

Newman Center

Holy Spirit Parish



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**A GOOD
MEASURE,**
PACKED TOGETHER,
SHAKEN DOWN.

LUKE 6:38

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!



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

“The Lord is kind and merciful.”

Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope. This is especially fitting this year, as Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year with the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope."

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)."

In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his hope-filled disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded, and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope — the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward. ©www.CatholicSteward.com

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



Important Notices

- Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion next Sunday at 12PM
- Hospitality Sunday: Next Sunday
- UH Food Vault Collection: Next Sunday

Liturgical Schedule

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| 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

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:

"Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed." (1 Sm 26:23)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. (1 Cor 15:49)

Gospel:

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Jn Lk 6:36)

Readings for the week of February 23, 2025

Sunday:

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/
1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Monday:

Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday:

Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday:

Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174,
175/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday:

Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

Friday:

Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday:

Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/
Mk 10:13-16

Observances for the week of February 23, 2025

Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 8th 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

It is easy to choose to be with others when they are acting politely and respectfully. But children do not always act this way, especially with other family members. We can probably all recall a family meal in which such behavior was not observed. Yet we probably chose to sit through the meal anyway. We regularly give our children second chances—and often third and fourth chances—hoping that our generosity will be rewarded. That is how God acts with us. The ethic that Jesus describes seems like an impossible task: to give when asked and to do good to those who hate us. Yet family life is filled with opportunities to act generously and to love without measure. This is what we parents try to do every day. This is what we ask our children to learn. We are reminded that when we love generously and gratuitously, we love as God loves us. This is the meaning of mercy.

As you gather as a family, identify some things that family members are expected to do each day (prepare meals, go to school or work; complete homework assignments, complete household chores, behave appropriately at school, at work and at home; and so on). Discuss whether it is easy to live up to these expectations. Why or why not? Then discuss the meaning of the phrase “go the extra mile” and what it would mean to go the extra mile in the expectations you identified. Introduce today's Gospel: In today's Gospel reading, Jesus describes how we are to act toward one another. What he says may sound like what we mean by the phrase “going the extra mile.”

Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 6:27-38. Discuss whether the actions Jesus describes are easy and consider why we might act in these ways if they seem difficult. Observe that today's Gospel challenges us to make choices based on God's standard; God loves us all the time by going the extra mile for us. During a time of quiet reflection, invite each family member to choose an action for the week in which he or she will go the “extra mile” for the family.

Conclude in prayer by praying together St. Ignatius's Prayer for Generosity.

Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

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| 02/15/2025-02/16/2025 | \$ 3,093.00 |
| Agustine Collection: | \$ 275.00 |
| Seminarian Fund: | \$ 100.00 |
| Online: | |
| 02/08/2025-02/14/2025 | \$ 2,485.00 |
| 02/15/2025-02/21/2025 | \$ 2,112.00 |

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: 03/29-03/30/2025

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



training
EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS OF
HOLY COMMUNION

**Sunday, March 2, 2025
12:00PM**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are required to join us for a special training as we prepare 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 minister, please call the parish office.



NEXT WEEKEND

We will have our monthly collection of food for the UH food pantry next weekend. The pantry is in need of canned proteins (Vienna sausage, spam, chicken, tuna), breakfast items and individual starches as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

PLEASE ENSURE ITEMS ARE NOT EXPIRED

For more information about the Food Vault,
www.facebook.com/foodvaulthawaii

Mahalo for your generosity towards students in need!

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

This column in our bulletin are 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
Denise Esposito

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

Vernon Chock
Daniel Barr



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

William Stephen Llorens

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 Pamoia Road*

"Repent, and believe in the Gospel."



BEING A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST

A Eucharistic Mission

Guest Speaker: Sister Alicia Torres, F.E.



February 26–27, 2025

7:00 P.M.

**St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church
95-370 Kuahelani Ave., Mililani**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Wednesday, February 26th - Encounter Leads to Identity: How Jesus in the Eucharist Reveals Our Identity to Us

This evening will focus on the ways that we encounter Jesus, especially in the Eucharist, and how Jesus reveals to us who we are: beloved children of God the Father. The talk will touch on key Church teachings such as the Doctrine of Imago Dei, Baptism, the Incarnation, and the Paschal Mystery.

Thursday, February 27th - Every Day Matters: How Eucharistic Living and Mission Go Hand in Hand

This evening will focus on how the way we live day in, and day out has a tremendous impact on the Kingdom of God. This talk will touch on key Church teachings such as the nature of Christian community as described in Acts, self-gift and agape love, the works of Mercy, how Eucharistic mission differs from a general notation of mission and how all that we do as Catholics flows from and leads back to the Mass.

Join us as we learn how to be committed to following Jesus through *Eucharistic Encounter*, leading to *Eucharistic Identity* poured out in a *Eucharistic Life*, all on the way to *Eucharistic Mission*.

Sr. Alicia is a member of the Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago. She earned her BA in Theology at Loyola University Chicago, a MDiv at University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary and a Master of Arts in Teaching at Dominican University. In addition to participating in the apostolic works of her religious community, she competed on and won the Food Network's Chopped in 2015 and has had articles and reflections published in various print and online media outlets. She has been honored to serve the National Eucharistic Revival in a plethora of ways since 2021.



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Pray

Prayer for a greater love of God

Philip Kosloski - published on 10/24/20

Loving God is the heart of Christianity, but we sometimes need a little help to increase that love.

When we look at a crucifix, it should remind us of the love God has for us. This love that is on full display should then motivate us to love God in return.

However, our love of God is often very little. We fail to make any effort to love God, even though he has loved us so much.

If we desire to increase that love, one of the best ways to do so is to ask God for help. The source of love can in turn, teach us how to love.

Here is a short prayer from Fr. Francis Xavier Lasance's book *With God* that begs God for a more loving heart.

My Jesus, you well know that I love you, but I do not love you enough. Oh, help me to love you more. O Love which burns always and is never extinguished, my God, you who are charity itself, kindle in my heart that divine fire which consumes the saints and transforms them into you. Amen.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2020/10/24/prayer-for-a-greater-love-of-god>

Grow

What does it really mean to "love our enemies"?

Edifa - published on 01/21/20

Loving one's enemies is at the heart of the Gospel. This love is real and demanding, because it asks for nothing in return. Jesus didn't romanticize or caricature it in any way: "I say to you, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you" (Lk 6:27). And to make it even more clear, he included it in the Beatitudes: "Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man!" (Lk 6:22).

The law of forgiveness replaces the law of retaliation

Of course, Jesus is no masochist. He breaks the vicious circle of vengeance and violence in favor of a respectful and benevolent love for one's enemy: "Bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you" (Lk 6:28). His life bears witness to this gift of love, especially from the cross: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34). "I say to you that hear": the attitude of the disciple is firstly to listen to Jesus with a docile heart in order to then love in truth.

"I say to you, love your enemies." Exit the old decree, "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" (see Lv 24:20) and enter the law of forgiveness that replaces the law of retaliation. Jesus corrects the law and brings it to perfection. Every human life is sacred. Murder, torture, or wars no longer hold before this call to love one's enemies.

To love one's enemies—mission (im)possible?

Why love our enemies? Because God loves them and we are His children. Do we not all share the same Father who "is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish" (Lk 6:35)? His mercy is beyond all rancor. But how can we love the person who has betrayed us, who has done us harm? It's a difficult battle to fight on one's own, that true, but Jesus refers us to our free-will and shows us the way: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive and you will be forgiven" (Lk 6:37-38).

Quite a challenge! Christ does us the honor of asking us to undertake it freely, despite our wounds and our limitations. He trusts us. It's not impossible because He Himself took up the same challenge. He knows we're capable of it, on condition that we let Him love through us. To do so, He gave us his Spirit. So let's not be discouraged. The road to the Father is long, but forgiveness lightens our step. Each day, we become a little more merciful. Like Father, like son and daughter!

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/cp1/2020/01/21/what-does-it-really-mean-to-love-our-enemies>

MARDI GRAS
Celebration

MARCH 04 | 6 PM

Newman Center - Holy Spirit Parish

Wear your Mardi Gras colors!!!

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

NEWMAN CENTER HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CAMPUS MINISTRY



SAVE THE DATE

2025 Spring Retreat

MARCH 28-30
YMCA CAMP ERDMAN
WAIALUA, HAWAII



"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD." - PSALM 46:11

LET'S ALL

TACO-BOUT IT TUESDAY

February 11 & 25
6:00 pm
Newman Center - Student Lounge

Enjoy tacos & Talk story with the Campus Minister



Reflect

When I was younger, I was often teased by classmates. They would call me names, make fun of how I always followed the rules, and talk about me behind my back. Even though I tried to brush it off, it still hurt. For a long time, I held onto those feelings, thinking that forgiving them meant pretending it didn't bother me. But as I got older, I realized that holding onto resentment only weighed me down. Forgiveness wasn't about excusing what they did—it was about freeing myself from the burden of anger and choosing peace instead.

In today's Gospel (Luke 6:27-38), Jesus gives us a challenge that isn't easy: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." It's natural to want to push away those who hurt us or to make sure they get what they deserve. But Jesus invites us to respond differently—not with anger or revenge, but with love and mercy. He isn't asking us to ignore the hurt, but rather to rise above it.

Loving our enemies doesn't mean allowing others to hurt us over and over. Instead, it means choosing not to let resentment take over our hearts. When we show mercy, we reflect the mercy that God so freely gives us. He sees beyond our mistakes and loves us unconditionally. He calls us to do the same—to extend love even when it's hard, to break the cycle of hurt, and to trust that His grace will give us the strength to forgive.

Who in our lives do we struggle to forgive? Where is God inviting us to choose love instead of bitterness? Let us ask for the grace to love as Jesus does, knowing that His mercy is always greater than our pain.

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.

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

Blessings to you and your 'ohana!

- **Fay C. Pabo @fa_jo_pabo**

