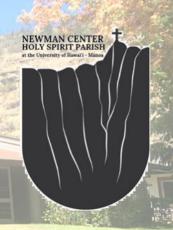
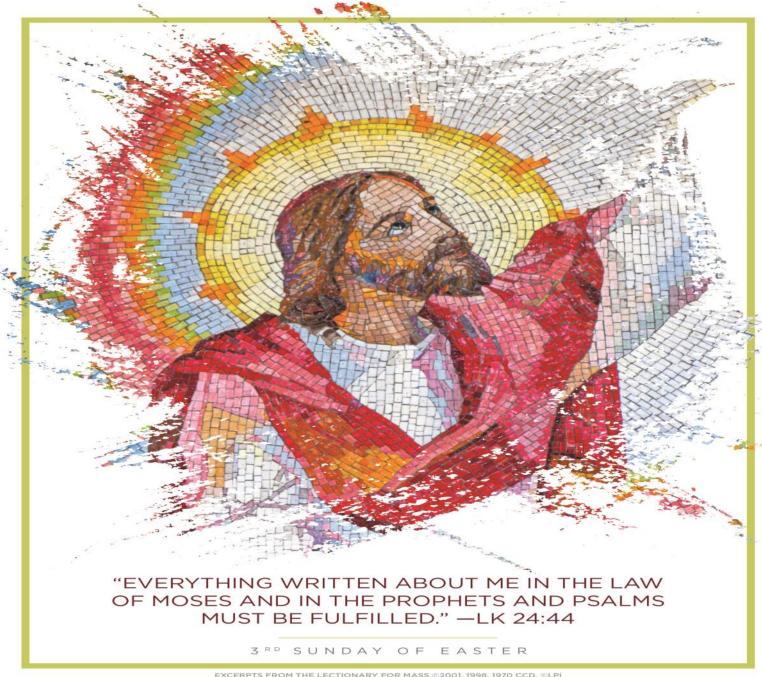
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Aloha! Welcome!

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!

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!

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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

"Lord, let your face shine on us."

In addition to celebrating all Christ did for us this Easter season, we also are reminded of how His sacrifice impacts our lives.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus should be the center of our lives. This passage begins with two disciples realizing Jesus had just appeared to them.

We can learn a valuable lesson from these disciples. To recognize Jesus' appearances in our lives, we need to know Him. And the best way to know the Lord is to spend time with Him. It can start with just 10 minutes of quiet prayer a day and increasing that each week. We might begin by reading Scripture, books on the lives of the Saints, or even a decade of the Rosary. Yet the goal should be to carve out time each day, in a quiet space, for just you and the Lord.

As the disciples mentioned, they recognized it was Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We, too, can better know the Lord through the sacraments, most especially the Holy Mass. The Eucharist is Jesus Himself — Body, Blood Soul, and Divinity. What better way to grow in intimacy with Christ than to receive Him frequently or to go talk to Him in front of the Blessed Sacrament? As we make Jesus the center of our lives through prayer and the sacraments, we will be able to recognize Him in day-to-day moments.

As we are still in the midst of this Easter season, take time to think about what Christ did for us and the changes we should make in our daily lives to help us grow closer to Him.

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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 (Tuesday-Friday) 12:10PM

Sunday Mass

(Saturday Evening Anticipated) 5:00PM 9:00AM

11:00AM

By Request

(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

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 Advocacy: The word advocate comes from a word in Roman law that literally described someone who would plead cases in court. The paraclete is another word that means advocate and come from the Greek parakletos. A rough translation of this word is "to be called to walk alongside." God, then, is our Advocate who walks beside us to comfort and support us.

As we are made in the image of God, we are called to follow the Trinitarian example and be advocates for one another. Sometimes, however, the idea of being an advocate is conflated with being a "voice for the voiceless." While the intention in this statement is likely good, we know that all people, all of creation, have a voice. No one is voiceless, simply silenced or ignored.

Bryan Stevenson is a modern example of what it means to be an advocate. He started the Equal Justice Initiative to provide legal support to people on death row. He pleads cases in court to protect the lives of the innocent and guilty who have been sentenced to death row due to systemic injustice and institutionalized racism in the legal system.

In a documentary about his life, *True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight for Equality*, Stevenson shares a story about the conversion he has experienced in his life as an advocate: "If you stand next to the condemned, if you fight for the poor, if you push against systems that are rooted and heavy...you are going to get broken...I am part of the broken community. When you realize that, you don't have a choice in standing up for the rights of the other broken." Stevenson discovered that walking alongside others in our brokenness paradoxically creates a more loving and compassionate world. (Living Liturgy 2024)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;

Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab;

Jn 6:35-40

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1-2; Jn 6:52-59 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

"What kind of beans did the Benedictine plant during Easter ?"



"Jellybeans!"



Benedictines are monks who use the instructions or "Rule" of St. Benedict to guide their lifestyle, which highlights prayer, work, and community (and... maybe some gardening).

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

Family life is strengthened through storytelling and shared meal times. In a similar way, Christian life is sustained by God's word in Scripture and by Christ's presence in the Eucharist. We are especially sustained in our faith through our weekly celebration of Mass. Today's Gospel reading reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us so that our acts of bearing witness to Christ might be strengthened.

As you gather as a family, ask each person to share their favorite story about your family. Talk about the importance of these memories about your family life and the importance of the meals you have shared together as a family. Recall that these stories and meals strengthen the love you share. In a similar way, our Christian life is strengthened by sharing God's Word and the Eucharist at Mass. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 24:35-48. Discuss the mission that Jesus gave to his disciples after their shared meal. The Eucharist also sends us to be Christ's witnesses in the world today. Conclude by praying together that we will be strengthened by God's word and by Jesus' presence in the Eucharist to be witnesses to Christ. (loyolapress.org)



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

04/06/2024-04/07/2024 :

\$3,623.00

Online:

04/05/2024-04/12/2024:

\$2,975.00

Maintenance

\$1,525.00

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 Catholic Communication Campaign May 11-12

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,

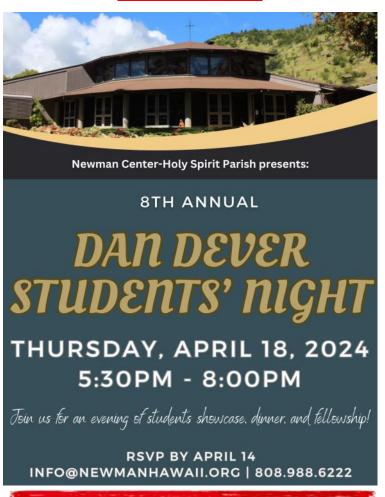
service to others and generous giving.

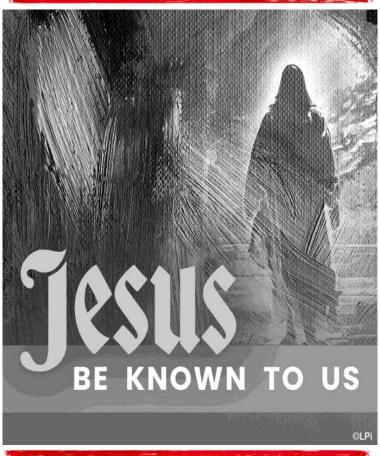
With the kokua of St. Marianne and St. Damien, teach us to be good stewards so we may return a hundred-fold the makana entrusted to us.

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!

Around the Diocese



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Sarah Hart

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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 hymnols across the globe. To learn more about Sarah visit www.sarahhart.com



Scenes from Easter Sunday



Pray

Prayer before reading scripture, based on the road to Emmaus Philip Kosloski - published on 04/23/23

Before opening the Bible, pray this short prayer based on the road to Emmaus.

When the Risen Jesus walked with a few of his disciples, "he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures" (cf. Luke 24:13-35).

They later spoke amongst themselves, saying, "Were not our hearts burning within us

while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"

With these two passages in mind, the Church created a verse before the Gospel on the Third Sunday of Easter that can become our own personal prayer before reading the Bible.

> Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

It's a simple prayer, but a powerful one that best captures our hopes for reading scripture.

Resource: https://aleteia.org/2023/04/23/prayer-before-reading-scripture-based-on-the-road-to-emmaus/





Grow

6 powerful verses from the Bible that celebrate life Cerith Gardiner - published on 04/05/24

One of the many joys of Easter is the reminder that we should celebrate life. Although the Easter season may be drawing to a close, there's no reason why we shouldn't continue the spirit of this special time in the Church year. Within the pages of the Bible, there are countless verses that uplift the essence of life, echoing through the ages with timeless wisdom and inspiration. For those seeking to revel in the beauty of existence, here are six powerful quotes from the USCCB online version of the Bible that illuminate the joy and significance of life.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." Psalm 139:13

This verse from Psalms beautifully acknowledges the divine craftsmanship involved in the creation of each individual. It highlights the intimate connection between God and the unborn, affirming the sanctity of life from its very inception.

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10b

Jesus' words in the Gospel of John speak of abundant life, not merely existence but a life brimming with purpose, fulfillment, and joy. It reflects God's desire for His children to experience richness and completeness in their journey.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him." Psalm 28:7

This verse encapsulates the exuberant praise and gratitude that arises from a heart anchored in trust in the Lord. It celebrates the vitality of faith, which empowers believers to face life's challenges with joy and confidence.



Grow

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"Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him." Psalm 127:3

In this verse, children are portrayed as precious gifts bestowed by God, a source of blessing and joy in the lives of their parents. It underscores the sacredness of family and the value of nurturing new life.

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21:4

This promise from Revelation offers hope and consolation, envisioning a future free from suffering and sorrow. It affirms the ultimate triumph of life over death, inviting believers to anticipate the glorious renewal awaiting them.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17

James reminds us that all blessings, whether big or small, originate from God. It encourages gratitude and appreciation for the myriad gifts of life bestowed upon us by a loving and unchanging Creator.

Resource: https://aleteia.org/2024/04/05/6-powerful-verses-from -the-bible-that-celebrate-life/



Reflect

In Kindergarten, I remember being asked the question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" I confidently raised my hand and answered, "I want to be a pediatrician when I grow up. I want to help sick children get better. And I want to find a cure for sniffles and tummy aches." Little did I know the great responsibility that came along with being a doctor, let alone finding a cure for simple symptoms such those mentioned.

In the case of the disciples, I'm pretty sure that they didn't say specifically in their younger years that they were going to be a follower of Jesus Christ when they grow up.

How lucky for the disciples to witness and share the news of Jesus' resurrection, emphasizing the role of Christians to bear witness to the truth of His life, death, and resurrection to the world. Our hearts and lives are changed by God's infinite love for us in His Son, Jesus who conquered sin and death. May we, too, be true witnesses of faith, hope, and love, and to go, and tell the whole world about this very Good News!

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_paboO)

