NEWMAN CENTER Holy Spirit Parish



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEMADE CLEAN.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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

"I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation."

Today's readings prepare us for the penitential season of Lent. In our Gospel, a leper knelt before Jesus and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out and touched this diseased man and healed him. He then encouraged the man to show himself to the priest and offer himself a cleansing, referencing what was commanded in the Law of Moses. By completing these rituals, this man might be reinstituted into the community.

Let us approach this holy season of Lent like the leper. By our faults, we have distanced ourselves from God and His community. The leper reminds us Who to go to so that we might be healed. Let us approach the Lord this season on our knees asking for forgiveness and healing from our offenses, saying, "If you wish, you can make me clean." There is no doubt that, if we have a contrite heart, Jesus will stretch out His hand in forgiveness and His mercy will touch our lives. And like the leper, we too should go forth from being healed with a commitment to cleanse ourselves from the lasting effects of sin. Lent is a time to offer acts of reparation through Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving so that we might be purified in all areas of our life and walk with the Gracious Healer, who sacrificed His life for our sake.

This holy season of Lent is an opportunity to be healed and cleansed on our journey as disciples of Christ. Let us consider what we can do to offer acts of reparation so that we might be purified and one day partake in the resurrection of Christ.

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We had a successful "Italian Night" community event this past week with over 70 people in attendance. I want to thank Daniela Minerbi, Virgie Chattergy, Tamara Albertini, and Fay Pabo for planning and organizing the whole event. We hope that more community events will be planned in the future.

Have a blessed week

Fr. Alfred Omar (@fralfred808)



 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:

"As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean.

He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." (Lv 13:8)

Psalm:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

Second Reading:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1Cor 10:31)

Gospel:

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand,

touched him, and said to him,

"I do will it. Be made clean."

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mk 1:41-42)

Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/ 1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday:

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/ Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday:

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/ Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday:

JI 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 9:22-25

Friday:

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/ Mt 9:14-15

Saturday:

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Observances for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day

Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

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 Devina 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 jnaughton 808@gmail.com. Or 808 383-8954.

Family Connection

Today's Gospel invites us to think about the choices we make as individuals and as a family. Jesus was faced with a choice in today's Gospel. By choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast. The man knew that Jesus had a choice and that Jesus could reject his request. He may have expected that Jesus would not help him. The social taboos regarding leprosy certainly gave him little on which to base his hope. In the person of the man with leprosy, we see an image of all those in need. The sick and the outcast of our world are watching us, to see if we as Christians will choose to extend ourselves to others in need of healing and compassion.

Gather with your family and talk about some of the choices you have made as a family. (where to go on vacation, what activities to do together, how to spend our evenings, and so on) How does your family go about making these decisions? What do your choices communicate to others about your family's values? In today's Gospel, Jesus was faced with a choice. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:40-45. In choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus chose to show God's compassion and mercy. All our choices reflect our faith, and others are watching. Conclude in prayer together, asking God to help your family show compassion to others in your family decisions. Pray together today's Psalm, Psalm 32, or pray the Prayer for Vocations.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The fate of a leper is a great tragedy at any time and place. In Jesus' time, lepers were considered condemned, part of the plagues God sent as punishment. They were cast out of society and abandoned. Saint Mark's Gospel reveals the unthinkable. Jesus reaches out and touches a leper. He risks catching the contagious disease and heals the man. As the Gospel story teaches, no one is abandoned by Christ. Are there those in our society or in our personal lives for whom we ascribe no hope, who we have abandoned, treated like lepers? Or as Christ's stewards of our sisters and brothers, do we risk reaching out and touching those who may seem to us to be "unclean" or not worthy of our time or attention?

Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings: 02/03/2024-02/04/2024

\$2,843.00

Augustine Education Fund:

\$50,00

Online:

02/02/2024-02/09/2024

\$1,415.00

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

<u>Upcoming Second Collections:</u>

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



Around the Parish

New to Newman Center - Holy Spirit Parish?

Aloha! E Komo Mai!

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!







Wednesday

February 14, 2024

Mass times:

12:10pm | 6:00pm

9:00pm

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FRIDAYS OF LENT | 6PM



Pray

Clement of Alexandria for Year of Prayer 2024

Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP - published on 02/06/24

Your steps, O Christ, are the road to heaven.

The prayer for this week during this Year of Prayer was composed by the third -century saint Clement of Alexandria. He was a gifted and influential theologian and teacher (Origen was his disciple). This ardent prayer extols the greatness of Jesus Christ, asking that we may be guided by him and more deeply united to him.

O Christ, immortal Word of God the Father, prince of wisdom, strength in weariness, joy without end, Jesus, Savior of the human race, shepherd, protector, guide and moderator, the heavenly pathway for the flock of the saints. Guide us, shepherd of the human flock; reign, O holy one, over the children you have redeemed; your steps, O Christ, are the road to heaven.

O eternal Word, immortal light, fount of mercy, promoter of virtue, incomparable prize of those who honor the Most High. Amen

In preparation for the Jubilee '25, the Pope has designated 2024 a Year of Prayer. Aleteia brings you a weekly prayer to grow in this year.

Resource: https://aleteia.org/2024/02/06/clement-of-alexandria-for-year-of-prayer-2024/

Grow

How Lent can help free you from slavery to consumerism

Philip Kosloski - published on 02/06/24

Try using Lent as a way to free yourself from the world's obsession with consumerism, curbing your own spending habits.

Lent is often viewed as a time of prayer and penance when we give-up sometime like chocolate for $40\ \text{days}.$

At the same time, Lent can be an opportunity for us to curb any excessive habits we have, especially if we have become slaves to modern-day consumerism.

St. John Paul II mentioned this spiritual practice during his first message for Lent in 1979:

Going without things is to free oneself from the slaveries of a civilization that is always urging people on to greater comfort and consumption, without a thought even for the preservation of our environment, which is the common heritage of humanity.

The world tells us that we need the "next best thing," whether it is the latest iPhone, or the newest electric car.

However, we don't have to succumb to the world's view of happiness, and can utilize Lent to step back and examine our own lives, seeing how attached we are to the things of this world.

Grow

St. John Paul II explains that we can also go one step further, "Going without things does not consist only of giving away what we do not need; sometimes it also consists of giving away what we do need, like the widow in the Gospel who knew that what she was giving away was already a gift to her from God."

As we embrace the holy season of Lent, may we examine our own lives and allow ourselves to be freed from any excessive attachments we may have.

Resource: https://aleteia.org/2024/02/06/how-lent-can-help-free-you-from-slavery-to-consumerism/



Synodality ~ Encountering Listening Discerning

Fr. Joseph McHugh S.J.

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 Newman Center 6:00 - 7:30pm

(parking in St Francis School parking lot)

Fr. Joe's presentation will give some background on the three elements in the synodal process:

- * Encountering God in our prayer.
- * Sharing and Listening to what others are experiencing.
- * Discerning where God might be leading us as Church.

Time permitting, there will be an opportunity to engage in the synodal process.

Fr. Joe is currently on staff at the Jesuit School of Theology Santa Clara.



Reflect

When my nieces and nephews were little and living in Hawai'i, I would often take them out to the mall to go window shopping or to get a bite/ food to eat. One day, I had pitched to them the idea of walking into the restaurant to order our food, instead of always going to the drive-through window. We spotted a fast-food restaurant close by and decided to eat there. As we were standing in line, my niece pulled at my shirt and whispered to me, "There's a man sitting there, and his clothes are all ripped and dirty. And he looks hungry. Can we get him a sandwich." I replied, "Of course, let's get him some food." As the kids grabbed their food, my niece does something that, to this day, I will never forget. She takes her happy meal, goes up to the man and tells him, "Here you go, sir. A happy meal for you to make you happy again." The man smiled the biggest smile ever, and my niece gives him a great big hug. The workers and customers of the fast-food establishment were stunned to see her do such a thing. Some were talking about how unhealthy it was for my niece to do such a thing, while others commended my niece for a simple, compassionate act of kindness.

My niece did a brave and necessary act that day. She broke barriers that I never thought she, as a child, could ever do. She showed love and care for someone, despite their current state/situation. She saw a need and acted upon it. This is what Jesus is and does. Jesus radically heals and changes our lives. In today's Gospel, Jesus' willingness to become "unclean" to restore another's health and dignity urges us to consider our own

attitudes towards the outcast and marginalized in our society today. Are we willing to do the same? As we approach the season of Lent, may we take this time to reflect on the areas of our lives that need healing or change, so that we may be imitators of Christ and live lives of holiness through Him, with Him, and in Him.

"True charity requires courage: let us overcome the fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need." -Pope Francis

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 Christ. Blessings to you and your 'ohana!



Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." - John 6:68