

Newman Center

Holy Spirit Parish



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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4, 2025

And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?"
because they realized it was the Lord. - Jn 21:12

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

"I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me."

In today's Gospel, we find the disciples back at sea, returning to what they know—fishing. Their nets come up empty, and their spirits are likely the same. But in the early dawn, a voice from the shore calls out, "Children, have you caught anything?" It is Jesus, though they do not yet recognize Him.

Then comes the miracle: an overflowing net. In that moment of abundance, recognition dawns—"It is the Lord!" But the heart of the story lies in what happens next: a quiet breakfast, a charcoal fire, and a conversation between Jesus and Peter. Three times Jesus asks, "Do you love me?"—a gentle echo of Peter's threefold denial. Each time Peter responds, Jesus commissions him: "Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Feed my sheep."

This is not just Peter's call. It is ours.

Easter is not only a celebration of resurrection; it is a call to mission. Jesus meets us in our ordinary lives, in our doubts and weariness, and gently invites us back to love and purpose. No matter our past, He offers us a new beginning—not through guilt, but through grace.

"Do you love me?" Jesus asks us still. And if our hearts say yes, even imperfectly, He responds: "Then feed my sheep." Care for the lost. Comfort the suffering. Serve with love. Easter joy is not meant to be kept. It is meant to be lived and shared.

This week, may we hear the Risen Lord calling us by name. May our love for Him overflow in compassion for others. And may we, like Peter, leave behind our nets and follow Him once again.

Have a blessed Easter week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



P.S. Congratulations to our Faith Formation children receiving their Confirmation & First Eucharist this weekend!

Important Notices

- The Presbyteral Ordination of Larry Denis III and Preston Castro will be on Friday, May 16 at 6pm in the Co-Cathedral.
- The Diaconate Ordination of Taylor Mitchell will be on Saturday, May 17 at 10am at St. John A & E, Mililani.

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:

God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. (Acts 5:31)

Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

"To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." (Rv 5:13)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?"

They answered him, "No."

So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something."

So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. (Jn 21:5-6)

Readings for the week of May 4, 2025

Sunday:

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday:

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday:

Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday:

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday:

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Observances for the week of May 4, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Monday: Cinco de Mayo

Saturday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day

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

Today's Gospel describes what we can easily imagine as a picnic on the beach. Just as Jesus' miracle at the wedding feast at Cana blesses the love between man and woman celebrated in the sacrament of marriage, Jesus' attentiveness to food and mealtimes raises the possibility that our meal gatherings can be sacred times. In families, the domestic church, our meals together are everyday opportunities to gather and recall Jesus' presence with us. As in the Eucharist, we bring the gifts that God has given us, which have been prepared especially for our Mass, and at our family meals we share gifts that God has given to us and that we have worked together to prepare. This includes the food on the table and also the people who gather around the table. We ask God to bless these gifts and to be present among us in all of our interactions.

Consider a recent family meal: What food was served? Where did the food come from? Who prepared the food? Who served the food? Was mealtime a happy time? Why or why not? Observe that today's Gospel tells about a meal that Jesus shared with his disciples after his Resurrection. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 21:1-14. Reflect on the Gospel reading using the questions above. Talk about ways in which this meal that Jesus shared with his disciples might remind us of the meal we share at the Eucharist. You might choose to plan a special meal together as a family, encouraging each person to participate in the meal preparation. Pray together that Jesus will make his loving presence known in your family life. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

04/26/2025-04/27/2025 \$1,667.00

Online: 04/25/2025-05/02/2025 \$3,391.00

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund—May 11

Catholic Communication Campaign—June 1

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



**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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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 Rauckhorst

Aloha Luncheon

*Farewell for
Fr. Alfred Omar*



**Sunday,
June 29, 2025**
12 noon - 3:00 pm



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**RSVP by
June 22**



BACCALAUREATE MASS

**SUNDAY
MAY 11, 5 PM**

FOR MORE INFO,
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**SPRING
2025**

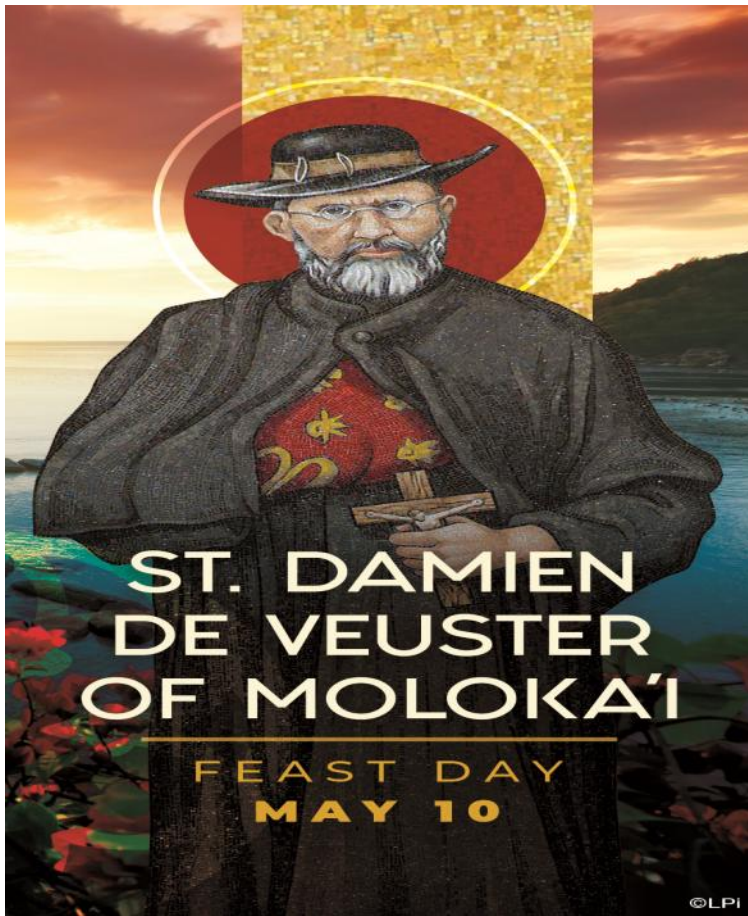



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Around the Diocese



 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



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

Catholic prayer to follow God's will with an open heart

Philip Kosloski - published on 10/23/21

Sometimes when we know God's will, we can still be reluctant to follow it. God may be urging us to move in a certain direction, but we aren't ready for it.

Here is a prayer to ask God for a little extra help in obeying him and following his will.

**Almighty, ever-living God,
make us ever obey you willingly and promptly.
Teach us how to serve you
with sincere and upright hearts
in every sphere of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2021/10/23/catholic-prayer-to-follow-gods-will-with-an-open-heart>

Grow

Why the world still needs a pope

Daniel Esparza - published on 04/30/25

In a world increasingly skeptical of centralized authority, the idea of a single religious leader may seem strange, obsolete, a relic from times past. Yet the papacy remains relevant — not as a symbol of outdated monarchy, but as a model of moral responsibility and the careful balancing of power and service.

Political theorist Giorgio Agamben has observed that in Western tradition, authority often appears most powerful when it is deactivated — when a throne is empty, yet the need for order remains. In the papacy, we see a similar paradox: a figure with immense symbolic authority, but without armies, borders, or coercive force. The pope's power is persuasive, not imposed. His enduring role invites reflection on leadership itself — not as domination, but as an offering of moral direction.

Throughout history, societies have wisely divided power into branches to prevent tyranny. The Catholic Church similarly balances leadership among bishops, theologians, councils. The pope operates within this framework: not creating truth by decree, but safeguarding core principles across centuries of change. His role resembles that of a guardian more than that of a sovereign ruler.

Grow

Even beyond Catholicism, humanity needs figures who speak beyond national, partisan, or corporate interests. In global crises — wars, environmental degradation, human rights violations — what is missing is often not information, but moral courage. The pope stands in a long tradition of calling attention to human dignity, mercy, and the demands of justice, values shared across many traditions and worldviews.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the pope as “the perpetual and visible source and foundation of unity” (CCC 882). Yet his significance often transcends religious boundaries. Popes have been voices of conscience in times when political systems faltered: challenging totalitarian regimes, defending the poor against exploitation, urging care for creation. They remind the world that some questions — what it means to live well, to live together — cannot be solved by technical solutions alone.

Agamben's vision of the “empty throne” helps explain why the pope matters even to those outside the Church. The authority attached to the papacy is not about absolute power, but about holding space for a higher standard, one that cannot simply be legislated or manufactured. The pope, at his best, embodies the tension between power and service, certainty and humility.

Without such figures, movements fracture. Shared ideals fade into private interests. Early Christians understood this, and humanity's larger story bears it out: When no one can speak for the common good, dialogue collapses into division.

Ultimately, the papacy is less about enforcing uniformity than about safeguarding the fragile possibility of unity without erasing difference. It reminds us that leadership, properly understood, is not about commanding obedience but about inviting a deeper conversation on what it means to be human.

In a fractured world, the figure of the pope stands as a visible, imperfect, but necessary reminder: there is more that binds us together than divides us — and someone must be willing to say so.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2025/04/30/why-the-world-still-needs-a-pope>



CAMPUS MINISTRY

STUDY HAVEN

Spring 2025

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• FREE MEALS

• FREE WIFI

• A/C LOUNGE

• OPEN CHAPEL

• MEET FRIENDS

Day	Date	Time
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
THURS.	MAY 15	9am - 5pm
FRI.	MAY 16	9am - 5pm
WED.	MAY 14	9am - 11pm

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Reflect

Easter isn't just one Sunday—it's a season, and today's Gospel shows us that Jesus doesn't stop showing up after the Resurrection. The disciples had gone back to fishing—probably because it was familiar, something they knew how to do after all the chaos and pain of everything they'd been through. And right there, in the middle of their ordinary day, Jesus meets them again.

What really stands out is how gentle Jesus is. He doesn't come with big signs or loud words. He shows up, helps them catch fish, and even makes them breakfast. It's so simple, but it's full of love. Then He turns to Peter and asks him, "Do you love me?" three times. It might seem like He's reminding Peter of his three denials, but really, it feels more like giving Peter a fresh start. Jesus isn't focused on Peter's mistakes—He's focused on the love that remains. And He invites Peter to keep going: to feed His sheep, to care for others, and to live out that love.

There are times we mess up. Sometimes we go back to what's comfortable because we're used to familiarity, or we are unsure of what's new or next for us. But even then, Jesus shows up—in quiet ways—and gently reminds us, "You're still loved. You still have a purpose."

This is what Easter is all about – new life, second chances, and the hope that no matter where we've been, Jesus meets us where we are and calls us forward with love. May we carry this Easter hope with us this week, and trust that He is walking with us in our everyday moments.

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)

