

# NEWMAN CENTER

## Holy Spirit Parish



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### 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and  
to God what belongs to God.” - Mt 22:21c

# 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.

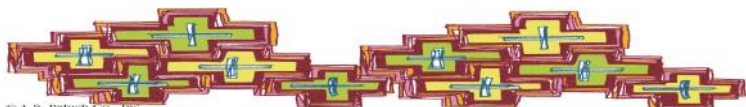
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

"Give the Lord glory and honor."

On the weekend of March 2-3, 2024, Bishop Larry Silva will make his Episcopal Visit to the parish. In preparation for that visit, over the next couple of months we will be working on a new pastoral plan. A pastoral plan is a focus driven plan that guides decision-making and action on the part of all members of the community. The pastoral plan is the blueprint for action. It grows out of a careful assessment of where the parish is now and where its members want to be as a faith community. The pastoral plan builds on strengths, identifies needs, sets priorities in a timeline and includes opportunities to systematically check and report progress to the parish community as a whole, and to the Diocese. Carrying out a pastoral plan requires the time and energies of parishioners, ministries, committees, staff, as well as the attentive support of the Pastoral council under the leadership of and guidance of the pastor.

The following is a timeline of events leading up to the Episcopal Visit:

October: Online/Paper surveys

November/December: Compiling survey results

January: Focus groups (6pm-7:30pm with light refreshments)

- Session I: Wednesday, January 10, 2024  
Topic: Worship, Sacraments & Faith Formation
  - Session II: Thursday, January 18, 2024  
Topic: Social Ministry & Community Life
  - Session III: Thursday, January 25, 2024  
Topic: Leadership Development  
(Student driven focus group including Young Professionals)
- February: Drafting, Presenting, and Approving of Pastoral Plan  
March: Episcopal Visit

This coming week, we will be sending a link to an online survey via Flocknote. If you don't currently receive flocknotes, you can sign up at: <https://NewmanCenterHolySpirit.flocknote.com> or call the parish office.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar  
(@fralfred808)



## Important Notices

- Funeral Mass of Rita Andrade:  
Friday, October 27 @ 5:00PM

## 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:

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him. (Is 45:1)

#### Psalms:

Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

#### Second Reading:

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

#### Gospel:

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)

### Readings for the week of October 22, 2023

#### Monday:

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/  
Lk 12:13-21

#### Tuesday:

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a  
8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

#### Wednesday:

Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/  
Lk 12:39-48

#### Thursday:

Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/  
Lk 12:49-53

#### Friday:

Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94  
Lk 12:54-59

#### Saturday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

#### Next Sunday:

Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/  
1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

### Observances for the week of October 22, 2023

**Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Mission Sunday

**Monday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest

**Tuesday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

**Saturday:** Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

## 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

Payment of taxes is unlikely to be a disputed issue in your family. Yet families can still learn something from this Gospel reading. Jesus' answer to the Herodians and Pharisees redirects their question to focus on the issue of greatest importance: loving and honoring God. Taking this perspective can help us make good judgments about the competing issues of importance in our lives.

As your family gathers, make a list of the activities that your family spends time doing together, such as household tasks, jobs, academics, and recreational activities. Talk about the importance of each of these activities. Ask what would happen if there were an imbalance in our attention to these activities and we spent too much time on one activity at the expense of another.

In today's Gospel Jesus reminds us of the necessity of giving things their proper importance. Read Matthew 22:15-21. The Herodians and Pharisees were giving too much importance to the issue of the payment of taxes. Jesus reminds them that loving and honoring God is of greater importance. In family life we do many important things, but we remember that God is of the greatest importance in our lives. Pray together that your family will learn to keep things in proper perspective, remembering to keep God first in your lives. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 96.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jesus offers us a profound teaching on stewardship in this weekend's reading: What belongs to Caesar? What belongs to God? Christian stewards recognize that everything they have belongs to God. God created them, and God has claims on every part of their existence. They also realize that the sovereign is an institution whose nature and purpose is to promote the common good and protect the welfare of its citizenry. As long as it accomplishes this mission while treating every single person with deep respect, justice and compassion, it merits the steward's support and cooperation. Christian stewards know what belongs to the Lord, and they are better citizens when they live their lives according to his Gospel.



## Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

### Tithes and Offerings:

06/14/2023-06/15/2023: \$3,000.00

PV Purchase & Maintenance: \$210.00

10/13/2023-10/19/2023 Online Collection: \$1,605.00

World Mission Sunday Online Collection: \$120.00

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](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



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### The Tax of Caesar

Too often, I confuse this world with the next.

Every day has its set of problems that need dealing with. Some are very easily discernible as problems of this world: I am tired, and I need a nap and a latte. Some are very obviously problems of eternity: I need to ask for forgiveness, but I'm not ready to admit it.

Most problems are a subtle, maddening mix of the two: my body feels tired, obscuring how tired my soul also feels, while making me very cranky, which is keeping me from asking for the forgiveness I need.

It's not that the nap and the latte *aren't* solutions. Heaven forbid! I would never propose such a thing. Sleep and coffee, I am confident, can fix almost any problem in this world. *This* world.

Too often, I slap a one-size-fits-all earthly band-aid on all my problems and rush on to the next thing. But if the problem is an issue of my soul, I may as well pay for a parking ticket in Monopoly money.

I render unto Caesar, and I forget about what is owed to God. I apply solutions meant for the here and now to problems that have eternal consequences. The spiritual problems are dismissed, shoved to the back of my mind. *For when I have time*, I tell myself. *For when I am ready*.

But the only time we have is now. God is no king of this earth, and he does not ask for a tax offering. He asks for our heart. He doesn't want us for minions but for children.

*"I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not." — Isaiah 45:4*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

### Answer:

This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).



## 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

*Holy Hour*

**Wednesday,  
October 25th  
6:00 pm**

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL  
2022 - 2025



NEWMAN CENTER HOLY SPIRIT  
CAMPUS MINISTRY

**All Halloween's Eve  
Night**

**FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 27TH**

**7PM**

FOOD | GAMES | MUSIC | FUN | PHOTO BOO-TH  
**PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME**  
RSVP: [CAMPUSMINISTRY@NEWMANHAWAII.ORG](mailto:CAMPUSMINISTRY@NEWMANHAWAII.ORG)

## Around the Diocese



 **CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII**

**TRANSPORTATION FRIENDS  
FOR KUPUNA PROJECT**

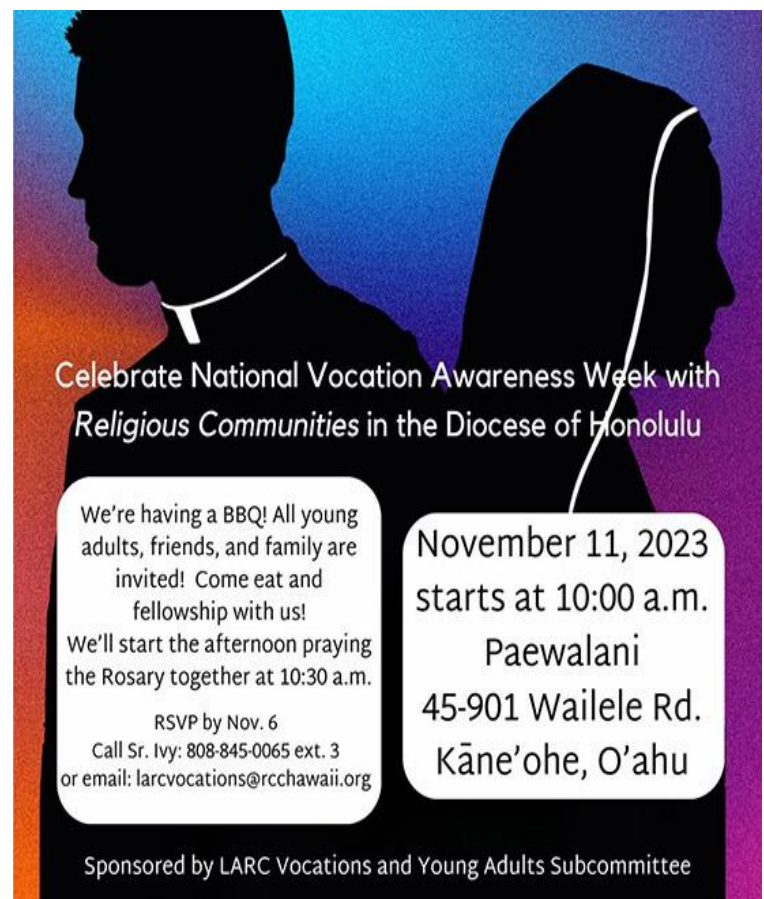
**Are you at least 55 years old and  
want more JOY in your life?  
This volunteer opportunity is for YOU!**

**Catholic Charities Hawai'i** is looking for seniors to volunteer as a driver and/or chaperone to assist kupuna 60 years and older for our **Transportation Friends for Kupuna (TFK) Project**.

As a volunteer driver, you will use your own vehicle to transport kupuna clients to needed destinations, and as a chaperone, you will assist in accompanying kupuna to and from their destinations. Your contribution as a volunteer will make a meaningful impact on the lives of frail kupuna who live independently.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact **Julie Chang**, Program Volunteer Coordinator at (808) 527-4783 or email [julie.chang@catholiccharitieshawaii.org](mailto:julie.chang@catholiccharitieshawaii.org).

This project is funded by a grant from AmeriCorps Senior Demonstration Program.



**Celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week with  
Religious Communities in the Diocese of Honolulu**

We're having a BBQ! All young adults, friends, and family are invited! Come eat and fellowship with us! We'll start the afternoon praying the Rosary together at 10:30 a.m.

RSVP by Nov. 6  
Call Sr. Ivy: 808-845-0065 ext. 3  
or email: [larcvocations@rcchawaii.org](mailto:larcvocations@rcchawaii.org)

**November 11, 2023  
starts at 10:00 a.m.**

**Paewalani  
45-901 Waialele Rd.  
Kāne'ohe, O'ahu**

Sponsored by LARC Vocations and Young Adults Subcommittee



## Pray

Unfailing prayer to St. Jude, patron of hopeless causes  
Philip Kosloski - published on 05/07/21

This unfailing prayer to St. Jude, apostle and martyr, is widely used for a variety of desperate situations.

The unfailing prayer to St. Jude has a long tradition in the Catholic Church, especially for those who seek the intercession of the patron saint of hopeless causes.

It is a prayer that must be prayed with absolute trust in God, that he will answer your prayer in the manner that he decides, according to his divine will.

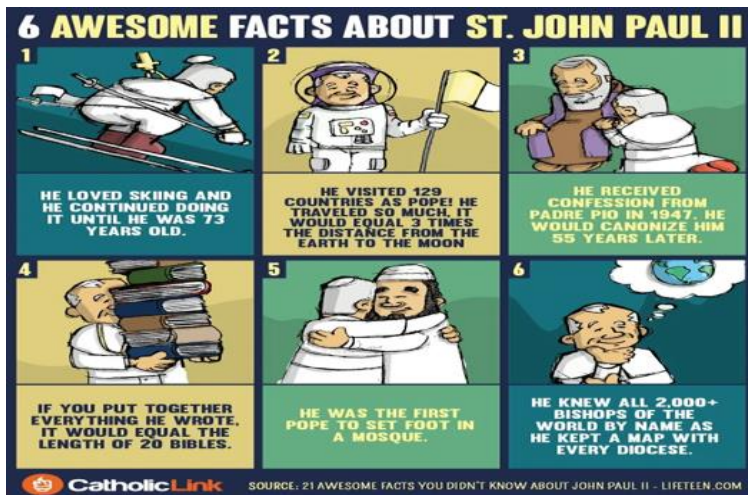
St. Jude has built up a reputation over the centuries for his heavenly intercession, and he responds generously to those who pray with faith and not superstition.

Here is the unfailing prayer to St. Jude that many turn to in their time of need.

O Holy St. Jude!  
Apostle and Martyr,  
great in virtue and rich in miracles,  
near kinsman of Jesus Christ,  
faithful intercessor for all who invoke you,  
special patron in time of need;  
to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart,  
and humbly beg you,  
to whom God has given such great power,  
to come to my assistance;  
help me now in my urgent need and grant my earnest petition.  
I will never forget thy graces and favors you obtain for me  
and I will do my utmost to spread devotion to you. Amen.  
St. Jude, pray for us and all who honor thee and invoke thy aid.

Recite 3 Our Father's, 3 Hail Mary's, and 3 Glory Be's

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2021/05/07/unfailing-prayer-to-st-jude-patron-of-hopeless-causes/>



## Grow

17 Small ways to shine a light in the darkness  
Theresa Civantos Barber - published on 10/16/23

Here are a few little things you might do to choose truth, beauty and goodness whenever the news is particularly heavy and hard. There are times when the world feels particularly heavy and dark, but I don't want to pretend for a moment that this is anything new.

The darkness of evil is always present. It just becomes more or less obvious to our eyes at different times. All the way back in 1845, abolitionist James Russell Lowell described how evil so often seems to have the upper hand:

Careless seems the great Avenger; history's pages but record  
One death-grapple in the darkness 'twixt old systems and the Word;  
Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne,—  
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unknown,  
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own.  
Yes! God is always with us. And in imitation of the one who is the  
Light of the World, we can find ways to shine a light for goodness,  
truth and beauty in our own small ways.  
How can we immerse ourselves in love when our hearts are heavy?  
How can we fight evil with goodness in our ordinary lives?

I want to actively help put more goodness out into the world, even in the smallest of ways. Here are a few little things you might do this week to choose truth, beauty and goodness while the news is heavy and hard.

### PRAY

The peace of praying the Rosary or joining with others in prayer at Mass feels especially needed right now. Storming Heaven with prayer is one of the most direct ways we can help.

### ORGANIZE A COMMUNITY DINNER

Or have a family over for dinner or invite a friend (or how about a lonely neighbor?) over for tea or a dessert. Offering hospitality is one of my favorite ways to put goodness out into the world.

### READ SCRIPTURE TOGETHER

I'm finding solace in reading from the Bible. Today my kids and I were reading from the Psalms, and this verse stood out to me: "Arise, Lord! Lift up your hand, O God. Do not forget the helpless." (Psalm 10:12)

### CALL A LOVED ONE WHO LIVES FAR AWAY

Reaching out across the distance reaffirms the bonds of love, even when you can't be together in person.

### BRING SOMEONE A MEAL

Bringing a nourishing meal to someone who is sick or has a new baby or could use a night off from cooking is always appreciated. Perhaps there is an elderly person living in your neighborhood who would appreciate your home cooking!

### SING HYMNS

Those who sing pray twice, right? Beautiful hymns proclaim our loyalty to the God who is Love.



## Grow

### HOLD BABIES

Babies are all that is good in this world.

### GET DOWN ON THE FLOOR TO PLAY WITH YOUR KIDS

Make your kids happy and immerse yourself in their imaginative world for a little while.

### OFFER TO WATCH THE OLDER KIDS FOR YOUR FRIEND WITH A NEW BABY

She'll be glad to have time with just her newborn, and at least for my family, this occasion doubles as a super fun play date for my kids with their little friends.

### GET OUTSIDE IN THE SUNSHINE

Nature heals the soul. Going outside always lifts my spirits when my heart feels heavy. Give praise to God for creating such a beautiful world.

### SET A BEAUTIFUL TABLE

Even if it's just a routine weeknight dinner, take a minute to choose place mats or lay a pretty tablecloth, or set flowers on the table. Setting a beautiful table is a sweet way to honor and cherish this time with your family.

### LIGHT CANDLES

Lighting a candle, especially to pray with your loved ones, is a visible symbol of chasing away the darkness.

### MAIL A LETTER TO SOMEONE YOU LOVE

Getting a handwritten card always makes my day, so this is a sweet way to spread a little happiness.

### MAKE SOMETHING USEFUL OR BEAUTIFUL

Working with our hands calms and centers our minds and hearts.

### BRING FLOWERS TO A NEIGHBOR OR FRIEND

A fresh bouquet of flowers is always appreciated. Bonus points if you bring them from your garden!

### LISTEN TO UPLIFTING MUSIC

Music is proven to lift your mood, so this is a go-to remedy for hard days around here.

### SEND A TEXT THANKING SOMEONE YOU LOVE FOR THEIR PRESENCE IN YOUR LIFE

A quick text saying, "I'm so glad we're friends" goes a long way to warm someone's heart.

These little acts might not seem like they add up to very much. But keep fighting the good fight, friends. Keep loving those babies. Choose to be grateful, and generous. Build up your friends and communities.

With each choice we make for love, we are holding up outposts of light in a world that is too often darkened by sin.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2023/10/16/17-small-ways-to-shine-a-light-in-the-darkness/>  
e will pass anyway," and I was in control of how I spent that time.

## Reflect

"Be responsible."

"Express yourself."

"Be an example of Christ."

"You are blessed."

These are the words that I usually share with my nieces, nephews, and godchildren when I send them a card for their birthday, graduation, Christmas, and any other "just because" occasions. Although I don't expect them to fully understand these words/statements right away, I pray that it will somehow resonate in their minds and hearts.

God does the same for us. He echoes these same words of reassurance and encouragement in our daily lives. We are made in God's image and likeness. He is the source of our entire existence. It is fitting for us to give and live our lives for Him and Him alone. But we are human. We have duties and responsibilities of this world we live in. We tend to fall into the traps of the secular world and often forget our sole purpose. In Matthew 16:19, Jesus gives the keys of the kingdom of heaven to Peter. And continues to say, "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

May we continue to express our gratitude and love for God. Let this be a daily task in our busy lives by simply taking a moment each day to do so. May we be committed to living a faithful life in Christ not only in our words but in deeds and actions. We are called to live a life of authenticity, living our lives the way God intends us to live, not how the world defines it. May we continue to seek the help of the Holy Spirit to manifest in us the power of God and the light of His Son, Jesus, in all that we do.

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

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

Blessings to you and your 'ohana!

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

