

Newman Center

Holy Spirit Parish



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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 27, 2025

**“Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed.” - Jn 20:29**

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

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting."

This Sunday, we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday—a day when the Church invites us to trust more deeply in the mercy of the Risen Christ.

In today's Gospel, we encounter the apostle Thomas, often remembered for his doubt. But in truth, Thomas represents each one of us at some point in our faith journey. He wanted certainty, just as we often do. Yet, when Jesus appears, He doesn't reject Thomas—He meets him with compassion, offering His wounds not to shame but to heal. And then Jesus gives us a powerful promise: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

This blessing is for all of us today. We may not see the risen Lord with our eyes, but we encounter Him in the sacraments, in His Word, and in the love of the Christian community. Faith doesn't mean having every answer—it means trusting in the One who is the answer.

Divine Mercy Sunday also reminds us that God's mercy is endless. As Jesus told St. Faustina, "Let no soul fear to draw near to Me." No sin is too great, no wound too deep. The heart of Christ is open, and His mercy flows freely to anyone who seeks it.

The late Holy Father, Pope Francis, modeled for us what mercy looks like through his pastoral care and preferential option to the poor and the marginalized. As we mourn his death, let us emulate his care for our brothers and sisters.

May this Sunday strengthen our faith, renew our hope, and inspire us to be messengers of mercy in a world that so desperately needs it.

Christ is risen. Mercy is alive. Let us believe—and be blessed.

Have a blessed Easter 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:

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. (Acts 5:12)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead.

He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid." (Rv 1:17)

Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

Readings for the week of April 27, 2025

Sunday:

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/ Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday:

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/ Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Jn 3:16-21

Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/ Jn 3:31-36

Friday:

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday:

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Observances for the week of April 27, 2025

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Monday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Tuesday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. Pius V, Pope

Thursday: St. Joseph the Worker, National Day of Prayer

Friday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

Our family life would no doubt be enhanced if we were able to transform Jesus' greeting into a central feature in our family's interactions. After his Resurrection, "Peace be with you" is the first thing that Jesus says to his disciples. This could be our daily family prayer for one another. In today's Gospel, we also hear that Jesus next breathed on his disciples and gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, each of us has received the gift of the Holy Spirit as well as the forgiveness of sins. Peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Our Baptism, then, invites us to share in the peace that Christ gave to his disciples and commissions us to share that peace of Christ by generously forgiving others as Jesus taught.

As you gather as a family, think about gifts that you might receive together such as a coloring book and crayons, a book and bookmark, or an electronic item and batteries. Observe that Jesus also paired two gifts together in today's Gospel. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, John 20:19-31. Discuss the two gifts Jesus gave to his disciples: peace and the Holy Spirit. Ask: What were the disciples to do with these gifts? (They were sent as Jesus was sent by the Father to forgive sins.) Recall that we have each received Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit at our Baptism and that peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Observe that since we also have received these gifts from Christ, we are also sent to be people who forgive others as Jesus taught. Determine an action that your family can do to share peace and forgiveness with one another. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit or the Peace Prayer of St. Francis.



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

Holy Thursday :	\$423.00
Good Friday:	\$794.00
Easter:	\$16,670.00

Diocesan Priest Retirement:	\$435.000
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Online: 04/18/2025-04/25/2025	\$1,665.00
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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



Around the Parish



NEXT WEEKEND

We will have our monthly collection of food for the UH food pantry next weekend. The pantry is in need of canned proteins (Vienna sausage, spam, chicken, tuna), breakfast items and individual starches as they prepare for the upcoming school year. You to cover all my sins school year.

PLEASE ENSURE ITEMS ARE NOT EXPIRED

For more information about the Food Vault, www.facebook.com/foodvaulthawaii

Mahalo for your generosity towards students in need!



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.

"The first gathering will be on Friday, May 2 at 10am for about 30 minutes. It will be an opportunity to share a quote or something from your reading that stayed with you."

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
Shirley 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



BACCALAUREATE MASS
SUNDAY
MAY 11, 5 PM

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT FAY PABO
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SPRING 2025

NEWMAN CENTER HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CAMPUS MINISTRY

RSVP HERE!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
POPE FRANCIS
17 DECEMBER, 1936 - 21 APRIL, 2025

Join Bishop Larry Silva in a Mass for the Dead in memory of the late Holy Father, Pope Francis, next Monday.

28 APRIL, 2025, 6:00 PM
CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. THERESA
712 N. SCHOOL ST.
HONOLULU, HI 96817
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Novendiales

At the direction of the College of Cardinals, the novendiales ("nine days") are customarily observed as official days of mourning in Rome and throughout the Church. These may be observed in different ways in the various Particular Churches. In addition to the celebration of Masses for the Dead, you may hold the public prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic adoration and other 1 devotional prayer, lectures on the teaching and legacy of the Pope, activities for the relief of the poor offered for the intention of his soul, or other such initiatives.

This novena has been prepared to help pray for the Pope during the time of mourning. The daily novena – lasting for the novendiales period from April 26 to May 4, 2025 – consists of a short reading from Scripture or some other ecclesiastical text and some brief prayers, including orations drawn from the Roman Missal and the Order of Christian Funerals.

<https://www.usccb.org/novena-memory-pope-francis>

Roman Catholic Church- Diocese of Honolulu

URGENT VOLUNTARY COLLECTION FOR DISASTER RELIEF

In the wake of the devastating earthquake in Myanmar and Thailand, Bishop Larry has approved a voluntary Special Collection to raise money for relief efforts for our brothers and sisters affected. Proceeds will be sent to Catholic Relief Services.

Please prayerfully consider a generous donation through your parish, or give online today

Contact the Chancellor's Office for more information: (808) 203-6715 or pwong@rcchawaii.org

WWW.CATHOLICHAWAII.ORG/ASIAQUAKE2025

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LIFE IN THE SPIRIT 2025

Wed, May 14, 6:30 pm

Sacred Heart Church

1701 Wilder Ave, Honolulu

with Fr. John Szada

In conjunction with the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Honolulu

Learn more and register at himonline.org/lits2025

An Evening
with An Exorcist
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT 2025

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE



Pray

Prayer for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis

Kathleen N. Hattrup - published on 04/22/25

We join with the whole universal Church in praying for our dear Holy Father, Pope Francis. May he who led the Church in a deeper appreciation of God's mercy be wrapped in that mercy today.

O God, immortal shepherd of souls,
look on your people's prayers
and grant that your servant Pope Francis,
who presided over your Church in charity,
may, with the flock entrusted to his care,
receive from your mercy the reward of a faithful steward.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

- The Roman Missal (2011), Prayers for the Dead – For A Pope (p. 1403)

Grow

7 Joyful ways to celebrate Easter after Sunday

Theresa Civantos Barber - published on 04/20/25

The Easter season is a time of profound joy for Christians, intended to last far beyond Easter Sunday. We celebrate the feast for even longer than we prepare for it. While Lent drags on for 40 days, Easter is a full 50-day season of rejoicing.

How can we enter fully into the joy of this season and celebrate the Resurrection? Here are a few ideas.

Keep up your Easter decorations

Easter decorations—especially symbols like the empty tomb or spring flowers—can be daily reminders of Christ's victory. Even a simple homemade garland or bouquet of wildflowers can bring the celebratory spirit into your home.

Say "Alleluia" often

During Lent we set aside this joyful word, but Easter brings it back in abundance. Make a point of saying "Alleluia" during family prayers or create an "Alleluia jar" to place notes of thanksgiving and small victories throughout the season. I can picture my kids going around the table at dinner sharing their "Alleluia" of the day, something for which they praise God ... I'll try it out and see how it goes!

Grow

Make Sunday dinners special

We call it "Sunday fun day" in our house, because as I tell my kids, "Every Sunday is a mini-Easter." That's even more the case during the Easter season!

Your Sunday dinner table can be a continuation of the Easter feast, perhaps a time to set the table with extra care, encourage the children to prepare the meal or table, or invite guests to join you.

Get outside and enjoy spring

The Easter season is perfect for exploring and enjoying God's creation as it awakens. You might plant a resurrection garden, take nature walks to observe new growth, or start seedlings on your windowsill. I tell my kids to "look for signs of spring," and each sign of spring can be a reminder of God's new life in our souls.

Use holy water

Holy Water reminds us of our baptismal promises renewed at Easter. The Easter season is the perfect time to use it to bless family members at bedtime or before leaving the house in the morning. If you've got a holy water font by your front door, this season is a great time to replenish it.

Read Easter stories

Reading aloud some relevant stories is always my favorite way to share the season with my kids. Here are some of my favorites, and you can't go wrong with reading the Resurrection story in a good children's Bible. Older kids might enjoy reading the Acts of the Apostles, which chronicles the early Church's experiences right after the resurrection.

Gather with friends

Getting together with friends for special adventures feels especially appropriate during this joyful season. And the warmer weather makes it easier to visit new playgrounds and parks. You might consider an Easter "park hop," visiting a new-to-you playground every weekend. Invite a few friends and these outings become a celebration!

Hopefully these ideas will help you and your family extend the joy of Easter beyond just one Sunday. Happy Easter!

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2025/04/20/7-joyful-ways-to-celebrate-easter-after-sunday>





Reflect

“Peace be with you.” – John 20:19

As we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday, we also find ourselves holding a tender grief with the recent passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. For many of us, he was more than a shepherd of the Church. He was a living reminder of God’s mercy, humility and compassion. His words and example often pointed us back to the heart of Christ, which is a love that meets us in our brokenness and leads us toward healing.

In today’s Gospel, the Risen Jesus comes to His disciples who are hiding in fear. His first words to them were not of blame, but of peace. Jesus shows them His wounds, not in shame but to draw closer to Him. It is here that mercy takes on flesh. Mercy is not just about forgiveness, but it is about being seen, known, and loved. Pope Francis often said that the “name of God is Mercy. He reminded us that the Church must be a field hospital that stays close to the wounded. This is echoed in the Gospel. Even Thomas, with all his doubts, is invited to touch Jesus’ wounds and believe. Not because he figured it all out, but because Jesus met him right where he was.

As we reflect on Divine Mercy Sunday in the light of Pope Francis’ death, may we honor his legacy by choosing compassion over judgement, presence over perfection, and peace over fear. May we become people who carry the mercy of Christ to others, just as he did. Eternal rest grant unto, Pope Francis, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the soul of Pope Francis, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

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_pab0)

STUDY HAVEN

Spring 2025

NEWMAN CENTER
Holy Spirit Parish
and
Catholic Student Center

- FREE MEALS
- FREE WIFI
- A/C LOUNGE
- OPEN CHAPEL
- MEET FRIENDS

THURS. MAY 08 9am - 11pm	FRI. MAY 09 9am - 11pm	SAT. MAY 10 6pm - 11pm
SUN. MAY 11 6pm - 11pm	MON. MAY 12 9am - 11pm	TUES. MAY 13 9am - 11pm
WED. MAY 14 9am - 11pm	THURS. MAY 15 9am - 5pm	FRI. MAY 16 9am - 5pm

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