

Newman Center

Holy Spirit Parish



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SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
HAS NO ONE
CONDEMNED
YOU?

— JOHN 8:10 —

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

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

This Sunday's Gospel brings us face-to-face with Jesus' radical mercy. A woman, caught in adultery, is dragged before Jesus by the scribes and Pharisees. They are not interested in justice—they are setting a trap. If Jesus allows her to go free, He violates the law of Moses. If He agrees to her execution, He betrays His message of compassion.

Jesus responds not with debate, but with silence. He bends down and writes on the ground. Then, with piercing clarity, He says, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone." One by one, her accusers walk away. Finally, Jesus says to the woman: "Has no one condemned you?... Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

This powerful moment reminds us that Lent is not a season of shame—it is a season of transformation. Jesus doesn't excuse the woman's sin, but neither does He define her by it. He offers her a new beginning. Like her, we each stand in need of mercy. We may carry sins we regret, or hearts that judge others too quickly. Yet Jesus meets us not with stones, but with healing and hope. His invitation is clear: Come to Me. Be forgiven. Be made new.

As we draw closer to Holy Week, may we open ourselves to the mercy of Christ—freely given, never earned. And may we offer that same mercy to others, letting go of judgment and choosing love instead. "Neither do I condemn you." These are words for the woman... and for us all.

Have a blessed Lenten week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



Important Notices

- Stations of the Cross: Friday @ 6:00PM
- Parish Lenten Mission THIS Tuesday and Wednesday 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:

Thus says the LORD,
who opens a way in the sea
and a path in the mighty waters. (Is 43:16)

Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

Second Reading:

Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind
but straining forward to what lies ahead,
I continue my pursuit toward the goal,
the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:14)

Gospel:

Then Jesus straightened up and said to her,
"Woman, where are they?
"Has no one condemned you?"
She replied, "No one, sir."
Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you.
Go, and from now on do not sin any more." (Jn 8:10-11)

Readings for the week of April 6, 2025

Sunday:

Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-
62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday:

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/
Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday:

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/
Jn 11:45-56

Observances for the week of April 6, 2025

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

Friday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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/>

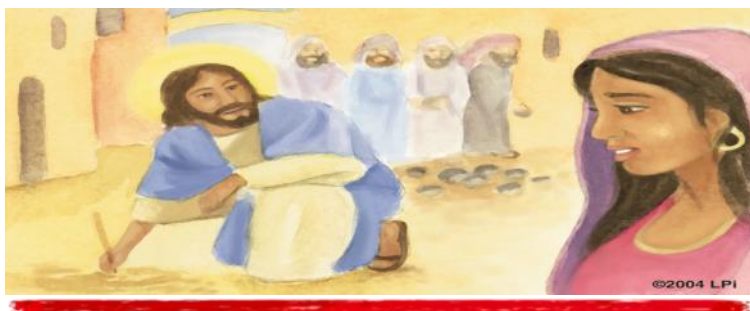
Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom)

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

There are few people that we know better than the members of our own family. We know one another's strengths and abilities, and we also know one another's limitations and weaknesses. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, we may be tempted to focus on the faults and sins that familiarity with one another can sometimes reveal. As family members, however, we also have the ability to see one another's faults and sins within the context of the whole person. When we can keep this perspective, we are more likely to look upon one another with compassion. Family life, then, presents us the opportunity to see one another as God sees us, not with judgment and condemnation for our weaknesses and failings, but with mercy and compassion. When we learn to withhold judgment for the faults we know are there and seek the best in one another, we help one another to experience the depths of God's compassion, mercy, and love.

As you gather as a family, observe that when we know people well we know their faults as well as their strengths. At times, we can be tempted to focus on the faults we see in others. Discuss what your family life would be like if you always focused on one another's faults. Observe that in today's Gospel, Jesus refuses to focus on the sin of the woman brought to him for judgment. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 8:2-11. Ask: What did the people who focused on the woman's sin want to do? (stone the woman) What does Jesus say to the people who accused the woman caught in adultery? (that the person with no sin should throw the first stone) Are any of us without sin? (No.) Observe that we can help each other to grow in God's love by refusing to focus on one another's faults and sins. In this way, we can help one another to see ourselves as God sees us: with understanding and compassion. Conclude in prayer together asking God to forgive our sins by praying the Act of Contrition.



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

03/29/2025-03/30/2025 \$ 2,169.00

Online

03/28/2025-04/04/2025 \$3,186.00

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

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

*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

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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.

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:

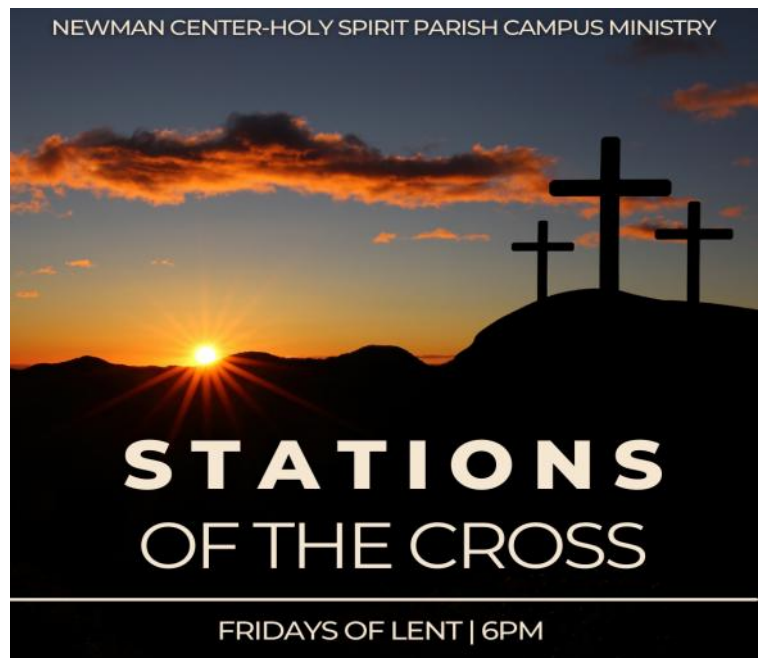
Vernon Chock
Daniel Barr



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

NEWMAN CENTER-HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CAMPUS MINISTRY



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS OF LENT | 6PM

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!



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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



CHRIST INVITED US TO BE...
SALT OF THE EARTH, LIGHT TO THE WORLD.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ...
SOCIAL OUTREACH?
SOCIAL JUSTICE?
DEVELOPING MORE SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES
OF THE PARISH?
COLLABORATE AND ENGAGE WITH
CAMPUS MINISTRY?**

IF SO, PLEASE SIGN UP TO...COME TOGETHER, PLAN TOGETHER,
SOCIAL OUTREACH ACTIVITIES THAT CONNECT OUR FAITH WITH THE
LARGER COMMUNITY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ROSEMARY CASEY:
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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

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Pray

Offer your heart to Jesus with this prayer
Philip Kosloski - published on 06/08/21

A primary goal of the spiritual life is to be more like Jesus. This isn't easy to accomplish on our own and we need all the help we can get.

Many saints offered prayers to Jesus, giving him their hearts so that God could mold their heart to be more like his.

Here is a traditional prayer that focuses on this "heart exchange."

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing,
I adore you, I love you and with a lively sorrow for my sins.
I offer you this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to your will.
Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.
Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions;
give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs,
your blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.
Within your heart I place my every care.
In every need let me come to you with humble trust saying,
Heart of Jesus, help me. Amen.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2021/06/08/offer-your-heart-to-jesus-with-this-prayer>

Grow

The best way to deal with life when you're overwhelmed
Cerith Gardiner - published on 03/30/25

In the midst of life's overwhelming challenges, it's easy to feel as if you're drowning in a sea of responsibilities and expectations. The sheer overload of the week, the month, or even the year can feel paralyzing. Yet there is hope -- a theme we're more than happy to celebrate in this Jubilee year. And it can be found in the simple, profound truth that reminds us that every day, every hour, and every minute is a new beginning.

However, we have to acknowledge that while we should embrace hope, it's not always easy when tasks keep mounting up, kids' needs and demands never seem to abate, everything costs a fortune, and you can't find your car keys!

So, here are a few little suggestions that might help you get life into perspective:

Grow

Breaking time into manageable increments

When the future appears too vast to comprehend, try reframing your perspective. Instead of viewing the coming days as one insurmountable mountain, focus on the present moment: today, this hour, or even just the next few minutes. This shift in focus not only makes challenges more approachable, but it also allows you to recognize and celebrate small victories along the way.

Taking a moment to reflect on what you have accomplished — no matter how minor it may seem — can be a powerful reminder of your resilience and steady progress.

The power of reflection

In times when you feel completely submerged by life's demands, it's essential to pause and review your achievements. Every small step taken, every moment of perseverance, builds toward a larger picture of accomplishment. This act of reflection serves as a gentle reassurance: Progress is made through countless, often imperceptible, moments of effort and care.

A model of gentle progress: St. Francis de Sales

A wonderful example of embracing the beauty of small, consistent efforts is found in the life of St. Francis de Sales. Known for his gentle approach to spirituality, he taught that sanctity is not reserved for grand gestures but is nurtured in the everyday actions of our lives. St. Francis de Sales believed that by embracing the little steps with patience and kindness, we invite a deeper sense of purpose and fulfillment into our lives.

His writings remind us that no task is too small when done with sincere love and care. In a world that often idolizes sweeping changes and rapid success, his example offers a counterbalance — a reminder that gradual progress, taken one day at a time, can lead to profound transformation.

Embracing each moment

Whether you are facing a daunting week or simply navigating the challenges of daily life, remember that every moment holds potential. Celebrate the small increments of progress and allow yourself the grace to move forward at your own pace. Just as St. Francis de Sales found beauty in the routine of everyday life, you too can discover that every moment is a stepping stone toward a brighter, more resilient tomorrow.

In the quiet spaces between the hours, in the gentle rhythm of daily life, there is a profound reminder: You are never overwhelmed by the whole when you honor the worth of each individual moment. Embrace your journey step by step, trusting that even the smallest actions can lead to lasting change and inner peace.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2025/03/30/the-best-way-to-deal-with-life-when-youre-overwhelmed>

Holy Week 2025

NEWMAN CENTER HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

(April 12-13)

5:00 PM Vigil (Saturday)

9:00 AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass

5:00 PM Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week

(April 16)

6:00 PM

Tenebrae Service

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

(April 18)

1:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

7:00 PM Taize Service

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

(April 17)

7:30 PM Mass

Adoration till 11:00 PM

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

(April 20)

9:00 AM Mass

Easter Egg Hunt to follow

11:00 AM Mass

5:00 PM Mass

The Great Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

(April 19)

8:00 PM Mass

Reflect

There were many times in my life when I felt stuck in my mistakes and regrets, weighed down by guilt and afraid of what others might think of me. It felt like no matter how much I wanted things to change, I couldn't shake the feeling of unworthiness. When I finally reached a point in my life when I needed help, I was met with kindness instead of judgment. I was welcomed with open arms instead of a turned back. This experience reminded me that grace isn't something we earn, but it's a gift we receive – a gift that can change everything.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about the scribes and Pharisees bring a woman caught in adultery to Jesus, in hopes of trapping Him. Instead of condemning her, Jesus says, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." One by one, her accusers walk away, and Jesus tells her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." (John 8:7-11)

This encounter shows us what Lent is all about – a chance to be honest about our sins, ask for forgiveness, and accept God's mercy. Jesus doesn't ignore sin, but He offers us the chance to start over, to change, and to live a new life. His mercy lifts us from the shame and invites us to walk freely in His love.

As we get closer to Holy Week, let's think about the places in our lives where we feel unworthy or ashamed. How can we accept God's mercy and let go of the guilt we hold onto? How can we show that same mercy others, choosing compassion instead of judgement? May we let God's love transform us and lead us onward with renewed hearts.

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



Come and journey through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord