

NEWMAN CENTER

Holy Spirit Parish



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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.” - Mt 16:26-27

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.

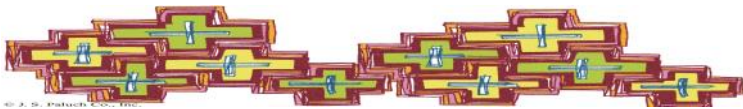
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

Let's be honest. If we are striving to live the stewardship way of life, it's not going to be easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough. It's the work of a lifetime. But in the end, it's the only work that really matters and the only life that truly satisfies. Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, reflects this challenging reality. Jesus tells His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." This sounds harsh. Why would anyone want to do this?

Our Lord has the answer, of course. "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." It's all about love. Jesus loved (and loves) us totally, giving us all of Himself on the Cross, in His Word, and in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. And so we must choose: love of self, or love of God and others — which is tough, but fulfilling and leads to the eternal reward of heaven. Jesus promises that He "will come with his angels in his Father's glory and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake in grateful response to His love. Honestly, what better life could there be?

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Join us on October 6, 2023 to celebrate the closing of our 40th Anniversary Year at the Japanese Cultural Center Ballroom. Seats go on sale this weekend! Hope you will join us.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@alfred808)



Important Notices

- Hospitality Sunday today
- UH Food Vault Collection today
- 2nd Collection today Catholic University of America
- Newman Center will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day

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:

Whenever I speak, I must cry out,
violence and outrage is my message;
the word of the LORD has brought me
derision and reproach all the day. (Jer 20:8)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.
(Rom 12:1)

Gospel:

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."
(Mt 16:24-25)

Readings for the week of September 3, 2023

Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday:

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12,
13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk
4:31-37

Wednesday:

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk
5:1-11

Friday:

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday:

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Observances for the week of September 3, 2023

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Peter Claver, 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

Peter was expecting a Messiah that would carry out a different plan than the one Jesus had explained. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We too have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God's plan is always more than we can ever imagine.

As you gather as a family, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Then read today's Gospel, Matthew 16:21-27. Why do you think Peter was so upset by what Jesus was saying? Notice how Jesus reprimands Peter. Do we sometimes forget to let God be God for us? That is, do we sometimes get discouraged because God doesn't act in our world in the ways that we expect? Pray together that your family will remember that God is always working for the world's salvation in ways that are beyond our human imaginings. Conclude by praying together today's Psalm, Psalm 63.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus brings up the topic of the cross to his followers. They would not realize the cross was part of God's plan and was to be their legacy until after the Resurrection. Today's followers of Christ recognize they are stewards of his entire legacy, including his cross; that through their mutual sacrifices God's glory is revealed. They don't live their lives in Christ only when it is convenient for them. They make a decision to take up their cross and carry it, no matter what the cost. In the midst of the uncertain times we live in, what crosses do we bear in order to reveal God's glory?



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

08/26/2023-08/27/2023: \$2,331.00

Online:

08/25/2023-08/31/2023: \$1,375.00

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



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



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
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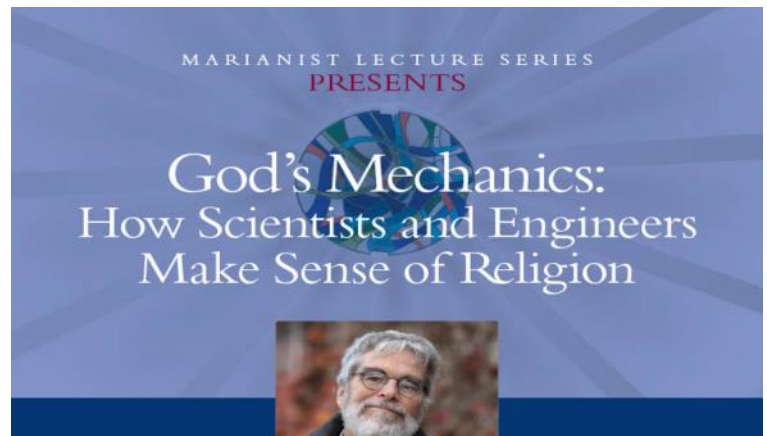
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God's Mechanics: How Scientists and Engineers Make Sense of Religion



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BR. GUY CONSOLMAGNO, S.J.
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Sunday, October 8, 2023 | 4 PM
Mystical Rose Oratory
Chaminade University of Honolulu

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).



Learn more at
chaminade.edu/marianist-lecture

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Pray

Prayer that pastors may be inspired by St. Gregory the Great

Philip Kosloski - published on 09/03/22

Ask God to endow all pastors with a spirit of wisdom, making them true shepherds of their flock.

He also wrote a lengthy document on Pastoral Care that continues to be a source for all pastors in the world.

Here is the collect prayer for his feast, asking God to grant pastors a spirit of wisdom, through the intercession of St. Gregory the Great.

O God, who care for your people with gentleness
and rule them in love,
through the intercession of Pope Saint Gregory,
endow, we pray, with a spirit of wisdom
those to whom you have given authority to govern,
that the flourishing of a holy flock
may become the eternal joy of the shepherds.
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/2020/07/07/prayer-for-knowledge-and-wisdom-in-spiritual-matters/>

Grow

Here's how to celebrate the Virgin Mary's birthday in style ... and grace

Cerith Gardiner - published on 09/07/22

Prepare for Our Lady's birthday with these simple activities. September 8 is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As it's always nice to make an effort for loved one celebrating a birthday, we thought we'd share some ideas for you and your family to honor the Blessed Mother on her special day.

While some of these ideas are quick and easy, others might need a little more time and attention. However, whatever you're able to do to celebrate our heavenly mother, she will no doubt be moved by your efforts!

Dress in blue

This is so easy, but nonetheless symbolic. Get your family all dressed in blue in a nod to Our Lady's traditional blue mantle. You can always add a touch of white to represent her purity, too. To make it more meaningful, get your children to pick out their outfits, and they can even select some matching accessories to make it feel like a true party.

Bake a special cake

If you check social media, you can find some very impressive cakes that honor the Virgin Mary. Some go as far as to make beautiful iced figurines that capture her spirit. However, if you're not great with icing, why not make some simple blueberry cupcakes? Or even this lemon blueberry cake, which is simple to bake and decorate, that acknowledges the colors associated with Mary. (In this particular recipe the author uses 10 candles to represent a decade of the Rosary.)

Whatever you do, don't forget to sing a rousing happy birthday to our Blessed Mother, so the whole of heaven can hear!

Buy flowers linked to Mary

Celebrate in style by bringing a bunch of flowers into your home. In this article by Aleteia, you can see the various flowers that are linked to the Virgin Mary (<https://aleteia.org/2017/08/15/5-flowers-connected-to-the-virgin-mary/>). Lilies symbolize purity, innocence and virginity, and as they're normally in season at this time of year they'd be a perfect bloom to choose. There are also roses, periwinkles, irises, and "lady's slippers," if you prefer.

Make a card

If you don't want to buy or pick some flowers, you could always draw or paint some with your children. If you have some real Michelangelos in the family, you could paint them all. You could turn them into cards for Mary, with messages of love inside.

Spend time in prayer

If you're unable to get to church and don't have a prayer corner, you can try and make one. Find a spot and place a flower and/or a holy card or picture, light a candle, and offer up your prayers. With your children, you can encourage them to pray a simple prayer of gratitude to Mary, and if they're big enough, you can say a Rosary together.

Be full of grace

While it's pretty simple to do most of the above activities, it's not always easy to emulate the Virgin Mary. So make the decision to try and adopt Our Lady's virtues, and fill your day with grace and peace. Even if your little ones are making you want to tear your hair out, ponder the question, What would Mary do?

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2022/09/07/heres-how-to-celebrate-the-virgin-marys-birthday-in-style-and-grace/>



WELCOME BACK *to campus*



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Reflect

When I was at SEEK23 in St. Louis, MO earlier this year, there was time set in the schedule for Holy Hour/Adoration. I just thought it would be just like any other Holy Hour time. This particular evening was different. We had just finished a session in the big dome arena. The question I had in mind to in preparing myself for this special time with Jesus was, "What do I desire?" Suddenly, the lights were dimmed, light background music started playing, and the backdrop of the stage showcased a big and beautiful image of the Blessed Sacrament. At that moment, my eyes lit up and my heart became filled with such great joy. I whispered, "Jesus, I desire You."

There are many things that we desire – wealth, health, long life, and the list goes on. But what is it that we truly want? Or need? How do we know? Will we ever know? Our faith tells us this – God knows. He always does. God has a purpose for every one of us. He knows our every want and need. All we have to do is listen, open our hearts and minds, and believe in Him. However, this task comes with great challenges. We hear in today's Gospel that for us to truly be disciples of Christ, we must deny ourselves, pick up our cross and follow Him. Let Jesus take the wheel. May we allow Christ into our hearts so that He can show us what He greatly desires for us.

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)



Welcome Back!