

The Newman Center

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi

June 14, 2020

**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

- Please wear your mask at all times during the Mass and while in the Newman Center.

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!**

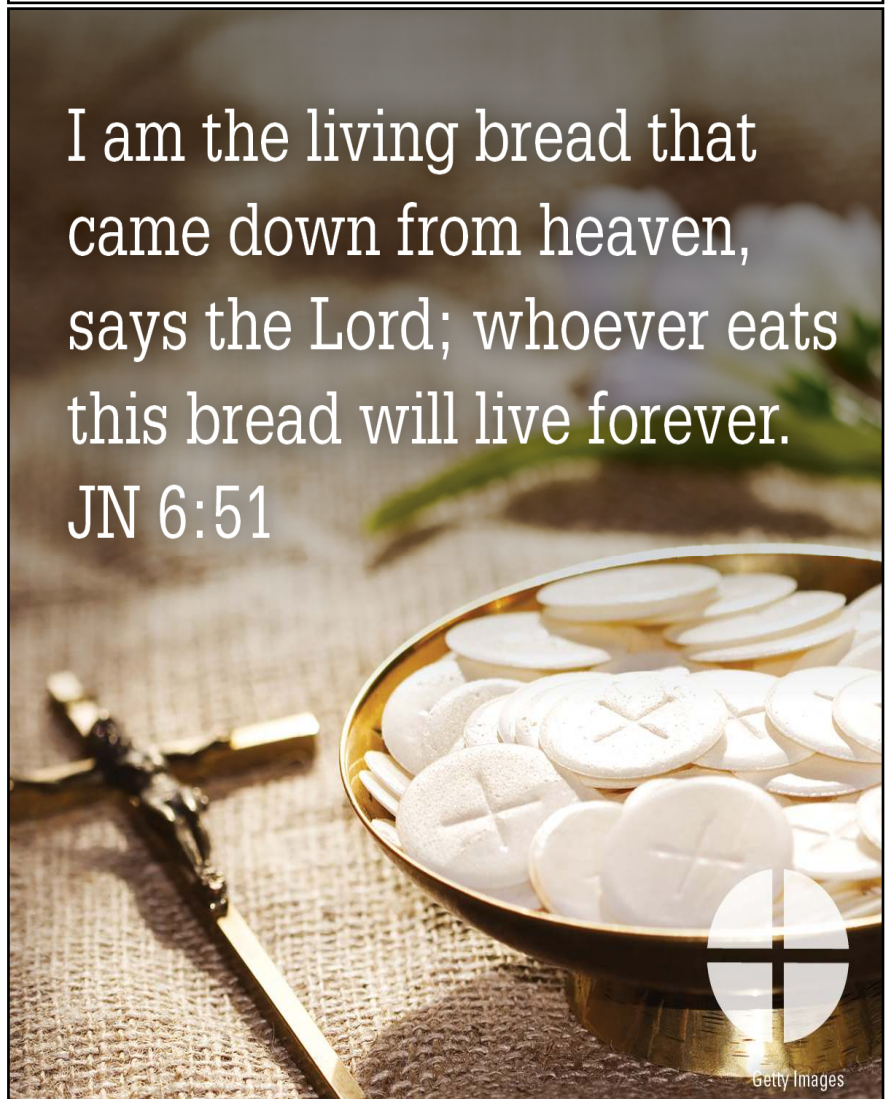
The Newman Center has a two-fold mission: outreach to the community at-large as a parish and outreach to the staff, faculty, and student of the University of Hawai'i—Mānoa as a campus ministry.

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

We hope you will visit us again!

I am the living bread that
came down from heaven,
says the Lord; whoever eats
this bread will live forever.

JN 6:51



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From the Desk of the Pastor

“Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.””



Thanks be to God that we are able to gather once again for the celebration of the Eucharist. Henri de Lubac once wrote that, “the Eucharist makes the Church and the Church makes the Eucharist.” That is why it was important for us to resume public Masses as soon as possible during this global pandemic. The Mystery of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharistic species is one of the central beliefs of our Catholic faith. Yet, recent studies show that 69 percent of Catholics personally believe that the bread and wine used in Holy Communion “are symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.” If they were merely symbols, Jesus should have made it clear in today’s gospel passage. Instead, he really speaks of eating his flesh and drinking his blood. Because of this, many followers left Jesus. Through the Mass, Jesus continually gives his flesh and blood for his followers to eat and drink as spiritual nourishment. This real food and drink allows us to live out our Christian lives in the world today. The question is, do we believe this is so?

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)

Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (06/06/2020-06/07/2020)	\$ 2,108.00
Online Giving: (06/05/2020-06/11/2020)	\$ 2,112.00
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 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.

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.

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/NewmanHawaii
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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

Among the compelling Eucharistic themes proclaimed in today's readings is the notion of "participation" as found in Saint Paul's letter to the Corinthians, or in other words, putting the Eucharist into action.



Good stewards are part of a Eucharistic family that loves, welcomes and serves. An important part of living as a steward comes about in the many ways we can participate in the life of the Church. No matter how much time we have to give, no matter what our skills or interests, no matter what our level of commitment, there is a way to participate as a good steward to enrich our lives and the lives of others to build up the Body of Christ. During this time when people are anxious and fearful, what are we doing to welcome others, and to love and be of service to them.

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!

DIOCESE OF HONOLULU PRAYER FOR THE COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC [by Bishop Larry Silva; March 12, 2020]

Dear God of all the living, you sent your Son Jesus to heal us from illness and sin. We turn to his healing power in this time of anxiety over the pandemic of this potentially deadly virus.

St. Damien and St. Marianne Cope dedicated their lives to service of those who had an infectious disease. St. Marianne Cope said, "I am not afraid of any disease," because she was confident of your power to save. At the same time, she took prudent precautions of hygiene to assure that she and her Sisters would not be infected.

Let us learn from this example to put our trust in you to save us from the ravages of disease and to take prudent measures to prevent its spread. Guide us to know when to isolate ourselves from the possibility of infection, but never let anyone be left without the care and concern of others in the community.

As our Diocese of Honolulu has been dedicated to the Divine Mercy, we pray with confidence,
"Jesus, I trust in you."

Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

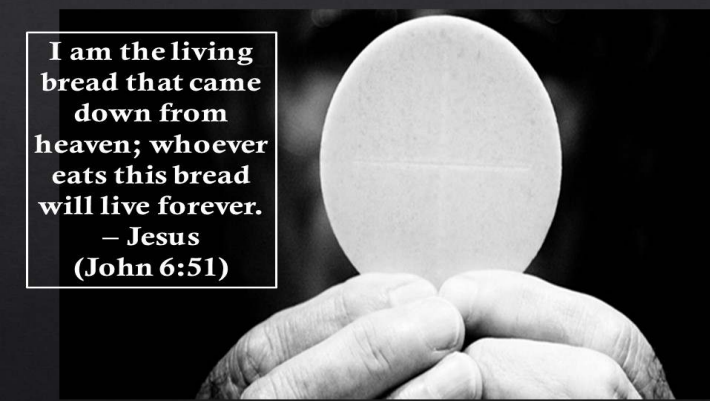
This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called Corpus Christi, which is Latin for "Body of Christ." In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today's Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John's Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God's saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world.



**I am the living
bread that came
down from
heaven; whoever
eats this bread
will live forever.
– Jesus
(John 6:51)**

Reflection on the Eucharist for Corpus Christi
Blog by Kelsey Cronin, June 2018



On Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also commonly referred to as Corpus Christi. Although this feast didn't gain a place in the liturgical calendar until the Middle Ages, it commemorates what is perhaps the most fundamental aspect of our Catholic faith--the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

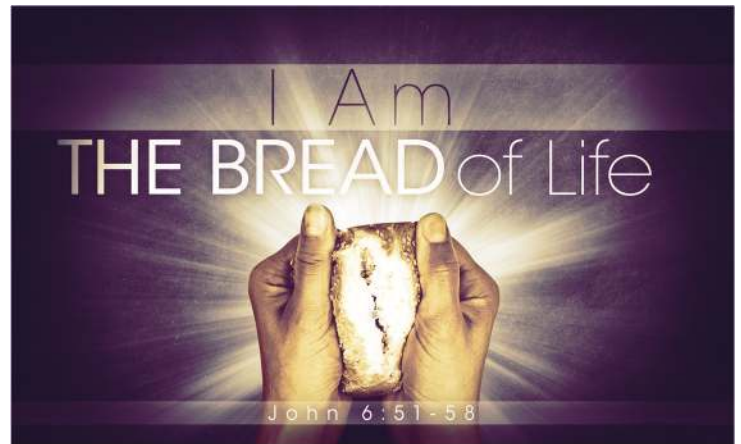
During the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Jesus transforms our human gifts of bread and wine into himself-- body, blood, soul, and divinity. To someone who has never been exposed to the Catholic faith, it might sound like a radical claim. And it is. But it's not merely a claim; it's the glorious truth. And yet, sometimes I find myself struggling to keep my eyes open while praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes I receive communion and before I've even finished making the sign of the cross, my mind has wandered to the day ahead. If it's true that the God who created the universe offers himself to me in a piece of bread, how can my response be anything other than fall-on-the-floor adoration?

Simply put, it's because I'm human. We all are, and that means that while we're here on earth, none of us will ever be able to fully comprehend the miracle of the Eucharist. So I'm thankful that the Church offers us this day of observance because it affords us the opportunity to rekindle our wonder and increase our reverence for the Eucharist.

Before you go to Mass on Sunday, I encourage you to meditate on the readings, which speak about both the Old covenant and the New, contrasting the blood of animal sacrifices with the Blood of Christ. The Lauda Sion, a sequence written by St. Thomas Aquinas for the Feast of Corpus Christi, is also often read at this Mass. The poetic verses capture a glimmer of the beauty found in the Eucharist, and provide another helpful source of meditation.

I pray that this Sunday you would fall in love with Jesus in the Eucharist all over again, and allow yourself to gaze in wonder at the gift he has given us.

Source: <http://catholictv.org/blog/reflection-the-eucharist-corporis-christi>



Words of Wisdom For The Week

"With all the strength of my soul I urge you young people to approach the Communion table as often as you can. Feed on this bread of angels whence you will draw all the energy you need to fight inner battles. Because true happiness, dear friends, does not consist in the pleasures of the world or in earthly things, but in peace of conscience, which we have only if we are pure in heart and mind."

--Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

**POPE FRANCIS'
PRAYER WITH MARY
FOR COVID-19**

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

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