

Newman Center Holy Spirit Parish



Aloha! Welcome!

Aloha! E Komo Mai!

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!

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday:

9:00am to 5:00pm
(except 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 (Monday-Thursday) 12:10PM

Sunday Mass

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Saturday) 3:45PM—4:30PM
Tuesday OR Thursday during Adoration

Pastoral Team

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home." - Mt 1:20

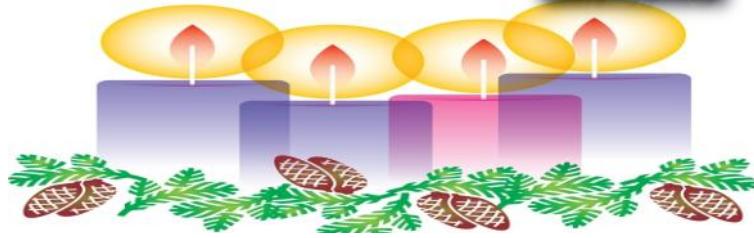
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From the desk of the Pastor

As we approach Christmas, let us be ready to rejoice the coming of our Lord. The greatest gift we will ever receive. Let us take time to appreciate the many other gifts God has given us, including the gift of each other. For those going away for the Christmas break have fun and return to us safely. God Bless. Have a blessed week!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Kurt Meyer



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 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,



Our Mission

We are the Catholic Center and Campus Ministry at the University of Hawaii, 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 Hawaii, 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!

Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

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

Tithes and Offerings:

12/13/2025-12/14/2025	\$4,220.00
Second Collection:	\$134.00
Online	
12/12/2025-12/18/2025	\$1,812.00

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

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!



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 office.



Please remember the sick and homebound in our community. Pray that they may find comfort and healing, especially:

Christie Dinell
Denise Esposito
Vernon Chock

Shirley Chock
Daniel Barr
Sandra Ching



In remembrance, let us pray for all who have died, that they may rejoice with the Risen Lord, especially our recently deceased:

Tom Dinell



MAHALO ART & ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY!

We would like to thank the many hands and hearts that supported our Art & Environment ministry as they created beautiful arrangements to enhance our liturgical environment throughout the year!

Mahalo:

Tessie Amore
Lorna A.
Samantha Ching
Ann Doyle
Lynn Kim

Dana Tsushima
Rosemary Casey
Rochelle McArthur
George Mashall
Christina Peters

As we begin a new year, consider joining our art & environment ministry. There is a small weekly budget for flowers. No experience necessary. Sign-up on the bulletin board today.

The Word of the Lord Weekly

Readings for the week of December 21, 2025

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)
Thursday: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 /Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Observances for the week of December 21, 2025

Tuesday: St. John of Kany, Priest
Thursday: The Nativity of the Lord
Friday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Around the Parish

NEWMAN CENTER - HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Wednesday, December 24, 2025</u>
5:00PM
10:00PM
<u>Thursday, December 25, 2025</u>
10:00AM



Mele Kalikimaka

ALOHA!

**NEWMAN CENTER
WILL BE CLOSED**

**December 29 – January 2
in observance of the annual holidays**

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Mahalo to everyone who donated Christmas Gifts for our Angel Tree Project in collaboration with Hawaii Catholic Charities. All 50 gifts were delivered to HCC. These gifts will bring Joy to the recipients as we commemorate the birth of Christ. May God bless you for your generosity!



CONGRATULATIONS FALL 2025 GRADUATES

Please join us in congratulating our students who graduated this Saturday from the University of Hawaii—Manoa:

Jacob Taylor Baltazar

Reese Neal

Trey Rodriguez

Reyrey Tinaco

Malia Tonga

Please keep them in your prayers as they begin a new chapter in their lives!



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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Question:

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Answer:

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthronize the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

Keep "*Christ*" in Christmas!

Question:

Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Answer:

Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.