

NEWMAN CENTER

Holy Spirit Parish



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March 20, 2022



Third Sunday
of

God called out to Moses from the burning bush and said, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

Exodus 3:4, 5

Lent

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 Lord is kind and merciful."

For weeks now we have been watching close the conflict happening in Ukraine. Over a million and half of refugees have fled to neighboring countries for safety. These include mostly the elderly, mothers, and their children. Images that we see in the media capture only some of the immense suffering our brothers and sisters are experiencing. Just like in the first reading this weekend where God says he witnessed the affliction and suffering that the Israelites went through as slaves in Egypt, God certainly has witnessed the pain, suffering, and the cry of the Ukrainian and Russian people. Moses tells us that God is not an idle spectator to suffering. Sometimes I think, then, why isn't God doing something? Then, I witness the response of humanity when others are in crisis just like the one we are in now. Currently, people are providing humanitarian aid to those still in the country and the refugees in the surrounding countries. Perhaps, God may be the driving force for people to rush to assist. Through the condemnations of world leaders and others, God's displeasure is voiced. But is that enough? According to what Moses hears on Mount Horeb about the plan for the suffering of the Israelites, God was going to do so much more. Even today, God is attempting to do much more for humanity. Like Moses, we are called to "remove our sandals" and recognize God calling us to action. We may not be called to a prophetic voice to go and speak in Russia, but we are called to serve our brothers and sisters in need. May we respond, "Here I am."

Have a blessed Lenten week,

Fr. Alfred Omar

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Important Community Notices

- In observance of Prince Kuhio day, the center and office will be closed this Friday, March 25. The 12:10PM Mass will NOT be celebrated, however, the stations of the cross at 6PM will be prayed as normal.
- Second Collection next weekend for the Catholic Relief Services. Mahalo for your generosity.
- 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 or are awaiting a COVID-19 Test Result, please stay home. Thank you for your cooperation!

Liturgical Schedule

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

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation By Appointment

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

Baptism By Request

Please contact Fr. Alfred Omar 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 Omar 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 — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land" (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalms — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30 |
| Tuesday: | Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35 |
| Wednesday: | Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19 |
| Thursday: | Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23 |
| Friday: | Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38 |
| Saturday: | Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14 |

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wednesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Friday: Annunciation of the Lord; Abstinence

DAMAGE

Hatred does more damage to the person in whom it is stored than to the person on whom it is poured.

—Anonymous

saint snippets


March 20

Sir, give me this water so that I will not be thirsty, or have to keep coming here to draw water.

St. Photina

The Samaritan woman at the well recounted in St. John's Gospel. According to tradition, she preached the Gospel and was imprisoned and martyred.

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HOLY GROUND

Moses met God in a most astounding way in the bush that was burning but not consumed by fire. Moses clearly had a powerful encounter with the Lord. He even felt bold enough to ask God's name, something unheard of among his people at the time—God's name was unspeakable. Moses stood on holy ground. Do we not also stand on holy ground? As people who are created in God's image and drawn to Christ through the waters of Baptism, we have been filled with God's grace and goodness. The ground of our lives is holy. Lent is a time when we are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ, rely on God's patient mercy, and to grow as God's holy people.

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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, contact June Naughton (808) 524-2718.

Breaking Open the Word

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us. This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

(3/12/2022 - 3/13/2022) \$ 3,861.00

Online Giving: \$ 1,116.00
(3/11/22-03/17/22)

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

Catholic Relief Services 03/26 & 003/27

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!



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Generous and Loving Creator, you have called us to
Malama i ka Makana (Cherish the Gift).

As disciples of your Son, we ask that your Spirit open our minds and hearts to more deeply appreciate your countless blessings. Increase your transforming spirit within us, so as to nurture our call to stewardship as a way of life marked always by faith-filled prayer,
service to others and generous giving.

With the kokua of St. Marianne and St. Damien, teach us to be good stewards so we may return a hundred-fold the makana entrusted to us.

We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Around the Diocese

LOURDES FATIMA GUADALUPE CHAMPION, WISCONSIN

All places where the Blessed Virgin Mary is believed to have appeared.



Day of Recollection Our Lady of Good Help

Join us in April for this opportunity to grow in your faith. Learn more about Our Lady of Good Help, the first Marian apparition approved by the Catholic Church in the United States.

We will learn more about Adele Brise, the young woman to whom Mary appeared. We'll also talk more about pilgrimage - specifically the difference between pilgrimage and vacation.

When? April 2, 2022

Time: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Where? Online (via Zoom)

Who? Young people of all ages.

Parents of children in grades 5 and under are required to participate with their child(ren).

Register



www.catholichawaii.org/dor



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LENTEN

blessing bag

PROJECT

We will be hosting this year's Blessing Bag project, and seeking donations (see list below).

You may bring your

donations to the church.

Mahalo for your support!

NECESSITIES

GALLON SIZE ZIPLOC BAGS, BAND-AIDS, BABY WIPES, HAND SANITIZER, SMALL WASHCLOTH, LARGE SIZE SLIPPERS

TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE, FLOSS, SOAP, COMB, FEMINE HYGIENE PRODUCTS, DEODORANT

TOILETRIES

NON PERISHABLE ITEMS

ENERGY BARS, TRAIL MIX, GUM, INSTANT OATMEAL

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Family Connection

We may be unfamiliar with fig trees, but we might know about the growth of spring flowers. Perhaps we have looked at a dry, brown flower bulb and wondered how this produces the colorful tulip or daffodil blossom that we expect to bloom in the spring. Perhaps we've even thought about the patience and hope that are required to plant flower bulbs in October. We don't have to be gardeners, however, to know about patience and hopefulness. As parents, we practice these virtues each day with our children. We may become frustrated and even angered by their willfulness and lack of cooperation. Yet we continue to offer our attention and guidance in hope that one day our efforts will bear fruit. Today's parable suggests that God is like that with us, working with us in patience and in hope that one day we will show evidence that such work is not in vain. As parents, we know God's kindness when we find evidence for our hope for our children. Does God find such glimmers of hope as he works with us?

Gather your family and show a spring flower in bloom. Recall that in the fall this flower was a dry bulb (if a flower bulb is available, show this as well). Talk about the hopefulness and patience shown by those who plant flower bulbs in the fall in the hope that they will bloom in the spring. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 13:1-9. Compare the parable of the barren fig tree to your discussion about spring flowers. Consider the patience and hopefulness that God has with us as he works with us, calling us to return to him when we sin. Offer prayers of thanks and praise to God for his patience and hopefulness towards us. Conclude by praying together today's Psalm, Psalm 103.

Corporal Works of Mercy



Give drink to the thirsty

Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity.

How to do it:

- 1 Donate to help build wells for those in need.
- 2 Collect reusable water tumblers and give them to an outreach center or shelter.
- 3 Don't waste water. Turn off the faucet when you're brushing your teeth or washing dishes.

Contact Catholic Relief Services, 888-277-7575 or www.crs.org.

READ MORE: www.themiscellany.org



Pray

7 Short invocations to pray during Lent
Philip Kosloski - published on 03/15/22

These little prayers can help keep the spirit of Lent in your heart and mind.

The Church retains an ancient tradition of praying short invocations throughout the day to keep our minds and hearts fixed on God. This is an especially good and holy practice to try during the season of Lent.

Lent is a long season, and at times we may find ourselves not being attentive to its spirit, busying ourselves about many other things.

One way to combat this temptation is to pray short invocations that can bring us back to God.

Here are 7 such prayers that the Church proposes for us during Lent.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON ME, A SINNER.

MOTHER OF SORROWS, PRAY FOR US

HAIL, O CROSS, OUR ONLY HOPE.

FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT

WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS YOU; BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.

O HEART OF JESUS, BURNING WITH LOVE FOR US, INFLAME OUR HEARTS WITH LOVE FOR YOU.

O HEART OF JESUS, I PLACE MY TRUST IN YOU



Grow

Why Lent is the perfect time for spring cleaning
Sarah Robsdottir - published on 03/16/22

To my surprise, I'm learning that cleaning and decluttering is ideally suited to these 40 days of Lent.

Anyone who knows me is familiar with the pride I take in my super-messy oversized van. Typically, I revel in the fact that between forgotten coats, leftover snacks, and countless fermenting juice boxes, I could easily live in this 15-passenger vehicle for at least a week. That's why you can imagine my kids' surprise when we hit the car wash on Ash Wednesday.

The grand event wasn't planned to coincide with the start of Lent — a 40-day journey in which Christians prepare themselves for Easter by focusing more intently on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. I simply had time to kill during my son's piano lesson; a lesson that ran long, so we vacuumed, too.

Driving home in a sparkling clean vehicle left me inspired. I got to thinking about the next six weeks. "Why not knock out spring cleaning now?" I hollered over the ruckus, sharing my bright idea with my seven sons, "That way — come Easter — we'll just live at the park!"

I got a lot of blank stares. So I knew I had to make a strong case, especially if I wanted the teens involved.

"It's still cold outside!" I explained, which is true for lots of places in March, but especially our Northeastern climate, "Why not clean the attic now while we're stuck inside anyway?"

Still, my kids were barely listening, so I kept the rest of the conversation internal. I thought about what St. Benedict said in regard to work and prayer, how the two actions inspire one another — work leads to prayer and prayer leads to work — that they're "wings of the same dove."

I also pondered the fact that I simply could not remember the last time I mopped my kitchen floor (or the rest of the house for that matter). Suddenly, I knew how to spend tons of time with Jesus this Lent. And by God's grace, long-neglected tasks took on a new light.

Still, I'm a horrible homemaker, so I had more convincing to do.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Grow

Spread the work out over 40 days. And keep in mind — there's an end in sight!

I hit the Dollar Store on the way home to buy cleaning supplies and paper towels. As I filled my cart, I reflected on the fact that I could probably clean out the fridge, wash windows, and sort closets with more of a sacrificial spirit (something that doesn't come naturally to me) if such tasks were meted out in tiny portions over the next six weeks and if I knew I could be finished by Easter.

For these reasons I've tackled spring cleaning hard this year, but not too hard. Something about knowing I only have to do one or two extra chores per day has thankfully prevented burnout. So far, I've dusted ceiling fans, sorted shoes and bleached a couple of showers all while humming Psalm 51: "Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." I've gotten a little help from the kids, and I'm finding the project so much more rewarding than many Lenten activities we've done together in the past.

Because spring cleaning offered to God in love is a prayer you can see. And smell — especially if you use lemon-scented cleaner! As darkened surfaces polish up, I get a visible reminder of the Holy Spirit's action in our lives: "Wash me and I will be whiter than snow." (Psalm 51:7) Also, I get to pretend I'm a fancy lady who lives in a clean house for a while, and that's pretty neat, too.

Reflect

My father used to always say, "The more you know, the more you grow." At the time, I was at an age when I thought my father was the guru of all things. As I got older, I began to question that saying and would often get into debates with him. I told my father that I would reverse it thus making more sense — "The more you grow, the more you know." And that was the end of our conversation.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives a warning for us to change our ways. He shares the parable of the fig tree. The lesson for us is to allow God to work in our lives. God gives us many opportunities to thrive and grow, but we are resistant in His help. Let us take time in this Lenten season to recognize the parts in our lives that need growth and take a step forward in faith, hope and love.

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

Blessing and peace to you and your ohana!

- Fay C. Pabo (@fa_jo_pabo0)

Retreat

On March 11-12, fifteen of our students had a wonderful opportunity to grow together in faith and fellowship participating in our first in-person retreat at the St. Anthony Retreat Center in two years. Led by our FOCUS missionary, Kara Schnitzler, the retreat focused on the Acts 2:42, the framework of Christian life. We started off with Stations of the Cross at the Newman Center, then made our way to St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley. Friday night was spent in fellowship and community building. The next morning, we journeyed down the street to the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa to start our morning with mass and a tour of the beautiful church. We then returned to the center for the remainder of the retreat. The students were able to find solace in the serenity of the retreat center and took time during the day for prayer and reflection. Mahalo to Dann Ebina for capturing beautiful photos of our faith-filled weekend retreat.

