

# The Newman Center

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 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.

### Pastoral Team

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**RCIA**

*Bulletin submission deadline is 9 am Thursday mornings.*

## Community Notices

- Due to current City Orders, please wear your mask at all times during the Mass and while in the Newman Center. Thank you for your cooperation!
- If you park on the St. Francis side, please park behind the Center or on the baseball field.

## 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!**

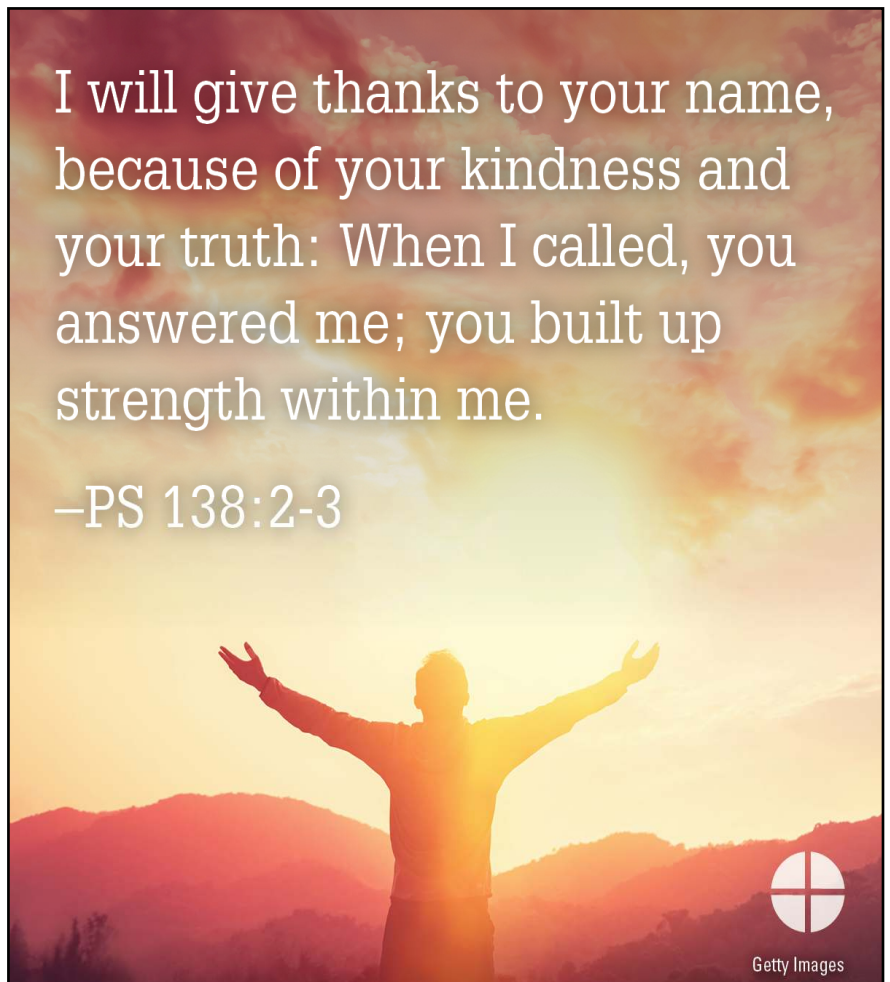
The Newman Center has a two-fold mission: outreach to the community at-large as a parish and outreach to the staff, faculty, and student of the University of Hawai'i—Mānoa as a campus ministry.

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

**We hope you will visit us again!**

I will give thanks to your name,  
because of your kindness and  
your truth: When I called, you  
answered me; you built up  
strength within me.

—PS 138:2-3



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## From the Desk of the Pastor

The Gospel passage we hear today, has Jesus in dialogue with his disciples in the northern part of Palestine-Caesarea Philippi. It marks the initial step of the journey that will end in Jesus' passion and death in Jerusalem. In some sense, he is preparing his disciples for his death. He was asking his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" The popular opinions were that he was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah the prophet or some other ancient prophet. Then Jesus changes the question, "But who do you say that I am?" Of course Peter, the head of the Apostles, answers, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Evidently Peter recognized something deep within Jesus that was divine, someone coming from God. In his answer, he proclaims that Jesus is the Messiah in Hebrew for "anointed one" or in Greek "Christos" and a specific identifier "Son of the living God." Immediately, Jesus praises him because the heavenly Father revealed the mystery of the heavenly kingdom to him. But in the end of the gospel passage Jesus instructs his disciples to tell no one that he is the anointed one –the Christ- because the Jews were expecting a different kind of Messiah. The kind of Messiah they were expecting was one who would be their King and lead them in Military force to liberate them once and for all from any oppressing force. He would be the one to rule all nations. But the True messiah, the Anointed One of God, is to suffer, be crucified, and die. The questions we can reflect on this week are, who is the Son of Man to me? Is he the Son of God, the Christ, who suffered, died and rose again for my sake? Is he my Lord who is also my brother? Do I live up to my call as a Child of God? Do I put my whole trust in the Lord even in the times of trial and tribulation?



Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar  
(@fralfred808)

### Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (08/15/2020-08/16/2020)	\$ 9,638.00
Online Giving: (08/14/2020-08/20/2020)	\$ 1,626.00
Maintenance Donations:	\$ 170.00

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!

### Second Collection: Catholic Charities Hawaii August 22 & 23, 2020

From Catholic Charities Hawaii

Please support our annual Catholic Charities Sunday special collection at your parish the weekend of August 22-23, dates vary so please check your parish schedule. Catholic Charities Hawaii touches the lives tens of thousands people in need each year – including kupuna, families, veterans, children and youth, immigrants and individuals in crisis.

The current COVID-19 pandemic has challenged all of us in various ways. But, with your help, we will continue to respond to Jesus' call by reaching out and providing help and hope to the most vulnerable.

Please continue to put your faith into action by helping others in their time of need by making a generous contribution to this year's Catholic Charities Sunday second collection.

We are grateful for your support and thank you for being a partner in mission!

Click on the link to learn more or to make a donation.  
<https://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org/catholic-charities-sunday/>

### 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/](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.

### Newman Center on Social Media

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram:  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/NewmanHawaii](https://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

Saint Paul reminds us in today's second reading that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God's own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God. Every breath we take is a gift. Every good deed we perform is grace. Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion and justice of God and his gifts known throughout the world. The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing to embrace this call, acknowledge our dependence on God and give our lives over to him completely for this purpose.

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

## Prayer to Begin a School Year/Semester

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
Creator of body and mind and heart;  
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to  
guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year (or semester/  
term) we implore your mercy:

    bless the students, teachers, and staff of N.,  
    that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love  
    as we learn from you and each other  
    how to follow your Son Jesus.

    Expand the horizons of our minds,  
    that we may grow in wisdom,  
    understanding, and knowledge;  
deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways;  
and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.

    Glory and praise to you, Lord God,  
    in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.

R/. Amen

## Saint of the Week: Saint Joseph Calasanz

**Date: 1556 – 1648    Feast Day: August 25**

This Spaniard studied law at the University of Lerida and was ordained a priest in 1583, despite his father's hope that he would be a soldier. He became vicar general of a Spanish diocese, but in 1592 left for Rome, where he joined the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and worked with neglected children. In 1597 he established the first free school in Rome with three other priests. This work led him to found the Clerks Regular of the Religious (or Pious) Schools, known as Piarists. He overcame internal and external opposition and served as superior general of the order. He was canonized in 1767, and in 1948 Pope Pius XII named him the patron saint of Christian schools. He is also a patron of students.



## Sunday Connection from Loyola Press

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term church in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.



**Social Ministry Website-Resources for Caring During Coronavirus Crisis**



As the health and economic impacts of COVID-19 continue, we need to remain steadfast in our focus that we are all in this together and we WILL get through this crisis as One 'Ohana!

The OSM website ([www.officeforsocialministry.org](http://www.officeforsocialministry.org)) offers a wide menu of resources to help all care for each other, and transform our shared vulnerability into the strength of solidarity, as we Witness to Jesus together.

**Feeding the Hungry**

The website has complete list of food ministry schedule of current parish food pantries still in operation during covid-19.

**Financial Assistance**

Funding to provide financial assistance to those impacted by COVID-19 is currently available on all the islands through Catholic Charities Hawaii and HOPE Services Hawaii.

**Helping Seniors Stay Fit While Safer At Home**

There are many resources for our beloved kupuna to stay fit while staying safer at home! For example, the Catholic Charities Hawaii website offers a variety of online fitness programs for seniors, including exercise classes on zoom designed for those experiencing difficulty with leg strength or mobility.

To protect and care for each other as One 'Ohana, we encourage all to continue practicing Safer at Home-Act with Care policies that include mask-wearing, physical distancing and proper hygiene. The Office for Social Ministry will continue to provide information on resources to transform our shared vulnerability into the strength of solidarity. This is one way we all can Witness to Jesus. MAHALO

**Extension of Dispensation from Sunday Mass Obligation**

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Silva extends the dispensation of all the people of the Diocese of Honolulu and all visitors to the Diocese of Honolulu from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass through October 31, 2020.



All who are able to attend Sunday Mass without putting themselves or others at serious risk of infection are encouraged to do so, but are not obliged to do so.

**Prayer of St. John Henry Newman**

Lead, Kindly Light, amidst th' encircling gloom,  
Lead Thou me on!  
The night is dark, and I am far from home—  
Lead Thou me on!  
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor pray'd that Thou  
Shouldst lead me on;  
I loved to choose and see my path; but now  
Lead Thou me on!  
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,  
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years!

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still  
Will lead me on.  
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till  
The night is gone;  
And with the morn those angel faces smile,  
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!

Meantime, along the narrow rugged path,  
Thyself hast trod,  
Lead, Saviour, lead me home in childlike faith,  
Home to my God.  
To rest forever after earthly strife  
In the calm light of everlasting life.

**Have Prayer Intentions?**

The Sisters of the Sacred Hearts (SSCC) at Regina Pacis Convent will remember our parish in their prayers and works during the week of September 13 to 19, 2020. They are inviting all parishioners to send them your special intentions by phone, mail, or email before and during the week of prayers.

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**Weekly Wisdom From The Saints**

“The most deadly poison of our times is indifference. And this happens, although the praise of God should know no limits. Let us strive, therefore, to praise Him to the greatest extent of our powers.”  
-- St. Maximilian Kolbe

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