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Holy Spirit Parish

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THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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.

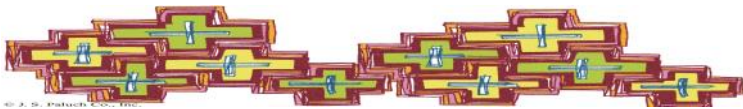
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

"Over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts."

Today, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Just as the Holy Family is holy, we are also called to be holy. This holiness is achievable by living as disciples of Christ.

St. Paul calls us to put on "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do." Let us "give thanks to God the Father" by being good stewards of his love and mercy to all our family members.

Today's Gospel says a lot about trust and surrender to our Lord. When Simeon and Anna prophesized about what was to come, Jesus' parents were "amazed at what was said about him." We can imagine that two parents would be taken back by these words! Yet, the Holy Family surrendered their lives to God and had unwavering faith and trust in his plan.

God's plan will fulfill our hearts more than we could have ever imagined. Like the Holy Family, we just need to trust, surrender and be attentive to God's voice.

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P.S. Thank you for all your support of our mission! As you are planning your end of the year giving, please consider Newman Center-Holy Spirit Parish. You can make a gift online or deliver it to the Parish office. Every gracious gift of any amount helps us share the love of Jesus in season and out of season!

Have a blessed New Year,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@alfred808)



Important Notices

- Newman Center Closed: 1/1-1/2
- Hospitality Sunday: Next Sunday
- UH Food Vault Collection: Next Sunday
- Help Needed: We are looking for volunteers to assist in the preparation of floral arrangements for each weekend. Please see a staff member to sign up. Mahalo!

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:

"Your own issue shall be your heir."
The Lord took Abram outside and said,
"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.
Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be."
(Gn 3:4-5)

Psalm:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

Second Reading:

By faith he received power to generate,
even though he was past the normal age
—and Sarah herself was sterile. (Heb 11:11)

Gospel:

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps
128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12,
17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/
Jn 1:29-34

Thursday:

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday:

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34,
36, 38

Observances for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

Monday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God,
New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

Tuesday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory
Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the
Church

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Friday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Saturday: St. André Bessette, Religious

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

Today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our religious life. We know that Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation by accepting the responsibility to raise God's Son, Jesus. From his parents, Jesus learned how to be a faithful believer in his Jewish tradition. Simeon's prophecy about Mary's sorrow alerts us to the importance of a family's commitment to one another, a commitment that is expressed in both good times and bad. Gather as a family and recall times when your family showed its commitment to one another in good times and in bad. Recall times when your immediate family was supported by members of your extended family. Note that today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and we see in the family of Jesus an example for our own family life. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 2:22-40. Joseph and Mary expressed their faithfulness to God through their observance of the Law of Moses. Simeon prophesied the grief that Mary would experience at the foot of Jesus' cross. One of the blessings of family life is our commitment to one another, sharing good times and supporting one another through difficult times. Conclude in prayer together thanking God for the grace expressed in your family's commitment to another. Write a prayer together, thanking God for your family life and asking God to strengthen your family's commitment to one another. Pray this prayer together.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God's service without reservation.

It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down. Are we destined to hold on to old habits and customs tightly, or like Jesus, are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways?



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

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| 12/24/2023 Christmas Eve: | \$4,116.00 |
| 12/25/2023 Christmas Day: | \$17,796 |
| PV Purchase & Maintenance: | \$1,000.00 |
| Campus Ministry: | \$200.00 |

Online Collection:

TBA

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

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

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE



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.



NEXT WEEKEND

We will have our monthly collection of food for the UH food pantry next weekend. The pantry is in need of canned proteins (Vienna sausage, spam, chicken, tuna), breakfast items and individual starches as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

PLEASE ENSURE ITEMS ARE NOT EXPIRED

For more information about the Food Vault,
www.facebook.com/foodvaulthawaii

Mahalo for your generosity towards students in need!



MAHALO ART AND ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY!

We would like to thank the many hands and hearts that supported our Art & Environment ministry as they created beautiful arrangements to enhance our liturgical environment throughout the year!

Mahalo:

Tessie Amore
Patricia Ayers
Lorna A.
Donna Christle
Alyce Dodge
Irma P.

Dana Tsushima

As we begin a new year, consider joining our art & environment ministry. There is a small weekly budget for flowers. No experience necessary. Sign-up on the bulletin board today.

NOT - SO - ORDINARY

CHRISTMAS *Party*



FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 | 6:00PM

***BRING A DISH TO SHARE**

**RSVP: INFO@NEWMANHAWAII.ORG OR
CALL PARISH OFFICE 808.988.6222**

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Sword and the Family

In the first few weeks of parenthood, the tears flowed fast and freely, and with very little provocation.

Sometimes I wept because it was getting dark out, and sometimes because the sun was coming up. Sometimes I wept because the days were so unbearably long. Sometimes I wept because they were so cruelly short and slipped past so quickly, bearing away with them forever these inaugural moments of my daughter's life — moments I knew I would long for on my deathbed.

So, the inclusion of the Presentation of Christ in the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary has always struck me. The Blessed Mother, just a few weeks after giving birth, standing at the holy temple: Is she tired? Is she emotional? Is she frightened? Is she happy? We cannot know for sure, but if she is anything like most of the postpartum women I know, she is all four. But she stands there dutifully, offering her baby to the Lord, and this is what she is told, "A sword shall pierce your heart."

Joyful? I would have snatched the baby back, called the police and sobbed for a week.

But Mary knows that Simeon speaks the truth, and she cannot receive God's will with anything less than joy, even if it means a pierced heart.

Family means love, but love means — what, exactly? Pleasure, fulfillment, contentment? Yes, but so much more, too. Love means you have much to lose.

How full is family life with these beautiful moments which, on the surface, look and feel painful — but hold within them the opportunity to be like Mary, to bow our heads and once again say "Yes, Lord."

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another..." — Colossians 3:12

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What are the servant songs of Isaiah? How do they relate to Jesus' life and ministry?

Answer:

The four servant songs (Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, and 52:13—53:12) are strategically placed in Second Isaiah to offer hope and consolation to a suffering Israel during its Babylonian Exile.

Israel had been defeated by the Babylonians, who destroyed their temple, killed the last of the kings in David's lineage, exiled them from their land, and transported them to Babylon. This is the context in which Second Isaiah composes his powerfully poetic book of hope and consolation. A significant part of that message is the portrait of God's servant, who is called to be a source of hope and encouragement for the people.

Each of the four poems emphasizes God's choice and election of the servant. The last poem stresses the suffering and rejection of God's servant, along with his eventual death. Isaiah is certain that God will use the servant's innocent suffering as a way to redeem and remove the guilt and sin of others. Thus, the servant becomes a source of salvation for himself and for others.

Who is this servant? Many suggest that Isaiah was referring to Israel herself, as she underwent exilic suffering which would ultimately prove to be redemptive. Jesus' followers, including those for whom Mark wrote his Gospel, understood Jesus' ministry in terms of Isaiah's suffering servant whose innocent suffering and death became the means of salvation for all.



Pray

2 Simple prayers to begin the New Year *Philip Kosloski - published on 01/01/18*

Pause for a minute to pray these prayers with hopeful expectation at what is to come.

New Year's Day is typically a day filled with hope, looking forward to what will transpire during the next 12 months. One of the best things we can do in the first moments of the New Year is to pause for a few moments to pray.

This helps us to remember that God wants to be a bigger part of our lives in the New Year and accompany us on our journey. Whether it be in our joys or sorrows, God wants to be there and help us draw closer to the eternal joy of Heaven.

The USCCB has a powerful and simple prayer that helps set the stage for the coming year, recognizing God's providential hand in all things, past, present and future.

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead
with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. R/. Amen.

Pope Benedict XVI also began each year in prayer, on a day now known as the "World Day of Peace." Here is his short prayer, asking God to make each of us an instrument of his peace in the New Year.

Here I would recall the prayer asking God to make us instruments of his peace,
to be able to bring his love wherever there is hatred,
his mercy wherever there is hurt, and true faith wherever there is doubt.
For our part, let us join Blessed John XXIII in asking God to enlighten all leaders so that, besides caring for the proper material welfare of their peoples, they may secure for them the precious gift of peace, break down the walls which divide them, strengthen the bonds of mutual love, grow in understanding, and pardon those who have done them wrong; in this way, by his power and inspiration all the peoples of the earth will experience fraternity, and the peace for which they long will ever flourish and reign among them.
With this prayer I express my hope that all will be true peacemakers, so that the city of man may grow in fraternal harmony, prosperity and peace.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2018/01/01/2-simple-prayers-to-begin-the-new-year/>



Grow

3 Lessons from the Holy Family to help your family thrive in the coming year

Fr. Michael Rennie - published on 12/30/18 - updated on 12/26/21

No matter how big a mess surrounds us, a strong family will always overcome.

As I type this, my six children are in the midst of a post-Christmas frenzy. The toddler is jumping on a mini-trampoline while rocking a unicorn-themed dress. The baby has had it with various family gatherings and is vocally making her position known. The boys are using a remote-controlled tyrannosaurus rex to attack an unsuspecting Lego beach village. Packages of batteries are everywhere. Shrieks of delight and holiday songs are intermingling with jealous fights over new treasures.

I'm tuning it out and getting to work at my laptop. I have an ability to ignore the children that I consider a virtue, but I wouldn't blame my wife if she considered it a vice, because I often miss very obvious moments when parental intervention would be inordinately helpful.

This is all to say that being a member of a family is a true blessing, but also has its challenges. Siblings fall into disagreements, spouses have rough patches, people don't feel heard so they yell, kids test their limits and think their parents treat them unfairly.

As we grow and mature together, we (hopefully) don't fight over toys as much, but life still finds a way to test the familial bond. We love each other, but that doesn't mean we don't push every last button and get on every last nerve.

How can we thrive together as a family?

All families face difficulties. How do we stay together? Even more importantly, how do we not only stay together but thrive and enjoy each other? How can we grow together and make each other better? Today is the celebration of the Holy Family, which is a helpful reminder that the family Christ was born into on Christmas morning had its own, intense set of challenges. Not only did they end up with the craziest home-birth story of all time, but they quickly ended up fleeing to Egypt as refugees.

Anyone who has traveled with a small child knows it isn't easy. Imagine the stress and danger of traveling by donkey with a screaming baby.

Remember, too, that because of the way the pregnancy came about, Joseph and Mary had a misunderstanding that almost led to their engagement being called off. And Joseph learned soon enough that his future was going to be unique.

The Holy Family not only survived, however — they thrived. Here are some examples from their experience that will help us do the same ...



Grow

Give and deserve trust

The fact that we know our family better than anyone actually makes it hard to trust them sometimes because we tend to show the worst side of our personality to those closest to us. It's akin to the phenomena where your child stays at a friend's house and then helps wash dishes after dinner, when you know for a fact that they have never ever dreamed of washing a dish at home. It's a strange fact of life that we are more likely to behave negatively with those we should love the most.

However, the Holy Family shows that it doesn't have to be that way. They always gave each other the benefit of the doubt. Take, for instance, Joseph trusting Mary's explanation for her pregnancy, or their calm reaction after finding Jesus lost in the Temple.

In our own families, extending a little trust goes a long way. On the other side, behaving towards our families in such a way to deserve that trust is a sign of respect that they deserve.

Encourage

I grew up with three brothers. Our life was a constant athletic competition, and I don't remember us encouraging each other so much as trying to achieve a dominating victory. Luckily, our parents helped us mature as we grew up. Our family board games still get feisty, but it isn't all-out warfare anymore, and when it comes to really important matters it's clear we want the best for each other.

In Mary, we find the perfect example of a mother who encourages her son. For instance, at the Wedding of Cana, she places her full confidence in him and even convinces the servants at the party to listen to him. In all the stories about the Holy Family, they're never jealous of each other or fighting for attention.

Always stay

In a family, the heroes are the ones who stay. No matter the argument, the frustration, the disappointment. A strong family never gives up on each other. We see this in how Mary is present at every moment in her son's life. She's there for the triumphs but also the tragedies. Family never abandons each other no matter how far one of the members falls. From this safe home environment, each of us is given the courage to go out into the world with confidence.

In the end, we stay together because we belong to each other, and no matter how big a mess surrounds us, a strong family will always overcome.

Resource: <https://aletea.org/2018/12/30/3-lessons-from-the-holy-family-to-help-our-own-families-thrive-in-the-coming-year/>

THE HOLY FAMILY



Reflect

Aloha from Seattle! Three days before Christmas, my newest nephew, Marley Santino, was born. I flew in on Christmas Day morning to meet the newest member of my family. When I saw Marley, I immediately thought of my dad. He would've loved to meet his newest grandson and spoil him rotten as he would have done with his other grandchildren.

My dad always used to say – para mi familia (for my family). He did everything for his family – from working hard at a young age in the rice fields in the Philippines, putting himself through college to earn his degree, and providing for our family in every way possible here in Hawai'i so that my brothers and I would have a better future and lead successful lives. We, as a family, didn't have much. Majority of everything my parents had went towards our private school education and whatever was left over helped to provide for our basic needs. And as with most families, there were many times of struggle, trials, and tribulations. In the end, we pulled through and continued in moving forward with our eyes on the prize.

Certainly, the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph went through many of those same feelings of anxiety and fear. It was through their faith and obedience in God that kept that little family unit together. Mary in her Fiat illustrates for us her obedience to God. Joseph wholeheartedly took on the role of foster father to the Son of God, and Jesus points us the way to His Father in heaven. The Holy Family becomes a model of faith, hope, and love for us so that we may be guided to foster and steer our own family relationships as opportunities to practice God's will, grace, and holiness in our very own families. May we keep our hearts centered on the Holy Family and truly put family first with God as our Father, Jesus as our brother and the Son of God, Mary as our spiritual mother, and Joseph, as our foster father. Let us keep our eyes on the prize – God's will, and not our own.

A BIG MAHALO to our parishioners and benefactors for your continued prayers, love, and support for campus ministry. We are blessed by your generosity and kindness to our student community. May we continue to pray for one another, and for peace in our world and among our brothers and sisters in this joyful season of Christmas.

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us! – Fay C. Pabo (@fa_jo_pabo)

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

