

# NEWMAN CENTER

## Holy Spirit Parish

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH  
at the University of Hawai'i - Mānoa



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### 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.” - Mt 21:31**



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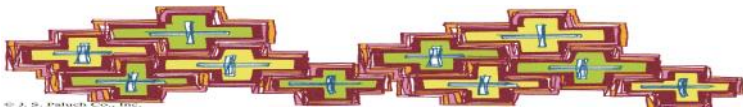
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We welcome your call and are here to serve you! Contact the Parish Office to speak with us or make an appointment. We look forward to hearing from you!



### 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

"Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?"

On Oct 4th to the 29th, the first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will happen at the Vatican. This "Synod on synodality" will gather 356 Synod Fathers and Mothers in the Paul VI Hall to deliberate over the course of about four weeks on synodality, communion, co-responsibility for mission, and governance. In his letter to the bishops of the world, Cardinal Mario Grech, the General Secretary of the Synod, wrote that "the Synod is, above all, an event of prayer and listening that involves not only the members of the Synodal Assembly, but every baptized person and every particular Church. Indeed, all of us are called at this time to unite in communion of prayer and insistent invocation of the Holy Spirit to guide us in discerning what the Lord is asking of his Church today." So, as the Synod begins this coming Wednesday, Oct. 4, I ask you to pray for the Holy Father, Pope Francis and for all the members of the Synodal Assembly.

You may use these intercessions in your prayer time:

For the Church, on the eve of a new phase in the synodal journey, that the presence of the Gospel, alive and at work in her, may make her like the vineyard in the parable, a vital place where all men and women who seek meaning in their life find a place, a word, and a breath of hope, we pray.

For the bishops and all the participants in the Synodal Assembly, that proposals may spring forth from their listening to the Holy Spirit, so that the entire People of God, in a dynamism of communion, may feel that they are truly participating in the life of the Church and be a living and attractive witness to the newness of the Gospel in the word, we pray.

For young people, seekers of truth and authentic witness, concreteness and spirituality; that, as a result of the synodal journey, they may feel increasingly involved in the Church's life and mission in the midst of the challenges of today's world, giving to so many, with the enthusiasm of their age, the hope that springs from an encounter with Jesus, we pray.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Alfred Omar  
(@fralfred808)



### Important Notices

- Ohana in Christ Appeal begins this weekend
- 40th Anniversary Celebration Gala, this Friday
- Hospitality Sunday is next weekend. Bring a dish to share!
- UH Food Vault Collection next weekend

## 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:

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed,  
he does what is right and just,  
he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

#### Psalm:

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

#### Second Reading:

Have in you the same attitude  
that is also in Christ Jesus. (Phil 2:5)

#### Gospel:

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,  
tax collectors and prostitutes  
are entering the kingdom of God before you."  
(Mt 21:31)

### Readings for the week of October 1, 2023

#### Sunday:

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/  
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

#### Monday:

Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and  
22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

#### Tuesday:

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Lk 9:51-56

#### Wednesday:

Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

#### Thursday:

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/  
Lk 10:1-12

#### Friday:

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

#### Saturday:

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/  
Lk 10:17-24

### Observances for the week of October 1, 2023

**Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Respect Life Sunday

**Monday:** The Holy Guardian Angels

**Wednesday:** St. Francis of Assisi

**Thursday:** Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl.  
Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

**Friday:** St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher,  
Virgin

**Saturday:** Our Lady of the Rosary



## 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

The example Jesus poses in today's Gospel could have been taken directly from family experience. Each of us can recall instances in which family members spoke one thing but then did another. The point of Jesus' story is to show that our actions speak louder than words, even with God.

As you gather as a family, talk about times when a family member said one thing and then did another. Acknowledge that sometimes the action taken displays a true change of heart. Then read today's Gospel, Matthew 21:28-32. Observe that Jesus faulted the religious leaders for not allowing John the Baptist's message of repentance to change their hearts and actions. The word we sometimes use for this change of heart is conversion. Jesus wants us to do more than pay lip service to the Gospel; he wants us to be transformed by his word.

Pray together that your family will experience a conversion to God and show evidence of this in both actions and words. Pray together today's second reading, Philippians 2:1-5.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Saint Augustine, a doctor of the church, once wrote that the first, second, and third most important attitude in Christianity is humility. In today's second reading, Saint Paul is concerned with how we conduct ourselves in our community of faith. He urges us to let our conduct be worthy of the Gospel we say that we believe; and that it all begins with humility. He asks us to consider others better than ourselves, and to serve them by looking out for their best interest, not ours. Consider how Saint Paul's appeal to imitating Christ's humility can enhance your relationships.



## Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

### Tithes and Offerings:

09/23/2023-09/24/2023 \$1,737.00

Online: 09/22/2023-09/29/2023 \$1,430.00

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

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: 11/18/2023-11/19/2023

### 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.

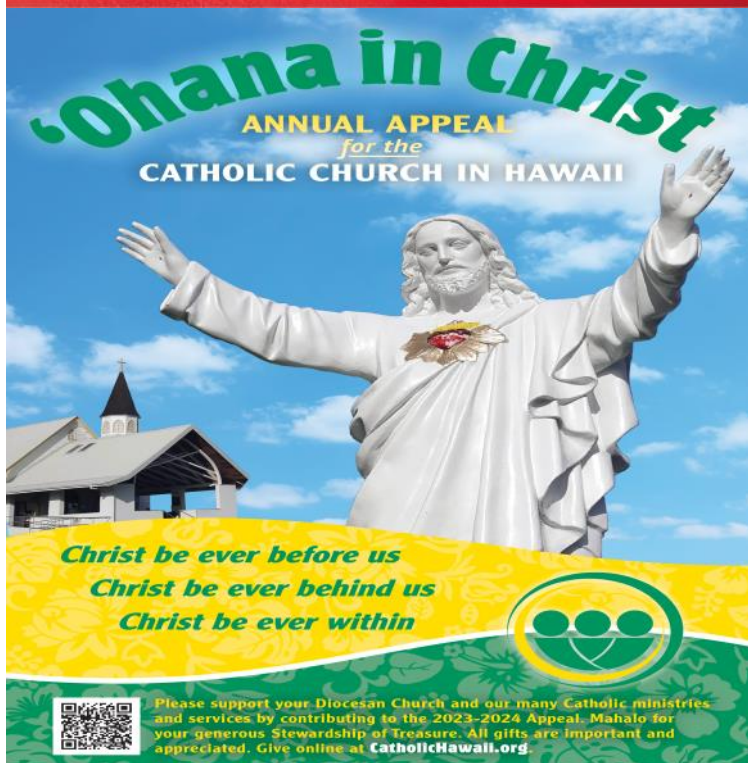
Please contact the Parish Office to register. Welcome!



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



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

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](https://CatholicHawaii.org)

## Around the Diocese



HAWAII CATHOLIC  
CHARISMATIC  
RENEWAL SERVICES

**43rd Regional Catholic  
Charismatic Conference**  
**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

Catholic Charities Hawaii  
1822 Keeamoku Street Honolulu, HI 96822  
9:30 am - 6:00 pm

**Remain in Me**  
*I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me  
and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can  
do nothing - John 15:5*

FR. GREG HONORIO FR. EJ RESINTO FR. ROMPLE EMWALU FR. MARIO PALANCA FR. BILL PETRIE, SS.CC.

ADMISSION IS FREE!  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: EMAIL [INFO@HCCRS.ORG](mailto:INFO@HCCRS.ORG) OR CALL 808-990-8153



**Source & Summit**  
A Eucharistic Day of Recollection  
for children, youth, and families

**EUCHARISTIC  
REVIVAL 2023**

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 21, 2023  
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM**  
ST. STEPHEN DIOCESAN CENTER  
(6301 PALI HWY. O'AHU)

email: [oyyam@rcchawaii.org](mailto:oyyam@rcchawaii.org)

Hosted by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting  
and the Diocesan Office of Evangelization & Catechesis



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### The Vineyard

The second son never showed up to the vineyard. Did he get lost? Did he get tired? Did he not know where to begin?

When it comes right down to it, good intentions amount to very little. We all know this, don't we? "Show me, don't tell me." "I'll believe it when I see it." It's as true in the workplace and in relationships as it is in the life of the Christian disciple.

It doesn't matter if we *intend* to work in the vineyard. It doesn't matter if we promise to, if we think about it a lot, or if we make grand plans for what we will accomplish there. None of that matters if we don't show up. Before we show up, we have to find the way.

Showing up is the whole point. The work is the point, not the intention.

But all this begs the question: what does the *work* mean for us as baptized Catholics in the modern world? Spending our Saturdays in soup kitchens and homeless shelters? Standing on a street corner shouting out the words of the Gospel?

Our baptismal call is to the vineyard. Where is our vineyard? How do we show up? *We are ready, Lord, we say. We intend to work. But where do we go?*

My vineyard is not your vineyard, and so it's not my place to tell you how to get there. I am glad you want to go, but you'll have to find your own way, just like I will. But I can tell you this: only one voice will lead you there. If you listen to it, you will find your vineyard.

*"Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way." — Psalm 25:8*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Can anyone offer the Anointing of the Sick to a sick or dying person, or is that only something a priest can do?

### Answer:

The Letter of James speaks to us of the ancient tradition of a special anointing and blessing of those who are sick: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord ... If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven him" (5:14, 15b). This passage forms the foundation for the theology of the sacrament that we call "Anointing of the Sick." In keeping with what we read in the Letter of James and the ancient tradition of the Church, the anointing of a person of who sick or dying many only be performed by a priest or bishop.

Although deacons and other members of the Church are not able to celebrate the sacrament with a person who is sick, we can read Sacred Scripture and pray with and for those who are ill. Resources like the Book of Blessings also contain special blessings that can be celebrated by deacons or lay ministers. In the end, we want to be sure that we show a special care and concern for the sick, helping them to always experience God's loving comfort through made tangible through our acts of charity and service.



## Pray

Start your day with this energizing prayer of St. Therese of Lisieux  
*Philip Kosloski - published on 11/18/18*

She composed her own "morning offering" and the prayer lit a fire of divine love in her soul every morning.

For many of us, mornings are not our best time of the day. We wake up and the upcoming day's obligations can overwhelm us, tempting us to go back in bed and not even start.

Yet, it doesn't have to be like this.

Many of the saints would begin the day, not dreading it, but embracing the many challenges it would bring and offering them to God. They recognized the sufferings they would endure, but instead of letting troubles affect them, they lifted them up to God, achieving a sense of freedom they wouldn't normally have.

St. Therese of Lisieux was one of those saints who began each day with a heartfelt morning offering. This was in part due to her membership in the Apostleship of Prayer (now known as the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network), an organization that stresses the need to offer all of your thoughts, words, and deeds to God, for the intention of the Holy Father. It is a way to unite yourself to the Heart of Jesus, and participate in his mission of mercy.

She composed her own prayer, one that clearly displays the deep love she had for God and can inspire us as we start our day, seeing our lives in a broader context.

If you are feeling uninspired as you wake up in the morning, consider praying this prayer by St. Therese of Lisieux.

O my God! I offer Thee all my actions of this day for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to Its infinite merits; and I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of Its Merciful Love.

O my God! I ask thee for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfill perfectly Thy Holy Will, to accept for love of Thee the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in Heaven for all Eternity. Amen.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2018/11/18/start-your-day-with-this-energizing-prayer-of-st-therese-of-lisieux/>



## Grow

Pope gives 3 tips to have a "heart expanded" by love  
*Isabella H. de Carvalho - published on 09/18/23*

"If you are able to change your lives in such a way that you do not speak ill of others, you will have opened the door for your causes of canonization!"

St. Benedict "invited his followers to have a 'heart expanded by the unspeakable sweetness of love,'" Pope Francis reminded participants of the 5th World Congress of Benedictine Oblates, who he met at the Vatican on September 15, 2023.

Benedictine Oblates are lay men and women who have decided to follow the Benedictine spirituality without taking vows or living in a monastery. In fact, Pope Francis gave them three useful tips, which can be applied to all who want to be witnesses of Christ in their normal lives. In order to have a "heart expanded" by love, the Pontiff suggests to "search for God, [have] enthusiasm for the Gospel and [practice] hospitality."

### SEARCH FOR GOD

The search for God that marks Benedictine life is done through the Word of the Lord, with which the members are "nourished each day by lectio divina," the Pope explained. However, he also highlighted that the Oblates meet God in other places such as by "contemplating creation, by letting [themselves] be challenged by daily events, by experiencing work as prayer" or "to the point of transforming the very means of [their] work into instruments of blessing."

The Pope called his audience to be "seekers of God" especially "in those brothers and sisters whom divine Providence leads you to encounter."

### HAVE ENTHUSIASM FOR THE GOSPEL

Next, Pope Francis highlighted how Oblates can learn how to have "missionary enthusiasm" from their monastic brothers and sisters. "Like the monks, who make the places where they live fruitful and mark their days with industriousness, you also are called in this way to transform your everyday settings, wherever you live, by acting as a leaven in the dough, with skill and responsibility, and at the same time with gentleness and compassion," the Pope explained.

He called for the Oblates to be witnesses and compassionate with those around them, not accusers who point fingers. "Nowadays, in a globalized but fragmented and fast-paced world devoted to consumerism, in settings where family and social roots sometimes almost seem to disappear, there is no need for Christians who point fingers, but for enthusiastic witnesses who radiate the Gospel 'in life through life,'" he explained.

"This is always a temptation: go from being 'Christian witnesses' to 'Christian accusers.' There is only one accuser, the devil. We should not assume the role of the devil but of Jesus."





## Grow

### BE HOSPITABLE

Pope Francis then cited St. Benedict's writings where he highlighted the need to welcome guests who would come to the monastery "as Christ" and to show them "love in every way," especially if they were poor or pilgrims.

"As Oblates, your wider monastery is the world, the city, and the workplace, for it is there that you are called to be models of welcome with regard to whoever knocks at your door, and models in preferential love for the poor," the Pope stated. "Sometimes it seems that our society is slowly suffocating in the locked vaults of selfishness, individualism, and indifference."

Francis also highlighted the dangers of gossiping in our society. "Gossip 'dirties' other people, [...] Please, as Benedictines, let your tongue be reserved for praising God, and not for gossiping about others. If you are able to change your lives in such a way that you do not speak ill of others, you will have opened the door for your causes of canonization!"

"I invite you to continue to expand your heart and entrust it every day to God's love, never ceasing to seek it, to bear witness to it with enthusiasm and to welcome it in the poorest whom life leads you to encounter."

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2023/09/18/pope-gives-3-tips-to-have-a-heart-expanded-by-love/>



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

**A Mighty River**  
Amos 5: 24

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.

## Reflect

I have a childhood friend, whom I keep in touch with now and then, who absolutely loves riddles. Almost all our conversations included riddles and it would (and still does today) drive me crazy! Reason being is that I could never figure it out. To be honest, I am bad with jokes and riddles. A recent riddle she asked me was this: What is it that given one, you'll have either two or none? She checked in with me later in the week and still no answer. I finally caved in and asked her for the answer. She chuckled for a good minute before revealing the answer to me - a choice. Go figure!

We make choices every day. We choose to wake up each morning and get up from our beds, we choose to go to work and/or school, we choose to be better today than yesterday, and so forth. Our response and actions to our everyday choices makes all the difference. In reference to our relationship with God, everything that we do and say matters to Him, even when we fall and give into sin and evil. Our God is loving and forgiving, fair and just. He desires for us to turn away from sin and seek His unconditional love and mercy. And only then can we experience a transformation of heart. It's never too late. Let us challenge ourselves to examine our lives and consider how we can align ourselves more closely to God's will and His alone. May we strive not to cling to the things of this world and help to encourage and support one another repent and return to God.

*"We can believe what we choose. We are answerable for what we choose to believe."*  
— St. John Henry Newman

Blessings to you and your 'ohana!  
- **Fay C. Pabo** (@fa\_jo\_pabo0)

