

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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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](https://twitter.com/NewmanHawaii)).

We hope you will visit us again!

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 are feeling ill, please stay home.
- If you park on the St. Francis side, please park behind the Center or on the baseball field.
- First Sacraments Rehearsal 5/16 10am
- First Communion & Confirmation Mass 5/23 5pm
- Memorial Day Holiday-Center Closed 5/31

Jesus said to his disciples:
“Go into the whole world
and proclaim the gospel
to every creature.”

—Mk 16:15



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From the Desk of the Pastor

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.”



We had another successful Study Haven Week here at the Center. Thank you to all our parishioners who stopped by to drop-off meals and snacks for the students! With Study Haven and Graduation happening this week, the days of goodbyes began around here. As always, saying goodbye is one of my hardest things to do especially to those people I hold dearly in my life.

Perhaps the apostles in our first reading this weekend felt the same thing. As they stood there watching Jesus ascend into heaven, they might have felt sadness. But shortly after, they recalled the words and promises of Jesus and that repeatedly sustained them. When the Holy Spirit descended upon them at Pentecost, they went forth and preached everywhere the Good News. We too are commissioned to be the Lord's witnesses to the ends of the earth because we have received the indwelling Spirit. His Word and Sacrament continue to sustain us as the community of believers. May we not be afraid to preach the Good News and do the signs that accompany them!

Have a blessed Easter Week,
Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
(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.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Tuesday through Friday: 12:10 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am,
5:00 pm (Student Mass)

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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.



Daily Readings

Monday 05/17/2021

Acts 19:1-8
Ps. 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday 05/18/2021

Acts 20:17-27
Ps. 68:10-11, 20-21
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday 05/19/2021

Acts 20:28-38
Ps. 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday 05/20/2021

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Ps. 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday 05/21/2021

Acts 25:13b-21
Ps. 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
Jn 21:15-19

SAINT OF THE WEEK: Saint Paschal Baylon **1540-1592 Feast day – May 17**

Born to a Spanish shepherd family, Paschal was said to have taught himself to read while tending sheep. At age 21 he joined an austere group of Franciscans, devoting himself to prayer and charity. He was sent on a dangerous mission to French Franciscans, and a shoulder wound he received caused him pain for the rest of his life. Long hours of prayer on his knees before the Eucharist earned this lay brother the honor of being patron of Catholic Eucharistic congresses. His emblem in art is a monstrance.



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FAMILY CONNECTION LOYOLA PRESS **GOSPEL READING: Mark 16:15-20**

Jesus is taken to heaven, and the disciples go forth to preach as Jesus commanded.

It can be very important whom we sit next to. Any family that has tried to sit down to a family dinner or packed the car for a trip has heard children argue at least once about who should sit where. To sit next to someone, especially if that person is important, is to have a place of honor. Jesus has this place of honor seated at God's right hand, but there's more to this metaphor than where Jesus sits in relation to God. To be in the place of honor is also to be in a place of power. Knowing people in powerful places can be helpful. Our children remind us of this each time we are called upon to referee a conflict. Jesus, honored at God's right hand, is a powerful ally for us.

As you gather as a family, recall a time when there was a discussion, or perhaps even an argument, about where people were going to sit. Talk about why it might be important to a person to sit in a particular place. Observe that in today's Gospel we will learn about Jesus' place in heaven. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 16:15-20. Talk about what we might learn about the relationship between God and Jesus from today's Gospel and what we learn about Jesus' relationship to us. Observe that one of the things we learn is that Jesus continues to help us from this place of honor in heaven.

Pray together the Apostles' Creed.

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%20essay/)

Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom)

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

Religious Education Classes

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

Stewardship Moment

Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus instructed his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all of creation. In the first reading, after Jesus' ascent, the angels ask his disciples "Why do you stand here staring at the skies?" The angels want them to look around themselves and be assured that Christ is working through them. The Ascension does not memorialize Christ leaving us. But instead, Christ working through us, his mystical body, his church. As stewards of this legacy, we too are called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and actions; in how we live and how we treat others. Are we sharing the life of Christ with others in our day-to-day lives? In what ways do we see ourselves proclaiming the Gospel? In what ways can we do better?



Stewardship of Treasure



Tithes and Offerings: (05/08/2021-05/09/2021)	\$ 2,084.00
Online Giving: (05/07/2021-05/13/2021)	\$ 2,296.00
Diocesan Priests Retirement:	\$ 25.00
Catholic Communication:	\$ 5.00
Maintenance Donations:	\$ 95.00

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

Catholic Communication Campaign: 05/15 & 05/16

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!

Sunday Mass Obligation

As of April 4, Easter Sunday, Bishop Silva has ended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed.

All who are able to attend Sunday Mass without putting themselves or others at serious risk of infection are to do so. If you are feeling ill and/or have a fever, please stay home.

For the parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish, Fr. Alfred has continued the dispensation from the obligation until June 30, 2021, since the Center cannot safely accommodate an increase of attendees.

For more information on COVID-19 directives from the diocese, visit www.catholicahawaii.org.



This weekend our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in Diocese of Honolulu to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message!

To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Help Needed with Ministries

As the summer begins, we are in need of Liturgical Ministers for weekend Masses, especially the Sunday 5pm:

Greeters, to welcome the community, **Lectors** to proclaim the scripture, and **Extraordinary Ministers** to help serve with the distribution of the blessed sacrament.

A liturgical minister is assigned to the Mass he or she most often attends and is usually assigned once a month. The Sunday 5 pm mass is always looking for members to join the choir.

The ministry of environment needs people to create the **floral arrangements** that enhance our liturgical events. The Center provides \$40 a week for the cost of flowers.

Interested in serving as an **acolyte / altar server**? This is a great way to integrate the Mass as part of your spirituality.

If you are interested in serving in a ministry at Mass, contact the parish office at manager@newmanhawaii.org.

Please sign up on the "**Arranging Flowers**" sheet on the chapel door.

Thank you for your continued service to our community.

SUNDAY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.



Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending is not original to Mark. They theorize that this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8.

Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending that scholars also believe was written by someone other than the Evangelist. Nonetheless, quotations from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and it was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark. Our Gospel for today's celebration of the Feast of the Ascension is taken from this Longer Ending.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

WORD AMONG US REFLECTION: JOHN 16:16-20

The apostles were probably confused when Jesus told them that their grief would turn to joy (John 16:20). After all, he had just informed them that he would soon be leaving them (16:5). But just as Jesus prophesied, their grief at his crucifixion turned to joy when they encountered him as the risen Christ.

What Jesus says here also applies to us. We might grieve as we see the evil still at work in the world, but one day, at the Second Coming, our grief will also turn to joy. That's when the present world will pass away and all will be made right in the kingdom of God. Just think: no more broken relationships with family or friends, no more poverty or racism or abortion, no more illness or pain of any kind.

And yet we don't have to wait for the Second Coming to experience foretastes of that kingdom. That's because the risen Christ is still here with us. He is present and at work every time a parent and a child resolve their differences and reconcile. When a friend is healed of cancer, it's because Jesus is there as the source of all healing. When a woman in a crisis pregnancy receives support that will help her to care for her baby, Jesus is walking with her and giving her strength. In good times and in bad, the kingdom of God will continue to break through because Jesus hasn't abandoned us this side of heaven.

Yes, this life is a mixture of light and shadows. But Jesus knows what it's like to walk through both. And he lets his disciples—all of us—know ahead of time that we will face our own ups and downs. But he also tells us it's not the end. If the grief that he experienced in his passion and death did not have the final word, neither will our own. So today, whatever might be troubling you, hold fast to Jesus' promise. Believe that the glimpses of the kingdom of heaven that you see and experience in this life are only a pale reflection of the joy that awaits you!

“Jesus, I will hold fast to your promise of eternal joy.”

Four-Petals Peace Service and Affirmations

Join us for a virtual, multi-faith service for peace, of mindfulness and an expression that particularly resonates among our faiths, blossoming from our common humanity.

For more information, contact Church of the Crossroads at 949-2220.

Time: The service begins at 6:30pm, please arrive early to sit and settle down.

Date: May 20, 2021 (Thursday)

Online via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88407479331?pwd=UXk2RXRFbFIWNU52UWREL0gyODBVQT09>

Passcode: 661348

Sponsors: Buddhist Study Center, Honolulu
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Church of the Crossroads

We affirm that all people should have the opportunity to enjoy lives of harmony and peace.

We affirm that while we may follow different faith traditions, our traditions and beliefs all include a strong desire for peace.

We affirm that each faith tradition will offer its expression of contemplative reflection providing an experience of peaceful attentiveness with the common goal of peace and aloha.

Job Posting: P/T Communications and Pastoral Assistant

Overall Responsibility

The Communications and Pastoral Assistant is responsible for assisting the pastor with the communications strategies of the Center and be a resource for the pastoral needs of the parish and the formation of Lay Ministers.

Position Summary

- Create, organize, plan and implement effective communications messages and strategies for/with Campus Ministry and Parish.
- Maintain and update the parish website and other means of communication.
- Assists Campus Minister and Pastor in the pastoral and sacramental needs of students and parishioners. Provides appropriate instruction for reception of the sacraments and coordinates and/or provides for the celebration of the sacraments and related sacramental and devotional activities when needed.
- Encourages and fosters the spiritual growth of the parish.
- Plan, organizes and implements on-going formation of the Lay Ecclesial Ministers of the parish.
- Assist Campus Minister and Pastor in connecting Campus Ministry with the wider parish community through events and/or other communications.

Other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree and 3 years of working in a Catholic Church in ministry related to religious education, youth/young adults or pastoral leadership
- 8+ years of working in a Catholic Church in ministry related to religious education, youth/young adults or pastoral leadership in lieu of a degree
- Intermediate knowledge of Microsoft Office programs

Practicing Catholic in full initiation required

Contact the Parish Office for more information or apply online at catholichawaii.org

campus ministry life



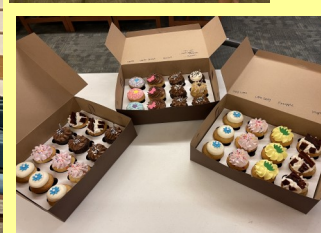
**Baccalaureate Mass
2020-2021
School Year
May 09, 2021**

Congratulations to our Newman graduates - Geneva Theresa Batangan Dela Cruz, Mirabela Medallon, Matthew Miguel Minoza, Mariam Moreno, and Reta Youkhana. Always remember that Newman Center Hawaii will always be your home away from home. Best wishes and May our good and gracious God continue to bless you in your future endeavors!

STUDY HAVEN ~ MAY 08 - 14, 2021



Yay! Study Haven was a success! Mahalo to our wonderful parishioners for all your love, prayers, support and most especially the delicious dishes & desserts!! We are blessed by your generosity! Congratulations to our students for a successful school year! Have a blessed summer!!



THE ASSUMPTION VS. THE ASCENSION



JESUS ASCENDED

The Feast of the Ascension is about Jesus. Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days after Easter by His own power. The Ascension is talked about in the Bible, Acts 1:14, Mark 16: 19-20, and Luke 24:50-53.

MARY WAS ASSUMED

The Feast of the Assumption is about Mary and is celebrated each year on August 15th. The Blessed Mother was taken up to heaven body and soul. Though there is not a direct mention of the Assumption in Scripture, there are several references to it and it is part of the dogma of the Catholic Church.



Campus Ministry Corner



"The Ascension exhorts us to lift our gaze toward heaven, in order to return it immediately to the earth, to implement the tasks that the Risen Lord entrusts us." - Pope Francis, 2018



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15). This simple of instruction to "go" provides an interesting insight on our faith life. Are we motivated to move in faith, hope and love? Are we ready to leave the comfort zones that we find solace in? Are we willing to take that risk head on, without hesitation? Let us challenge ourselves each day to face all adversities and to remember that Jesus will always be on our side.

I commend our students for a job well done with this past 2020-2021 school year, despite the pandemic and all. We most especially honor and congratulate our 2021 graduates. May you continue to go out into the world proclaiming the Good News. Let us continue to call upon Jesus to help us to follow Him.

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!
- Fay C. Pabo (@fa_jo_pab0)



Ending with Grace

Lord and Teacher,
Bless all at this university
As we seek to end our year
With the grace you so generously provide.
We give thanks for the students
And the faculty, the staff,
And all who have contributed
To this year of nurturing and growth.
We affirm all the positive moments,
Of insight, of the excitement of learning,
Of accomplishment, of creativity,
Of laughter, of a sense of community.
We recognize the times of struggle,
Of difficult work, of misunderstanding,
Even of failure-we give these
To you for transformation,
So they can become seeds
That will find fertile soil.
As we head into the summer,
May we take with us
The knowledge that
You will keep us all
In your embrace so
We may rest and be restored
And so we can continue in
The ongoing discovery of your Love.
- Author Unknown

11 Tips for Growing in Humility

In our day-to-day life, there are a variety of ways we can live out the virtue of humility:

1. Go about our business without unduly trying to draw other people's attention.
2. Give the best of ourselves for a cause that is greater than us, not for our ego.
3. Ask for help if we need it.
4. Not concern ourselves with what other people may think about us when we do good things.
5. Understand that each one of us has our own path, and not everyone has to follow ours.
6. Be thankful to God and to others for all we have received, especially when things turn out well.
7. Recognize that we don't know everything and that we have a lot to learn from our superiors, our peers, and those below us in age or authority.
8. Before complaining, we should consider the good that can come of whatever has happened to us, whether it is good or bad.
9. Ask forgiveness from the people we have hurt or offended.
10. Maintain an attitude of openness and listening.
11. Not hide ourselves when we are aware that we have abilities that could improve the world we live in.



For more on this article, visit <https://aleteia.org/2019/10/31/11-tips-for-growing-in-humility/>

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Weekly Wisdom From The Saints

"The last degree of love is when He gave Himself to us to be our food; because He gave Himself to be united with us in every way."

- St. Bernardine of Siena (May 20)

