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Holy Spirit Parish



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 13, 2025

“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.”

- Lk 19:38

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.

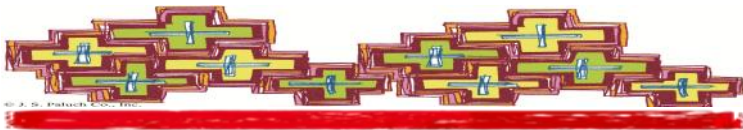
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

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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

“He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week with a powerful and emotional contrast. We celebrate Palm Sunday by remembering Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem—greeted by crowds waving palm branches and shouting “Hosanna!” Yet, just moments later in our liturgy, we hear the Passion of Christ from the Gospel of Luke, and the mood changes dramatically. The same crowd that welcomed Jesus as king soon demands His crucifixion.

Palm Sunday reveals a deep truth about the human heart: how quickly we can turn, how easily fear or convenience can override our faith. It challenges us to ask: Where am I in the Passion story?

Am I like Peter, whose fear led to denial? Like Pilate, who refused to stand for what was right? Like the crowd, swayed by the voices around me? Or like the good thief, who—despite his failures—looks to Jesus and says, “Remember me”?

And yet, through every betrayal, every denial, and every wound, Jesus remains faithful. He does not turn back. He carries the cross—for us.

As we begin this sacred week, we are invited not to rush ahead to Easter, but to walk the road of the cross with Christ. Sit with Him at the Last Supper. Pray with Him in the garden. Stand beside Him at Calvary.

The same Jesus who was welcomed with “Hosanna” and crucified with a crown of thorns endured it all out of love—for you, for me, for the world.

Let us enter Holy Week with hearts open, ready to be transformed.

Have a blessed Holy week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



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:

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name. (Phil 2:9)

Gospel:

Then he took the bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and gave it to them, saying,
"This is my body, which will be given for you;
do this in memory of me." (Lk 22:19)

Readings for the week of April 13, 2025

Sunday:

Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday:

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday:

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/
Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see
1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday:

Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
(Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
Jn 18:1—19:42

Observances for the week of April 13, 2025

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Tuesday: Tax Day

Thursday: Holy Thursday

Friday: Good Friday

Saturday: Holy Saturday

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

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. During this week, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus' passion and death. During this week, your family might display a crucifix in a prominent place as reminder of salvation Christ won for us. This can also serve as the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the passion narrative, it is difficult for children to remain attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can make it a tradition to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org

Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

04/05/2025-04/06/2025	\$6,193.00
CRS	\$70.00
Rice Bowl	\$35.00
Online:	
04/04/2025-04/11/2025	\$2,815.00

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
Joseph Dutton: 04/26-27/2025

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

Easter Vigil Reception

As we celebrate the Great Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, we invite you to bring a sweet, savory, vegetable, or any other kind of pupu or beverage to share after the 8PM Easter Vigil celebration this Saturday.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Chiarucci at sharonchiarucci@gmail.com



On Hope Read-along

Last year Pope Francis said 2025 would be a Jubilee Year with the theme: Pilgrims of Hope. Drawn from his general audiences in 2016-17, his book: On Hope is a message to everyone dealing with difficult situations and difficult times – which seems to address many of us.

Beginning with the First Sunday after Easter, April 27 and ending with Pentecost, we invite everyone to a Read-along with On Hope. We will cover two chapters each week with an optional 1-hour online (Zoom) gathering for those wishing to share their thoughts about the chapters.

The book is a short 99 pages with 12 chapters and can be ordered from Amazon as a hardcover (12.95) or kindle (10.99) version. Or from Loyola Press 12.95+shipping. Contact Sharon Chiarucci if you want to read the book and join the weekly sharing or if you don't have an Amazon account but want to order the book. sharonchiarucci@gmail.com

Our hope is not wishful thinking or optimism but is rooted in the love that God has for each of us.

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

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF HOLY WEEK?
5 WAYS TO LIVE IT WELL

- 01 MEDITATE ON THE PASSION**
Meditate on the Passion using passages in the Bible, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, etc.
- 02 TRY TO BE SILENT**
Avoid listening to music or attending parties or celebrations. Make sure to keep your conversations as sober as possible.
- 03 MAKE AN EXTRA SACRIFICE**
In addition to fasting and abstinence on Friday, make another small sacrifice.
- 04 ATTEND THE LITURGIES**
Try to attend all of the liturgies and invite your family and friends.
- 05 KEEP ALL DISTRACTIONS AWAY**
Keep away from distractions like your cell phone, videos, etc.

#HOLYWEEK

Tenebrae Service

04.16.24 | 6PM



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**Located next to Public Safety & Korean Studies Buildings*



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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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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BACCALAUREATE MASS

SUNDAY

MAY 11, 5 PM

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2025

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Pray

Prayer to celebrate Holy Week with both body and soul

Philip Kosloski - published on 04/03/23

The many liturgies and devotions of Holy Week are beautiful and can nourish our faith along its path toward Heaven.

However, it's also tempting to go through the motions, and to only participate externally, with no internal spiritual participation.

The Church recognizes this difficulty and provides a Prayer Over the People in the Roman Missal that can be our prayer this week, as we strive to celebrate Jesus' Paschal mystery with both body and soul.

May your protection, O Lord, we pray,
defend the humble
and keep ever safe those who trust in your mercy,
that they may celebrate the paschal festivities
not only with bodily observance
but above all with purity of mind.
Through Christ our Lord.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2023/04/03/prayer-to-celebrate-holy-week-with-both-body-and-soul>

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2 Questions to get you back on track for Holy Week

Theresa Civantos Barber - published on 03/25/24

We're here at the end of Lent, and perhaps Lent didn't go quite the way we wanted.

Perhaps that prayer or fasting practice we chose at the beginning has fallen by the wayside, and we're feeling like we "failed" at this whole Lent thing.

But even if we're feeling a little discouraged or sheepish, we can hold on to hope knowing that Christ came to save us, whether or not we stuck to our Lent plans. Christ conquered! The battle is won! Easter is coming, no matter how "ready" we feel.

Our hope in Christ brings confidence and peace, and perhaps it also renews our desire to end Lent well.

As we think about how to get back on track for Holy Week, let's consider what is the purpose of Lent itself. Besides being "a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter," it's a time when we are called to "a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully."

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A conversion of heart. Following God's will more faithfully. Let's make these two things the foundation of our plan to live Holy Week well. If we're ready to take on Holy Week with a "We can still do this!" attitude, let's ask ourselves the following questions.

What brings me closer to God?

Let's take a moment to think about what things in our lives help us feel closer to God, who is love.

Perhaps it's setting aside a few minutes to pray in the morning while we drink our coffee; maybe it's praying a decade of the Rosary at night with our spouse. Maybe we can spend an hour with Jesus in Adoration this week, attend Holy Week liturgies, read and talk about the Easter story with our children, or listen to a spiritual audiobook while we're commuting.

Once we have thought about this question and found a sincere answer, we can move on to the next question.

What small thing can I put in motion right now?

Now that we have an idea in our minds of something that can bring us closer to God this week, let's pick one small step we can take to make it happen, so our noble intentions don't come to nothing. Maybe the step is something as simple as putting your rosary next to your bed, so you remember you want to pray before sleeping. Maybe it's something that takes a little longer, like hunting in the basement for your family's Easter picture books and children's Bible. Or maybe it's looking up liturgy times and adding reminders to your calendar so you remember to get to church for specific Holy Week services.

Walk with God, knowing he loves you

Ultimately, whatever we end up doing for Holy Week, let's rest in the knowledge that God loves us more than we can imagine. Everything we do this week is firmly rooted in this loving friendship.

When we seek to live Holy Week well, it's not because we want to cross off some checklist of religious practices, but because our love for Jesus means we want to walk beside Him during this hard and beautiful week when He fulfilled His mission on earth.

It's our greatest honor to walk with Him through Palm Sunday's parade, through the Last Supper and arrest on Holy Thursday, through the terrible suffering on Good Friday, and most of all through the unfathomable glory and mystery of the Resurrection.

However it went this year, there is something kind of comforting about knowing that we will never live Lent perfectly. We can't live anything perfectly on this side of the veil.

What we can do is live it faithfully, walking closely with Christ through all the ups and downs we face. If we can do that, we will have lived Holy Week well, ending Lent with something of that "inner conversion" that draws us deeper into surrender to God's loving will.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2024/03/25/2-questions-to-get-you-back-on-track-for-holy-week>

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

Holy Week feels a little different for me this year. A few weeks ago, I was on retreat with our college students and young adults, and the theme was "Be Still and Know: Finding Rest and Strength in God's Presence." At first, I thought, "Okay, this sounds nice and all, but..." Being still was harder than I expected. Once things were quiet, I started noticing how much I had been carrying – all the worries, stress, and things I hadn't had time to process. My heart felt full, but not in a peaceful way.

During one of the quiet prayer times, I found myself thinking about Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. He knew what was coming, and still, He stayed. He didn't run away. He talked honestly to God, the Father, saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." (Luke 22:42) Jesus brought all to His Father – His fear, His sorrow, and His trust. At that moment, I thought, "Wow, that's what Holy Week is all about." It's not about pretending to be okay or pushing through, it's about being real with God and letting Him meet us in that place.

No matter where you are spiritually – tired, hopeful, uncertain, or even struggling to show up – Jesus meets you there. He doesn't ask us to have perfect faith. Jesus simply invites us to walk with Him, to stay close, and to trust that the story does not end in death but continues in life of the Resurrection. This week, let us take the time to be present. Pray a little more slowly. Pay attention to the moments that stir your heart. And let this holy, sacred week remind you that you are deeply loved, by a God who gave us everything so that we might live.

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