

Newman Center Holy Spirit Parish

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
at the University of Hawaii - Manoa



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**TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

August 29, 2021



Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this:
to care for orphans and widows in their affliction.

James 1:27

Aloha! Welcome!

We are the Catholic Center and Campus Ministry at the University of Hawai'i, 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 Hawai'i, 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!

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We welcome your call and are here to serve you! Contact the Parish Office to speak with us or make an appointment. We look forward to hearing from you!

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
(except Diocesan Holidays)
Newman Center may remain open till evening programs conclude

Saturday and Sunday:
Open during Mass times and for activities as needed.

From the Desk of the Pastor

"The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord."



Statutes, decrees, commandments, laws, and rules. Why do we need them anyway? Civil law is helpful to keep a society in right order, ritual law is to help us do right worship of God, and divine law is helpful for right relationship with God. In the first reading this weekend, Moses reminds the

Israelites that the Commandments are from the Lord who delivered them from the bondage of slavery in Egypt. By observing the Commandments carefully, the people would be glorifying God. They were not to add, subtract, or interpret them to their own choosing. Over the centuries, besides the Commandments, teachers of the Law expanded the Law to the point of producing over 600 different statutes which people were expected to follow to the letter. Ritual purity became more important than the basic Ten Commandments. That is where we find the Pharisees and some scribes in the gospel reading. They question Jesus about his disciples not following the precepts practiced by the elders. Instead of explaining why not, Jesus goes to the core of the problem. The pharisees and the scribes focused on the external rather than internal action and lip service rather than commitment of the heart. Jesus is not rejecting all ritual practice. He is teaching his disciples that ritual is meaningless if it does not flow from an upright heart. It is easy to judge based on the letter of the law, but it takes time and wisdom to judge on the spirit of the law. In the biblical viewpoint, the heart is the center of our life. It represents more than the organ. The heart includes the full range of our interior life and is the place where God gives insight and places a burning desire of the things of God. The challenge is clear: keep your heart in check. It is easy for us to go through the motions of piety and worship externally but it is harder to examine one's life and change for the better.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)

Important Notices

- UH Food Vault collection next weekend (September 4/5)
- Due to current City Orders, please wear your mask at all times during the Mass and while in the Newman Center. If you are feeling ill, please stay home. Thank you for your cooperation!

Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass (<i>Tuesday-Friday</i>)	12:10PM
Sunday Mass (<i>Saturday Evening Anticipated Vigil</i>)	5:00PM 9:00AM 11:00AM (<i>Student Mass</i>) 5:00PM

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation By Appointment
Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

Baptism By Request
Please contact Fr. Alfred 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 Fr. Alfred 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

Rite 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 RCIA,

The Word of the Lord Weekly

Today's Readings

First Reading — Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).
Psalms — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).
Second Reading — Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).
Gospel — You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Friday: St. Gregory the Great ; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

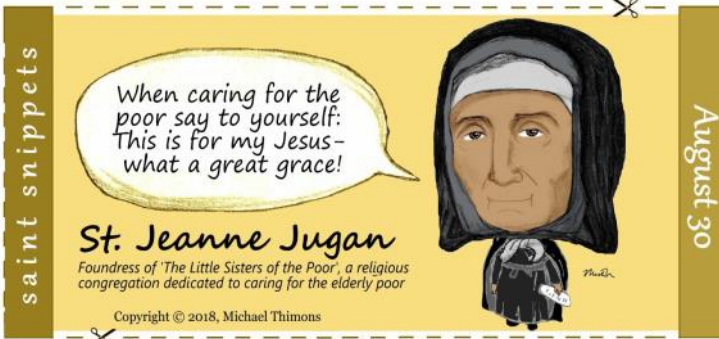
saint snippets

When caring for the poor say to yourself: This is for my Jesus—what a great grace!

St. Jeanne Jugan
Foundress of 'The Little Sisters of the Poor', a religious congregation dedicated to caring for the elderly poor

August 30

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DOERS OF THE WORD

The second reading for today begins a five-week series of selections from James, a letter that is classified among the so-called "catholic" (or universal) epistles because they are addressed to a general audience rather than to one particular community. Today's text offers important advice for Christians of every generation. God is first cited as the author of all gifts, and in particular, reference is made to the gift of baptism by which we have been made the "first fruits" of the new creation.

What follows is advice based on a very Jewish understanding of the "word" as an active force, operative in the world. We are reminded that unless we, too, become "doers" of the word, our claim to faith is empty. Today and in subsequent weeks the author reminds us that it is equally important to do the "works" of love, for example, by caring for the "orphans and widows in their affliction."

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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/>

Weekly Essays on Ignatian Spirituality by

Fr. Randy Roche, SJ:

<https://mission.lmu.edu/cis/spiritualessays>

Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom)

Monday Nights at 6:30 pm. 30 minutes of silence, followed by Scripture and Sharing. For more information,

Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

(08/21/2021-08/22/2021)	\$ 2,463.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,801.00
Catholic Charities:	\$ 930.00
Maintenance Donations:	\$ 20.00

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

Catholic University of America 09/11 & 09/12
World Mission Sunday 10/23 & 10/24

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!

FEAST OF FAITH

What Jesus Did, What Jesus Said

The oldest account of what happened at the Last Supper comes to us not from the Gospels but from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me' " (11:23-24). In our celebrations of the Eucharist, we are obedient to Christ's command to "do this." The priest, acting in the person of Christ, does what Jesus did and says what Jesus said. He takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it, and gives it to the Lord's disciples. He takes wine, gives thanks, shares it with us. We believe that the entire Eucharistic Prayer is consecratory, but we continue to hold these words of Jesus in special reverence. They are called the words of consecration, and the elevations of the host and chalice, the genuflections of the priest, and the optional ringing of a bell and use of incense remind us that we are in the presence of the Lord.

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STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Your presence at the Eucharistic Table is truly the source and summit of our faith. And in the breaking of the bread your presence is meant to impel us to reach beyond our immediate gathering and unify us with the larger gathering of our sisters and brothers around the globe.

If we can recognize you in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we must also be able to recognize you among those who hunger and suffer in the world. But if our faith in your presence under the appearance of bread and wine does not translate into action, we are still unbelievers.

Deepen our faith, make us good stewards of your Eucharistic presence and help us to bear fruit in the lives of those we encounter, especially those most in need of your love and compassion. Amen



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In the reading from the letter of St. James we are urged to be "doers" of the Gospel, not just listeners. Being a "steward" of God's Word is a matter of listening to the Good News, embracing the Good News and putting the Good News into action in our day-to-day lives. And whenever we are uncertain as to what decisions to make or actions to take as good stewards of the Gospel, St. James reminds us: We

can never go wrong if we resist popular values that are not compatible with the Gospel, and we come to the aid of those who are burdened, distressed and poor.



Around the Parish



Fr. Alfred and the parishioners of Neman Center - Holy Spirit Parish will be remembered expressly in the prayers and works of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts at Regina Pacis Convent during the week of

September 12-18, 2021.

The Sisters are inviting all to send your special intention to any of the following means of communication:

reginasscc@cs.com
808-737-5822

1120 Fifth Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816

So they may include your special intentions in their prayers. We thank the Sister of the Sacred Hearts for including us in their prayers. Let us also include them in our prayers. To the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, honor and glory!

New to Newman Center - Holy Spirit Parish?

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!

Called to Serve

We are in need of volunteers to serve in the Eucharistic celebration as

Lectors

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Usher/Greeters

"God does not call the qualified, rather, he qualifies the called!"

If you are willing to give of your time, talent, and treasure in Liturgical Ministry, contact Brandon Akiona pastoralassistant@newmanhawaii.org

We look forward to serving God's people with you!



Letters from Heaven

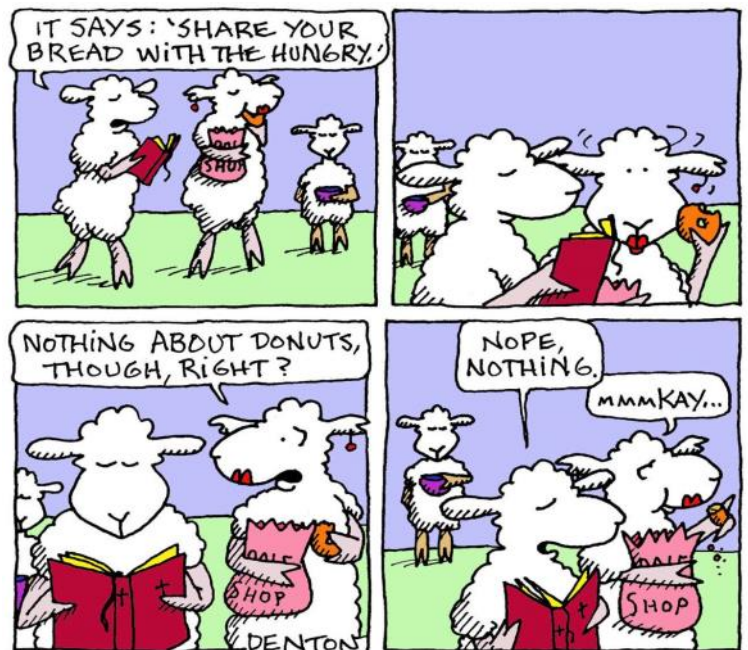
Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said to the Pharisees and scribes, "You disregard God's commandment but cling ..."

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Answer: *to human tradition*



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"Be doers of the word, not hearers only, deluding yourselves."

Sheepish Question:

When and why have I tried to get around what God really wants?

Campus Ministry

Pray

Rest peacefully with this night prayer

After a long and arduous day, it can often be difficult to calm down and be at peace. This can cause us to be restless and not be able to sleep at night.

One way to help ease our soul is to ask God for help. Here is a prayer attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux that can help in this regard.

Jesus name of sweetest thought
Name with every blessing
But beyond all blessings here
Is Thy Presence Jesu dear

Shut thy door my weary heart
Seek at night the better part
Day or night where'er I be
Seeks my love Thy Face to see

With us stay Redeemer dear
On us shed Thy brightness here
Chase the darkness of the night
Fill the world with sweetest light

Reign O LORD in peace most blest
Reign in sweet unbroken rest
Ah how longs each weary heart
There to have its joyous part

Grow

6 Ways to make your day better when life feels heavy or monotonous

Anybody need a mental pick-me-up these days?

With August coming to an end, and back to school changes settling in, it's time for a quick mental health check-in. How are you doing? Have you fallen into a bit of a rut? Are the days dragging on and on? If you're feeling a little dissatisfied with life, and start and end many days more frustrated than peaceful, you need a mental pick-me-up. Here are some ways to turn blah days into more meaningful and pleasant experiences:

Ask for help with something you have been putting off
Brighten someone else's day
Take some Vitamin D
Change something in your routine
Take greater care with your daily responsibilities
Appreciate the small beauties hidden in each day



Reflect

What does it mean to be holy? I share this beautiful quote from our dear Holy Father, Pope Francis – "Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith."

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel not only challenged the Pharisees who questioned Him, but with us as well. Yes, the rules of rituals and practices are important to follow. But if all we follow are the rules and all them to define who we are and don't see the true meaning behind them, what good does it do for all of us? If "from our hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly," (Mark 7:21-22) then that is who we are. Jesus reminds us that being holy is with our whole mind, heart and soul. And only then it is seen in our daily actions. Let us listen attentively and follow the good He intends us to be.

I hope and pray that your first week(s)/month of school for students, faculty, and staff (and parents too!) has been a smooth transition. Let us strive to live lives of holiness and to never stop being examples of Christ's love to one another – mind, body, and soul!

Blessing and peace to you and your ohana!
St. John Henry Newman, pray for us! - Fay C. Pabo (@fa_jo_pabo)