

NEWMAN CENTER

Holy Spirit Parish



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*"The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab*

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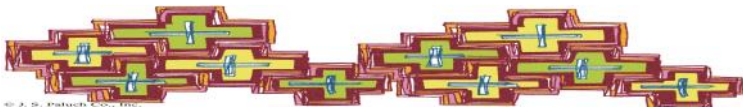
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We welcome your call and are here to serve you! Contact the Parish Office to speak with us or make an appointment. We look forward to hearing from you!



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

"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."

We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Yet, in our fallen state it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus uses the image of a vineyard to teach the importance of using our blessings well. He tells the story of a landowner who plants a vineyard and leases it to tenants before he goes on a journey. Instead of tending the vineyard, the tenants mistreat the servants in the vineyard and even the son of the landowner, whom they kill. When the landowner realizes what the tenants have done, he puts them to death and leases his vineyard to tenants who "will give him the produce at the proper times."

By Baptism, we have received the gift of salvation and membership in Kingdom of God — we are now "tenants" called to work in the "vineyard" and produce fruit for its owner, our Heavenly Father. Jesus makes it clear that we if we squander the gift of salvation, we will lose it. It is a sobering truth.

So, let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God's glory.

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We had a very successful 40th Anniversary Celebration Gala on Friday, Oct. 6! Many thanks to all those who joined us and for those who made generous donations.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@alfred808)



Important Notices

- Hospitality Sunday today
- UH Food Vault Collection today

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:

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done?

Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)

Second Reading:

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me.

Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

Gospel:

"What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"

They answered him,

"He will put those wretched men to a wretched death

and lease his vineyard to other tenants." (Mt 21:41)

Readings for the week of October 8, 2023

Sunday:

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday:

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday:

Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/ Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:

Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday:

Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 11:5-13

Friday:

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/ Lk 11:15-26

Saturday:

Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Observances for the week of October 8, 2023

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Columbus Day; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

Wednesday: St. John XXIII, Pope

Saturday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

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

In an ideal household, family members know the rules and follow them consistently. Even the most conscientious among us, however, sometimes needs to be reminded of the rules and their importance. How we respond to such correction reveals our true character. In today's Gospel Jesus exposes the religious leaders for their failure to heed God's messengers. It is an opportunity for us to consider how we respond to those who are God's messengers today, calling us to correct our ways and return to the way of the Lord.

As you gather as a family, talk about some of the most important rules of your household. Consider how consistently family members follow these rules. How are family members reminded when rules are not being followed? How do they respond? In today's Gospel Jesus corrects the religious leaders through a parable telling them that they have not heeded God's messengers. Read Matthew 21:33-43. What are some of God's rules that we must follow? How do we respond to God's messengers today? Pray together as a family that you will heed God's messengers and follow God's ways. Pray together the Act of Contrition for the times when your family has not heeded God's word.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

This weekend's Gospel reading poses some challenging stewardship questions, particularly at a time when so many people are becoming disengaged from their faith communities. When Christ returns, will we be found working diligently in the Lord's "vineyard;" converting our own hearts into a rich harvest of love and compassion?

Calling those outside our vineyard to enter into the joy of the Lord? Or will we just be living off of what the Lord has given us, but not sharing God's love with others? Jesus' parable suggests that if we aren't good stewards of the gifts we've been given then the gifts will be taken away, and we will be called to give an account for our failures. We have all we need for a bountiful harvest, even during these disquieting times. What will our Lord find when He returns and asks us to give an account?



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

09/30/2023-10/01/2023 \$2,021.00

Online: 09/27-10/06/2023 \$3,431.00

OIC \$50.00

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: ongoing

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



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**40TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION GALA**



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Pray

Litany for a burnt-out soul

Sarah Robsdottir - published on 12/10/22

When I try to escape my feelings,
When my body holds my stress,
When I'm under pressure,
When I am filled with anger ...

I recently sought the advice of a friend who also happens to be a priest. I described some frustrating habits and thought patterns I'd fallen into — things that aren't necessarily sinful but aren't beneficial either.

Now these kinds of conversations are obviously meant to be private. So instead of describing my frustrating habits, I'll share the prayer he suggested as a remedy instead. I found this litany so "spot-on," I wondered for a second if my priest had been spying on me. But very quickly, I gave credit where credit's due — to the Holy Spirit.

The complete prayer is titled Litany of the Closed Heart, but I've tweaked it a bit to make it easier to memorize:

Litany for a burnt-out soul
by soulsandhearts.com (abridged)

When I'm withdrawn, Lord, have mercy.
When I'm consumed with worry, Lord...
 When I numb out,
 When I feel cynical,
 When I've lost trust,
 When I'm distracted,
When I try to escape my feelings,
When my body holds my stress,
 When I'm under pressure,
 When I am filled with anger,
When I become obsessed with tasks,
 When I feel the urge to act out,
 When I feel ashamed,
 When I feel unforgiven,

Jesus, I know you love me in all my wounds,
 Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you created me in love, Hold me in your arms.
Jesus, you created me for love, Hold me...
Jesus, you created me to be loved...
Jesus, you created my heart...
Jesus, you see my soul...
Jesus, you know my true self...
Jesus, you treasure me...
Jesus, you encourage me...
Jesus, you created me as your beloved...
 Hold me in your arms.

Amen

Grow

"The time will pass anyway": So, what do you choose?

Scarlett Rose Ford - published on 09/29/23

Choosing to spend time working toward this goal of mine will ultimately be worthwhile.

This will be the year I read my Bible, I have sworn every New Year's Eve since the Bible in a Year podcast was released. Each January 1, I begin my year with an oversized cup of hot cocoa, my Bible, and Fr. Mike Schmitz. The Bible, along with an assortment of highlighters, pens, and Post-Its, stays on my desk until sometime in mid-February when I inevitably miss a day due to a pressing university assignment or an unexpected flu and give up. If I can't read the Bible in a year, why even bother?

As a society of instant gratification, we hold this attitude toward many things. We want to see results fast, so we put time limits on our goals as we do with New Year's resolutions ("This year I'm going to learn a new language;" "This year I'm going to go to the gym every day.").

Once we fail even in the slightest or realize that these goals might take longer than expected, we throw our hands up and storm off like a flippant toddler.

While my parents have always told me that my 20s are for learning new things, the beginning of my young adulthood was plagued by this rash way of thinking. Only recently I saw a quote that completely transformed me: The time will pass anyway.

Wow. This is a definitive and obvious truth, yet it felt like a punch to my gut through my phone screen.

In the present moment, it's difficult to see that the effort we put into achieving our goals will pay off, no matter how long they take. Yet the time will pass regardless, and those engaging in instant gratification will have nothing to show for it in the end.

As I became more aware of this, the time-related doubts that had previously hindered me from persevering in my passion projects dissipated. Suddenly, there was no more "It's going to take forever to see results in the gym," or "It will take so long to learn a new language;" instead there was "The time will pass anyway," and I was in control of how I spent that time.

While I still struggle with the fact that I'm on year three of Bible in a Year, I have to remind myself daily that choosing to spend time working toward this goal of mine will ultimately be worthwhile. In the end, it doesn't matter how long it takes, because the time will pass anyway.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2023/09/29/the-time-will-pass-anyway-so-what-do-you-choose/>

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Reflect

"Follow the leader" or "Simon says.." was one of very first things I learned when I started Kindergarten. Our teacher, Mrs. Lien, would start our school day with an activity that involved these various actions, like raising our hands, stomping our feet, or flying like an airplane, to name a few. This was fun and we enjoyed being silly and such.

Every one of us is called to discipleship, but we make that choice to do so or not. The journey is not easy. We wish following Jesus was fun and enjoyable (which it can be), but as we all know it is not. We are challenged by our thoughts and action that can lead us to sin and evil. We are fearful of disappointment and being rejected by our peers. We are envious of people whose lives are perfect and have nothing to stress or worry about.

In today's 2nd reading, St. Paul encourages us to "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." In Jesus, we are loved and forgiven. In Jesus, we are accepted and recognized as children of God. In Jesus, we are given the strength and courage to live our lives with peace, joy, happiness, and love. We are encouraged to continue alongside the path that Jesus has shown us. May we continue to encourage one another in this faith journey and build each other up in the love and peace of Christ.

"The God of life is to be encountered every day of our lives; not now and then, but every day. To follow Jesus is not a decision taken once and for all, it's a daily choice. We do not meet the Lord virtually, but directly, we encounter him in our lives." – 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

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

Blessings to you and your 'ohana!

- **Fay C. Pabo**

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