

# Newman Center

# Holy Spirit Parish



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**4TH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 30, 2025**  
“This son of mine was dead, and has  
come to life again.” - Lk 15:24a

# 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

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

Lent often gets a reputation as a season of doom and gloom—a time to feel burdened by our shortcomings and failures. But in reality, Lent is a season of refreshment, awakening, and rebirth. The very word "Lent" comes from the Old English word lencten, meaning spring. Just as the earth comes alive after a long winter, Lent is meant to be a spiritual "springtime" for our souls—a chance for new beginnings.

This week's Gospel highlights this theme beautifully with the parable of the Prodigal Son. We know the story well: the younger son, driven by selfish desires, demands his inheritance, squanders it in reckless living, and ultimately finds himself in despair. Yet, at his lowest point, he experiences an awakening—a realization that he is still loved and welcomed as a son.

When he returns home, his father, filled with compassion, rushes to embrace him before the son can even utter his prepared apology. This overwhelming display of love and mercy mirrors God's desire to reconcile us to Himself. The parable also addresses the attitude of the older son, who struggles to accept his father's generosity toward his wayward brother. This challenges us to examine our own hearts and ask if we, too, hold on to judgment when others receive mercy.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us be encouraged by the message of this parable. God's love is not dependent on our perfection but on our willingness to return to Him, no matter how far we have strayed. With even the smallest step toward repentance, He runs to meet us with open arms, offering forgiveness, love, and new life.

Let this truth refresh your spirit as you embrace this sacred season of reconciliation and grace.

Have a blessed Lenten week,

Fr. Alfred Omar  
(@fralfred808)



## Important Notices

- Stations of the Cross: Friday @ 6:00PM
- Lenten Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, April 2 at 6PM
- UH Food Vault Collection (Next Weekend)
- Hospitality Sunday (Next Sunday after 9AM and 11AM Mass)

## 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:

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover. (Jos 5:10)

#### Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

#### Second Reading:

And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

#### Gospel:

“But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.” (Lk 15:32)

### Readings for the week of March 30, 2025

#### Sunday:

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/  
2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
*Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/  
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

#### Monday:

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

#### Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

#### Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/  
Jn 5:17-30

#### Thursday:

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/  
Jn 5:31-47

#### Friday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

#### Saturday:

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/  
Jn 7:40-53

### Observances for the week of March 30, 2025

**Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent

**Tuesday:** April Fools' Day

**Wednesday:** St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

**Friday:** St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Saturday:** St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

## 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

"Hey, that's not fair!" How many times have we heard this spoken in our family? Family members challenge one another's generosity, operating from the perspective of limited resources. If we have given to one, perhaps there won't be enough for the other. Jesus wants us to understand that this is not how it is with God's mercy and forgiveness. God offers his love to all of us in abundance. The forgiveness of the father in the parable is an image of God's love for us, generous beyond measure in his love for both of his sons. Can we truly believe that God acts this way towards us and accept his mercy without jealousy, knowing that God's love for another does not diminish his love for us? As you gather as a family, talk about the words and phrases you speak to one another when angry. Identify words or phrases that reflect jealousy towards one another. Talk about why we sometimes feel jealousy towards one another. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. Talk about why the older brother is jealous of the younger brother. Identify words that the family members in the parable might say to one another to begin to heal their broken relationships. Make a family commitment to say these types of words and phrases to one another with greater frequency. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.



## Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

### Tithes and Offerings:

03/15/2025-03/16/2025 \$1,797.00

### Online

03/14/2025-03/20/2025 : \$1,977.00

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

### Upcoming Second Collections:

Rice Bowl: 04/17/2025

Good Friday: 04/18/2025

### 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

CONFESS - FORGIVE - BE FORGIVEN

# 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

# SPRING Beautification Day

*\*\*Bring your family and friends as we help to prepare our space for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum.*

**Saturday, April 12**  
**9am - 1pm**

Refreshments and lunch will be provided!



## 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:

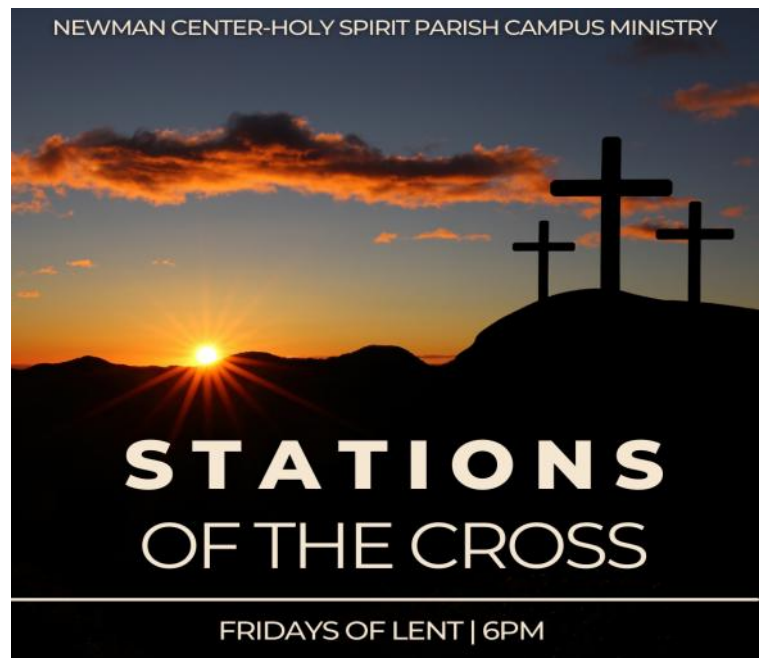
Vernon Chock  
Daniel Barr



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

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FRIDAYS OF LENT | 6PM

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
might not perish but might have eternal life."  
-John 3:16*



# LENTEN PARISH MISSION

TUESDAY, APRIL 8 &  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9  
6:00 PM

Newman Center-Holy Spirit Parish  
1941 East West Rd. | Honolulu, HI 96822  
*\*\*Parking available on old St. Francis School parking lot*

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Led by: Fr. Ed Quinnan, SJ

### Preparing for Holy Week

In the two-night Mission, Fr. Ed Quinnan, S.J. will guide participants through prayerful reflections of the Gospels for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. The Gospels look back to the central actions of Jesus but also invite us to see the present actions of the Spirit in each of our lives today. The evenings will include presentations, invitations to prayer, and time for faith-sharing.

Fr. Ed hopes to see participants better ready to enter the liturgies of Holy Week.

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



Newman Center-Holy Spirit Parish presents:

## 9TH ANNUAL DAN DEVER STUDENTS' NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025  
5:30PM - 8:00PM

*Join us for an evening of students showcase, dinner, and fellowship!*

RSVP BY APRIL 16  
INFO@NEWMANHAWAII.ORG | 808.988.6222



## Pray

End your day with this prayer asking forgiveness from God  
Philip Kosloski - published on 09/09/20

The only way we can progress in the spiritual life is to recognize our faults and failings. If we think we are perfect, then we will never move forward in the progress of virtue. We will simply stay where we are and be content with our state in life.

This is an unhealthy position to be in, as God asks us to follow after him, but if we stay in one place, we will never go anywhere.

Below is a short prayer from the Golden Manual that can be prayed at the end of the day that asks God for forgiveness, recognizing our faults and desiring to do better tomorrow.

O Father of mercies who desires not the death of sinners; look upon me, a miserable sinner, according to the multitude of your mercies. I acknowledge and confess, and am heartily sorry for all the sins of my past life, and of this day in particular. I cast myself at your feet, with that infinite love with which you have loved us from all eternity. Mercifully forgive me whatsoever sins I have this day, or heretofore, committed against you, my neighbor, or myself.

O Almighty God! I firmly resolve, here in thy presence, and before the whole company of heaven, to live more exactly in conformity to your will. I resolve to keep a more strict watch over myself; to correct my faults and evil habits; to attend more diligently to my duties; and to avoid more carefully all sin, and all temptations and occasions of sin.

## Grow

5 Saints to accompany you if you're feeling scared  
Cerith Gardiner - published on 03/22/25

In the midst of life's uncertainties, it's natural to feel overwhelmed by fears — whether they are the tangible shadows of our daily struggles or the intangible doubts that stir in the quiet moments of our hearts. Yet, amid the chaos, there is comfort in knowing that God's plan is woven with the lives of holy men and women who have themselves walked through valleys of fear.

Through their stories, these saints remind us that courage, resilience, and a steadfast trust in divine providence are gifts we, too, can embrace. Here are just five of the many holy men and women whose lives and legacies offer solace and strength when fear encroaches.

## Grow

### 1. St. Joan of Arc

St. Joan of Arc's life is a profound testament to the power of faith in the face of imminent danger. A young peasant girl who led armies against overwhelming odds, Joan was propelled by her divine visions into battle at a time when fear could have easily paralyzed her spirit. Facing imprisonment and martyrdom, she remained unyielding in her conviction that God had chosen her for a purpose greater than herself -- so much so that she was burnt at the stake for her devotion to God.

Why lean on her?

Her fearless example invites us to confront our own challenges with trust in God's plan, reminding us that even in our darkest moments, a divine spark of courage can ignite transformation.

### 2. St. Michael the Archangel

Though not a human saint, St. Michael the Archangel occupies a revered place as the celestial warrior against the forces of darkness. Celebrated in scripture and tradition alike, Michael's mighty defense in the heavenly battles against evil offers a shield for all who face spiritual warfare.

Why lean on him?

When fear stems from the unseen — be it spiritual turmoil or the weight of despair — St. Michael stands ready to remind us that we are not alone. His vigilant protection reinforces our resolve to stand firm in faith, even amid the tempests of life.

### 3. St. Padre Pio

St. Padre Pio, known for the miraculous stigmata and profound mystical experiences, endured physical suffering and spiritual trials throughout his life. His journey was marked by moments of intense isolation and pain, yet he found solace in prayer and an unwavering relationship with God.

Why lean on him?

In the midst of personal trials and the haunting specters of despair, Padre Pio's legacy of humble endurance and deep reliance on divine mercy offers a path to healing. His life teaches us that embracing our vulnerability can open the door to experiencing God's grace in the most profound ways.

### 4. St. John Paul II

Surviving a harrowing assassination attempt and navigating the turbulent landscape of modern challenges, St. John Paul II exemplified resilience and hope. His papacy was a beacon for millions, marked by his unshakeable commitment to peace and human dignity despite facing danger and division.

Why lean on him?

St. John Paul II's personal history of overcoming life-threatening adversity inspires us to trust in the promise that light prevails over darkness. His journey encourages us to find strength in our own vulnerabilities, reinforcing that our fears do not define us, but rather refine our capacity for compassion and courage.



## Grow

### 5. St. Benedict of Nursia

As the father of Western monasticism, St. Benedict of Nursia dedicated his life to the pursuit of inner peace and spiritual discipline. Confronted with the relentless battle against his inner demons and the distractions of a chaotic world, he established a way of life rooted in prayer, community, and steadfast commitment to God.

Why lean on him?

St. Benedict's emphasis on routine, reflection, and spiritual fortitude offers a powerful remedy to the anxieties of modern life. His example is a gentle reminder that by cultivating inner stillness and trust in divine order, we too can rise above the storms of fear.

In our moments of trepidation, these saints stand as compassionate guides and stalwart protectors. Their lives teach us that while fear is a natural part of the human experience, it is not insurmountable. Through their intercession and example, we are invited to lean into our faith, knowing that every trial is an opportunity to encounter a deeper, transformative love.

Hopefully their stories will inspire you to embrace courage, find solace in prayer, and trust in the providential care that accompanies every step of life's journey on earth.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2025/03/22/5-saints-to-accompany-you-if-youre-feeling-scared>



## Reflect

Have you ever felt far from God? Maybe you've made choices that you regret, or perhaps you wonder if God could really forgive you. Or are you struggling to be happy for others when they receive blessings, wondering if your own faithfulness has gone unnoticed?

In today's Gospel reading for the Third Sunday of Lent, we hear Jesus speak about the Parable of the Prodigal Son, a story we are all familiar with. The younger son leaves home in search of freedom but ends up lost and broken. When he returns home, expecting rejection, his father instead runs to embrace him. Meanwhile, the older son, who never left, struggles to understand his father's mercy towards his younger brother and refuses to join in the celebration.

Where do you see yourself in this story? Do you feel like the younger son, needing to return after straying? Or do you relate to the older son, struggling with resentment and wondering why mercy is given so freely? Maybe you're somewhere in between (like me!), unsure of how to take the next step toward God.

Lent is a time to reflect on our hearts. Are we ready to turn back to God? Can we let go of resentment and truly rejoice in His mercy? No matter where we are, our good and gracious Father is always waiting with open arms, ready to welcome us home.

"There is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future." – 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 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)

