

Newman Center

Holy Spirit Parish



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E A S T E R S U N D A Y

the
Resurrection
of the
Lord

APRIL 20, 2025

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.

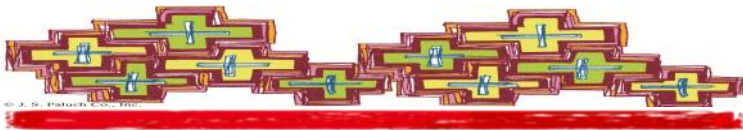
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

Dear Newman 'Ohana,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

As we gather to celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, our hearts are filled with joy and thanksgiving. Easter is the heart of our faith, a time when the darkness of Good Friday is shattered by the light of the empty tomb. Christ's triumph over death renews the world with hope, offering each of us the promise of new life.

This sacred season reminds us that no matter how heavy the cross we bear, the story does not end in sorrow. Through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Jesus opened for us the gates of eternal life. The Risen Christ calls each of us to rise with Him — to leave behind fear, despair, and sin — and to walk in the light of His mercy and love.

Easter also calls us to be witnesses of this Good News. In a world longing for peace and healing, may we be living signs of Christ's presence, bringing kindness where there is division, hope where there is doubt, and love where there is loneliness. As St. John Paul II once said, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our song!"

Let us continue to walk together in faith, especially as a parish family. May the Risen Lord fill your homes with peace, strengthen your hearts with courage, and guide your steps with grace in the days ahead.

The diocesan traveling Jubilee Cross will be hosted by our parish this coming week starting on Tuesday, April 22 to Sunday, April 27. All are invited to spend some time in prayer and veneration of the Jubilee Cross during those dates.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed, joyful, and hope-filled Easter season!

Have a blessed Easter week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass (*Tuesday-Friday*) 12:10PM

Sunday Mass
(*Saturday Evening Anticipated*) 5:00PM
9:00AM
11:00AM
(*Student-led Mass*) 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:

He went about doing good
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him. (Acts 10:38)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
Or: Alleluia. (Ps 118)

Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

So she ran and went to Simon Peter
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved,
and told them,
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know where they put him." (Jn 20:2)

Readings for the week of April 20, 2025

Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
(24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8,
9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/
Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24,
25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18,
19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Observances for the week of April 20, 2025

Sunday: Easter Sunday
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter;
Administrative Professionals' Day
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; Arbor Day
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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 the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from God.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened? Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

Pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

04/12/2025-04/13/2025 \$1,757.00

Online Collection

04/11/2025-04/17/2025 \$2,587.00

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

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

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE



Around the Parish



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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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



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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With Easter Joy we welcome the newest fully initiated members of our faith community

SAMANTHA SAKUIADA CHAVEZ CHING

JESSIE RANGSEY SOR

REAGAN JO BRACKEY

HANNIA YOLOZIN ROSAS

KAMAILE ROSE KATIANNA FORMICA

Please keep them in your prayers as they begin a new journey in the Risen Christ!

Diocese of Honolulu Traveling Jubilee Cross

The Diocese of Honolulu's Jubilee cross stands in the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa in Honolulu on the island of O'ahu. To allow a greater participation in the Ordinary Jubilee Year in the Diocese of Honolulu, Bishop Silva has commissioned a traveling Jubilee Cross that will be hosted by every parish in the diocese throughout this year.

Newman Center Holy Spirit Parish will be hosting the traveling Jubilee Cross from , April 22 to Sunday, April 27. All are invited to spend some time in prayer and veneration of the Jubilee Cross during those dates.

Jubilee indulgence may be obtained by visiting/venerating the Jubilee Cross when the ordinary conditions are met, namely, detachment from sin, sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father, with one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

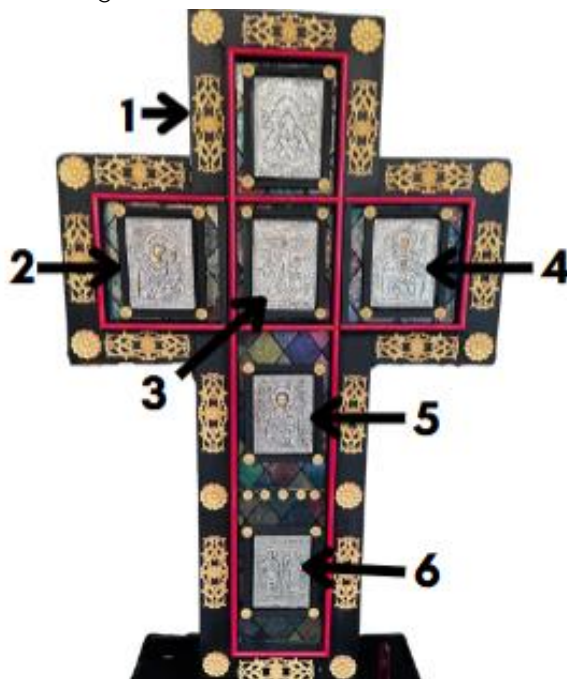
Design Explanation

- 1 – The resurrection of the Lord.
- 2 - The Mother of Perpetual Help – the Blessed Virgin Mary holding the infant Jesus, with archangels St. Michael and St. Gabriel standing before them.
- 3 – The crucifixion and death of Jesus

4 – A symbol of the enduring Marian devotion of Mary, Help of Christians, first coined by St. John Chrysostom in 345 A.D.

5 – A representation of Jesus as the vine, as stated in the Gospel of John: "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit because, without me, you can do nothing" (John 15:5)

6 – The archangels St. Michael and St. Gabriel





Pray

Pray this prayer to remain in Easter joy
Philip Kosloski - published on 04/21/19

Easter for Christians is meant to be a time of joy and happiness, rejoicing in the beauty of the resurrection. St. Gregory the Great has a perfect prayer for this occasion, one that can be prayed throughout the Easter season.

It is only right, with all the powers of our heart and mind, to praise You Father and Your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dear Father, by Your wondrous condescension of Loving-Kindness toward us,

Your servants, You gave up Your Son.

Dear Jesus, You paid the debt of Adam for us to the Eternal Father by Your Blood poured forth in Loving-Kindness.

You cleared away the darkness of sin by Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection.

You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a Conqueror.

You reconciled Heaven and earth.

Our life had no hope of Eternal Happiness before You redeemed us.

Your Resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence and brought us joy. How inestimable is the tenderness of Your Love!

We pray You, Lord, to preserve Your servants in the peaceful enjoyment of this Easter happiness.

We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with God The Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2019/04/21/pray-this-prayer-by-st-gregory-the-great-to-remain-in-easter-joy>

Grow

Declutter your inbox and phone in 4 easy, peaceful steps
Theresa Civantos Barber - published on 03/25/24

It starts with a buzz — an alert here, a notification there. Soon, your smartphone is overflowing with screenshots you forgot to delete, tabs open from articles you never read, and an inbox that feels more like a to-do list than a means of communication. Our digital lives, meant to make things easier, often become an invisible weight. But what if clearing that clutter could help you recover something deeper: peace, presence, and maybe even prayer?

Grow

You don't need to be religious to feel the fatigue of too much digital noise. But the Catholic tradition, with its love for simplicity and intentional living, offers a helpful lens for understanding why this clutter affects us so deeply — and how we can move toward a more meaningful relationship with our tech.

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis writes about “the need to live wisely, to think deeply and to love generously.” These aren't just lofty ideals. They're practical invitations. And none of them flourish when we're distracted by dozens of push notifications or scrolling past midnight.

Step One: Start with silence

Before diving into deleting apps or clearing caches, take five quiet minutes without screens. Ask yourself: What do I actually use this device for? What's stealing my time? Where do I feel most drained?

Silence helps us tell the difference between what serves us and what distracts us. In Catholic spirituality, silence is often the doorway to clarity.

Step Two: Delete what doesn't give life

Just as monks live with only what they need, you can take a cue from their discipline. If an app causes more stress than joy, consider removing it — even if everyone else swears by it. Do you really need five weather apps or 10 years of digital receipts?

Decluttering doesn't mean erasing memories. It means making room to actually see them.

Step Three: Curate what remains

What stays on your phone or laptop should serve your life, not run it. Create folders. Archive what's essential. Give your home screen a Sabbath feel — a space that encourages calm, not chaos.

The Catechism reminds us that “the human person ... is ordered to the good,” (CCC 1704). That includes digital order, too.

Step Four: Rebuild with purpose

Once the noise quiets, there's space to add intention. Maybe it's a prayer app, a playlist that brings you peace, or a notes folder where you jot down graces throughout the week.

The goal isn't to make your phone “religious.” It's to make it more you — aligned with what you value most.

For everyone, not just the faithful

Whether you believe in God or not, the practice of digital decluttering invites everyone to consider what it means to live more deliberately. In a culture that prizes instant access and constant contact, slowing down and choosing less becomes a radical act.

You don't need to join a monastery to live simply. But if we treat our digital spaces the way monks treat their cells — spaces for focus, prayer, and purposeful work — we might find that our devices become less of a burden and more of a blessing.

After all, peace isn't found in the absence of screens. It's found in the freedom to choose how we use them.

LEARNING DISCERNMENT

How to be Spiritually Resilient while Busy and Stressed



FR. ANDREW LAGUNA, SJ

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

NEWMAN CENTER HAWAII

AFTER STUDENT DINNER



BACCALAUREATE MASS

SUNDAY

MAY 11, 5 PM

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Reflect

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Let us rejoice and be glad!! Happy Easter to all!!

Today we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. In today's Gospel, we hear about Mary Magdalene going to the tomb early in the morning. She finds the stone rolled away and runs to tell Simon Peter and the other disciple. They all go back to the tomb in a rush, unsure of what to think. They see the empty tomb and the burial cloths, but don't fully understand what it means just yet.

I believe we can all relate to this feeling. There are moments in life when we don't fully grasp what God is doing or has planned for us. We might even feel overwhelmed, unsure, or like we're going through the motions. But today's Gospel reminds us that even in all the confusion, God is here. The resurrection is real and reminds us that love conquer sin and death! Jesus is risen and that changes everything for us. Even if we don't have all the answers, we are invited to be present, to keep walking in hope, faith, and love, and to trust that God is already at work in ways we may not see yet.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!

"Let us go forwards with the joy of Jesus' Resurrection, knowing that He is always by our side!" – Pope Francis

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)

