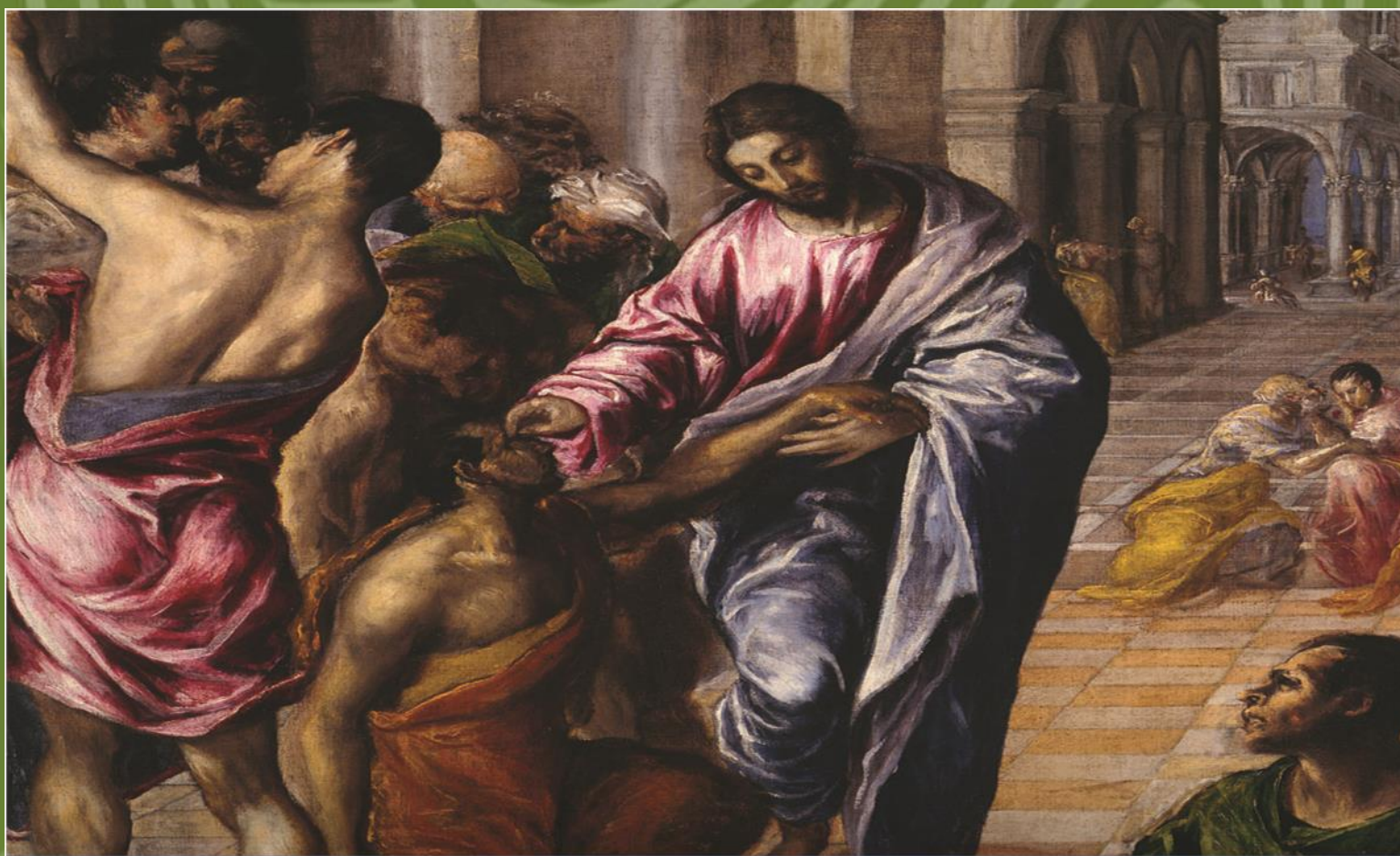


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Holy Spirit Parish



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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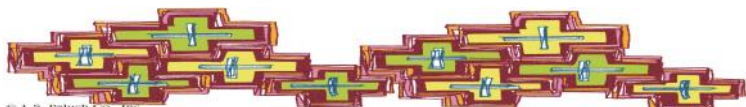
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We welcome your call and are here to serve you! Contact the Parish Office to speak with us or make an appointment. We look forward to hearing from you!



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

"Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near."

Though we can never fully grasp the infinite perfection of God and His ways, a basic knowledge of Scripture reveals that God's logic often differs from worldly logic.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, reminds us that God often thinks bigger than we do. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." As His followers we must strive as best we can to think as God does, using our time (and our talents and treasure, too) with eternity in mind.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus offers us a glimpse of the "Godly logic" of the Father through a parable of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. Some workers are called early in the day, others not until very late. Yet the landowner pays them all a full day's wage. This angered the laborers who had worked longest. But those laborers were relying on human logic and human calculations. They were not thinking as God does.

This can happen to us Christian stewards as well. We can grumble and complain (at least internally) when we compare ourselves to others and sense that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, within our family and so on. At those moments, we need to think bigger!

We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. Living the stewardship way of life brings us meaning, depth and purpose.

Let's embrace this Godly thinking and thank Him for calling us to this way of life.

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Have a blessed week!

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@alfred808)



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:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. (Is 55:8)

Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or
by death.

For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. (Phil 1:20-21)

Gospel:

“What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?” (Mt 20:14-15)

Readings for the week of September 24, 2023

Sunday:

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil
1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday:

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk
8:16-18

Tuesday:

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab,
4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday:

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk
9:1-6

Thursday:

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk
9:7-9

Friday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-
2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday:

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk
9:43b-45

Observances for the week of September 24, 2023

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday

Tuesday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Thursday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz
and Companions, Martyrs

Friday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,
Archangels

Saturday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of
the Church

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

The workers in this parable sound very much like squabbling children, comparing what they have each been given and making complaints to the parent. Among children there is a tendency to equate love with gifts and material things. This tendency can devolve into a spirit of entitlement, which runs counter to the spirit of gratitude. Any effort we make to overcome this tendency, to keep love from being entwined with gifts and possessions, will enable our children to accept completely the love that God gives freely and generously. Observe together any tendency within your family to make comparisons. Are children sometimes heard saying that another child received a greater portion of a favorite food at dinner or dessert? Does one person complain that a parent spends more time with one child over another? Ask if such comparisons are helpful. Discuss together why such comparisons are made. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16. Consider these questions: Why do the workers grumble? Is the landowner's assessment accurate? Unfortunately, we are sometimes like these workers when we make the comparisons we discussed earlier. Conclude in prayer together remembering that love cannot and ought not to be measured. Sit quietly together acknowledging God's great love for each person as individuals and for your family. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 145, or the Lord's Prayer.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of "fairness": "I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who's going to fix it?" We also know the age-old expression: "Who ever said life was fair?" Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today's Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when they need them. Consider which servants you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand "fairness", or that final servant who, seemingly, deserves the least.



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

09/16/2023-09/17/2023: \$2,363.00

Online

09/15/2023-09/22/2023 \$2,365.00

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

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 Correa (1962)
Alyce Dodge (1966)
Shan Correa (1968)
Jon James (1969)
Jan & Marci Prins (1971)
Carol Kotsubo (1979)
Robert Edwin Paull (1979)
Peter Behrens (1980)
Tom & Kristi Dinell (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.

This is the final weekend to RSVP, please join us for the celebration. If you are unable to attend, please consider sponsoring a student in full or partially.

Happy Priesthood Sunday,
Fr. Alfred Omar B. Guerrero



May God bless you abundantly as you continue to tend to his flock. Mahalo for the sacrifices you make, the prayers and blessings you offer, and the "YES" you respond with to God's call to service!

‘Ohana in Christ
ANNUAL APPEAL
for the
CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

NEXT WEEKEND



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

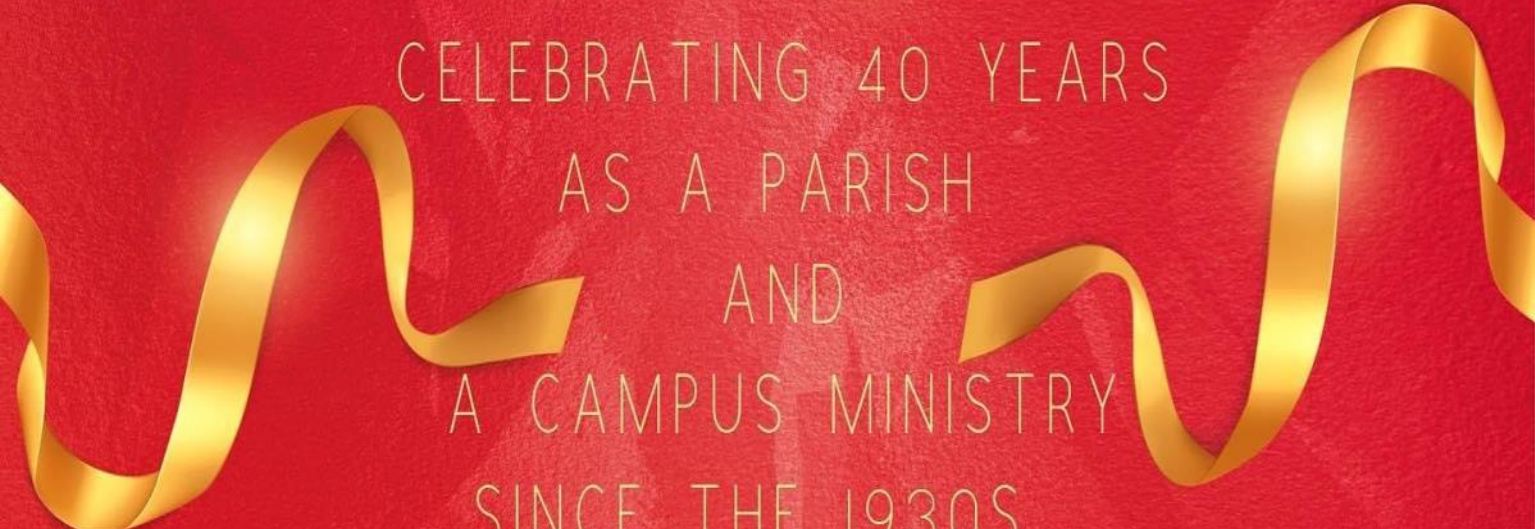


Please support your Diocesan Church and our many Catholic ministries and services by contributing to the 2023-2024 Appeal. Mahalo for your generous Stewardship of Treasure. All gifts are important and appreciated. Give online at CatholicHawaii.org.





Newman Center-Holy Spirit Parish
**40TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION GALA**



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS
AS A PARISH
AND
A CAMPUS MINISTRY
SINCE THE 1930S

06 October 2023 | 5:30pm

Japanese Cultural Center Ballroom - 2454 South Beretania Street





Pray

Use this power-up prayer for those gloomy days
Cerith Gardiner - published on 09/19/23

If the change in season makes you feel a little glum, don't fret; help is at hand with this energizing prayer.

With summer coming to an end, you might be dreading those darker autumn days and more inclement weather. It can become really hard to get out of bed in the morning, get reluctant kids out of their beds, and face the day feeling invigorated.

Of course, weather can have a serious effect on how we feel mentally. In fact Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD, in which sufferers can feel depressed during seasonal changes — especially in fall and winter — has become more universally recognized by medical professionals over the years.

While there is light treatment, psychotherapy, and medication that can help those who suffer from SAD, those who are in need of a little more motivation and energy to get out from under those bed covers can also turn to prayer.

This prayer from Catholics & Bible is a great example of shifting the focus on to feeling not only gratitude for the new day, but also on fulfilling God's plans for us.

Tender and compassionate God, thank You for this new day and the blessings You have bestowed in my life. Thank You for the opportunities that each day brings. I know tomorrow is not promised, so help me approach each day with kindness and grace. Lord, I know You have a plan and purpose for my life, so help me discover what it is. Give me strength, courage and wisdom to overcome any obstacle that may keep me from pursuing and fulfilling Your purpose. Direct my path with Your glorious light and guide me to make the right choices. Help me approach every situation or task with a positive mindset, trusting You will make all things right, even when things seem out of control. I pray for Your guidance and protection as I live one day at a time. Thank You for all that you have done for me and for the good things that are yet to come. In the mighty name of Jesus, I pray.

Amen

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2023/09/19/use-this-power-up-prayer-for-those-gloomy-days/>



Grow

6 Bible quotes to help put panic in its place
Cerith Gardiner - published on 09/13/23

If you need to feel calm and content, take a look at these perfect quotes from Scripture.

Sometimes life can be just a little too much. You might wake up with a list of things to do as long as your arm, or you might just be overwhelmed with the responsibilities you're dealing with.

There are thankfully lots of things you can put in place to deal with these panicky moments. The first, and possibly the most difficult sometimes, is to just take a very deep breath. Another tip medical professionals would recommend is to practice mindfulness — an exercise that grounds you in reality.

Christians find solace in calm by turning their minds and souls to God. In particular, certain verses from the Bible can reinforce a message of calm. There are also particular prayers that can help us fight those pangs of panic.

Scriptural prescription

We've collected together a number of quotes from the Bible to always have at hand — whether you're having a panic attack or just trying to feel a little calmer.

"Do not fear: I am with you; do not be anxious: I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." Isaiah 41:10

"Say to the fearful of heart: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; With divine recompense he comes to save you." Isaiah 35:4

"I keep the LORD always before me; with him at my right hand, I shall never be shaken." Psalms 16:8

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

"Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil." Matthew 6:34

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

And finally ... don't be shy about letting others know when you are feeling overwhelmed and asking them to pray with you and for you!

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2023/09/13/6-bible-quotes-to-help-put-panic-in-its-place/>



Reflect

"Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love."
— St. Teresa of Calcutta

I first came across this quote while working on a group assignment for a religion class in high school. We were placed into groups and instructed to choose a gift or fruit of the Holy Spirit randomly from a bowl. In addition, we were to think and write about someone in our own lives that best personifies that gift/fruit.

The word I randomly chose was "generosity," and the first person that came to mind was my father. His life was all about generosity and charity. To his family and friends, he was known as the "Anton the Giver." My dad was not always religious, but would often pray and say, "Thank you, God, my Father, for the abundant blessings in my life." He sought God's purpose for him and lived his life sharing that love and grace with his family, friends, and those who were in need. Our front and back yard were filled with an overabundance of fruits, vegetables, flowers, and greenery. He would harvest what we needed and would give away everything else – to his relatives, friends, neighbors, and sometimes random people he'd run into at the store or doctor's office. That was my dad.

God, our Father, is a very gracious and generous God. He made us in His image and likeness and provides us a life of purpose – to love Him with all our heart, mind, and soul, and to love others, our brothers and sisters in Christ, as we love ourselves. God wants everything and anything of us. Can we give Him the same love, mercy, and compassion that He graciously bestows on us every single day of our lives? It's not about who gives the most love or gives Him the greatest love first. God's love is unconditional. Period. May we take this His generous love and commit to His will and His alone and extend that generosity to all.

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!

Newman Center + Chaminade University Campus Ministries

Movie Night
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REGAL DOLE CANNERY
7PM SHOWTIME **09.27.23**

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



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.

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