

# NEWMAN CENTER

## Holy Spirit Parish



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## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc



# 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.

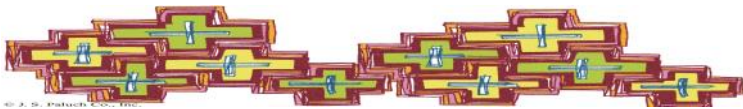
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

"On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever."

Watching the news this week has been disheartening to see! Thousands of human beings killed by other human beings is sickening. One story I saw was of a father who was notified that his 8-year-old daughter was found dead, and he was happy to hear this news. Knowing that she was not in the hands of terrorist and held captive where she would suffer greatly, gave him a feeling of relief. I can imagine that he is not the only one. The words of the prophet Isaiah to the exiles of Israel speaks hope today to the many people suffering so much and who have lost everything. This vision of a banquet of rich foods and choice wines and no more death and tears is a message of hope. The prophetic call to join in the banquet of heaven requires us to be in right relationship with God but from God's perspective. It is about depending upon God to take care of our needs. As we wait for history to unfold, let us work on being in right relationship with God and our neighbors. Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, and all the Ordinaries of the Holy Land, are calling for a day of fasting, abstinence, and prayer on October 17. He wrote, "This is the way we all come together despite everything, and unite collectively in prayer, to deliver to God the Father our thirst for peace, justice, and reconciliation." May we join with them in solidarity.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Alfred Omar  
(@fralfred808)



## Important Notices

- Ohana in Christ Appeal ongoing

## 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:

The Lord GOD will wipe away  
the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

#### Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days  
of my life. (Ps 23)

#### Second Reading:

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of  
going hungry,  
of living in abundance and of being in need.  
I can do all things in him who strengthens me.  
(Phil 4:12-13)

#### Gospel:

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads  
and invite to the feast whomever you find." (Mt 22:9)

### Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

#### Sunday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/  
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

#### Monday:

Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Lk 11:29-32

#### Tuesday:

Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

#### Wednesday:

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/  
Lk 10:1-9

#### Thursday:

Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/  
Lk 11:47-54

#### Friday:

Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

#### Saturday:

Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/  
Lk 12:8-12

### Observances for the week of October 15, 2023

**Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

**Tuesday:** St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

**Wednesday:** St. Luke, Evangelist

**Thursday:** Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

**Friday:** St. Paul of the Cross, 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

Today's Gospel reminds us that God invites all of us to his kingdom. How do we respond to this invitation? In theological terms, God has granted us free will to accept or reject salvation. The parable of the wedding feast reminds us that God desires our wholehearted acceptance of his invitation to salvation. As you gather as a family, discuss what you consider appropriate attire for various occasions. For example, if your family were invited to a neighbor's barbecue, what would you wear? If you were planning to attend the symphony, what might you wear? If invited to an evening wedding, what might you wear? Discuss how our preparations for an event and our choice of attire indicates the importance and value we place on the occasion. In today's Gospel Jesus uses this metaphor to talk about the kingdom of heaven. Read Matthew 22:1-14. Discuss why the guest was thrown out of the wedding feast. What does Jesus expect of those who accept his invitation of salvation? What would be the evidence of our conversion to God's salvation? Pray together as a family that you will respond wholeheartedly to God's invitation to salvation. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 23.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

There are a number of Bible verses Christians have memorized. One of them is in Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians found in this weekend's second reading: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phi. 4:13). Most people define themselves either by their problems or their possibilities. Fearful people wake up each morning ensnared by their problems. Christian stewards wake up reflecting on their possibilities with confidence and hope. Some stewardship reflection questions for the week: What challenges do you back away from because you doubt that you are up to them? What would you attempt tomorrow if you were sure God would help you?



## Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

### Tithes and Offerings:

10/07/2023-10/08/2023: \$2,273.00

Ohana In Christ: \$300.00

PV Purchase & Maintenance: \$10.00

Online 10/06/2023-10/13/2023: \$7,605.00

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 Appeal  
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

*Happy and Blessed Birthday,  
Fr. Alfred Omar B. Guerrero*



For your faithful and devoted service to our Lord. May God bless your special day and all the days to follow with joy, peace and happiness.  
Happy Birthday!

*Hau'oli Lā Hanau*



## New to Newman Center - Holy Spirit Parish?

Aloha! E Komo Mai!

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!

## Around the Diocese



Rik Fitch, the artist of this painting, lost his business in the Maui fire. (Image used with artist's permission)

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.  
Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu

This year marks the 140th year of the arrival of Mother Marianne and the first Franciscan Sisters to Hawaii. The celebration will take place on November 8, 2023, at the Cathedral Basilica with Mass at 6:00 p.m. Prior to the Mass, there will be a dramatization of the arrival. A dialogue between Mother Marianne and the Bishop, a chant of a verse of King Kalakaua's hymn of the coming of the Sisters, and a lamentation of sadness will accompany the narration. There was great joy that the Sisters had answered the plea for help, but sadness at the same time because the high ranking officials who represented the King and Queen knew what the Sisters would encounter in their life-giving service. The Mass itself will highlight a special tribute to Mother Marianne.

Contact Sr. Marie Romano at [srmromano@aol.com](mailto:srmromano@aol.com) for more info or to offer assistance if needed.

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



**EUCCHARISTIC 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 Wedding Garment

I like to think that any self-respecting doomsday prepper would find something to admire in my van's stores of extra clothes, snacks, boredom-busting toys, sunscreen, and seasonal outerwear. You never know when you're going to pass a free splash pad or a particularly amazing sledding hill. And you never know when one of the kids is going to find the world's most irresistible mud pile or fall into a river.

All this pre-planning for fun and disaster, and still, I usually devote a fraction of that effort to spiritual preparedness.

I swap out my traveling first-aid kit every season, imagining hypothetical emergencies — and I push confession off another week. "I haven't committed any mortal sins," I tell myself, "And I'm just so busy."

I shove extra outfits into my car's trunk on the off-chance my son decides to paint himself in Go-Gurt — and I shrug off the daily examinations of conscience that could help me overcome a persistent sin.

I stock my purse with bags of Cheerios to ward off sneaky attacks of kid hunger — and I fall asleep without saying the Rosary, murmuring to myself: "I'm so tired. Mary understands."

I am overwhelmed by the here-and-now, consumed by the minutiae of earthly life, that I forget there is only one eventuality I — or any of us — can expect with any certainty. We will all be invited to the feast.

Is my van stocked for that?

*"The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?'"*  
— Matthew 22:12

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

### Answer:

Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.







## Pray

Prayer for the healing of spiritual disease through the intercession of

St. Luke  
Philip Kosloski - published on 10/18/21

Ask "the Physician of Souls" to cure any spiritual ailments in your soul.

Some historians believe St. Luke was a physician, and for that reason he is often invoked as a patron saint of doctors and healthcare workers.

However, more importantly he was a spiritual physician, recalling the events of Jesus' life and providing for us the remedy for our spiritual ills.

Here is a prayer from the 19th century that invokes his intercession for the healing of spiritual disease.

Almighty God, who called St. Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel to be an Evangelist and Physician of the soul, may it please Thee that by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed through the merits of Thy Son Jesus, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2022/12/10/litany-for-a-burnt-out-soul/>

## Grow

How St. Ignatius of Antioch wanted to imitate the Eucharist

Philip Kosloski - published on 10/17/22

St. Ignatius of Antioch prayed to be "wheat" ground into "Christ's pure bread."

St. Ignatius of Antioch is one of the best known martyrs of the early Church, especially for his famous letter to the Romans before his martyrdom.

In his letter, he writes about his desire for death using eucharistic language, comparing his martyrdom to the eucharistic sacrifice.

I am writing to all the churches to let it be known that I will gladly die for God if only you do not stand in my way. I plead with you: show me no untimely kindness. Let me be food for the wild beasts, for they are my way to God. I am God's wheat and shall be ground by their teeth so that I may become Christ's pure bread. Pray to Christ for me that the animals will be the means of making me a sacrificial victim for God. St. Ignatius' strong devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist can be found in his other writings as well, such as his letter to the Ephesians.

Obey the bishop and the presbytery with an undivided mind, breaking one and the same bread, which is the medicine of immortality, and the antidote to prevent us from dying, but [which causes] that we should live forever in Jesus Christ. For St. Ignatius the Eucharist was his strength in this life, and he wanted to imitate it in the way in which he died.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2022/10/17/how-st-ignatius-of-antioch-wanted-to-imitate-the-eucharist/>



## Review Session

**OCTOBER 20TH**

@ Newman Center  
6PM

## Talk Story

- Reflect on messages from Pope Francis at World Youth Day this past summer
- Guest speakers to share their experiences at WYD

NEWMAN CENTER HOLY SPIRIT  
CAMPUS MINISTRY

# halloween night

**FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 27TH**

**6PM**

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## Reflect

You're Invited! It's Party Time!

One of my favorite childhood pastimes was birthday parties. I loved helping my friends plan their parties, set up for their parties, and of course, the most important task of all, to attend and enjoy the party! I'm pretty sure that we've all been invited to parties. As a guests, it is customary to bring a gift for the celebrant. We have a good time, celebrating with our loved ones in these special occasions.

In today's Gospel, we are presented with another parable, the parable of the wedding feast. We hear about a different party, a difference celebration, a different feast that we are called to. God calls us to his heavenly banquet, the feast of all feasts. He invites everyone, the good and the bad, to this table of plenty. God will provide everything for us. All we need to do is show up.

Some questions to think about this week: How do we prepare to respond to God's daily invitation? How much effort do you put into forming your faith life and relationship with God?

May we find the strength and willpower to prepare our hearts and minds to receive God every day in our lives. May we turn to our Heavenly Father and ask for the things we need as to trust and persevere in Him alone, seek Him in every aspect of our lives, and find assurance in His divine and infinite love.

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 pray for peace around the world, and for peace in our hearts that we may see the goodness of God in one another. #PrayForPeace #GodIsLove

In a very special way, we wish FR. ALFRED OMAR B. GUERRERO a blessed and joyful birthday. We thank you for all that you do here at Newman, especially for our parishioners and student community. May our gracious God continue to bless you with many more years of good health, long life, and eternal joy in the priesthood!



Blessings to you and your 'ohana!

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



## NEWMAN CENTER HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CAMPUS MINISTRY

### YOUNG PROFESSIONALS & Graduate Students

If you are a young professional and/or graduate student (age 21+), this ministry group is for you. Join us for an evening of faith, fun, and fellowship!

**SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 21  
6:30 PM**

Newman Center - Student Lounge

### Topic: Truth is Offensive

It is important to understand that truth is self consistent as it is an objective description of reality. However in today's day and age, it tends to offend us. This is not different even in the time when Jesus was around preaching and teaching the people. Join us for an evening of social mixer and discussion on this extremely challenging topic.

FOR MORE  
INFO:

Contact **Allen Vincent**  
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*"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast." - Ephesians 2:8-9*

