The Newman Center

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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Catholic Campus Ministry at the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm (student mass)

Tuesday through Friday: 12:10 pm

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (except Diocesan Holidays)
Newman Center opens at 9:00 am and remains open until evening
programs conclude.

Saturday and Sunday, Newman Center is open during Mass times and for activities as needed.

Sacraments – Please call Fr. Alfred Omar for an appointment. We are glad to meet with you at your convenience.

Baptisms – Call or speak with Fr. Alfred Omar at least one month before the date desired for the baptism.

Confirmation – Programs for teens and adults, please contact Anna Viggiano.

Weddings – Couples need to contact Fr. Alfred Omar at least 8 months before the desired date of the ceremony.

Anointing of the Sick – Offered to anyone who is seriously ill; one does not need to be in danger of death. Call Fr. Alfred for anointing at any time. We are happy to come to your home or hospital.

Funerals – Please call the parish office before finalizing dates with the mortuary. We will work with you to make arrangements for services and care for your needs.

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Bulletin submission deadline is 9 am Thursday mornings.

Community Notices

• In observance of the Kamehameha Day holiday, the parish offices will be closed. Daily Mass will be at 12:10pm.

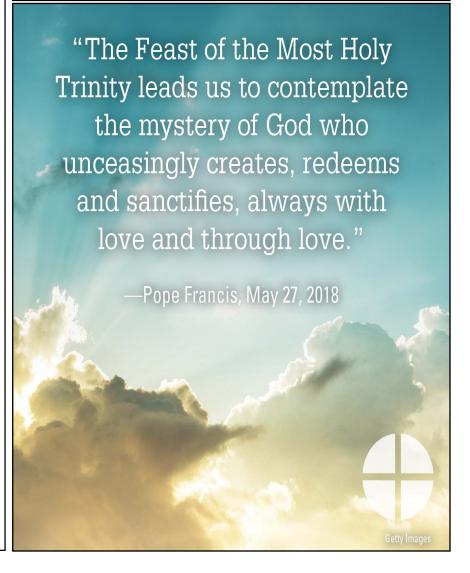
Aloha and Welcome!

Aloha and thank you for visiting the Newman Center! Whether you are visiting, new to the community, or have been here for many years, we hope you will visit us again. You are most welcome here!

The Newman Center has a two-fold mission: outreach to the community at-large as a parish and outreach to the staff, faculty, and student of the University of Hawai'i—Mānoa as a campus ministry.

Connect with us through Social Media on Facebook (www.facebook.com/newmanhawaii), Instagram and Twitter (@NewmanHawaii).

We hope you will visit us again!



From the Desk of the Pastor

One of the results of having social media is being bombarded by the happenings of the world in an instant. An event in one place can be posted online, go viral, and reach the ends of the earth. These last couple of weeks were no different. The tragic death of George Floyd was seen by the world by a click of a button. For almost 9 mins, he was pinned down at his neck by a police officer who disregarded George's cry that he could not breath. On top of all that has been happening around the world, for many people, enough was enough. Throughout our country and even other parts of the world, people are protesting the injustices happening far too much these days.



I am saddened and even angry that racism still exists in the world today. I stand in solidary with those who are peacefully calling for the end of this indignity in the streets of our cities. We, as members of the Mystical Body of Christ, cannot continue to condone degrading attitudes towards our sisters and brothers of color. I spent some time reading the short Pastoral Letter against racism of the US Bishops, "Open wide our hearts: the enduring call to love." In it, our bishops call on the Christian community to "combat racism with love." Through LOVE, we can understand the nature of God. They also said, "love also requires us to invite a change of heart in those who may be dismissive of other's experiences or whose hearts may be hardened by prejudice or racism." If we want systemic racism to end, we need to start here and now with our own hearts. Our Gospel says, "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." Like the Father, we too must love the world and everybody in it-especially those different than us. That is what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Alfred Omar (@fralfred808)

Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings:

(05/30/2020-05/31/2020) \$ 4,857.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,386.00

(05/29/2020-06/04/2020)

Maintenance Donations: \$ 70.00

May we continue to receive God's gifts gratefully, manage them responsibly, and share them joyfully.

Mahalo for your generosity!

Giving Made Easy

Giving online is safe and easy using our secured online platform, WeShare:

https://newmanhawaii.weshareonline.org

Thank you for supporting our mission!

Prayer Sites

http://prayasyougo.org, http://sacredspace.ie

Daily Scripture and Reflections:

http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org

Weekly Essays on Ignatian Spirituality by Fr. Randy Roche, SJ: http://mision.lmu.edu/cis/spiritualessays/latest essay/

Contemplative Prayer

Monday Nights at 6:30 pm. 30 minutes of silence, followed by Scripture and Sharing. For more information, contact June Naughton (808) 524-2718.

Prayer to Overcome Racism

Mary, friend and mother to all,
through your Son,
God has found a way to unite himself
to every human being,
called to be one people,
sisters and brothers to each other.
We ask for your help in calling on your Son,
seeking forgiveness for the times
when we have failed to love and respect one another.
We ask for your help
in obtaining from your Son the grace
we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a
just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us.

Amen.

Newman Center on Social Media

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Religious Education Classes

Religious Education classes meet on Sundays during academic year, immediately following the 9 am Mass.

Stewardship of Time and Talent

We welcome everyone wanting to give to the Lord their time and talent through the various ministries in the parish. Please contact the office or any pastoral team member.

Stewardship Moment

In today's second reading we hear of Saint Paul's final appeal to the Christian community at Corinth to live in peace and harmony with one another as well as to give one another encouragement. God made Stewardship-A Way of Life. that unity possible, as Paul would



have it, through "the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit." Good stewards who share Christ's life belong to each other, just as God in the three persons of Father, Son and Holy Spirit enjoy unity. We are an intimate part of God's divine bond, God's "family." Saint Paul maintains that we ought to act that way. In the Church there is the bond of family, yet there is plenty of room for variety. Christian stewards use their uniquely varied gifts to live a Trinitarian faith, in unity, promoting Christ's peace and justice. How do we promote unity among our fellow believers? What encouragement do we give others?

Cleaning/Sanitizing Supplies Needed

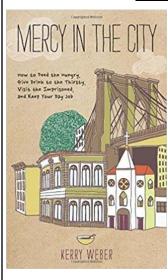
With our reopening and the resuming of the public Masses, there is a greater need for us to clean and sanitize surfaces often.

If you can spare any cleaning supplies, rubbing alcohol, and cleaning wipes, we would gladly accept them. You can bring them when you come to mass or during business hours.

Thank you for your support!



Lenten Mission Book Available



Before the COVID-19 Pandemic canceled all our events, we ordered 50 copies of the book that Fr. Ed Quinnan, SJ based his Mission talks on.

If you are interested in ordering a copy, we will send one to you for only \$10 with free shipping. (List price is \$13.95)

Call the parish office for more information.

Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

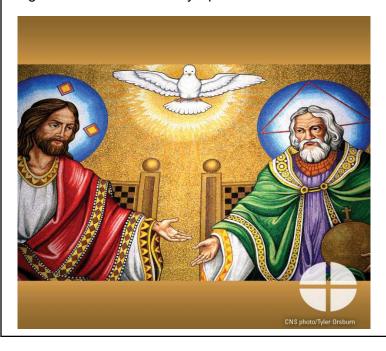
This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.





Blessing for Summer Vacation Prayer

Take time to claim your strength; they are gifts of God. Take time to have fun; it's God's way of teaching you your strengths.

Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.

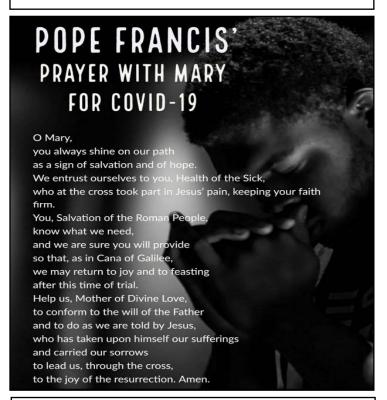
Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.

Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent.

Take time to share with others; they will bless you, and you will bless them.

Take time to have hope, you are a child of God.

Let's put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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<u>5 Questions for Developing Your Summer Game Plan</u> by Nathan Stanley. (Blog on FOCUS! Catholic Website)

The summer after my freshman year of college is forever engraved in my mind. There were some good memories from that summer — but mostly I remember the setbacks I endured.

During my freshman year, my eyes were opened to seeing Jesus Christ as a living person for the first time. I had found myself on fire with love of God. I knew that I was personally loved by God, something I had never before experienced in my life. That summer after my freshman year, I went back home unprepared to meet the resistance I would face to live the life in Christ which I had started.

The devil is real, and he is "roaring around like a lion, looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). But the devil didn't have to work too hard on me, because I didn't have a plan.

As the former UCLA basketball coach, John Wooden, says, "When you fail to plan, you plan to fail." And so I did. I fell on my face and lost much of the fire that I had from my freshman year.

Don't worry, it wasn't the end of the story. God is merciful. And when you fail, you can get back up and God can make you stronger than you were before.

In the future, I started to make a plan to help me take steps forward in the summer, spiritual goals that I could accomplish.

Here are five questions to help you stay the course this summer:

- 1) Where and when will you pray?
- 2) Where and when will you go to Mass and Confession?
- 3) What will be your spiritual reading?
- 4) Who will be your Christ-centered friends?
- 5) Who will you evangelize?

Maybe you have read Kevin Cotter's post from last May. He talks about several of these points above and gives some tips for how to form your game plan. In the next several weeks, my friend Mark Bartek and I would like to build on these questions and Kevin's post to help you formulate your game plan. For now, start praying over the above questions and talk it over with a friend or a mentor.

God has an amazing plan for your life. This summer, you have the opportunity to fall more in love with Him and live in the greatness into which He is calling you. You still may fall along the way — but don't be discouraged. Get back up and begin again. God is walking with you and will always pick you back up, heal you and restore you in His grace. This new way of living will take root in your heart. God is so happy that you're even willing to step out on the field with a game plan this summer.