

NEWMAN CENTER

Holy Spirit Parish



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” - Mt 25:11-12

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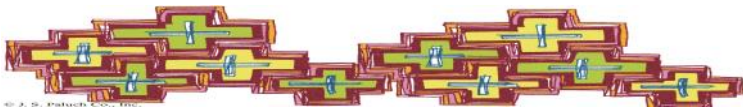
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We welcome your call and are here to serve you! Contact the Parish Office to speak with us or make an appointment. We look forward to hearing from you!



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

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, key to living the stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.

Jesus teaches the importance of wisdom in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of ten virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them in to the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The stewardship way of life — with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure — is the "oil" that we keep with us at all times. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom.

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Mahalo for your response to our PV Purchase appeal! The bake sale last weekend of the Faith Formation Program (CCD) raised \$662. Even our youngest of parishioners are modeling the stewardship way of life. As of November 8, 2023, we have collected \$30,182 of our \$39,808 goal.

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Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



Important Notices

- 2024 Lector Workbooks are now available
- Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Campaign for Human Development
- Parish Beautification Day: Saturday, December 2 @ 9AM
- Advent Penance Service: Wednesday, December 6 @ 6PM

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:

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
(1 Thes 4:14)

Gospel:

"Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13)

Readings for the week of November 12, 2023

Sunday:

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/
1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday:

Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/
Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday:

Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday:

Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday:

Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135,
175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday:

Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday:

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Observances for the week of November 12, 2023

Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

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 the daily activities of family life, we can easily find excuses for not attending to our spiritual lives. If not given top priority, prayer and reading Scripture risk becoming occasional activities rather than daily practices. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that if we fail to give our spiritual life priority, we will find ourselves unprepared to receive Jesus. Daily prayer and spiritual practice keeps us ready to receive Jesus.

Gather together as a family and talk about some of the things our faith calls us to do every day and every week to keep God first in our lives. Talk about what might happen if we don't do these things regularly. Explain to your family that Jesus taught us that it is important to keep ourselves ready to receive him when he comes again. Tell them to listen as you read the parable that Jesus tells in today's Gospel. Read aloud Matthew 25:1-13. Talk with your family about why Jesus says that it is so important to remain ready to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. Pray together that your family will always keep God first in your lives so that you will all be prepared to receive Jesus when he comes. Pray together the Act of Hope.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jesus' parable of the ten virgins, some prepared, others unprepared, is directed at those who profess to be believers in Christ and await his return. His teaching is not directed to unbelievers. The stewardship issue turns on spiritual preparedness for the Lord's return. Good stewards prepare for Christ's return daily, in their life of prayer, worship, and acts of compassion and generosity. A stewardship reflection for the week: Are we preparing ourselves for the Lord? Are we open to the Holy Spirit's work within us? Are we ready?



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

All Souls:	\$618.00
PV Purchase & Maintenance:	\$3,662.00
Maintenance	\$500.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund:	\$220.00
Online 11/03/2023-11/10/2023:	\$1,605.00

May we continue to receive God's gifts gratefully, manage them responsibly, and share them joyfully. Mahalo for your generosity!

Upcoming Second Collections:

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

Retirement Fund for Religious: 12/09/2023-12/10/2023

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



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Seeking Wisdom

I think if any of us were asked the question, “Do you love wisdom? Do you seek wisdom?” we would, at first, be a little taken aback. And then we would answer quickly “Of course!” with absolutely no doubt in our minds.

But a different way of asking the question is this: “Are you making wise choices?” That’s a question that would put a fair few of us on the back foot.

The virgins who went out to meet the bridegroom were all the same. They had the exact same intentions. They had the exact same stamina, or lack of it. They had the exact same knowledge of the night being dark and lamps being necessary.

What made five foolish, and five wise?

It was their choices. Only their choices set them apart.

We may rely upon the wisdom of another — the parent who reminds us to go to confession, the friend who demurs when we start speaking gossip, the priest who preaches boldly from the pulpit against an injustice we lack the courage to denounce ourselves. But even if we feel safeguarded by their good influence, their wisdom won’t save us.

We may possess a little wisdom ourselves — we may know well that a dark night is hard to navigate, and that we need the assistance of a lamp. We may go to Mass once in a while, read the Bible when we have time and serve others when it’s convenient.

But a lamp needs oil to burn in the darkness, just as wisdom requires action to be brought forth into the world.

We may love God just as much as we should — our flesh may pine, our soul may thirst. But a parched field never brought rain on itself just by being dry.

We must make the choice.

“Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.” — Psalm 63:4

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Where does the money go that is collected each week at Church?

Answer:

This is a good question! Every parish has financial obligations, including the basic operation of the buildings, salaries, maintenance, and improvements. In addition, there are schools to support, programs to run, charities to be funded, and operational expenses like hosts and wine for Mass, music books, vestments, and so on. In some cases, cemeteries and other buildings need attention. Finally, there is the diocesan assessment that each parish pays to help run the diocese and the support services provided to each parish.

Most parishes manage to get by with the collection, a few fundraisers and endowments. But contrary to popular opinion, cash flow is also a problem, and many parishes operate in the red. The Finance Committee is responsible for assisting the pastor in fiscal management, and good stewardship is the basis for successful programs.



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!



Around the Diocese

COMPOSER, SINGER/SONGWRITER, STORYTELLER,
HUMORIST, CATECHIST, EVANGELIZER & ENCOURAGER

ALL ARE WELCOME!

JESSE MANIBUSAN

An Evening of Song and Faith

"OPEN MY EYES, LORD
HELP ME TO SEE YOUR FACE
OPEN MY EYES, LORD
HELP ME TO SEE."

Theme: "Make us a Eucharistic People!"

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 @ 6:30PM
St. Jude Kapolei

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 @ 5:00PM
St. Elizabeth Aiea
Mass & Presentation

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 @ 6:00PM
St. Joseph Waipahu



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EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

in honor of Jesus Christ the King of the Universe

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Sacred Heart Church—Punahou
1701 Wilder Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96822

11:00 a.m. Solemn Mass followed by
Eucharistic Procession around parish grounds
and Maryknoll School.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
until 4:45 p.m. in Church after the procession.

Please sign up to sponsor 30 minutes of prayer
throughout the afternoon.





Pray

Prayer for peace for countries involved in armed conflicts
Patricia Navas González - published on 11/05/23

Pray this prayer with faith and sincere commitment for the end of violence and the victory of love and justice.
The escalation of violence unleashed in the Middle East on October 7, 2023, urges us to pray for countries involved in armed conflicts and to try to welcome God's peace into our own lives and radiate it around us.
To this end, we invite you to pray this prayer with us, full of faith and trust in God's providence.

Dear Father in heaven,
You created us out of love
and await us behind every event, great and small.
United in Christ with all our brothers and sisters
who are suffering from armed conflict today,
and knowing that we are "wrapped" in the mantle of Mary our Mother,
we stretch out our hands to welcome your peace.

Have mercy on all those who have died
among countless attacks
and on their loved ones, on the wounded,
on those who have killed someone,
and on all the people suffering due to violence.
We pray to you, Almighty God:
stop war and the use of weapons.
Give us your peace.

Grant us the humility to recognize our littleness
and the wisdom to accept your love and your salvation,
which come to us through the cross and atonement.
Disperse the evildoers
who sow violence, lies, and hatred in human hearts.
Send us your Holy Spirit, who awakens pity,
compassion, and forgiveness,
and enables us to unite as brothers and sisters for your glory.
I place myself entirely at your disposal
so that you may use me along with others
to bring peace to the world.
Unite me to You, in what I feel and what I think,
in all that I am.
Accept now my efforts and sacrifices
to empty myself of my selfish interests.
Fill my heart with your love
and make it be expressed in my eyes,
my words, my actions, my life.
May I thus collaborate
in the spread of justice and love.
May I help you to foster reconciliation
and open the world to your eternal riches. Amen.

Some of the places suffering from war and violence for which we can pray concretely today are Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Azerbaijan, Mali, Libya, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Colombia.

Grow

Major clothing brand waking up to ditch "fast fashion"
Theresa Civantos Barber - published on 11/09/23

Our wallets and the planet will thank us for making this shift ... and we bet Pope Francis would approve!

Clothing is a daily essential, so it's kind of shocking to find out just how big a problem the clothing industry is.
Clothing used to be made to last, but not anymore. Just since 2000, the average number of times an item was worn decreased by 36%. At the same time, clothing sales doubled from 100 to 200 billion units a year. And that's not even taking into account the fashion industry wasting billions of dollars and its environmental impact.
Those numbers are mind blowing. We are churning through poorly made clothing products in a way that would have been completely foreign to our great-grandparents ... and to humans for most of history. For millennia, every garment was made slowly and carefully to last as long as possible.

There's good news, though. A few brands are waking up to the harm of "fast fashion" and starting to offer sustainable options.
Major retailer H&M now offers an option to buy "pre-loved clothing," in partnership with ThredUp, an online thrift store for clothing. Their website says, "Extending your clothes' lifespan is a great way to look after your wardrobe and our planet."

Totally apart from the environmental effects, buying secondhand clothing is also a lot easier on the wallet, which can be a real boon in this economy!
If you're on the fence about using ThredUp, I want to put in a personal plug. I've been buying through the site for several years and have scored all kinds of cute outfits from higher-end brands like J. Crew and Anthropologie for a real steal. I'm wearing jeans from ThredUp as I type this!

For beginners to the site, know that you can personalize your search in highly specific detail, not only searching by size and brand but also by things like fabric material and item condition. You can even choose to search only for clothing that is "New with tags" if you prefer.

ThredUp and similar online clothing resale shops are an amazing resource for so many reasons. They make fashion more affordable and more sustainable. They're especially useful if you have little kids who grow out of their clothing quickly!
It's so good to see a major retailer like H&M partner with ThredUp. In his encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis wrote, "The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together; we cannot adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation." This kind of partnership seems like a simple way to put care for the environment into action.

Here's hoping we see more of this going forward for savvy shoppers. Our wallets and the planet will thank us ... and we bet Pope Francis would approve!

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Newman Center Holy Spirit Parish
Campus Ministry

MASS AND MEAL

Student-led Mass | Sundays, 5pm

Sunday Dinners | Sundays, 6pm



THIS WEEK AT Newman

November 14
BIBLE STUDY
7:30PM

November 17
ROSARY CIRCLE
6:00PM

November 15
NEWMAN NIGHT
6:00PM

*All Things Science
w/ St. Albert the Great*

November 18
UH WAHINE
VOLLEYBALL GAME
7:00PM

Senior Night

"We can believe what we choose. We are answerable for what we choose to believe." -St. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Reflect

Around this time of year, my uncle always says, "Now is the time to prepare for what is to come – the turkey, the tree, fireworks, and most especially family." We are officially in holiday prep mode. I often counter my uncle with this question, "How about preparing for Jesus?" My uncle is silent at this point and goes back to his crossword puzzle.

Preparedness is vital and crucial for us. Being prepared allows us to fully participate when opportunities, whether they are expected or not, come into our lives. God holds us accountable for our thoughts and actions that help lead us to the amazing mission of discipleship. As we come to the end of this liturgical season and prepare of a new one, may we take the time to reflect on both the positive outcomes and challenges that we've faced in our spiritual journey, and look forward to seeking God more fully and be more in tuned with His plan, rather than our own.

"Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place; on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey."
– 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 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



Blessings to you and your 'ohana!
- **Fay C. Pabo** (@fa_jo_pabo0)

"I will go
anywhere and do
anything in order
to
communicate the
love of Jesus to
those who do not
know Him or have
forgotten Him."

-St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

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