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Holy Spirit Parish



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FIRST SUNDAY OF **Lent**

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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.

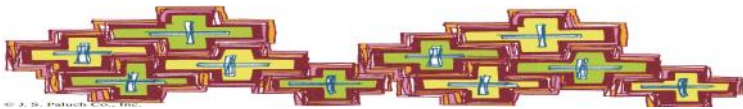
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Today's readings remind us why we partake in this 40-day Lenten journey — to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ on Easter.

St. Peter reminds us in our Second Reading of the blessings we receive from Christ's passion, death, and resurrection — "Christ suffered for sins once... that he might lead you to God." And again, "[Baptism] is... an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

To receive the blessings more readily from Christ's passion, death, and resurrection, we too are called to endure 40 days "in the desert." In our Gospel, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by Satan. Jesus was called to face trials and to confront evil. During this time, He committed to intense prayer and fasting. It was not necessary for Jesus to go into the desert so that He might be purified, but rather, to endure the temptations of man for our sake. He was fully man, and experienced temptations just like us, yet responded to them perfectly, never falling into sin.

We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by Whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in the desert, we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. And we will be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer.

Let us strive to purify our hearts so that we might be ready to receive the glorious gift of Christ and partake in the riches that pour forth from this Gift.
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Have a blessed Lenten week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



Important Notices

- Stations of the Cross FRIDAYS @ 6PM
- President's Day Holiday - 2/19 Newman Center Closed
- Lecture on Synodality - 2/20 @ 6PM
- Episcopal Visit - Weekend of 3/9-10 ALL MASSES

Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass (<i>Tuesday-Friday</i>)	12:10PM
Sunday Mass	
(<i>Saturday Evening Anticipated</i>)	5:00PM
	9:00AM
	11:00AM
(<i>Student-led Mass</i>)	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

Today's Readings

Liturgy and Spirituality: In 1910, Helen Todd, an American women's suffrage activist and state factory inspector, gave a speech on the condition of working women. Along with a group of fellow activists, the words "Bread for all, and Roses too" rose up as an influential phrase in her speech, inspiring the writing of many poems and songs of similar names.

In today's verse before the gospel, we are reminded that we do not live by bread alone, but also by the word of God. This message parallels the words of Helen Todd, especially the ways we can live a fulfilling and Spirit-filled life. With our mind hearts on God, we know that the "Roses" we seek in life, such as books, music, and other forms of leisure, can sustain our spirit when times are hard and food is not enough. Our life feels less purposeful when we are without that which animates us, including the word of God.

What animates our Spirit-filled lives? In what ways does the word of God inspire us, in ways food or other basic needs do not? What activist inspires you to live out the word of God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48



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WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew's Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father's hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation.

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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)

Monday Nights at 6:30 pm. 30 minutes of silence, followed by Scripture and Sharing. For more information, contact June Naughton (808) 524-2718.

Family Connection

The announcement that Jesus makes as he begins his preaching in today's Gospel is recalled on Ash Wednesday at the signing with ashes: "Repent and believe in the gospel." This is our challenge for Lent; indeed, it is the challenge of our entire life. During Lent, we are invited to strengthen and to renew the promises that we made at our Baptism, to reject Satan and sin so as to live as children of God. Through the grace of God that we received at Baptism, we follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit and know that with Jesus' help, we will be victorious over sin.

As you gather as a family, talk about the importance of Baptism. At our Baptism, our sins were forgiven, and we promised to live as children of God. As part of the Rite of Baptism, we rejected sin and Satan. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:12-15. During Lent, we renew the promises of our Baptism, turning again from sin and promising to follow God. Light a candle, perhaps a candle used at one of your family member's Baptisms, and pray together the Act of Contrition.

Called to Serve

*We are in need of volunteers to serve in the
Eucharistic celebration as*

LECTORS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS/GREETERS

"God does not call the qualified, rather, he qualifies the called!"

If you are willing to give of your time, talent, and treasure in
Liturgical Ministry, contact Brandon Akiona at
pastoralassistant@newmanhawaii.org today!

We look forward to serving God's people with you!



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

02/10/2024-02/11/2024: \$2,538.00

Online Collection:

02/09/2024-02/15/2024: \$2,320.00

Second Collection: Augustine Education Fund \$ 150.00

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

Catholic Relief Services: 03/09/2024-03/10/2024

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

2024 Lent at Newman

February 20- "Synodality-Encountering, Listening, Discerning" Presentation by Fr. Joe McHugh, SJ @6pm

February 21-Holy Hour (Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament) @6pm

February 23-Stations of the Cross @6pm

March 1-Stations of the Cross @6pm

March 8-Stations of the Cross @6pm

March 9 & 10 - Episcopal Visit
Townhall Meeting after 11am Mass

March 11, 12, & 13-Parish Lenten Mission
led by Fr. Radmar Jao, SJ @6pm

March 13 - Lenten Penance Service @6pm

March 15-Stations of the Cross @6pm

March 22-Stations of the Cross @6pm

March 24-March 30 - Holy Week

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!



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left or diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.
He fasted for forty days ...

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Answer: *and forty nights*

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Life in the Eucharist Seminar

Discover the profound impact the Eucharist can have on your life and faith journey.

**NOURISHMENT
RECONCILIATION
TRANSFORMATION
ABIDING PRESENCE
MISSION**

Contact the
Parish Office
to Register



February 29 - March 2, 2024
at Mary, Star of the Sea Parish (4470 Aliioka Street, Honolulu)
FREE!



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!
For God knows that in the day you eat from it
your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God,
knowing good and evil." Gn 3:4-5

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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.



Pray

Ask God to take away a temptation with this prayer
Philip Kosloski - published on 09/16/19

When it is difficult to resist a temptation, the first thing to do is pray to God.

Temptations assault us on a daily basis. For many of us, it is difficult to resist them and our will is not yet strong enough to keep them at bay.

It is precisely at those times when we need to cry out to God and ask for some supernatural aid. Alone we can never overcome our temptations, but with God at our side, nothing is impossible.

Here is a short prayer composed by Thomas Kempis, author of Imitation of Christ. It is designed to be prayed during such a temptation and cries out to God for help.

Blessed be Your name forever, O Lord,
Who have willed that this temptation
and trouble come upon me.

I cannot escape it, yet I must fly to You
that You may help me and turn it to my good.
Now I am troubled, Lord, and my heart is not at rest,
for I am greatly afflicted by this present suffering.

Beloved Father, what shall I say?
I am straitened in harsh ways.

Save me from this hour to which, however,
I am come that You may be glorified
when I am deeply humbled and freed by You.

May it please You, then, to deliver me, Lord, for what can I,
poor wretch that I am, do or where can I go without You?
Give me patience, Lord, even now. Help me, my God, and
I will not be afraid however much I may be distressed.
But here, in the midst of these troubles, what shall I say?

Your will be done, Lord.

I have richly deserved to be troubled and distressed.
But I must bear it. Would that I could do so patiently,
until the storm passes and calm returns!

Yet Your almighty hand can take this temptation from me,
or lighten its attack so that I do not
altogether sink beneath it, as You, my God,
my Mercy, have very often done for me before.
And the more difficult my plight,
the easier for You is this change
of the right hand of the Most High.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2019/09/16/ask-god-to-take-away-a-temptation-with-this-prayer/>



Grow

Lent challenges us to question what we treasure in life
Philip Kosloski - published on 02/07/24

Jesus gives us the following motto to live by during Lent: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Lent is a unique time in the Church's calendar that focuses on detachment from the things of this world. As Jesus went into the desert to pray, so do we go into the desert to reflect on our lives and the state of our souls.

In particular, St. John Paul II commented in his message for Lent in 1980 on how Lent is a time to examine the "treasures" of our lives:

The spirit of penance and its practice impel us to detach ourselves sincerely from our unnecessary possessions, and even sometimes from our necessary ones, which prevent us from really "being" as God wishes us to be: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also". Is our heart attached to material wealth, to power over others, to subtle ways of dominating? If so, we need Christ, the Easter Liberator, who, if we wish him to, can free us of all the bonds of sin that hold us fast.



Grow

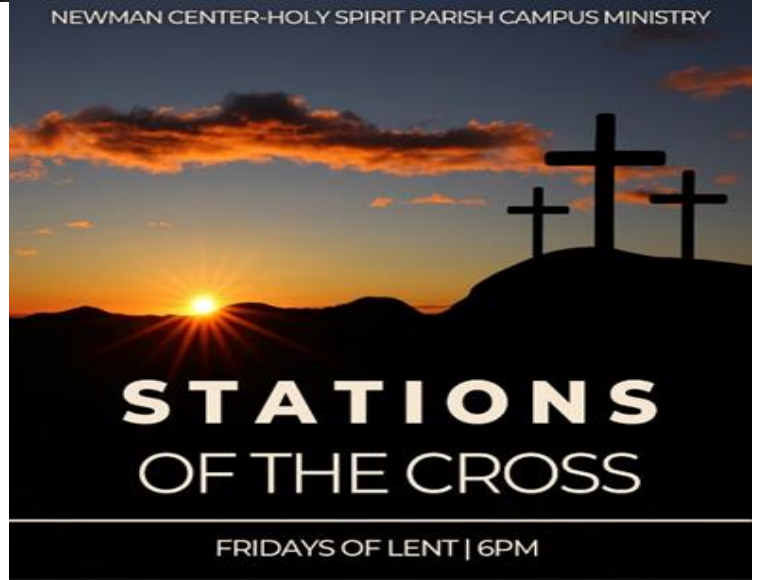
St. John Paul II then continues by challenging us not only to identify the false treasures we cling to, but also to get rid of them:

Let us prepare to allow ourselves to be enriched by the grace of the Resurrection, by ridding ourselves of all false treasures: the material goods that we do not need are often the very conditions for the survival of millions of human beings. Also, in addition to their bare subsistence, hundreds of millions of people are waiting for us to help them to give themselves the necessary means both for their own full human advancement and for the economic and cultural development of their countries.

In this way, we can purify our hearts through detachment and charity. We can give away our treasures so that others may prosper.

As we enter into Lent, may we ask ourselves what we truly treasure in life and try to rid ourselves of anything that might take us away from God.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2024/02/07/lent-challenges-us-to-question-what-we-treasure-in-life/>



Reflect

"Narigat ti biag" ("Life is hard.") – My brothers and I would hear this phrase at least twice a day, followed by the same synopsis of their how their life back home in the Philippines consisted of challenges, trials, and struggles. They emphasized how lucky we were to be in America, the land of opportunity and freedom. My parents would stress the importance of hard work and dedication in our studies and eventually carry that into our respective careers.

Today's readings invite us to reflect on the times we, ourselves, are faced with trials, challenges, struggle, temptation, and the list goes on. How do we know we are in these predicaments? Who do we turn to for help? God is our source of strength and solace. In this Lenten season, let this be a time of conversion for us, recognizing the need for necessary change in our life. Let this be a time for us to journey deep in our faith and commitment to Him. This is the will of God for us. Yes, life is hard. But life can be better with God at the center. Let us continue to put God first in our lives and allow Him to lead us closer to Him, in word and in deed.

"When I think of the happiness that is in story for me, every sorrow, every pain becomes dear to me." – St. Francis of Assisi

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.

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

- Fay C. Pabo (@fa_jo_pab0)

