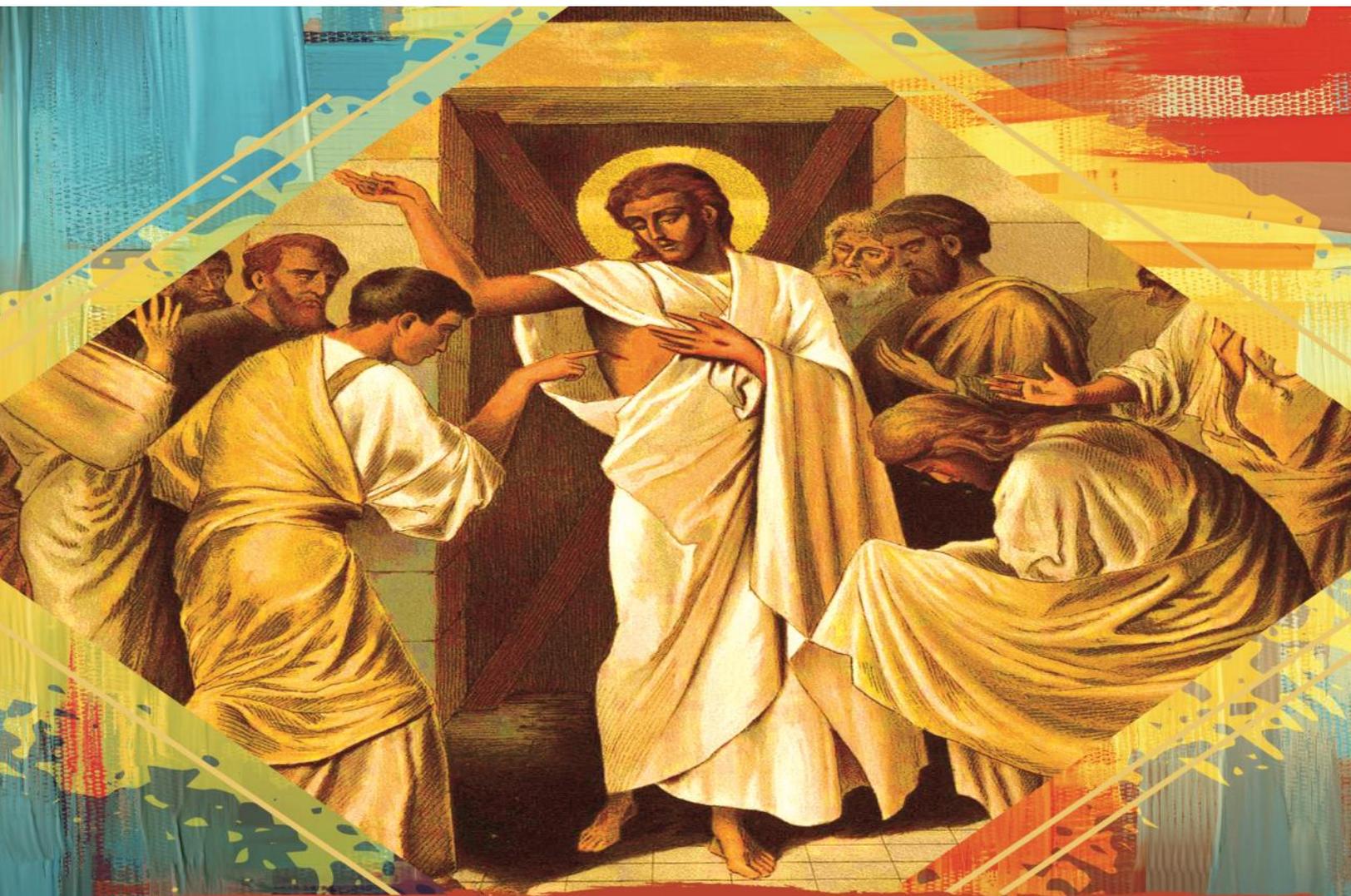


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Holy Spirit Parish



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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” - Jn 20: 27

April 07, 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.

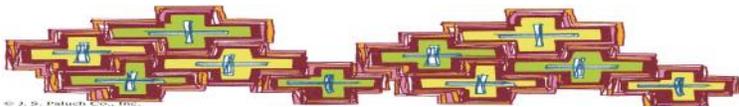
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting."

On this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate this feast today since God's mercy was shared with us through the resurrection of Jesus. To put it simply, today, we are celebrating Jesus' merciful love for us and how we can partake in it.

No matter where we are on our journey as a disciple of Christ, we are all in need of God's merciful love. There are countless times throughout our day when we miss the mark. For instance, we might fail to respond in kind to our spouse or kids, fall into gossip in our workday, or even forget to think positively of others. These shortcomings call us to humble ourselves and receive the unwavering mercy of God.

Jesus is Mercy itself. He was born into time to save us from sin. And to ensure His Mercy was always available to us, He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our Gospel, Jesus encounters the apostles after the resurrection and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Jesus gave us the gift of this sacrament because He wants to help us reach eternal life. He knows we cannot do it without His merciful love, and a resolve to do better and to follow Him more faithfully.

Today, may we recall the precious gift God has given to us through His Son — Mercy itself. May we never forget that, with a contrite heart and a resolution to do better, God is always willing to forgive.

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Have a blessed Easter week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



Important Notices

- Dan Dever Students' Night 4/18
- Second Collection: Diocesan Priests Retirement 4/20 & 21
- We are looking for volunteers to do the Liturgical Environment & Flowers for the month of May, June, July, August, September, October, November, & December. There is a small budget for flower reimbursements.

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

Living Liturgy

Liturgy and Media: The Acts of the Apostles provides a vision of a world where everyone's needs are met through the community. "The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common." We are called into this legacy of communal sharing and mutual air by our early Church ancestors.

The song "Crowded Table" by the Highwomen imagines the world in a similar way. The chorus states, "I want a house with a crowded table/ And a place by the fire for everyone / Let us take on the world while we're young and able / And bring us back together when the day is done."

I have been blessed quite a few times in my life to experience the beauty of community, particularly during the Catholic volunteer program I participated in after graduating from college. There was a large wooden table in the kitchen where the eight of us volunteers would gather each evening to eat meals and share about our days at our different justice-based work placements. We pooled our money to buy groceries and would take turns cooking in pairs throughout the week so that the other members of our community could simply come home to enjoy a home-cooked meal, especially after an intense day at work.

Since we were already cooking for eight people, we would often invite friends or neighbors to join us at these meals as well, and that table became a sacred space that connected us with past and future volunteer communities. I often left that table house after dinner began with my stomach and heart full.

The last verse of "Crowded Table" is "The door is always open / Your picture's on my wall / Everyone's a little broken / And everyone belongs / Yeah, everyone belongs." Acts reminds us that as Christians we are called to share our lives with the people around us. We may not individually have enough to sustain ourselves, but when we all share what little we have, we experience an abundance that leaves no one outside.
(Living Liturgy 2024)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21



Since Christ Himself has said,
'This is My Body,' who shall
dare to doubt that it is His Body?

- ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

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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/>

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

Within normal family life, there are many opportunities for conflict. Jesus did not promise us the absence of conflict in our lives. Instead, he gave us the gifts of peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation so that we could reduce conflict. The measure of Christian family life is not the absence of conflict, but the manner in which conflict is resolved. Filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we ask Jesus to help us to bring peace and forgiveness to situations of conflict in our families.

As your family gathers, take this opportunity to examine how your family resolves conflict. Recall a recent argument or disagreement and discuss how the conflict was resolved. Consider whether the conflict was resolved peacefully, in the spirit of Jesus. If not, discuss alternatives that might be tried in the future. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-31. Recall that we have each received Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit helps us to be people who forgive others and seek peace. (loyolapres.org)

Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

03/30/2024-03/31/2024 : \$7,352.00

Online:

03/29/2024-04/04/2024: \$ 3,776.00

Rice Bowl:

\$ 186.00

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund: April 20-21

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

"Why did the Easter egg hide?"



"Because it was a little chicken!"

FUN FACT!

Easter eggs have been a fun part of Easter celebrations for centuries. Eggs are often seen as a symbol of new life. Some people fast from eggs during Lent, so eggs are a special Easter treat!



STEWARDSHIP

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE



Around the Parish



Newman Center-Holy Spirit Parish presents:

8TH ANNUAL

DAN DEVER STUDENTS' NIGHT

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024
5:30PM - 8:00PM

Join us for an evening of student's showcase, dinner, and fellowship!

RSVP BY APRIL 14
INFO@NEWMANHAWAII.ORG | 808.988.6222

Welcome to the Christian Family, Hailey Medart Clausing!

Hailey was baptized on
April 4, 2024. She is the
great grand-daughter of
Bob and Adelaide Kistner.
Congratulations!



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!

Around the Diocese

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CHURCH
PRESENTS

AN EVENING WITH

Sarah Hart

IN CONCERT

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024
7:00 P.M.

ONE COMMUNITY CENTER
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ADMISSION
TICKETS: \$35

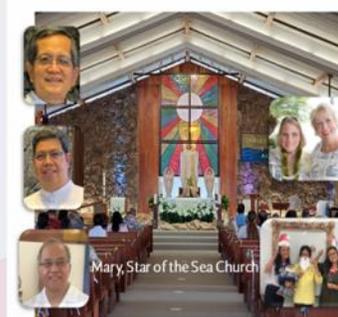
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Sarah Hart is one of the leading figures in contemporary Catholic music today and has been a singer, songwriter, retreat author, and keynote speaker for over twenty years. Her heart for parish missions and itinerant ministry has taken her all over the US and abroad. She has performed for countless conventions and events, and for Pope Francis at St. Peter's Square. A Grammy-nominated songwriter ("Better Than an Hallelujah" as well as many others), her songs have been recorded by numerous recording artists, and have appeared in TV, movies, commercials, and theater. Her writing is visible in hymnals across the globe. To learn more about Sarah visit www.sarahhart.com



All are welcome!



Please celebrate with us
at the 'OHANA MASS
Saturday, April 27
at 5:30 PM
**Mary, Star of the Sea
Catholic Church**
4470 Aliihoa St.
Honolulu, HI 96821

Scenes from the Easter Vigil





Pray

Three o'clock prayer of Divine Mercy
Philip Kosloski - published on 05/09/21

Jesus said he would "refuse nothing" to the soul who prayed the 3:00 prayer of his Divine Mercy.

When Jesus appeared to St. Faustina during the 1930s in a private revelation, he placed a great emphasis on a particular three o'clock prayer in honor of his Divine Mercy.

St. Faustina wrote down his words in her Diary.

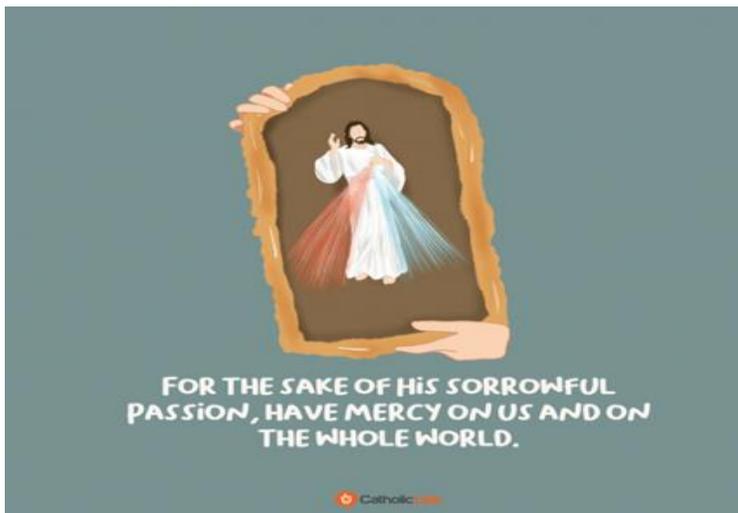
“At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion.” (Diary of St. Faustina, 1320)

Jesus gave to St. Faustina the Divine Mercy Chaplet, but also a particular prayer that can be said when the clock strikes three — the traditional hour of the crucifixion.

It is a beautiful prayer and one that can be easily memorized to be prayed at that hour each day.

*You expired, O Jesus,
but the source of life gushed forth for souls
and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.
O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.
O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of
Jesus
as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You.
Amen.*

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2021/05/09/three-oclock-prayer-of-divine-mercy/>



Grow

Do you struggle with doubt? So did one of Jesus' closest friends
Fr. Michael Rennier - published on 07/01/18

Whether it's doubting ourselves, others, or even our faith, Thomas the Apostle can teach us a thing or two.

Do I really trust my choices? Is this the right decision? We've probably all had these questions. Doubt is a state of mind that doesn't discriminate. Even when we put on a brave face, underneath the bluster is a healthy dose of doubt. Sometimes our second-guessing is too obvious to even bother hiding it. That's when we shrug our shoulders and admit we have no idea what we're doing.

I once had a pretty epic month of life-changing decisions. I quit my job as an Anglican pastor, made the decision to become Catholic, put our house on the market, and moved my growing family halfway across the country. As I was putting our future in jeopardy and leading my wife and children into an abyss of uncertainty, did I have doubts? Yes. Yes, I did.

When we must make decisions that will affect the future, it's normal to have doubts.

Thomas, one of Jesus' 12 disciples, feels your pain. The poor guy went through a fairly normal period of doubt while trying to process the fact that his whole life was being turned upside down and that maybe his teacher and close friend had actually come back to life. To me, this seems like an appropriate moment to express a few questions and concerns. Thomas did so and had his doubt immortalized in a new nickname, "Doubting Thomas."

The funny thing is, Thomas actually went through a healthy process by which he encountered his doubts and dealt with them. When we encounter doubts of our own, the example of his life is helpful to mediate on.

Everyone doubts

Even though Thomas was the one who got stuck with the reputation for being the doubter, pretty much everyone else around him was in the midst of their own, internal battle with doubt. At some point in your life, you will doubt something or someone. You will likely doubt yourself. We're all experts at pretending we know exactly what's going on, so even if everyone else around you is in the same boat, it can feel as if you're the only one with no clue. Knowing that doubt is far more common than people admit is the first step towards overcoming it.

Voice your doubt

Thomas is famous for being the guy who demanded proof. He was willing to admit he wasn't convinced enough to be confident.

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Grow

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At times we need to stop fretting, trust ourselves, and take a leap of faith – which is actually what Thomas did – but before doing so it's wise to take in as much information as possible. It takes courage to admit that you aren't entirely sure what the next step is, but it's the only way to come to grips with your hesitations. Even if proof or a crystal clear answer to your concerns isn't forthcoming, simply voicing a doubt is helpful in defining and overcoming it.

Understand the doubt

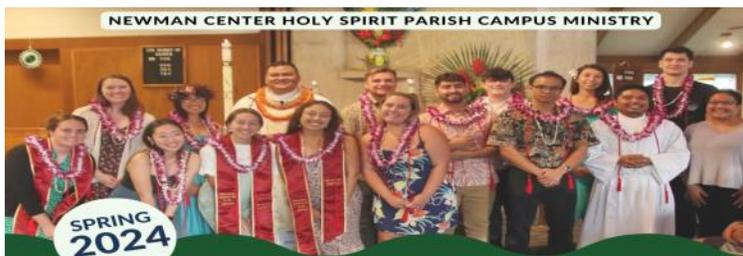
Thomas was willing to express his doubt. At first, he demanded a lot of proof, but in the end, because he understood his doubt he was more willing to trust. He knew what risk he was taking. Sometimes, our doubts are unreasonable, but we'll only know this by expressing and understanding them. Why am I fearful? What's holding me back? Sometimes the answer to those questions helps us move beyond fear to confidence. Other times the answer may reveal that the doubt is well-founded. Either way, we gain clarity.

Find hope

For Thomas, what ultimately arose from his doubt was hope. He lived the rest of his life with no fear and fully committed to his mission. Hope arrives when we have a clear, well-thought out plan for the future. Even if we still see difficulties on the horizon, they no longer cause doubt. Hope transforms those dark clouds into opportunities for personal growth, courage, and victory over obstacles.

As the example of St. Thomas shows, even the most hesitant, uncertain, doubt-filled moments of our lives can become the foundation from which we rise to greatness. We all have doubts, but what matters is in how we handle them and find hope in every situation.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2018/07/01/do-you-struggle-with-doubt-so-did-one-of-jesus-closest-friends/>



NEWMAN CENTER HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CAMPUS MINISTRY

SPRING 2024

BACCALAUREATE MASS
SUNDAY, MAY 5 | 5:00 PM

TO RSVP AND/OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT FAY PABO
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Reflect

"Mercy" was a childhood game that we played in our neighborhood back in the day. This game required players to face each other, then interlock their fingers together. On the word, "Go," the players literally squeeze the hands of the opponent and attempt to twist and bend back the wrists of the other person until they cease and cry out, "Mercy!" Luckily, because I was the only girl in the neighborhood, the boys were kind enough to spare me and just had me supervise the players. In a way, saying the word, "Mercy," in the game was a way to signal the other person to stop, to stop the pain, and the process of pain.

Only one person comes to mind when I think of "mercy" and that is God. He is a loving and merciful God. When our world turns upside down and when we are feeling afraid or a single ounce of uncertainty, we struggle to believe or even trust in God's plan for us. We see this in today's Gospel in the story of the "Doubting Thomas." We experience moments of doubt and fear in our daily lives. But there is hope. Jesus is that hope for us. We are invited to bring our uncertainties, doubts, worries, and fears to Him. Jesus offers us peace and renews us in our faith. May we continue to turn to Jesus and find solace and peace in the presence of the Risen Lord. Yes, Christ overcame sin and death. Let us be hopeful in the joy, love, and peace of Christ's Resurrection!

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!

Blessings to you and your 'ohana!

- Fay C. Pabo (@fa_jo_pabo0)



NEWMAN CENTER
CAMPUS MINISTRY

Sunday Student DINNER
@ 6:00PM

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