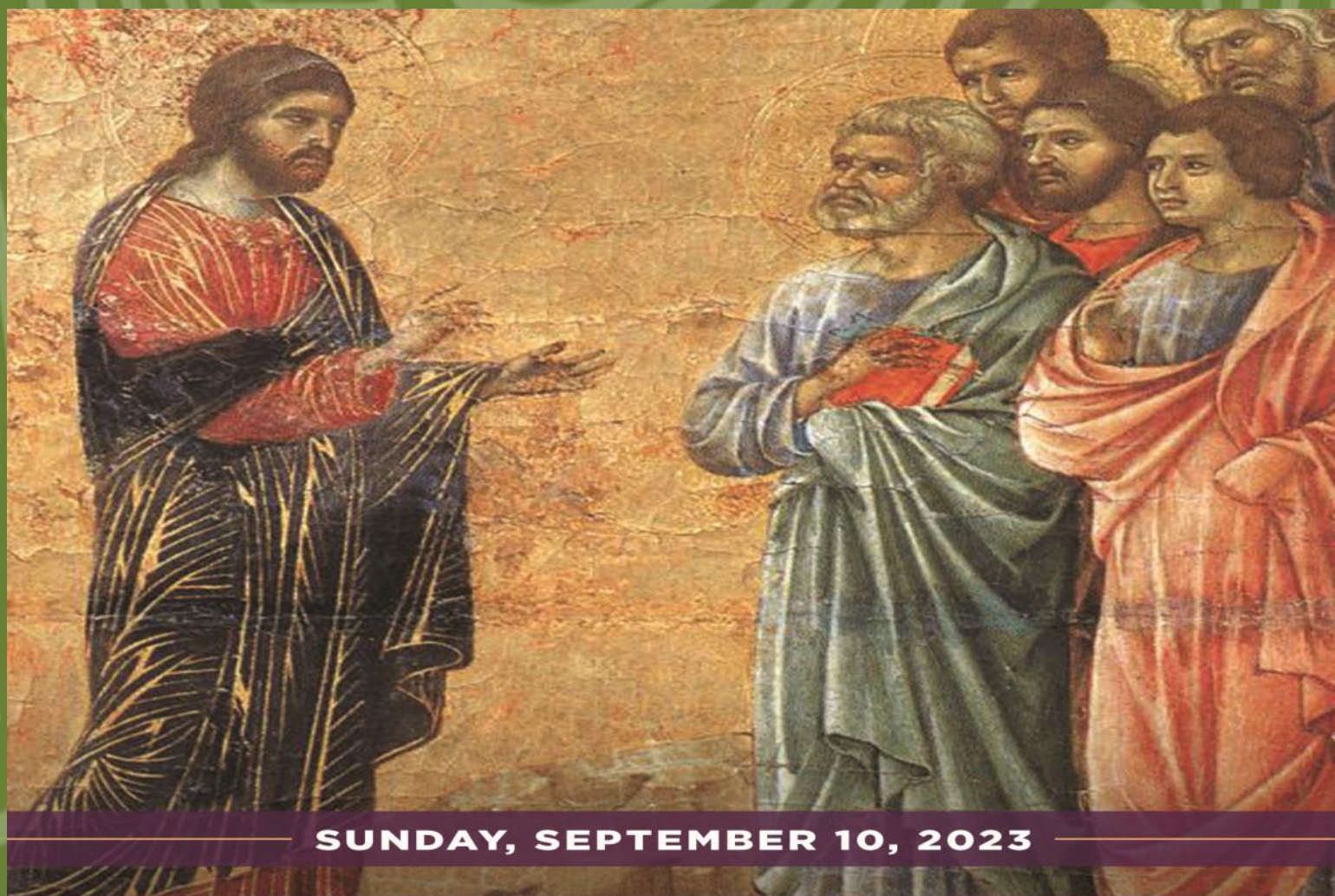


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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15



# 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!

## Pastoral Team

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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

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Today's readings are all about relationships. Among the many lessons we have learned from the global pandemic is the deep importance of the relationships and communities in our lives. Our families, neighbors, friends and parish family need us, and we need them to be our best selves.

St. Paul gives us simple instruction in our second reading from Romans to guide us in our dealings with others, reminding us of what Christ Himself taught: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love is the overarching principle that guides us to be good stewards of our relationships.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus further refines this instruction on good stewardship of our relationships, even when they involve conflict. He says, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."

Jesus teaches us to confront the offending person directly and discretely — with the goal of restoring the relationship if possible. This is how we steward our relationships even through rocky waters. Jesus also speaks to us of the power and beauty of community life. "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Christian stewards, God has designed us in such a way that we must help each other on the journey towards heaven. Let us take care to steward our relationships well.

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Have a blessed week!

Fr. Alfred Omar  
(@alfred808)



"Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." - Mt 18:19-20  
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## 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:

If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die,"  
and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked  
from his way,  
the wicked shall die for his guilt,  
but I will hold you responsible for his death.  
(Ez 33:8)

#### Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

#### Second Reading:

Love does no evil to the neighbor;  
hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. (Rom 13:10)

#### Gospel:

"If your brother sins against you,  
go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If  
he listens to you, you have won over your brother."  
(Mt 18:15)

### Readings for the week of September 10, 2023

#### Monday:

Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

#### Tuesday:

Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

#### Wednesday:

Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

#### Thursday:

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37,  
38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

#### Friday:

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/  
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

#### Saturday:

1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

### Observances for the week of September 10, 2023

**Tuesday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary

**Wednesday:** St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Thursday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Friday:** Our Lady of Sorrows

**Saturday:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs



## 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](mailto:jnaughton808@gmail.com). Or 808 383-8954.

### Family Connection

Conflict and disagreements are a natural part of family life. Yet, within our family, we have an important opportunity to learn how to resolve disagreements fairly by treating people with love and respect.

As you gather as a family this week, discuss the procedures for resolving disputes in your family. What kinds of things produce disagreements in your family? Do children frequently request the assistance of the adults when a disagreement arises? How do the adults respond? In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples the way in which they are to handle conflict within the Christian community of the Church. Read together this Gospel, Matthew 18:15-20. Invite family members to summarize the steps that Jesus proposes for resolving conflict. How might today's Gospel inform your family's handling of disagreements? If you have time, your family might choose to role play how Jesus' teaching about conflict resolution might be applied to a disagreement that sometimes occurs in your household. In today's Gospel, Jesus also promises that he will help those who pray to him with their needs. Pray together that each member of your family will learn to handle conflict in a Christian manner. Pray together the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In Saint Paul's letter to the Romans he suggests that God lavishes his love upon us through Jesus Christ, who calls us to the kind of loving relationship, if we so choose it, that demands accountability. It is like, in Saint Paul's vocabulary, a kind of "debt" that we can never "pay-in- full." But we begin to repay by following the direction of one of the most familiar statements in the Bible: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Good stewards realize that God does not call them just to love those who are easy to love, but to love the unloved and the hard-to-love people in this world as well. This week, remind yourself: "I am put here as an ambassador of God's love."



## Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

### Tithes and Offerings:

09/02/2023-09/03/2023	\$2,953.00
Online: 09/01/2023-09/08/2023	\$3,886.00

Campus Ministry	\$5,000.00
Maintenance	\$5,000.00
PV Maintenance:	\$1,000.00
2nd Collection:	\$105.00

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

### Upcoming Second Collections:

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](http://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!**



### TRAINING AND COMMISSIONING FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

A gathering of current and new liturgical ministers for Liturgical Ministry Training and Commissioning will be held on Saturday morning, September 16, 2023, from 9 am – 12 noon, here at Newman Center. We will engage participants in all aspects of the liturgical ministry roles.

We will use team-building activities, discuss the spirituality of each role, and clarify specific expectations and tasks defined for each role. Fr. Alfred will commission all participants at the end of the morning, and lunch will be provided. This spiritual and practical workshop is for new and continuing ministers, and those who would like to learn more about how we, at Newman, ARE Church.

Anyone who might be interested in serving as a Greeter, a Lector, and/or an Extraordinary Minister is asked to sign up at the back of the church, or speak to the Coordinator of your regular Mass. An RSVP is requested in order to provide sufficient food for lunch.


## Around the Diocese

# Mahalo in Christ


## ANNUAL APPEAL

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OCTOBER 1**



*Christ be ever before us  
Christ be ever behind us  
Christ be ever within*




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Director, Specola Vaticana | Vatican City State

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).



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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### Love and Truth

I think even the most devout, the most pious Catholic reading this could summon to mind, if asked, one or even two examples of Catholic teaching for which they have desperately looked for a loophole.

Don't worry, I won't make you share with the group. But bring it to your mind now: the doctrine you once resented, or perhaps still do. The commandment you don't fully understand, the one you bristle against. The rule you find the hardest to follow. The belief you hate explaining to your friends.

If it disappeared from scripture or dropped out of the catechism, would your life really be easier? Would you be happier?

I am thinking of mine. For a long time, I searched high and low for a way around this particular teaching. I read books and Scripture and tradition, I prayed and reflected and tried to argue with myself. For a time, I gave up complying with it entirely. I threw it to the wind, with a shoulder shrug and a self-satisfied assurance to myself that God, being a loving father, does not want his child to be unhappy.

But reader: I was miserable. I was so, so miserable, and I stayed that way until I finally accepted that God is, indeed, a loving father, and desires nothing less than the unhappiness of his children. And so, to ward it off, he has given us the truth, and asked us to share it amongst ourselves like a cherished heirloom, a priceless inheritance.

To share truth, you must show love. To show love, you must share truth. One demands the other. Because this is what Christ does for us, and this is the mission of the Church in this world. Loosening and binding. Bearing witness. Giving testimony. Speaking truth, and in speaking truth, showing love.

*"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."*  
— Psalm 95

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

### Answer:

Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you.



# CAMPUS MINISTRY

## Pray

Before reading the Bible, pray this prayer of St. John Chrysostom  
*Philip Kosloski - published on 09/13/19*

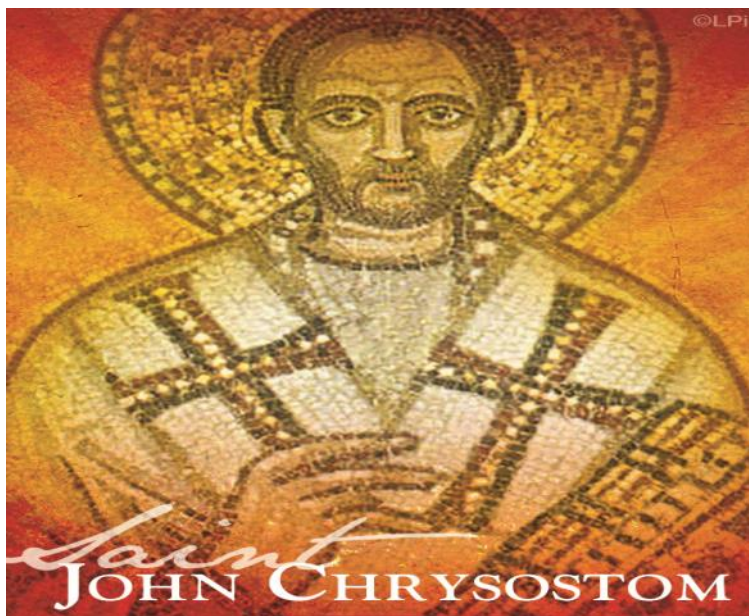
The prayer helps to prepare your heart to receive exactly what God wants to communicate to you.

Sometimes we can approach reading the Bible just as we would any other book. But we should do our best to remember that it isn't just any book. Instead it is God's word. We need to make of our hearts fruitful soil for the Word of God to take root.

One way to change our way of reading the Bible is to say a short prayer.

An ancient prayer that is commonly attributed to St. John Chrysostom is perfect for this, and can be prayed each time you open up the Bible. While it doesn't guarantee divine inspiration, it can help prepare the ground so that your soul is ready to receive exactly what God wants to communicate to you.

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
open the eyes of my heart  
that I may hear your Word,  
and understand and do your will,  
for I am a sojourner upon the Earth.  
Hide not your commandments from me,  
but open my eyes,  
that I may perceive the wonders of your Law.  
Speak unto me the hidden and secret things of your wisdom.  
On you do I set my hope,  
O my God, that you shall enlighten my mind  
and understanding with the light of your knowledge;  
not only to cherish those things which are written, but to do them;  
For you are the enlightenment of those who lie in darkness,  
and from you comes every good deed and every gift. Amen



## 5 TIPS for HANDLING CRITICISM



- 1 IT USUALLY CONTAINS A BIT OF TRUTH**  
Ask for the grace to see and admit it, even if it makes you mad
- 2 DON'T LET THE NEGATIVITY EAT YOU UP**  
We tend to keep negative feedback rather than positive remarks
- 3 SAY A QUICK PRAYER FOR YOUR CRITIC**  
It is difficult, but Jesus asks us to pray for those who hurt us
- 4 THE ONLY OPINION THAT REALLY MATTERS IS GOD'S**  
He is the one who truly knows us and loves us without limits
- 5 CRITICISM MIGHT BE A SIGN OF YOUR FIDELITY**  
Often criticism is part of a life rooted in Christ

INFORMATION FROM [CATHOLICEXCHANGE.COM](http://CATHOLICEXCHANGE.COM) 

## Grow

What's "hanging coffee"? And why you might want to order one  
Cerith Gardiner - published on 08/29/23

This wonderful tradition started in Naples, and it really is a true act of kindness.

There was a recent post on social media about customers in a local coffee shop ordering a "hanging coffee." It garnered a lot of attention and the idea, which has spread from Italy, is now being practiced farther afield.

You might be wondering what is meant by hanging coffee (or "suspended coffee" as it is also known). If you're imagining dripping coffee cups hanging from the rafters of the coffee shop, then you have it wrong. As the post explains, the principle is that when you go for your regular order, you also add x amount of hanging coffees to your bill.

These hanging coffees are kept on a sort of tab for anyone coming into the coffee shop who needs a hot coffee but lacks the means to buy one for themselves. The barista is able to serve this person a fresh brew, courtesy of the client who bought a spare in advance.

A Neapolitan tradition

The tradition started in Naples as far back as 100 years ago, when a customer who'd had a bit of good fortune would offer a caffè sospeso for someone in need. In 2011, an annual day was put on the calendar to honor suspended coffee in Naples. Thanks to social media, the practice has spread throughout the world in the last decade.

Of course, the practice doesn't have to stop with coffee — you might want to pre-pay for a sandwich or other snack in your local coffee shop or restaurant. Regardless, this gesture allows us to carry out a completely random act of kindness, gifting the most vulnerable among us a little taste of normalcy as they go about trying to get by.



## Reflect

My older brother and I were often referred to as “oil and vinegar” siblings. We don’t see eye-to-eye and are often separate on many levels. We were constantly arguing and fighting about everything which would always result in someone getting hurt, which would usually be me. We were always in conflict with each other even to this day! My uncle would often say to us that conflict and competition was a healthy thing for children, and it would teach us “tough love.”

In today’s readings, we catch a glimpse Jesus’ teaching of tough love. He outlines for us how to handle moments of conflict and disagreement. Jesus instructs his disciples to work out your problems with those involved. If that doesn’t work, then seek help from those close to you that will help in resolving this matter. And if all else fails, then bring the problem/situation to the community (in this case – the church community). The point is to make the choice to seek peace, as difficult and unbearable it can be. When we try to do something about it, that makes all the difference. Even Jesus believes conflicts in the church are healthy practices for ministry – it teaches us humility, compassion, love, and most especially peace. We can start simply by praying to God and asking Him to help us to be bearers of peace. And from our prayer, we gain the courage to overcome all hate and evil and put on Christ’s armor of love.

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.  
- Peace Prayer of St. Francis*

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. A special shout out goes to the Knights of Columbus, Newman Pastoral Staff, and to all of you for making Newman Welcome Week 2023 a success! We are ecstatic to have students back on campus. To all students, faculty, and staff of UH Mānoa – we are praying for you. Have a great semester! We continue to pray for all those affected by natural disasters, especially in Lahaina and Kula. #MauiStrong #PrayForMaui



Blessings to you and your ‘ohana!

- **Fay C. Pabo** (@fa\_jo\_pabo0)



### Patriot Day

Heavenly Father, Creator of All,  
You have created the  
human person as good.  
You have placed us in the  
world as one human family,  
as sisters and brothers.  
We pray today for all victims  
of violence across the world,  
for the healing of their mind and body,  
for their mourning family members,  
for the repose of their souls.  
Jesus, You have told us to  
love our enemies,  
and to pray for those  
who persecute us.  
Give us the strength and  
courage to forgive.  
Remove all lingering desire for revenge.  
Holy Spirit, reveal to us  
the mercy of God.  
Give us the gift of Your peace  
that surpasses all understanding. Amen.