

Newman Center

Holy Spirit Parish



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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 16, 2025

“Blessed are you.” - Lk 6:21

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

“Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.”

In today's Gospel (Luke 6:17, 20-26), Jesus presents the Beatitudes, highlighting a radical reversal of worldly values. He calls blessed those who are poor, hungry, sorrowful, and persecuted, while warning those who are rich, satisfied, joyful, and praised by others. This challenges us to reflect on where we place our trust—on worldly success or on God alone.

True happiness is not found in wealth or status but in dependence on God. Those who suffer often recognize their need for Him more deeply, while those who are comfortable risk spiritual complacency. Jesus calls us to detach from material security and use our blessings to serve others, standing with those in need.

This Gospel also invites us to find joy in hardships. Suffering for Christ's sake leads to eternal joy, and we are reminded that our true reward is in heaven. Let us re-examine our priorities, choosing to live with trust in God, compassion for others, and the joy of His presence in our lives.

May we embrace the path of true blessing and seek first the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



Important Notices

- The Newman Center will be closed on Monday, February 17, in observance of President's Day.

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

Order 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 OCIA,



The Word of the Lord Weekly

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is the LORD. (Jer 17:7)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Ps 1)

Second Reading:

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised,
and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain.
(1 Cor 15:16-17)

Gospel:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours." (Lk 6:20)

Readings for the week of February 16, 2025

Sunday:

Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/
1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday:

Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17,
20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday:

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4,
3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday:

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/
Mk 8:22-26

Thursday:

Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29
and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday:

Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/
Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday:

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Observances for the week of February 16, 2025

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order;
Presidents' Day

Friday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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/>

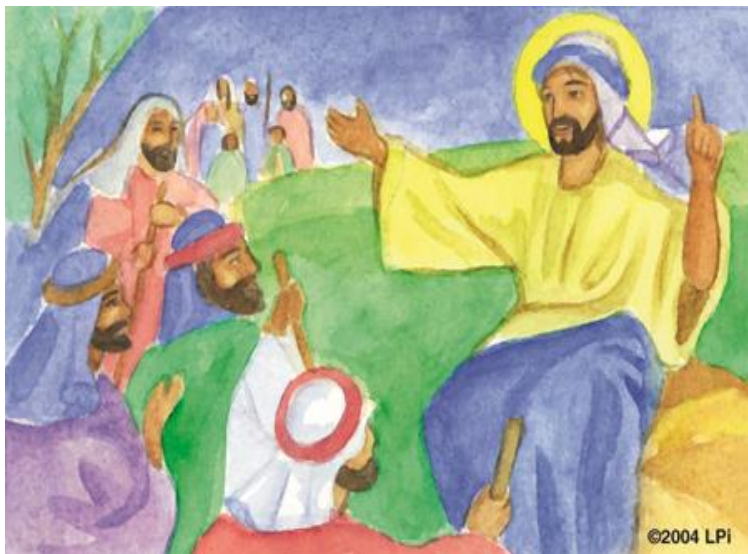
Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom)

Monday Nights at 6:30 pm. 30 minutes of silence, followed by Scripture and Sharing. For more information, contact Cheryl Treiber-Kawaoka 808-227-5162

Family Connection

Today's Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the "get ahead" messages of our culture, we would think that happiness means having money, being successful, and having many possessions. In this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. They too associated happiness with possessions and success. The report of the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel, however, takes things one step further. Not only will we not find happiness through the "get ahead" messages of the world, but relying upon these messages will cause us harm. The warnings spoken are particularly challenging because they suggest that our way of life must change if we are to gain the lasting happiness of eternal life.

Talk together as a family about what society tells us makes a person successful. Make a list of the traits that you associate with a successful person. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 6:17,20-26. Reflect on Jesus' description of blessedness in the Kingdom of God. Then consider the warnings. Why are these surprising and challenging? What, then, is the measure of success in the Kingdom of God? Together write prayers of petition based on your discussion. Pray these prayers together, asking God to help your family seek the blessings of the Kingdom of God.



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

02/08/2025-02/09/2025 \$1,559.00

Repairs & Maintenance \$1,500.00

Online:

02/08/2025-02/14/2025 \$ TBD

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 3/9-3/10

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



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are required to join us for a special training as we prayer for upcoming changes. PLEASE RSVP with your mass coordinator as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you then. If you are interested in becoming a new minister, please call the parish office.

An Invitation!

WHAT - THE GIFT OF YEARS (Joan Chittester)
An hour of camaraderie and reflection over soup and salad of and among Goldenagers (ages 60 and above)

WHY - There are many programs in the Church for Faith Formation with children and youth. Programs for the "Goldenagers" are few and far between and generally focus on "how to grieve," How to prepare for the end of life, etc. This gathering is for those who want to reflect on the Graces they have received and/or pray for. "Embracing the blessings of this time and overcoming the burden of it - that is the spiritual task of late life... Life is still about being all that you can be" - (Joan Chittester)

WHEN - Every third Sunday of the month after the 11:00 AM Mass

WHERE - Newman Center/Holy Spirit Parish

Contributions to the weekly agenda to be discussed by attendees after the first session. Understandably, you need to sign up at least 4 days before the third Sunday so that everyone will have a plate and a bowl...
For Questions, contact Virgie Chattergy (808)221-8755.



Please pray for our Catechumens as they prepare for the upcoming Rite of Enrollment as Elect on March 9.

-Samantha Chavez Ching
-Jessie Sor
-Dillon Ray Ventar

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!

Prayer Corner

We have added this new column in our bulletin for those in our community who are sick and those who recently died. To add someone (with their permission) or yourself to the prayer list for the sick or someone on the In Memoriam list, please contact the parish office.



Christie Dinell
Tom Dinell

Please remember the sick and homebound in our community. Pray that they may find comfort and healing, especially:

Denise Esposito
Vernon Chock



In remembrance, let us pray for all who have died, that they may rejoice with the Risen Lord, especially our recently deceased:

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Mass with the Distribution of Ashes

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

12:10 PM | 6:00 PM | 9:00 PM

*Free parking may be accessed on the St. Francis side of the parish via 2707 Pamao Road

"Repent, and believe in the Gospel."



Four-Petals Peace Service

Newman Center Holy Spirit Parish

This **hybrid** observance will be the 43rd multi-faith Peace Service sponsored by Newman Center Holy Spirit Parish, Church of the Crossroads, Hongwanji Shin Buddhists, and the Honolulu Friends Meeting House.

The focus is to promote peace, mindfulness, and expressions related to our common humanity that resonate among our faith traditions.

Affirmations

- *We affirm that all people should have the opportunity to enjoy lives of harmony and peace.*
- *We affirm that while we may follow different faith traditions, our traditions and beliefs all include a strong desire for peace.*
- *We affirm that each faith tradition will offer its expression of contemplative reflection providing an experience of peaceful attentiveness with the common goal of peace and aloha.*

Time: **The service begins at 6:30pm**
Please arrive/log on early to sit and settle down

Date: **Monday, February 17, 2025**

Place: **In person and on Zoom**

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Parking on UH Manoa campus via Maile Way (free)

St. Francis parking is also available

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83897782134?pwd=VXliTzJLTWlWakwyNWWhKRk1aWFJhUT09>

OR

Meeting ID: **838 9778 2134** Passcode: **559329**

For more information on this Contemplative Prayer Service

Contact: Cheryl Treiber-Kawaoka 808-227-5162.



Pray

Is it better to pray late at night or early in the morning?

Philip Kosloski - published on 02/11/25

Each of us is unique and unrepeatable, and this is especially the case in the spiritual life. Our own spiritual life will look different than our family members or friends and will certainly not be the exact same as the saints. God calls each of us to a unique spiritual path that we have to discern. One simple aspect of our spiritual life that we need to discern is the time each day when we pray. If we are honest with ourselves, some of us don't schedule prayer and on most days, don't ever lift our eyes to God. What we need to do is live an intentional spiritual life where we think about the best time of day to engage in a conversation with God.

Benefits of the morning

Many saints saw a great benefit to praying in the morning. St. Francis de Sales was one of them and he wrote about it in his Introduction to the Devout Life:

Holy Scripture continually teaches us that the morning is the best and most profitable part of the day, and so do the examples of the Saints and our natural reason. Our Lord Himself is called the Sun, rising upon the earth, and our Lady the Day-star; and so I think it is wise to go to sleep early at night in order to be ready to waken and rise early. Moreover, that is the pleasantest, the freshest, and the freest hour of the day,—the very birds stimulate us to rise and sing God's praises. Early rising promotes both health and holiness.

One of the main reasons why the morning is an ideal time is that we can more easily enter into prayer when our mind is less cluttered from everything from the day.

Benefits of prayer at night

On the other hand, some of us can never pray in the morning, as hard as we try.

The "night owl" is wide-awake in the late hours of the evening and is more receptive to prayer at that time.

However, prayer at night will take a deliberate effort to stop what you are doing and pray, but if you are able to schedule it into your daily life, it won't be a problem.

Whatever you do, be intentional about your spiritual life and try to frequently place yourself in the presence of God, allowing the warmth of his love to invade your heart.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2025/02/11/is-it-better-to-pray-late-at-night-or-early-in-the-morning>

Grow

How our words often reflect the state of our soul

Philip Kosloski - published on 02/13/25

Often there can be a disconnect in our lives between the way we approach God and the way we approach other people. This can especially be the case with social media, as we can hide behind a screen and say whatever we want to say without any consequences. What we need to remember is that every word we use in conversations, whether they are offline or online, reflect in some way the state of our soul.

Power of words

St. Francis de Sales explains this spiritual reality in his Introduction to the Devout Life by using an analogy:

Physicians judge to a great extent as to the health or disease of a man by the state of his tongue, and our words are a true test of the state of our soul. "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned," the Savior says. We are apt to apply the hand quickly to the place where we feel pain, and so too the tongue is quick to point out what we love.

He then continues with his reflection, pointing out that our words reflect those things that we care about in this life:

If you love God heartily, my child, you will often speak of Him among your relations, household and familiar friends, and that because "the mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment." Even as the bee touches nought save honey with his tongue, so should your lips be ever sweetened with your God, knowing nothing more pleasant than to praise and bless His Holy Name.

The age of the internet has made this a difficult task, as we are often enraged by the next social media post that pops up in our feed. Our reaction is often to respond immediately with a snarky comment or to share it with others, telling the world how awful someone else is. Various forms of entertainment can be equally damaging, encouraging us to use vulgar language in our everyday conversations. Despite our foul language, both online and offline, we can think that we are still being a good Christian, because we aren't physically hurting anyone. Yet words are powerful and can tear people down more than any stick or stone could do. If we are struggling with our words, we will need to look at our heart, seeing how we can let God enter in and transform it.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2025/02/13/how-our-words-often-reflect-the-state-of-our-soul>

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Newman Center-Holy Spirit Parish Campus Ministry

BOWLING NIGHT

Feb 22, 2025 • 7-9 pm
Aiea Bowl

RSVP by:
Feb 16

Come
and bowl
with us!



POPE FRANCIS' BEATITUDES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- 1 Happy are the merciful.
- 2 Happy are those who know how to put themselves in someone else's shoes, who are able to embrace, to forgive.
- 3 Happy too are those who bring new life and new opportunities.
- 4 Happy those who work and sacrifice to bring new life and opportunities.
- 5 Happy, then, are those who can help others when they make mistakes, when they experience misunderstandings.
- 6 Happy are the ones who can see the good in other people.

MEETING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARAGUAY 12/07/2015



Reflect

Ngl (not gonna lie), this past week was a very difficult week for me and my family. My husband and I had to make the decision to put down one of our dogs, Rocky. We were blessed with fourteen wonderful years with him! In fact, he was our wedding doggie. One of our youth at the time was giving away puppies and we became dog parents for the first time. Rocky will be greatly missed. In addition to losing Rocky, I received word of my grandma's passing. She was one of the strongest and most resilient people I knew, and she made sure you knew that too. Nana Pacing was nice and quiet, but stern when needed to be. She would call you out on the spot if you weren't doing what you were told to do. She reminded us on the daily, "What you put into this world comes right back to you - words and actions." Nana Pacing was also generous in every way a person could be. She made sure we were fed and always had cash for emergencies. She will also be greatly missed. We are blessed with so much in our life and sometimes we don't know it. I was reminded of the blessings in my life with the recent passing of loved ones this past week. We should celebrate and be grateful for all that God has bestowed in our lives.

In today's Gospel, Jesus turns our usual idea of blessings upside down. We often think of blessings as wealth, success, and comfort, but He tells us that those who are poor, hungry, grieving, and hated are the ones who are truly blessed. It's not because suffering is good, but because these hardships remind us to rely on God rather than what the world offers.

As we go through life's ups and downs, let us ask ourselves: Do we recognize God's presence in both our joys and struggles? In our blessings and sufferings? In our happiness and sorrows? Are we rooted in Him, or are we chasing after things that will eventually fade? May we have the courage to trust God fully, knowing that the true blessing comes from walking with Him.

"God is more anxious to bestow his blessings on us than we are to receive them." - St. Augustine of Hippo

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. May we continue to pray for one another, and for peace in our world and among our brothers and sisters.

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!
Blessings to you and your 'ohana!

- Fay C. Pabo @fa_jo_pabo

