

# NEWMAN CENTER

## Holy Spirit Parish



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BE WATCHFUL!  
**BE ALERT!**

— MARK 13:36 —

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



# 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.

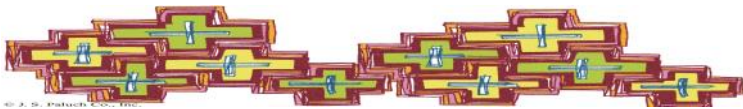
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

"Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation."

Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder that Advent does not always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards.

Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ's first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed. Whatever we feel God calling us to do this Advent — committing to a daily Gospel reflection, visiting a lonely neighbor, or donating money to those in dire need — there is no time to waste.

Jesus makes this clear in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a man going off on a journey. Before he leaves, he "places his servants in charge, each with his own work." We, of course, are the servants in this parable, each with a mission to accomplish in building the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us over and over in this passage to remain vigilant to the work He has given us to do because we do not know when we will be called to give an account for it. Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!

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Mahalo for all your prayers last week as the priests of the diocese gathered for their Annual Priests' Convocation!

Have a blessed advent week,

Fr. Alfred Omar  
(@alfred808)



## Important Notices

- Hospitality Sunday—UH Food Vault Collection today
- Advent Penance Service: Wednesday, December 6 @ 6PM
- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Friday, December 8 @ 12:10PM and 6:00PM

## 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:

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19)

#### Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

#### Second Reading:

The testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:6-7)

#### Gospel:

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming." (Mk 13:35)

### Readings for the week of December 3, 2023

#### Monday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mt 8:5-11

#### Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

#### Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/  
Mt 15:29-37

#### Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

#### Friday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

#### Saturday:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

### Observances for the week of December 3, 2023

**Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent

**Monday:** St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

**Wednesday:** St. Nicholas, Bishop

**Thursday:** St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Friday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



## 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

In family life, we try to prepare ourselves for many future things: our next vacation, our children's education, our retirement. We are careful not to allow ourselves to be caught by surprise so that we can handle any challenges our family may face. Today's Gospel reminds us that we are called to be just as attentive and alert to the coming of the Son of Man so that it will not catch us unprepared. This means attending to our family's spiritual life as carefully as we attend to other important family matters.

As you gather as a family, talk about a time when you received surprise visitors at your house, perhaps a neighbor who stopped by or a relative who arrived unannounced. Was your household prepared to receive this unannounced guest? What might your family have done differently if you knew ahead of time that this visitor was going to arrive? Jesus told his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return, except the Father. Read with your family what Jesus told his disciples in today's Gospel, Mark 13:33-37. During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also check to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again. Talk about how your family can recommit to daily prayer, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again. Read as a concluding prayer Paul's words to the Corinthians found in today's second reading, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, or pray the Lord's Prayer.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of Saint Mark: "Be watchful! Be alert!" Christian stewards understand what Jesus meant when he said, "It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task." Good stewards realize that to each one a task is assigned by God. They have been set in a particular place and station in life, and have been gifted with unique relationships. How do we respond to the tasks or cultivate our relationships in a way that keeps us alert for the return of Christ?



## Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

### Tithes and Offerings:

Thanksgiving Day: 11/23/2023	\$295.00
In Memoriam:	\$150.00
11/25/2023-11/26/2023:	\$1,844.00
Online:	
11/24/2023-12/01/2023	\$3,381.00

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](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







**MAHALO TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR BEAUTIFICATION DAY**



## 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](mailto:pastor@newmanhawaii.org) or 808-988-6222.





## Pray

Prayer at the beginning of Advent  
Philip Kosloski - published on 11/26/22

Start the season off right with this prayer at the beginning of Advent.

One of the best ways to start the season of Advent is to begin it in prayer, quietly attentive to the coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Advent is a season that focuses not only on the first coming of Christ in Bethlehem, but also at the second coming at the end of time.

In this same spirit, the Church offers to us the following prayer at the beginning of Advent, looking forward to the day when we will present to the Lord the fruits of our life.

Grant your faithful,  
we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming, so that,  
gathered at his right hand,

they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2022/11/26/prayer-at-the-beginning-of-advent/>

NEWMAN CENTER HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CAMPUS MINISTRY

FALL 2023

**BACCALAUREATE MASS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 | 5:00 PM**

FOR MORE INFO,  
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**RSVP HERE!**

## Grow

How Advent can help cure our boredom with life  
Philip Kosloski - published on 11/26/23

Advent is a time when we can remember that life is charged with meaning and purpose, journeying towards a future of hope.

It's relatively easy in today's world to feel bored, not only with the current moment, but with life in general.

When we aren't being entertained by the latest viral post on social media, we might lapse into a gnawing boredom that reaches to the core of our soul.

The cure to this boredom, according to Pope Benedict XVI, is to live with hope, looking forward to our final union with God.

He explained in an Advent homily in 2009 how waiting can become "unbearable" when we do not live with meaning.

[T]here are many different ways of waiting. If time is not filled by a present endowed with meaning expectation risks becoming unbearable; if one expects something but at a given moment there is nothing, in other words if the present remains empty, every instant that passes appears extremely long and waiting becomes too heavy a burden because the future remains completely uncertain.

If life has no meaning and it only involves mindlessly scrolling through our phones, hoping that something will entertain us; life will become unbearable.

Boredom will conquer us and our hearts.

The antidote: Thankfully, Pope Benedict XVI offers us an antidote.

On the other hand, when time is endowed with meaning and at every instant we perceive something specific and worthwhile, it is then that the joy of expectation makes the present more precious. Dear brothers and sisters, let us experience intensely the present in which we already receive the gifts of the Lord, let us live it focused on the future, a future charged with hope. In this manner Christian Advent becomes an opportunity to reawaken within ourselves the true meaning of waiting, returning to the heart of our faith which is the mystery of Christ, the Messiah who was expected for long centuries and was born in poverty, in Bethlehem.

When we live in this way, we look forward to God's presence in our lives and are aware that he is always active in it.

Advent can help cure our boredom as it reminds us that life is all about waiting with expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Our life has great meaning and purpose and when we feel bored with life, we can remind ourselves that God is with us, calling us to him.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2023/11/26/how-advent-can-help-cure-our-boredom-with-life/>





# CAMPUS MINISTRY

NEWMAN CENTER-HOLY SPIRIT PARISH  
CAMPUS MINISTRY

## STUDY HAVEN

### Fall 2023 Schedule

Saturday, December 9  
6pm - 11pm

Sunday, December 10  
6pm - 11pm

Monday, December 11  
9am - 11pm

Tuesday, December 12  
9am - 11pm

Wednesday, December 13  
9am - 11pm

Thursday, December 14  
9am - 11pm

Friday, December 15  
9am - 5pm

Free food, snacks, and drinks  
Free WIFI, A/C Lounge  
Meet Friends, Open Chapel



## Reflect

Happy New (Liturgical) Year and Happy Advent!

When I was younger, our family house frequently hosted parties and weekly gatherings for both family and friends. This required much preparation on our part – from cleaning the house (which was mainly tasked to me and my brothers) to cooking an array of dishes for the specific occasion. No matter how much work went into getting everything ready, we always enjoyed the company of our family and friends.

In this new liturgical year, we enter into the season of Advent, a time of preparation for the birth of Christ at Christmas. Our sacred space is adorned with the Advent purple colors, we bring out the Advent candle wreath, the sanctuary space is kept simple yet celebratory, and the list goes on. This Advent season is also a time for us to not only prepare our environment and spaces, but for preparing our hearts and minds for Jesus. We must continue to be attentive and vigilant to ways we can encounter God every day in our lives. Let us take the time to slow down and reflect on what God is asking of us, and to be ready and willing to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ wholeheartedly. May we take time for prayer and reflection this Advent season as we prepare for the coming of the Baby Jesus.

*"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." – Pope Benedict XVI*

We are grateful to you, our parishioners and benefactors, for your continued love, prayers, and support for our student community here at the Newman Center. We are truly blessed and grateful for your kind generosity. Let us continue to pray for one another, and for peace in our world and among our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Blessings to you and your 'ohana!  
- **Fay C. Pabo** (@fa\_jo\_paboO)

