to embrace this call, acknowledge our dependence on God and give our lives over to him completely for this purpose.



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

08/19/2023-08/20/2023: \$1,789.00

PVC: \$350.00

Catholic Charities: \$5,270.00

Online: 08/18/2023-08/24/2023 \$2,265.00

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

Who Do You Say That I Am?

I once knew a very devout woman whose adult godchild had fallen away from the practice of the faith. This godchild still believed in God, and even felt a sense of belonging in the Church. He was a good and kind person. But poor catechesis and a society that confuses pleasure with joy had left him lax in practice, without an appreciation of the sacraments. He was making choices that threatened his soul.

His godmother wanted more for him. She planned to speak with him about his life, hoping to encourage him to return to the practice of the faith. She knew that, when she brought this up, he would reply that it wasn't important to attend Mass or to receive the Eucharist, that was all just "extra."

She told me that she was going to begin their conversation by asking him the question Jesus poses to Peter in Matthew 16:15 — the critical question in all our lives, the question whose answer will define what we become in this world and the next.

Her godson knew the answer. She was confident, unshakably, that he did. He may have forgotten it or ignored it. He may have tried to convince himself he wasn't entirely sure. He may have refused to give an answer. But he knew it. He knew the answer.

There is a reason that, after Peter's response, Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

"Who do you say that I am?"

Let our whole lives be our answer.

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
— Matthew 16:16

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Answer:

Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10).

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!



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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

Around the Diocese



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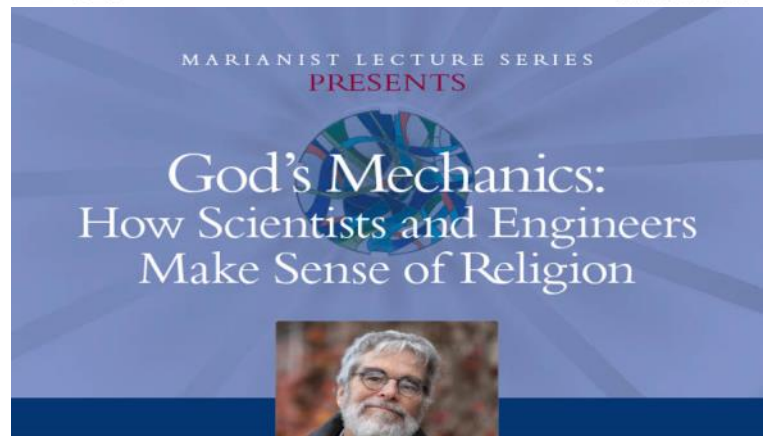
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Sunday, October 8, 2023 | 4 PM
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Brother Guy Consolmagno, S.J. is the Director of the Vatican Observatory and will speak about the connection between science and religion. He is the author of several popular books including *Turn Left at Orion* (with Dan Davis) and *Would You Baptize an Extraterrestrial?* (with Paul Mueller).



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Pray

Prayer for knowledge and wisdom in spiritual matters

Philip Kosloski - published on 07/07/20

If you are feeling inadequate in your spiritual life, pray this prayer for an increase in knowledge and wisdom.

Sometimes we may feel overwhelmed by the vast amount of spiritual knowledge available to us. Especially if we have never received any religious instruction, we may not know where to start or how to begin.

One of the best things to do is pray to God for help. We can ask him for an increase in knowledge and wisdom in spiritual matters, so that we may know what to do and where to go.

Here is a prayer adapted from the Family Prayer Book that asks God for better knowledge and understanding.

Almighty God, bestow upon me,
such ability and hope in study,
and in the improvement of my mind,
as may prepare me to take my place in the world,
not only without shame, but in a manner
that may reflect your greater glory.
Give me understanding: give me eagerness, method,
and perseverance in the acquirement of knowledge;
so that I may be qualified to advance myself
and to exalt your holy name, my God.
Open my understanding,
that it may behold the beauty of your doctrine,
and of that gracious providence
which has appointed to me my walk in life.
May I learn to praise you, my God,
and to acknowledge your goodness
with an enlightened and well taught mind,
with a pure heart, and with a grateful and heaven-aspiring soul. Amen.

Resource: <https://aletea.org/2020/07/07/prayer-for-knowledge-and-wisdom-in-spiritual-matters/>

Grow

Living in the present: Make it more "mindfulness" than "me-fulness"

Brother Silas Henderson, SDS - published on 08/26/17

Part of living our faith is being mindful that our acts and our omissions have an impact on those who come after us.

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. —Matthew 16:18

A few years ago, I read the novel *The Snow Queen* by Michael Cunningham. It's the story of two brothers coping with the death of their mother and their family's histrionics. One of the brothers, Barrett, is always trying to find a way to escape his own life, and over the course of the novel he comes to realize how shallow he has become. At one point in the story, he remarks,

"The moment matters more than the future. The present—today, tonight; the sensation of walking into a room, and creating a real if fleeting hush—is what I care about, it's all right with me if I leave nothing behind."

Barrett isn't worried about future generations or what contributions he can make to bring light or joy or peace or anything else into the world. As he said, "It's all right if I leave nothing behind."

Now there's something to be said for the focus on now. The saints are often reminding us how the present moment is all we can offer to God, even as anxieties about the past and the future press in on us. The Gospels encapsulate that truth when Jesus asks us to trust in God's providence and care.

Barrett, however, is not embracing a focus on the present, on mindfulness, in this light. Instead, his focus is me-centered. He's given himself permission to ignore what is going on around him.

But the Gospel is asking us to embrace a totally different view of the world. As Christians, we are called to live for the future in the present.

We are being asked to be very aware of what it is we leave behind.

This coming Sunday, our Gospel reading will recount St. Peter's great profession of faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." And we also hear Jesus' reply to Peter: "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you . . . And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."

For us Catholics, this passage from Matthew's Gospel forms the foundation for our belief in the primacy—the authority—of the pope, the bishop of Rome, the successor of St. Peter. But on a more basic level, this Gospel passage marks a pivotal moment in the lives of Peter, the other Apostles, and all Jesus' followers.

We know from the gospel stories how Peter's personality gets in the way. We know that when it seems to matter most, he denies that he even knows Jesus. Peter doesn't always get it right. But at the end of the day, it isn't Peter's character or achievements that make him a "rock." Peter's strength comes from his faith in Jesus, and his faith is more than intellectual knowledge; it is his relationship with Jesus. When he confesses that Jesus is the Christ, Peter is speaking out of his own deep, loving, and personal knowledge of who Jesus is.

Despite his faults, we do eventually see Peter—and all the Apostles—fulfill their mission in the ministry after Pentecost. They shepherded the Early Church through persecutions, internal divisions, scandals, growing pains, and theological exploration. They left us a legacy of faith. They lived their lives looking toward the future. They were aware of what it was they were leaving behind. Their mission of building the Church continues today, and we are a part of that mission. The way we live this present moment and engage the challenges and possibilities and promises of the future will shape the lives of those who come after us.

Part of our offering of faith, part of living this faith is being mindful that our acts and our omissions have an impact on those who come after us.



Grow

Living only for our own present isn't an option.

Just as we have been the beneficiaries of the prayer and work of great saints and generations of nameless, holy Christians, we have been entrusted with a responsibility to live for the future.

How this takes shape in our lives reveals itself in our prayer and discernment and especially in how we actively engage our faith communities and the world around us. The point of all of this is that we recognize how much we have received by those who were concerned about what they left behind. And we are called to do more and be more than the generations who came before us because we have inherited so much from them.

Living for the future is hard, and so is living our lives for the sake of others. But engaging in this hard work we find our salvation.

Where do you see the effects of living for the self or the moment in the world around you? Who are some saints or people in your life who have been a source of blessing for you? What can you do in your own life to live for the future in the present?

Words of Wisdom: "Every baptized person is called to offer to Jesus his or her own faith, poor but sincere, so that Jesus can continue to build His Church, today, in every part of the world"—Pope Francis (Angelus for August 24, 2014).

Reflect

On my desk, there is a plaque display of my favorite prayer – the Serenity Prayer:

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things that I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

I received this prayer as a gift from one of my mentors when I first started working as a youth minister. Although she often was looked at as an unfriendly, stern woman, she had the biggest heart I've ever known. I was going through a lot in my life at the time, and I would often vent to her all the everyday challenges I was facing. She was the best listener, never to interrupt to comment or say anything. One day, I walked into the office and didn't see her. Perhaps she had called in sick or took the day off. I proceeded to my office and came across a wrapped gift box on my desk. I opened the gift, and suddenly I was in tears. It was a beautiful plaque/display of the Serenity Prayer. A note was taped to the plaque that read: My dearest, always know that you are loved and cared for. I offer you this Serenity Prayer, in hopes that it will bring peace to your beautiful life. I pray that you find wisdom to truly know the "difference" between things you can and cannot control. Things will light up, you'll see. Trust in God and in his merciful love.

To know and love God should be easy for us. But, in reality, it's not. We are overwhelmed with so many things in our lives and are often distracted in our faith journey. The trials and tribulations that transpire in our lives take over and we feel defeated. Let's not let that happen! It is our faith and love in God that sustains our every being. Jesus points us to the Father, the source of all living things. May we find peace in our hearts to accept the things that we cannot change or control, may we find the courage to change the things in our lives that we are able to and not get stuck in situations where we cannot, and may we through the grace of God work towards gaining the wisdom to know the difference.

Welcome Week Fall 2023 was a hit! Welcome back to school, UH Manoa students! We hope your first week of classes went well. We're so happy to see students on campus again. We pray for a successful semester! Always know that we are here for you.

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! #MauiStrong #PrayForLahaina

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

Blessings to you and your 'ohana!

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

