

# NEWMAN CENTER

## Holy Spirit Parish



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### 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant,  
as I had pity on you?” - Mt 18:33-35



# 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.

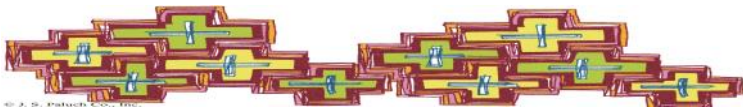
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself."

The theme of the readings this weekend revolves around forgiveness. The first reading from Sirach says "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet sinners hugs them tight." Then the reading continues asserting that when we hold tight to anger and resentment against one another, we cannot pray and expect healing from the Lord. In the Gospel, presuming that seven was a gesture of generosity, Peter asks Jesus, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." In other word, countless times. He wants us to forgive without counting and out of the sincerity of our hearts. Jesus asks us to do this because God does this first to us. Through the cross, God forgave all our sins once and for all. Yet, we continue to sin against God and neighbor in many ways. So, we are called to seek forgiveness and mercy. When we approach God with a contrite heart, God forgives us and pours forth sanctifying grace so that we can do better. As the Lord is kind and merciful, so should we be forgiving toward one another. Our forgiveness is to be without limit and so reflect Christ's eternal love. That is the challenge of our readings this weekend. Pope Francis once said, "God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ez 37:1-14).

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Alfred Omar  
(@fralfred808)



P.S. I hope you have purchased your seats for the closing of our 40th Anniversary Celebration on Oct. 6, 2023. If you can't make it, please consider sponsoring a student to attend.



## Important Notices

- Gala Tickets on sale! Get yours today! Deadline is September 24

## 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:

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;  
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.  
(Sir 28:2)

#### Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (Ps 103)

#### Second Reading:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.  
For if we live, we live for the Lord,  
and if we die, we die for the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.  
(Rom 14:7-8)

#### Gospel:

"Lord, if my brother sins against me,  
how often must I forgive?  
As many as seven times?"  
Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but  
seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

### Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

#### Sunday:

Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12  
(8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

#### Monday:

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

#### Tuesday:

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/  
Lk 7:11-17

#### Wednesday:

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

#### Thursday:

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

#### Friday:

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/  
Lk 8:1-3

#### Saturday:

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

### Observances for the week of September 17, 2023

**Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Catechetical Sunday

**Tuesday:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

**Wednesday:** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul  
Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

**Thursday:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

**Saturday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, 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](mailto:jnaughton808@gmail.com). Or 808 383-8954.

### Family Connection

Children learn to trust God's mercy and forgiveness when they experience forgiveness from those closest to them. We hope that we model God's love and forgiveness within our family life. Today's Gospel reminds us that forgiveness is measured by its quality more than its quantity. Invite your family to consider some recent times when family members sought the forgiveness of another. Ask if there were any statements made that put conditions on our forgiveness such as "I will play this game with you if you apologize for knocking over my blocks" or "I will accept your apology after you clean up your room." Do we sometimes "keep count" or put conditions on our forgiveness of one another? This is something we may be doing without realizing it.

Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 18:21-35. Ask if we sometimes find ourselves sounding like Peter, concerning ourselves with quantity of forgiveness rather than offering forgiveness abundantly and unconditionally. Reflect upon the parable that Jesus tells. What does the servant do that makes the king so angry? He refuses to forgive his fellow servant the debt that he owes. Because we have all received God's forgiveness, God expects that we will also be forgiving toward others. Jesus' answer to Peter's question is found at the end of the parable. The number of times that we forgive one another is less important than the depth of our forgiveness. We must forgive one another from the heart.

Conclude in prayer together that God's love and forgiveness is evident in your family life. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 103, or the Lord's Prayer.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Today's Gospel reading continues Jesus' instructions on being good stewards of others – the direction that if we love Jesus Christ, we must forgive an individual 77 times. The reading compels us to consider one of the most difficult practices of Christian discipleship. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Vengeance, bitterness and hatred seem so much easier and certainly more desirable. Forgiveness is a hard road to travel, but it is the only road that leads to life in Christ. Consider this week who you need to forgive.



## Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

### Tithes and Offerings:

09/09/2023-09/10/2023:	\$1,834.00
Online 09/08/2023-09/15/2023:	\$3,114.00

Maintenance:	\$25.00
PV Purchase and Maintenance:	\$1,510.00
Priest Retirement:	\$6.00
Catholic University of America:	\$70.00

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!



### *40th Anniversary Celebration Gala*

At our 40th Anniversary Celebration Gala on October 6, 2023 at the Japanese Cultural Center Generations Ballroom, we will be honoring our founding and current parishioners who continue to support our mission.

These are the known founders who are current parishioners.

June Naughton	(1955)
Leslie & E. Shan Correa	(1963)
Alyce Dodge	(1966)
Jan & Marci Prins	(1971)
Carol Kotsubo	(1979)
Robert Edwin Paull	(1979)
Peter Behrens	(1980)
Tom & Kristi Dinell	(1980)
Jon James	(1980)
Florence Lum	(1980)
Cyril Goshima	(1982)
Patrick & Maile Lam	(1982)

If you are or know a fellow parishioner who have been here since 1982 and prior, please let the parish office know so that we can add to the list of honorees at (808) 988-6222 or email [manager@newmanhawaii.org](mailto:manager@newmanhawaii.org).

We have about two weeks left before we submit our final count, please join us for the celebration.

If you are unable to attend, please consider sponsoring a student in full or partially.

## Around the Diocese



# CAMPUS MINISTRY

**NEWMAN  
CENTER**  
HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

*Holy  
Hour*

**Wednesday,  
September 20  
6:00 pm**

NATIONAL  
EUCHARISTIC  
REVIVAL  
2022 - 2025



ALOHA FRIDAY

**KARAOKE  
NIGHT**

**Friday,  
September 22, 2023  
6pm**



**Movie  
Night**

*Surprised by*  
**OXFORD**

**REGAL DOLE CANNERY  
7PM SHOWTIME 09.27.23**

For more info and/or to RSVP, contact your campus minister



**A Mighty River**  
Amos 5: 24

**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our wellbeing is interwoven with the wellbeing of the Earth. We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it. This year, the theme for the season is "Let justice and peace flow."

Through prayer, practical advocacy, and sustainable actions this 2023 Season of Creation can prophetically renew our ecumenical unity and care for our common home. We invite you to join this special season and be part of this mighty movement for justice and peace.

May we journey together in communion as the People of God to let justice and peace flow!

A Mighty River Activity:

Campus ministry invites you to partake in our Season of Creation river activity. Simply take a small colored-shaped circle and write your calls for Season of Creation justice and peace actions. Then tape your justice and peace action circle around the cut-out river displayed.





## Pray

End your day with this prayer asking forgiveness from God  
*Philip Kosloski - published on 09/09/20*

It is important to recognize your faults each day and ask God for grace to rise above them.

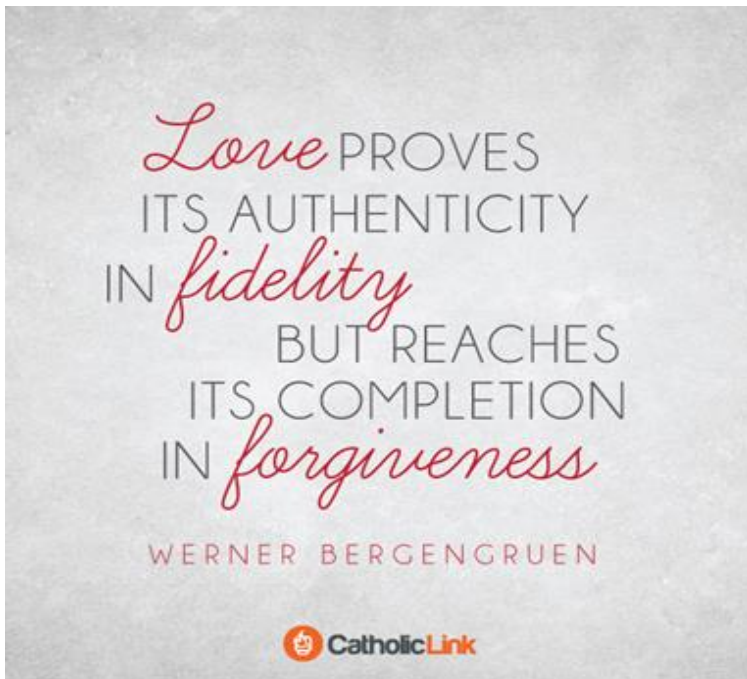
The only way we can progress in the spiritual life is to recognize our faults and failings. If we think we are perfect, then we will never move forward in the progress of virtue. We will simply stay where we are and be content with our state in life.

This is an unhealthy position to be in, as God asks us to follow after him, but if we stay in one place, we will never go anywhere.

Below is a short prayer from the Golden Manual that can be prayed at the end of the day that asks God for forgiveness, recognizing our faults and desiring to do better tomorrow.

O Father of mercies who desires not the death of sinners; look upon me, a miserable sinner, according to the multitude of your mercies. I acknowledge and confess, and am heartily sorry for all the sins of my past life, and of this day in particular. I cast myself at your feet, and ask you to cover all my sins with that infinite love with which you have loved us from all eternity. Mercifully forgive me whatsoever sins I have this day, or heretofore, committed against you, my neighbor, or myself. O Almighty God! I firmly resolve, here in thy presence, and before the whole company of heaven, to live more exactly in conformity to your will. I resolve to keep a more strict watch over myself; to correct my faults and evil habits; to attend more diligently to my duties; and to avoid more carefully all sin, and all temptations and occasions of sin.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2020/09/09/end-your-day-with-this-prayer-asking-forgiveness-from-god/>



## Grow

Life is good; life is hard: Christianity's saving paradox  
*Tom Hoopes - published on 09/11/23*

He said to expect the cross — not once in a while, not in certain seasons of our life, but daily. But the trick is to notice the graces as much as you notice the needs.

At Benedictine College in Kansas I have contact with religious and lay people, married and single. Twice recently I had to share a lesson I had to learn the hard way: If life is going wrong, you can't necessarily expect it to get better; but if you stop and look, you will realize that life is beautiful even when it's at its worst.

**First, a consecrated religious shared with me how hurtful the cross of religious life can be. I said: "That sounds like married life!"**

It turns out that religious obedience to a sinner-superior can be as hard as mutual submission to a sinner-spouse.

In both religious life and married life, you are struck with a painful paradox at the very heart of your vocation: You have given your all to a perfect God, through formal vows, but that perfection is available to you only through a deeply flawed, even hurtful, human vessel. That makes life a series of disappointments that are worse than disappointing: They seem to strike at the core of your being.

You find yourself saying: "God, I gave everything to you so that I could live only in your grace, relying on you alone to buoy me through life, and instead of Yourself, I ended up with a leaky lifeboat that is constantly taking on water and is by now all but sunk. How is this okay?"

**Students face the same problem.**

At Benedictine College I also meet a lot of lay people, students and professors, from secular backgrounds who crawled into the Catholic faith like thirsty desert travelers who have found an oasis. The problem is, some of them now worry that maybe it's just a mirage.

They think that maybe they found a fuzzy, fake church, not the real, strong Church that Aquinas and Chesterton described. Or maybe it's all just a kind of Live Action Role Playing game of people pretending to be something they aren't, like a worldwide Renaissance Festival with pews.

They wanted faith to secure them, but now they struggle with the Church instead. They had great hope, but now strongly fear that they have misplaced their trust. They longed for love, but now feel more unloving than ever.



## Grow

**My advice is always the same: "I'm sorry. The Christian life doesn't get better. But please notice that it is already amazing."**

To understand why life in Christ is like this, you have to understand what Jesus is doing. I like how the poet Milton summed up Satan's attitude in *Paradise Lost*: "It's better to rule in hell than to serve in heaven." That attitude made Satan reject God — and drove him to earth to convince us to join him.

Now we echo his attitude in our lives, saying: "I don't trust God and his Church. I know I'd be better off doing things my way." To win us back, God has to do two difficult, contradictory things simultaneously: He has to win our trust and break our pride.

So that's what he does. To show us we can trust him, he promises bliss, starting now, saying: "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened ... and you will find rest for your souls."

To break our pride, he tells us to expect heartache and sorrow, starting now, from whatever is not him — including our homes and our homeland. He warned that his followers will be sold out by our families, and that our nations will set us against each other. He said to expect the cross — not once in a while, not in certain seasons of our life, but daily.

Jesus said following him means building on rock, and that following him means facing constant storms.

**Look for it and you find this message on every page of the Gospels.**

It started at Jesus' conception, which brought the joy of Mary's fiat — and the jarring decision by Joseph to leave her. Then, his birth attracted the loving veneration of foreign Magi — and the hateful vengeance of the local magistrate. And so it went from there — constant joys and constant sorrows. The Father's voice at the Jordan River brought Satan's voice in the desert. Followers revered his miracles but rejected his message. Crowds cried "Hosana!" one day and "Crucify him!" another.

It was the same way for his followers: They got Pentecost followed by persecutions; we get great graces, and great needs.

The trick is to notice the graces as much as you notice the needs. God is good: Open your fridge, and you'll see more than the "daily bread" you asked for. God is beautiful: Open your front door, and you'll see beauty unrivaled by any art museum. God is truth: Look in a NASA telescope or an electron microscope, and you'll see a perfect order, everywhere. And all of it means "God is Love." And yes, he gives you the cross, too, each day without fail, like the sun rising.

So, while the "bad news" of Christ is really bad — your life will be hard — the Good News is way better: Your Trinitarian life will be beautiful, fulfilling your most fundamental needs, starting now and lasting forever.

Resource <https://aleteia.org/2023/09/11/life-is-good-life-is-hard-christianity-saving-paradox/>

## Reflect

As mentioned last week, my older brother and I were nicknamed "oil and vinegar" due to the clash of our personas, being total opposites of the spectrum. With that, there were many moments of conflicts, disagreements, even physical altercations. My dad would often break up these fights and demand my older brother to say sorry to me. Of course, my brother would say "sorry" in a very annoying tone just to please my dad and probably to save himself getting a smack in the head from him for being a jerk to me. These situations occurred quite often, and my brother would complain and nag about how he said sorry to me the last time, and one "sorry" should be enough. Saying sorry once doesn't mean all is forgiven and forgotten.

No matter how many times we make mistakes or get angry and say hateful things or choose wrong over right, God's love and mercy remains constant in our lives. God is always waiting for us to turn to Him, and He welcomes us with His open and loving arms. May we mirror God's mercy and forgiveness with others. Let's not hold grudges but build bridges of love. May we let go of anger and open our hearts to God's healing grace. Let us go beyond the typical "sorry" and make it a habit to practice empathy and compassion in our daily lives. Let us live for Christ and not ourselves.

"The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness." — Pope 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. 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)

