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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have
made five more.” - Mt 25:20

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.

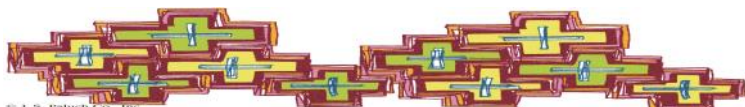
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

"Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears much fruit."

We are reminded today that we will each be called to give an account for the gifts God has given us — our physical, intellectual and material gifts — as well as the gift of time itself. Jesus illustrates this truth in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a wealthy man who is about to go on a journey. Before he leaves, the man calls his three servants to "entrust his possessions to them." The master in our parable gives to the care of each servant a portion of his money ("talent") commensurate with that servant's abilities. The first two prove to be good and faithful servants — they "immediately" put the talents to use, doubling what had been entrusted to them. The third servant reacted to this responsibility with fear — in fact, he did the opposite. He hid master's talent, burying it in the ground. He took the safe way, the easy way out.

What a tragic response! This servant did not understand his master at all. He failed to see what a privilege he had been given. The master wanted to give all his servants the joy and satisfaction of helping him grow his kingdom. This is what our Heavenly Father wants for us, too — the incredible privilege of helping to advance the coming of the Kingdom of God. Let us embrace the stewardship way of life, using all the gifts entrusted to us — Time, Talent, and Treasure — in such a way that at the end of our life on this earth, we will hear these words from our Father: "Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master's joy."

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P.S. I am grateful for all your support of our mission. Have a blessed Thanksgiving Day with your loved ones!

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



Important Notices

- 2024 Lector Workbooks are now available
- Newman Center will be closed Thursday after the Thanksgiving luncheon and Friday
- 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:

She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and works with loving hands. (Prv 31:12-13)

Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

Second Reading:

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness,
for that day to overtake you like a thief.
For all of you are children of the light
and children of the day. (1 Thes 5:4-5)

Gospel:

“Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.” (Mt 25:21)

Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53,
61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and
15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/
Lk 20:27-40

Observances for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr;
St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day

Friday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Catherine of Alexandria,
Virgin 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 today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the correlation between faithfulness and responsibilities. Family life provides many opportunities to illustrate this connection for children. As children prove themselves trustworthy, they can be trusted to take on greater responsibilities. Jesus teaches us in this parable that when we show ourselves to be trustworthy in small matters, we can be trusted to participate in greater matters of responsibility.

As you gather as a family, take some time to recall how each child in the family has matured and can now be trusted with greater responsibilities. As a family, choose one thing to do this week to serve others. Conclude in prayer together, asking God's help so that your family may serve others more faithfully. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel, Jesus delivers the parable of the talents; using the example of money rather than abilities or skills. It is a story about investments, risks and returns. Stewards understand that God has given them an abundance of spiritual gifts. They know God doesn't want them to simply receive these blessings and bury them in fear, but to multiply them; to use these gifts to serve Him and others; to spread Christ's Good News; to go and make disciples

of others. Good stewards invest what God has given them in the service of others and are prepared to render an account when the Lord returns.



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

11/11/2023-11/12/2023:	\$1,922.00
All Souls:	\$320.00
PV Purchase and Maintenance :	\$10.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement:	\$25.00
Online 11/10/2023-11/17/2023:	\$2,315.00

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

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

What Remains

When my grandfather died, my parents, siblings, and I were left with the question: what's to become of the house?

Anyone who has inherited property knows that it's not simply a matter of assuming ownership of a plot of land upon which sits four walls and a roof. Those four walls and a roof usually contain memories and objects — an enormous volume of both, in the case of my grandfather. When they're left to you, you have to sift through them, the memories and the objects, and with each one you have to think: *Is it worth it? Do I keep it? Will I need it?*

And slowly, painfully, you disassemble the physical existence of the person who lived here. You accept, with a pang, that most of it must be given away or discarded. You cry when you bag up the clothes to take to Goodwill. You can't even bear to look when they break the piano into a hundred pieces and throw it in a dumpster, realizing that no one wants or has a use for something that was once so precious.

But when you come upon a rosary that was used so many times it has begun to fall apart, you don't even think twice before keeping it, and not because you need the rosary. You need what it means. You need what it reminds you of.

When all is said and done, each of us will be called before our master to settle accounts, just as my grandfather was.

"Where are the gifts I gave you? What remains of the fortune to which I entrusted you?" he will ask us. "What have you done with the peace? What have you done with the love? What have you done with the mercy?"

"You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night."
1 Thessalonians 5:2

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If it isn't only for people who are dying, when should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

Answer:

One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction."

In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage. And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey).



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!



RCIA Inquiry Period

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), also called the Catechumenate, is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith for persons who are experiencing a conversion in their lives and seeking either Christian baptism in the Catholic Church or full Communion with the Catholic tradition of Eucharist and Confirmation.

It is a process which enables the study of the Gospels, Catholic Christian teaching, the acceptance of Christian values and morality, the development and deepening of a life of prayer and action with the support and involvement of the local Christian community. The RCIA is more than a course of instruction. It is a process of conversion, designed to meet the unique and individual needs of the participants.

Who is RCIA for?

Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith

Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith

Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

If you are interested in joining the RCIA process, please contact Father Alfred Omar at pastor@newmanhawaii.org or 808-988-6222.



Around the Diocese

EUCCHARISTIC 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.



The Diocese of Honolulu - Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage

This Year of Parish Revival is about falling deeper in love with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus and following him more closely. Mirroring this internal journey with an external one is a beautiful way to connect body and soul in the pursuit of Christ. Most of us will not have the opportunity to join the Eucharistic Caravan on the mainland leading to the Eucharistic Congress on July 17, 2024 in Indianapolis.

We can participate in the revival here at home. Make the Honolulu Diocese Pilgrimage a part of your experience of revival by planning a self-led personal pilgrimage in the next months leading up to the beginning of the Eucharistic Caravan in San Francisco.

Visit: <https://www.polarsteps.com/HawaiiPilgrim/7324186-hawaii-eucharistic-revival-pilgrimage>

for more information.





Pray

A beginner's guide to Christian meditation
Philip Kosloski - published on 08/17/20

Here are three simple steps to a peaceful experience of Christian meditation.

Meditation in the Christian tradition consists of seeking "to understand the why and how of the Christian life, in order to adhere and respond to what the Lord is asking" (CCC 2705). It typically involves meditating on a specific theme, often with the aid of a spiritual book or the Bible.

Here is a brief beginner's guide to Christian meditation, focusing on three essential steps to enjoy peace of mind and soul.

PLACE YOURSELF CONSCIOUSLY IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

St. Francis de Sales recommended, "Exercise your ordinary imagination, picturing the Savior to yourself in His Sacred Humanity as if He were beside you." This is an important part of meditation, as it reminds you of the goal of meditation, deepening your relationship with God.

Sometimes it is helpful to breathe slowly and calm your mind, helping you to focus your attention on God and not all the events of the day.

BEGIN READING FROM A SPIRITUAL BOOK OR THE BIBLE

Christian meditation is an exercise of the mind and soul, which is why it is important to rely on reading a spiritual book or different parts of the Bible. It could be the Old or New Testament, or simply the Gospels. Whatever it is, St. Francis de Sales suggests, "Take a book, and read attentively till such time as your mind is calmed and quickened."

Not everything will inspire within us great fervor or love of God, but when it does, then we should stop and ponder that spiritual truth.

SPEAK AND LISTEN TO GOD

After calming your spirit and pondering one or various spiritual truths, it is now time to speak with God and listen to his response. Prayer is not about hearing an audible voice, but noticing certain movements within our heart.

St. Ignatius of Loyola explains the attributes of God's voice: "It is proper to God and to His Angels in their movements to give true spiritual gladness and joy, taking away all sadness and disturbance which the enemy brings on." Furthermore, "it belongs to God our Lord to give consolation to the soul without preceding cause, for it is the property of the Creator to enter, go out and cause movements in the soul, bringing it all into love of His Divine Majesty."

If we notice peace and joy, it is likely God trying to speak to us within that experience.

With these three steps, you will be well on your way to practicing the art of Christian meditation.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2020/08/17/a-beginners-guide-to-christian-meditation/>
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Grow

How your hidden talents can change the world
Fr. Michael Rennier - published on 06/21/20

If you feel invisible or ordinary, be inspired by these people you already know.

Emily Dickinson, the world famous poet, was virtually unknown during her lifetime. It's not just that her poems weren't published and that few people knew she had writing talent; when I say she was unknown, I mean she never left her room.

As a young woman, Emily went to school, spent time with friends, and even traveled a bit. As she entered middle-age, though, she became more and more reclusive. She began wearing only white clothing, never left the family home where she lived with her sister, and when a guest came to visit she would retreat to her bedroom until they left. She would leave the door open a crack to eavesdrop, but that was about it. The people of Amherst, where the Dickinsons had lived for generations, were aware that she existed, but they knew her mostly as a legend. She was the eccentric woman in the big house.

Even though Emily lived her quiet life in a small space, her inner life was very large. She kept up a lively correspondence with friends near and far, often sending them poetry and intensely emotional thoughts. She was an expert gardener with a vast array of knowledge about plants. She loved her family deeply and stayed engaged with all their comings and goings. After her death, her sister Lavinia and a family friend finally managed to publish a selection of her poetry, and the poems lit the world on fire. They were an immediate success, and today the name of Emily Dickinson is synonymous with artistic greatness. Her poems are studied and widely admired for their concentration of language and the vividness of her poetic vision. Her hidden talent didn't stay hidden forever.

There are many other stories like hers. St. Therese, called the Little Flower, lived a hidden life in a religious convent and died at a young age from tuberculosis. She was known only by the other women in her convent, and even within that small social group she was considered unremarkable. In fact, as she lay dying, she overheard two nuns wondering what the mother superior would find to say about her in the obituary because she had accomplished nothing remarkable. But then, after her death, her short autobiography became available. She had written it during her illness at the request of the mother superior and it revealed a simple but profound spirituality. Her Story of a Soul continues to be influential to this very day.

Vincent Van Gogh sold only a few paintings during his lifetime. The rest of his work was stored up by his brother, Theo. No one was interested in his art and he spent his entire life unappreciated. He had few friends, was considered mentally ill, and died of a mysterious gunshot wound acquired while painting in a wheat field. His paintings were only beginning to gain recognition at the time of his death.



Grow

Gerard Manley Hopkins, the Jesuit priest who seemed like a harmlessly eccentric failure during his lifetime – he was the sort of person who would get on his knees and stare at a bug – was after his death revealed to be a poet of enormous talent. His fellow Jesuits would laugh at him as the odd fellow they didn't quite know what to do with. The whole time, however, it turns out he was nurturing a secret, gorgeous vision of the world. Reading his poetry was highly influential on my own decision to become Catholic, and I know that his work is held dear by many others. In fact, I currently do editorial work at a magazine called Dappled Things, a phrase directly quoted from one of Hopkins's poems.

I'm sure I could continue to list the stories of people who nurtured hidden talents. I just listed a few who gained fame after their death, but it seems to me that there are many other secret heroes, probably as many people as who have lived. Each one of us has value, gifts, and hidden talents. It isn't just artistic talent or a thing you do, it may be a part of who you are, a particular quality of kindness or generosity, commitment to family, faithfulness in prayer, willingness to quietly suffer for others. Other people may not notice it, but don't let that discourage you.

What's your hidden talent? It's valuable as an expression of who you are. Fame doesn't matter as much as we think it does, and success isn't measured the way we think it is. Our hidden talents are practiced quietly for sheer love. Maybe they will someday change the world in a very noticeable way, but much more importantly our existence will still have changed the world for better or worse. I say we strive to make it for the better. Nurture those talents, add beauty to the world, and leave behind a lasting legacy.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2020/06/21/how-your-hidden-talents-can-change-the-world/>

Newman Center-Holy Spirit Parish Campus Ministry



BEAUTIFICATION

DAY

Bring your family, friends, and yourselves to help prepare our space for the Advent/Christmas season.

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 2
9AM – 1PM**

Refreshments and lunch will be provided



Reflect

American Idol. The Voice. America's Got Talent.

We are all familiar with these famous shows that grace our screens. We all enjoy the unique showcase of talent, along with the constructive (sometimes harsh) criticism from judges, which consists of famous and well-known musicians from the local music industry. In most shows, the talent consists of singing, which by definition (according to Google) is "the activity of performing songs or tunes by making musical sounds with the voice." When I was a music teacher, I would often share with my students this: If you have a voice to speak, you have a voice to sing. (Disclaimer: unless you're tone deaf, which can be fixed with lots of practice ☐). Being able to sing is often looked to as a talent, and in some cases a gift. Yes, it's true, not everyone can sing, but if you put a lot of dedication and effort into practicing and perfecting your voice, I believe it can happen!

We are blessed with so many gifts in our lives. We are blessed with a loving God that bestowed to us the gift of life, the gift of parents who helped in giving us life and to bring us into this world, the gift of family and friends that help us to become better versions of ourselves, and the list of gifts and blessings go on and on... Our gracious Father asks us to share these gifts and talents that we have not for our own gain, but to bring others closer to his love, mercy, and grace. We may not be the greatest singers, but we can be loving in the words we say to one another. We may not be the smartest scholars and thinkers, but we can be examples of faith, hope and love in our thoughts and actions. Talent is not just mastering a specific skill, but with it comes value and responsibility. God invests everything in us, so let us in turn put all that we have in Him. May we continuously give praise and thanks to our God for all that He has given us in our lives, and let us share that love, joy, and peace to one another.

Wishing you and your 'ohana a blessed Thanksgiving. We are thankful 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.

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

