

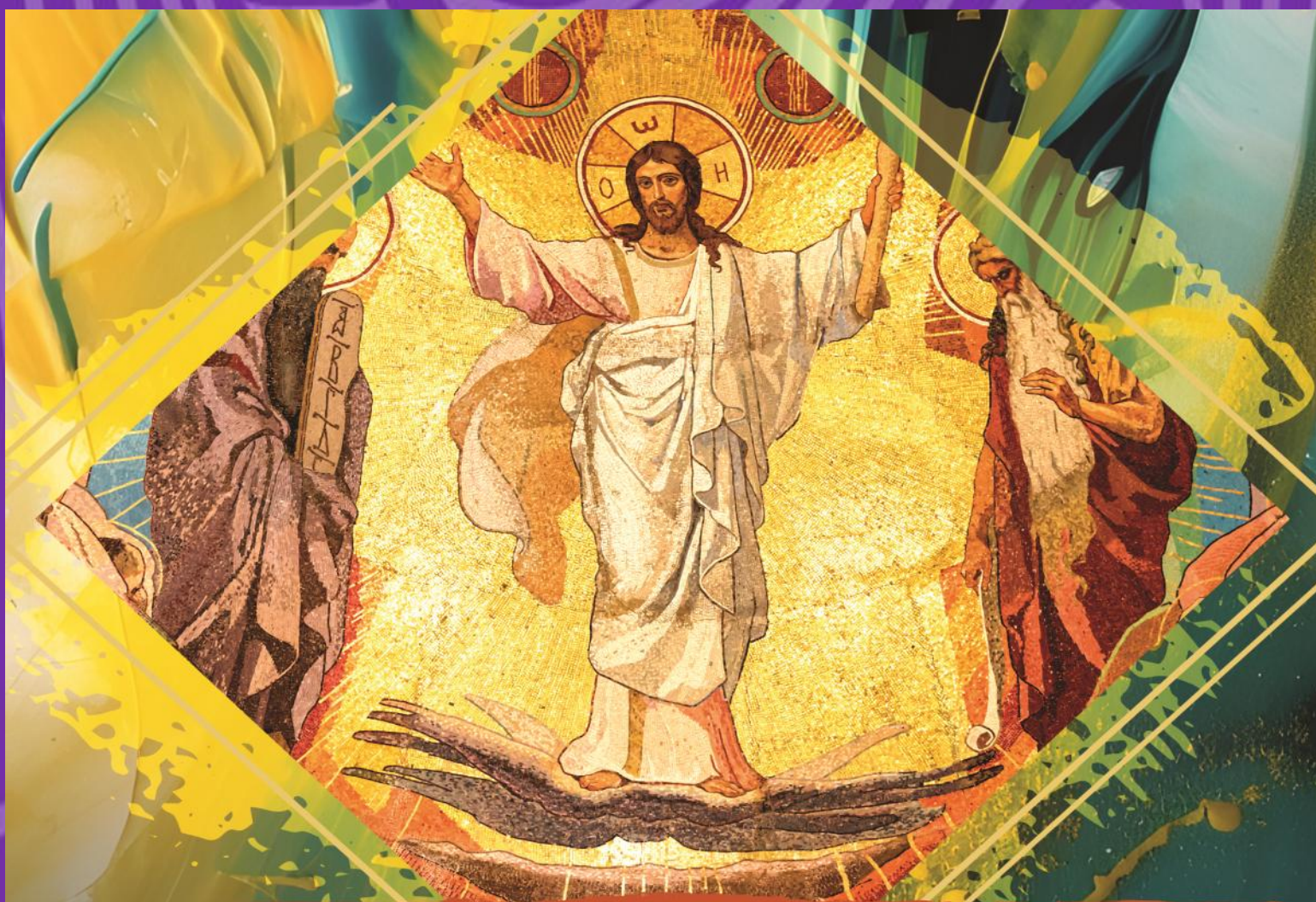
# Newman Center

# Holy Spirit Parish

NEWMAN CENTER  
HOLY SPIRIT PARISH  
at the University of Hawaii - Mānoa



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## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

### MARCH 16, 2025

“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

- Lk 9:35

# 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.

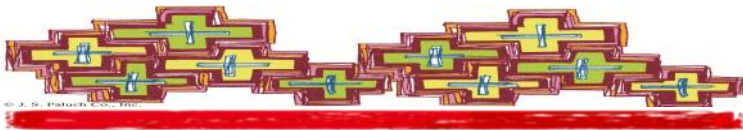
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

"Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

This Sunday, we reflect on the Transfiguration of Jesus, a powerful moment when Peter, James, and John glimpsed His divine glory. As Jesus prayed, His face shone, His clothing became dazzling white, and He was joined by Moses and Elijah. Overwhelmed, Peter suggested building tents to stay in that moment. But before he could finish, a voice from the cloud declared, "This is my chosen Son; listen to Him."

The Transfiguration reminds us that faith is about seeing beyond the ordinary. Like the disciples, we long for moments of clarity and joy—those "mountaintop experiences" where everything makes sense. But just as Jesus and His disciples had to return to the valley, we, too, must live out our faith in daily life, facing struggles, uncertainties, and even suffering.

This Gospel invites us to reflect on three key lessons. First, prayer transforms us—Jesus was transfigured while in prayer, showing us the power of encountering God in silence and reflection. Second, faith is about trust—even when life is difficult, we are called to believe that God is at work. Lastly, we must listen to Jesus—God's command, "Listen to Him," urges us to open our hearts to His word and His will.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us seek moments to encounter Christ, whether in prayer, Scripture, or acts of love and service. Like the disciples, may we carry the light of the Transfiguration with us, trusting that even in times of trial, Jesus walks with us, leading us to resurrection and new life.

Have a blessed Lenten week,

Fr. Alfred Omar  
(@fralfred808)



### Important Notices

- Stations of the Cross: Friday @ 6:00PM
- Join us for "FAITH LIFT" with Fr. Martin Ngo on Wednesday, March 26 at 6:00PM
- Lenten Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, April 2 at 6PM

## 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

**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:

It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give the land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates." (Gn 15:18)

#### Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

#### Second Reading:

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Phil 3:21)

#### Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (Lk 9:28b-29)

### Readings for the week of March 16, 2025

#### Sunday:

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/  
Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

#### Monday:

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/  
Lk 6:36-38

#### Tuesday:

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

#### Wednesday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

#### Thursday:

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

#### Friday:

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

#### Saturday:

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### Observances for the week of March 16, 2025

**Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent

**Monday:** St. Patrick, Bishop [OM]; St. Patrick's Day

**Tuesday:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Wednesday:** St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## 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

In Luke's Gospel, the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert appears just after Jesus' baptism and before Jesus begins his public ministry. We can imagine this as a time of transition, a turning point in Jesus' life. Perhaps we can liken it to one of the important turning points in our own lives: the decision to marry, the birth of a child, the acceptance of a new job, or the decision to move to a new home. After the moment of decision, having reached the point of no return, we sometimes begin to wonder if we are prepared and ready for the task before us. Turning points can be times of doubt and insecurity. Jesus' response to the temptations of the devil offers an example for responding in faith when our doubts and insecurities tempt us to distrust God's sufficiency. Jesus rebukes the devil by quoting Scripture. Each citation is an affirmation of trust in God. We learn to trust in big things by practicing trust in little things. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving invite us to trust God in these small ways. They remind us that God will suffice for us. They prepare us to trust in God in all things, especially in moments of doubt and uncertainty.

As a family, talk about ways in which trust has been built among members of the family. Observe how being trustworthy in small matters enables us to trust one another in more important matters. Offer specific examples if possible (e.g., children who establish their responsibility in household tasks can be granted greater independence and freedom to choose how they perform these tasks). Today's Gospel shows us how Jesus trusted God in all things. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 4:1-13. Discuss how Jesus showed his trust in God when he resisted the devil's temptations. Invite family members to name times when they have trusted God in matters small or large. Write a family prayer together. You might write the prayer so that each line begins with a letter in the word "trust." Pray this prayer together.



## Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

### Tithes and Offerings:

03/08/2025-03/09/2025: \$7,244.00

Maintenance: \$10,025.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$75.00

Online: 03/07/2025-03/14/2025 \$2,605.00

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—March 29/30

### Giving Made Easy

Giving online is safe and easy using our secured online platform, by visiting WeShare at:

[newmanhawaii.weshareonline.org](http://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

## New to Newman Center - Holy Spirit Parish?

NEMWAN CENTER-HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

**LENT**

# Faith Lift

**GUEST SPEAKER:  
FR. MARTIN NGO, S.J.**

Come and join us as we hear from Fr. Martin Ngo, a priest of the Society of Jesus and currently teaching Production in the School of Film & Television at Loyola Marymount University. Visit the Jesuit website to learn more: <https://www.jesuits.org/profile/martin-huynh-ngo-sj/>

**WEDNESDAY 03/26 | 6:00PM**

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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.

  
**Pray for ...**

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

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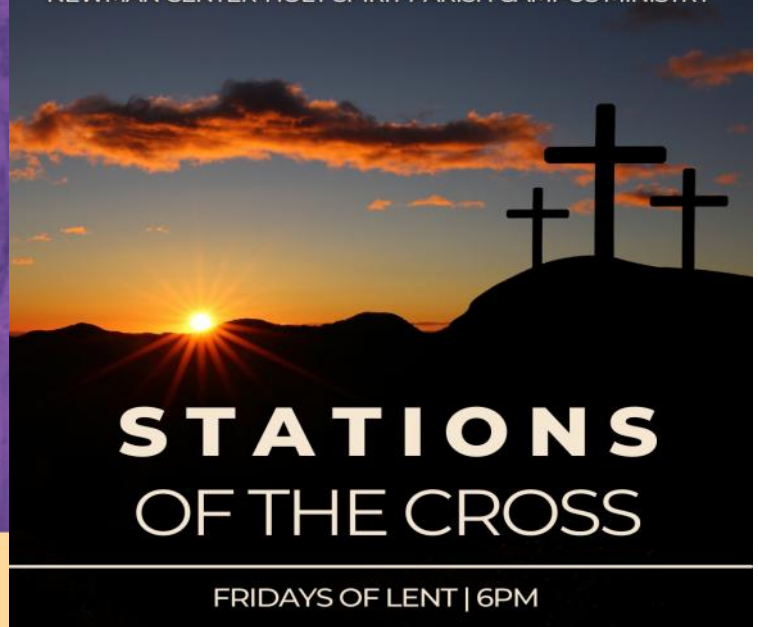
## LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2  
6:00 PM**

**NEWMAN CENTER  
HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**

**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF  
PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION!**

NEWMAN CENTER-HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CAMPUS MINISTRY



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**FRIDAYS OF LENT | 6PM**

LENTEN

# BLESSING BAG

PROJECT

WE ARE SEEKING DONATIONS OF:



**Toiletries:** toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, soap, comb, feminine hygiene products, deodorant

**Necessities:** gallon size Ziploc bags, band-aids, baby wipes, hand sanitizer, small washcloth, slippers



**Non-perishable items:** energy bars, trail mix, gum, instant oatmeal



# Mahalo

FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

NEWMAN CENTER  
HOLY SPIRIT PARISH  
CAMPUS MINISTRY

# CAMPUS MINISTRY

LET'S ALL

## TACO-BOUT IT TUESDAY

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

*Enjoy tacos & Talk story with the Campus Minister*



NEWMAN CENTER HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CAMPUS MINISTRY



**2025** COST: \$50 PER PERSON

## Spring Retreat

MARCH 28-30  
YMCA CAMP ERDMAN  
WAIALUA, HAWAII



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



## Pray

**Prayer to St. Joseph for perseverance**  
*Philip Kosloski - published on 02/15/21*

St. Joseph is a model of patience and perseverance, working quietly during the hidden years of Jesus' life.

Do you struggle with patience or perseverance? One saint to turn to for inspiration is St. Joseph. He did not seek special honors during his life, nor did he draw much attention to himself. St. Joseph simply worked during those quiet years of Jesus' life and persevered in virtue until his death.

Unlike his son, Jesus, or his spouse, the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph had to exert much greater effort in the practice of virtue. For this and many other reasons, St. Joseph is seen as a model of perseverance.

Here is a short prayer to St. Joseph for this purpose, asking him to intercede for us and guard us along the path of holiness:

Dear St. Joseph foster father of our divine Redeemer and spouse of our holy Mother Mary, you lived with them and toiled for them through all the years of the hidden life and you died in their arms. By the love you bear to them and the love they bear to you, pray for us always and guard us. Obtain for us, O patron of a happy death, the grace to live and die in God's love and favor that we may spend our eternity with Jesus and Mary and with you, O dear St. Joseph.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2021/02/15/prayer-to-st-joseph-for-perseverance>

## Grow

**Lent is about becoming more**  
*Daniel Esparza - published on 03/13/25*

For many, Lent is about quitting things: sweets, coffee, social media. While fasting is essential to the season, there's another approach that often goes overlooked: Instead of just giving things up, what if we saw Lent as a chance to build something new?

Lent is an invitation to grow in virtue — to form habits that don't just disappear after Easter but shape us for the rest of our lives. By adding practices that strengthen faith, discipline, and charity, we can make Lent not just a season of self-denial, but a season of transformation.

This means Lent isn't just about purging bad habits — it's about actively becoming more like Christ. Fasting is powerful, but what if we also focused on cultivating patience, generosity, or prayerfulness? What if instead of just saying "no" to things, we also said "yes" to new ways of loving God and others?

### What to add this Lent

- If you're looking for ways to grow this Lent, consider adding practices that build virtue:
- Instead of giving up coffee, wake up 15 minutes earlier to pray. Form the habit of beginning your day with God.
- Instead of quitting social media, commit to calling one person each day. Deepen real-life relationships instead of just avoiding screens.
- Instead of cutting out sweets, add intentional acts of generosity. Buy coffee for a stranger, send a handwritten note, or volunteer.
- Instead of just skipping meals, practice mindful gratitude before eating. Make each meal an act of thanksgiving, recognizing God's gifts.
- Instead of just avoiding distractions, read one spiritual book during Lent. Choose something that will nourish your soul and deepen your faith.

### Lent as a launchpad for holiness

Lent is a season of preparation, but its goal is not just to make us more disciplined for 40 days — it's to make us more holy for life. When Easter comes, we shouldn't just return to old habits. If we've used this time well, we will have built something lasting: new habits, deeper prayer, and a heart more attuned to God's presence. Jesus didn't enter the desert just to give things up — He went to prepare for His mission. Maybe, this Lent, we're called to do the same.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2025/03/13/lent-is-about-becoming-more>

**WEEKLY LENTEN RESOLUTIONS**  
(FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T STARTED YET)

<b>MO</b> <b>PRAY</b> OFFER THIS WEEK AS A SACRIFICE TO THE LORD	<b>TU</b> <b>GIVE</b> BE GENEROUS WITH THE GIFTS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU
<b>WE</b> <b>THANK</b> THANK THOSE WHO SHOW YOU THE GOODNESS OF GOD	<b>TH</b> <b>SERVE</b> THINK OF OTHER PEOPLE'S NEEDS
<b>SA</b> <b>BE QUIET</b> BE SILENT, KEEP YOUR INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR QUIET	<b>FR</b> <b>FAST</b> FAST FROM EVERYTHING THAT KEEPS YOU AWAY FROM GOD
<b>SU</b> <b>REFLECT</b> THINK OF THIS PAST WEEK AND HOW YOU CAN IMPROVE	<b>"WHATEVER YOU EAT, THEN, OR DRINK, AND WHATEVER ELSE YOU DO, DO IT ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD."</b> 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

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## Reflect

Check all that apply:

- ◇ Feeling overwhelmed
- ◇ I'm excited about spring break
- ◇ Unsure about the future
- ◇ Praying for clarity, but still waiting for an answer
- ◇ I know that God's got me
- ◇ Feeling confused and uncertain
- ◇ I love my life right now

How many of you checked some of the boxes? Most of them? Or all?

Oddly, we can feel both overwhelmed and unsure at the same time. Have you ever taken the time to stop and sit in silence, and just be still?

Then in that quiet moment, you feel a sense of peace coming over you. Not just because your problems were solved right then and there, but realizing that God was with you, even in the uncertainty.

Peter, James, and John in this Sunday's Gospel have a similar experience during the Transfiguration. Jesus takes them up the mountain to pray, and while they were there, His face changes in appearance and His clothes suddenly become dazzling white. Moses and Elijah then appear and speak with Jesus about His mission. Peter, overwhelmed by the moment, suggests building tents to hold onto the once-in-a-lifetime experience. But a cloud overshadows them, and a voice from heaven says, "This is my chosen Son; listen to Him." (Luke 9:35)

We are reminded in the Transfiguration that God gives us moments of clarity and peace to strengthen us for the journey ahead. Like Peter, we want to hold on to these comforting moments, but faith calls us to step back into daily life, trusting that God's presence remains with us even when things get difficult.


Lent is a time to reflect on how we are listening to Jesus. Are we hearing His voice through prayer and scripture, or through the people around us? We are encouraged to trust in God even though we don't fully understand why. May we take time this week to quiet our hearts and listen to Jesus. In the stillness, may we find the strength and peace we need to keep moving forward.

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

Are you suffering, anxious, or worried about the future?

**TALKS FOR YOUTH & ADULTS**

**Mondays & Thursdays 7 PM**

**St. Patrick Catholic Church Hall**  
February & March