

Newman Center

Holy Spirit Parish



1941 East-West Road, Honolulu HI 96822-2321 | PH: (808) 988-6222 | FX: (808) 988-1752 | Email: info@newmanhawaii.org
Website: www.newmanhawaii.org | Facebook: www.facebook.com/NewmanHawaii | Instagram & Twitter: [@newmanhawaii](https://www.instagram.com/newmanhawaii)

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.

Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass (Tuesday-Friday)	12:10PM
Sunday Mass	5:00PM
(Saturday Evening Anticipated)	9:00AM
	11:00AM
(Student-led Mass)	5:00PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Saturday)	3:45PM—4:30PM

Pastoral Team

	<u>Phone Ext</u>
Pastor Director of Campus Ministry	214
Fr. Kurt Meyer	
pastor@newmanhawaii.org	
Campus Minister	211
Fay Pabo	
campusministry@newmanhawaii.org	
Administrative Assistant	219
Alofa Leasiolagi	
manager@newmanhawaii.org	
Communications & Pastoral Assistant	211
Brandon Akiona	
pastoralassistant@newmanhawaii.org	

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!



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:17

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!

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45PM—4:30PM

Baptism

By Request

Please contact the parish office 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 the parish office 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 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,



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr. Marvin for breakthrough "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness - rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— Father John Muir



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!

Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

09/06/2025-09/07/2025	\$3,439.00
Online: 09/05/2025-09/11/2025	\$1,957.00

Second Collection:	\$50.00
Campus Ministry:	\$4,000.00
Maintenance:	\$4,025.00

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

The Catholic University of America 09/06/2025-09/07-2025

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

The Word of the Lord Weekly

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you.

Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." (Nm 21:7)

Psalm:

Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

Gospel:

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. (Jn 3:16)

Readings for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday:

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37,
38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday:

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday:

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday:

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday:

1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

Friday:

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday:

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Observances for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday:

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Monday:

Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday:

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,
Bishop, Martyrs

Wednesday:

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of
Bingen, Virgin and Doctor

Friday:

St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday:

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and
Paul Chŏng Ha-sang,
and Companions, Martyrs [M]

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

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:



Questions of the Week

First Reading:

In their desert wanderings, the Israelites learned that repentance leads to healing. What needs healing in your life?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Philippians that the humility and obedience of Jesus — even to the point of death by crucifixion — led to Jesus' exaltation. When have you been challenged to be humble and obedient?

Gospel:

Jesus reveals to Nicodemus that his death on the cross would lead believers to eternal life and save the world. What have you been taught about the meaning of the cross?

Around the Parish



OCIA INQUIRY PERIOD

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), also called the Catechumenate, is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith for persons who are experiencing a conversion in their lives and seeking either Christian baptism in the Catholic Church or full Communion with the Catholic tradition of Eucharist and Confirmation.

It is a process which enables the study of the Gospels, Catholic Christian teaching, the acceptance of Christian values and morality, the development and deepening of a life of prayer and action with the support and involvement of the local Christian community. The OCIA is more than a course of instruction. It is a process of conversion, designed to meet the unique and individual needs of the participants.

Who is OCIA for? Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

If you are interested in joining the OCIA process, please contact the parish office.

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Interfaith Prayer Events

The United Nations established International Peace Day on September 21, 1981 and it has been celebrated around the world ever since. Hawaii was the first state to recognize it. Newman Center is a member of the Four Petals for peace and two of our partners are hosting events for the United Nations International day of peace

Sunday, September 21 (12:00PM—2:00PM)

The Torii Gate—near Triangle Park in Mo'ili'ili between Beretania & S. King Street (Near University)

Monday, September 22 (9:00AM)

Register here for Zoom Link— bit.ly/PeaceDay2025

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

In the spirit of promoting Peace Day in Hawaii and throughout the world, we invite the world to join us in ringing bells for PEACE DAY, on Zoom. Monday, September 22nd at 9:01 AM. At 9:00 AM, we will have a minute of silence to honor all those who sacrificed for us to achieve peace. Immediately following the minute of silence, bells will be rung by representatives at all the respective temples, churches, schools, community organizations, individuals in their offices and homes.

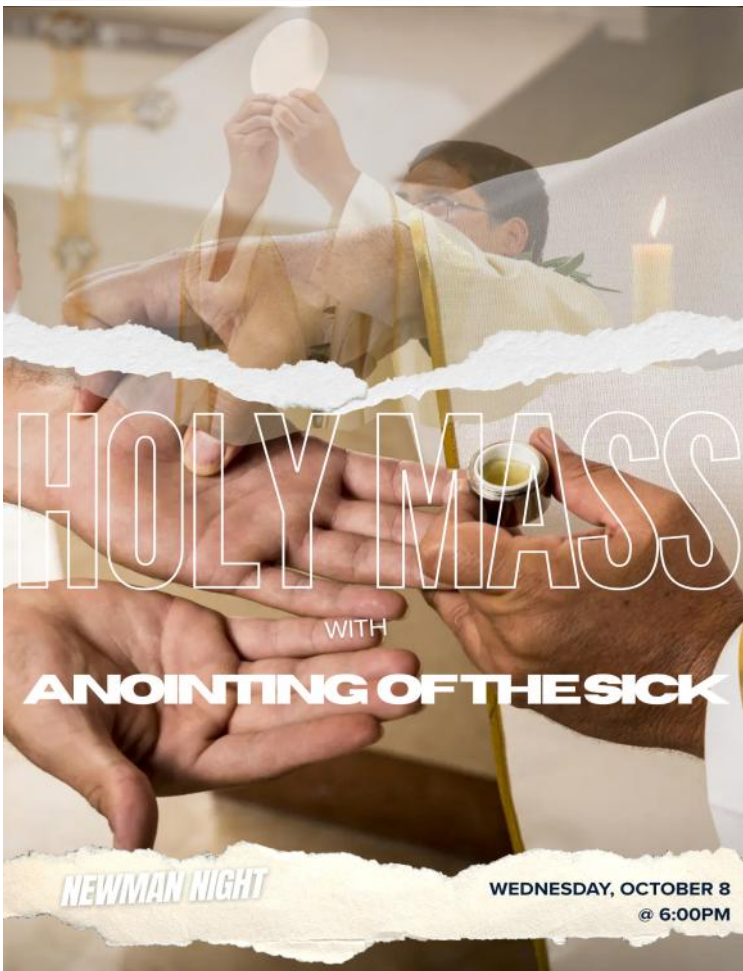
Around the Parish

Read-Along: Wrestling with God

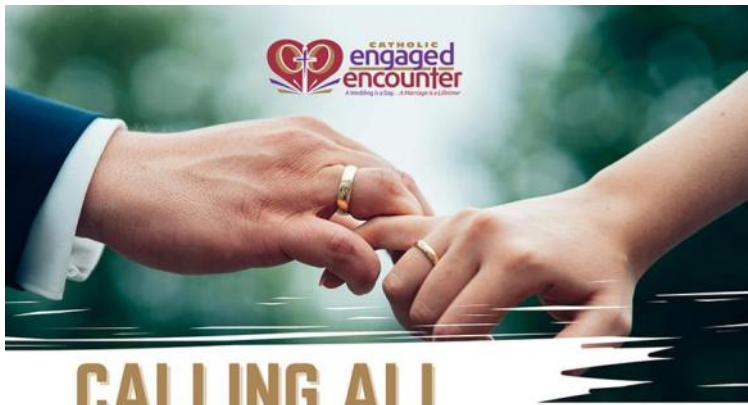
Are you interested in a read-along of Fr. Ronald Rolheiser's book: *Wrestling with God*? The title comes from a story the author Kazantzakis tells about asking an old monk if he still wrestled with the devil. The monk replied no, we have both grown old and no longer have the strength. Now I wrestle with God. With God? Kazantzakis exclaimed. And you hope to win? No, my son. I hope to lose! But my bones remain with me still and they continue to resist.

In the preface to this book, Rolheiser says he attempted to provide a compass to help us in our search not only for meaning and faith but also a greater steadiness in life. As he says, real faith is not a set of answers; rather it leaves us in mystery, in longing, in desire for Someone big enough to embrace our questions and hold our doubts.

A tentative start date for this read-along is Friday, October 3 at 10am for about 45 minutes and continuing for six weeks. If there is enough interest, a second group could meet in the evening beginning October 1 at 4:30pm (time and date tentative). If you are interested, email me at sharonchiarucci@gmail.com with questions and preferred dates/times. The book is available on Amazon in print and digital format and on several online used book stores.



Around the Diocese



CALLING ALL MARRIED *Couples*

- ✓ Have you been married 2 years or more?
- ✓ Would you like to serve in a ministry with your spouse?
- ✓ Are you available 2-3 weekends per year?
- ✓ Do you want to help engaged couples prepare for marriage?

God may be calling you to be an
Engaged Encounter Presenting Couple

CONTACT US hawaii@engagedencounter.com



Please
Celebrate with
us at
the 'OHANA
MASS
**Saturday,
September 27
at 5:30pm**
at Mary, Star of
the Sea
Catholic Parish
Church

4470 Aliioka St,
Honolulu, HI
96821

Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Honolulu

At Mary, Star of the Sea Church on Oahu, parishioners established their Ministry for Persons with Disabilities by welcoming persons with varying gifts and abilities to celebrate the "Ohana Mass." Ushers who are members of the Knights of Columbus offer a warm welcome and escort them to the designated pews where they were able to better participate in the Eucharist. After Mass, the community continues fellowship together through a potluck supper where all joyfully serve each other with nourishing food and aloha. These "Ohana Masses" and potluck fellowship normally take place on the fourth Saturday each month, 5:30 p.m. at Mary, Star of the Sea where all are welcomed to celebrate and share their gifts as one 'Ohana.

Registrations are now being accepted for the October 10-12, 2025 Retreat!

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats



Healing the Pain of Abortion...
One Weekend at a Time.

If you or a friend are hurting from a past abortion and are searching for a confidential, non-judgmental, safe place of healing and support to express and reconcile painful emotions and begin the healing process, look no further, and come join us!

Both women and men are impacted by abortion and greatly benefit from the retreats. Singles, couples and family members of aborted children have come to Rachel's Vineyard for peace and inner healing.

Retreats are held at a private retreat center for 3 days and 2 nights. A retreat fee of \$200.00 covers materials, accommodations, and daily meals/snacks. Space is limited. Need-based scholarships are available. Calls us today for personalized assistance!

To register, contact Lisa Shorba at (808) 490-4702 or email rvinhawaii@gmail.com.

Registrations are Strictly Confidential



Fall Vigil 2025



Opening Mass:
Saturday, September 20
8:00am

Closing Mass:
Saturday, November 08
8:00am



Location:
Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa
712 N. School Street
Honolulu

CAMPUS MINISTRY

KARAOKE NIGHT

Students enjoyed an evening of fun on Aloha Friday as they took part in our annual karaoke night. The evening was filled with great songs of all genres and amazing talent with solo and group singing! Our music ministry may be growing?!



ALOHA NIGHT & HOPE TOUR

Students enjoyed an evening of Aloha, Faith, and Fellowship with Catholic Artist, Joe Melendrez, Speaker, Braden Johnson and Worship Leader, Hannah Graziadei. Joe Melendrez is one of America's most exciting Catholic performers, inspiring speaker, and an expert retreat leader. This is his 2nd visit to the Newman Center. His first time was in 2024.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Reflect

Every day when I walk through the hallway of my home, I see the crucifix that was given to me and my family when my father passed away 20+ years ago. At first, it was a painful reminder of loss of a great man in our lives. Over time it became of a source of comfort and strength. This crucifix is more than just piece of metal with Jesus on it. It is a sign that even in grief and sorrow, Christ's love is present. It is a constant reminder that the Cross does not end in death, but in new life.

We are reminded today as we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross that what one symbolized death and shame has become the ultimate sign of God's victory and love. Just as the Israelites looked upon the bronze serpent and were healed, so we look upon the Cross of Christ and find hope, mercy, and healing. St. Paul tells in his letter to the Philippians that Jesus humbled himself and accepted death on a cross, and because of this, God exalted Him above every other name. The Cross, then is not just about suffering. It is about love, obedience, and the promise that God can transform even the darkest moments into life and resurrection.

When we see a cross and/or crucifix, whether in our homes, in our church, or even worn around someone's neck, we are invited to remember that we are never alone in our struggles. The Cross reminds us that God walks us, carries our burdens, and turns our pain into a path toward healing. Questions to consider this week: How do I carry the crosses in my life? How can I see them as opportunities to unite myself with Christ, trusting that His love will bring hope and new life?

"How beautiful it is to stand before the crucifix simply to be under the Lord's gaze so full of love." – Pope Francis

Come Holy Spirit! St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

Blessings to you and your 'ohana!

Fay C. Pabo

@fa_jo_pabo



NEWMAN CENTER-HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CAMPUS MINISTRY

Student-led
Mass &
Meal
Student dinner

Sundays, 5pm

Sundays, 6pm

NEWMAN CENTER
Holy Spirit Parish
Campus Ministry

Student Lounge Hours

Sundays | 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Mondays & Fridays | 9:00am - 5:00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00am - 7:00pm

Wednesdays | 9:00am - till end of programming

Open to all students!