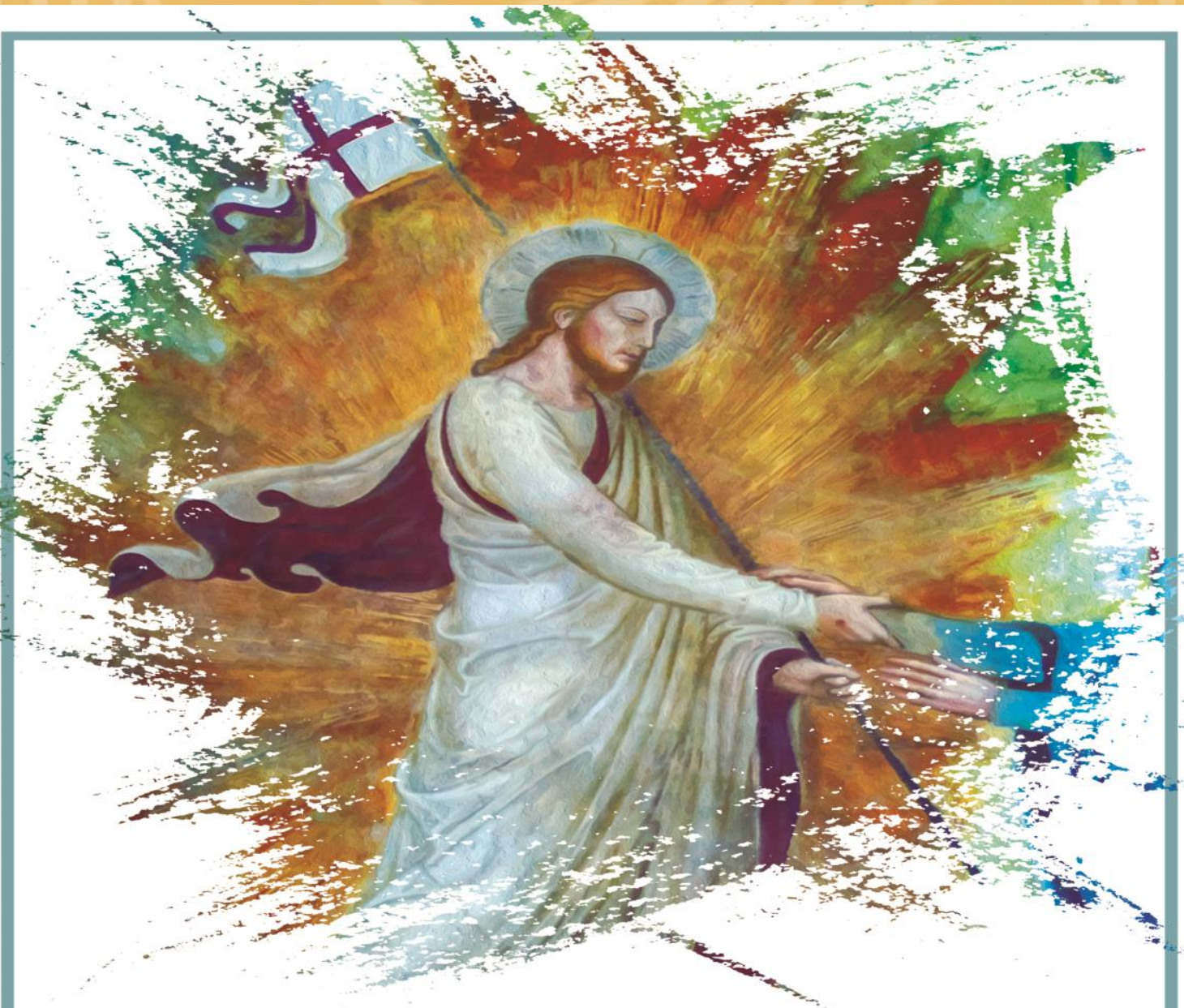


# NEWMAN CENTER

## Holy Spirit Parish



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“LOVE ONE ANOTHER.” —JN 15:17

6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 05, 2024



# 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!

## Pastoral Team

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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

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God."

Our readings today call us to love as Christ loves.

In our Gospel, Jesus says, "Love one another as I have loved you." The ways Jesus has loved us and continues to love us are endless.

We are called to imitate this love. And He tells us the greatest way to do this when He said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

It is difficult to live that out in our humanity. Yet, it is made much easier when we faithfully love Christ. The fact of the matter is, as our love for Christ increases, so too does our capacity to love others.

There are countless moments when we can do just that — for instance, waking up Saturday morning to attend daily Mass instead of sleeping in, or talking to God in the car on the way to work instead of listening to music. These are simple ways to express our love for the Lord by laying down our lives for Him.

The more we find ways to love the Lord, the more we will find it easier to put aside our selfishness and serve others.

Christ's command to love others may seem daunting. Yet, Christ would never ask something of us that we cannot live out. All we need to do is take baby steps. Ask yourself, "How can I better love Jesus right now?" for it is in loving Christ that we will better love others, and it is in loving others that we love Christ Himself.

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Congratulations to the class of 2024! Go forth and be saints!

**Have a blessed Easter week,**

**Fr. Alfred Omar**  
(@fralfred808)



### Important Notices

- Memorial Day Holiday 5/27 Newman Center Closed
- We are looking for Liturgical Ministers: Greeters, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, and Altar Server for the upcoming summer months as students go back home and parishioners travel.

## Liturgical Schedule

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

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. (Acts 10:45-46)

#### Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)  
Or: Alleluia.

#### Second Reading:

Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. (1 Jn 4:8)

#### Gospel:

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:13)

### Observances for the week of May 05, 2024

**Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter

**Friday:** St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

### Readings for the week of May 05, 2024

#### Sunday:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

#### Monday:

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

#### Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

#### Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

#### Thursday:

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

#### Friday:

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

#### Saturday:

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28



## 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/>

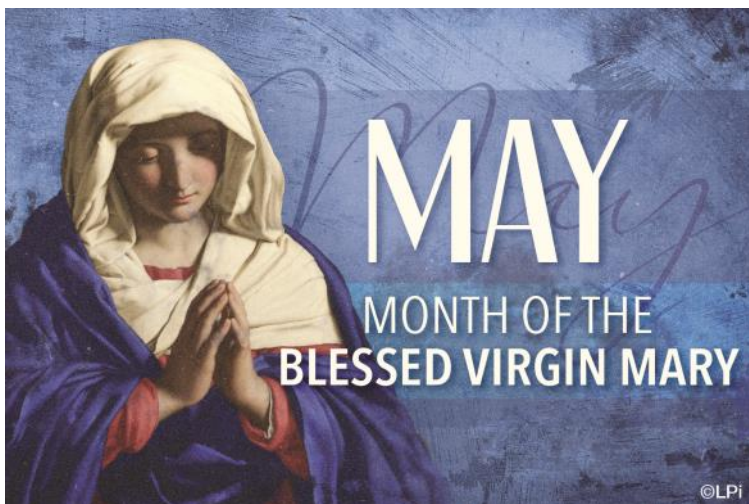
### Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom)

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

## Family Connection

In family life, we have many opportunities to show love in action. Each time we postpone a task to tend to the needs of another, we show ourselves to be on the path to following the example of love shown to us by Jesus. Sometimes the sacrifices we are called upon to make for others are small. But these small choices to love and to serve others prepare us for the larger choices and sacrifices that we may be called upon to make. If we are people who have practiced showing our love for others with generosity, we will also be people who are willing to lay down our lives for those we love.

As you gather as a family, talk about the meaning of the word generosity. Ask each family member to describe an action that shows generosity. To be generous is to give freely to others without counting the cost. Recall that generosity is one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Introduce today's Gospel reading by saying that Jesus taught us to be generous in showing our love for one another. Read together today's Gospel, John 15:9-17. What examples did Jesus give to us that show this kind of love? (washing his disciples' feet; accepting death on the cross) Jesus helps us to show this kind of love to others. In today's Gospel, Jesus promised that God will give us whatever we ask for. One of the things we can ask for from God is a generous spirit so that we can love others as Jesus did. Conclude in prayer together by praying Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer for Generosity. (loyolapress.org)



## Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

### Tithes and Offerings:

04/27/2024-04/28/2024 : \$1,578.00

### Online:

04/27/2024-05/03/2024: \$3,066.00

Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund: \$ 250.00

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 May 11-12

Diocesan of Honolulu Seminarian Education Fund June 15-16

### Giving Made Easy

Giving online is safe and easy using our secured online platform, by visiting WeShare at:

[newmanhawaii.weshareonline.org](http://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 Parish

### *Called to Serve*

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

LECTORS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS/GREETERS

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

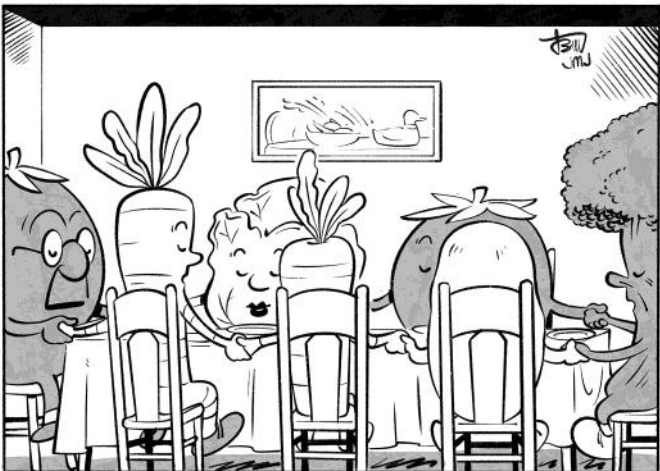
If you are willing to give of your time, talent, and treasure in

Liturgical Ministry, contact Brandon Akiona at  
pastoralassistant@newmanhawaii.org today!

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



**"What did the vegetables say before they started praying?"**



**"Lettuce pray."**



Praying together is a beautiful part of Christian life. We can pray to thank God for His blessings, ask for His guidance in our lives, or just to spend time with Him.

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## New to Newman Center - Holy Spirit Parish?

Aloha! E Komo Mail!

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!

## Around the Diocese

### East Honolulu Vicariate Baby Shower

We are throwing a party and sponsoring a Walking With Moms Baby Shower. To celebrate new moms, new families and new life. Sunday, May 19, 2-4 pm, in the Holy Trinity gym.



Here's how you can help:

Volunteer for one of our committees:

Set up/Decorate

Refreshments

Clean Up

Sponsor a Baby Gift Basket

Donate an item of need from our Angel Board

Invite a new or expecting mom (and her family) to attend the shower

Plan to attend the party with your family

We would love to have you help us celebrate life! RSVP for the party or let us know how you would like to help.

Our shower contact is: [showerhtc@gmail.com](mailto:showerhtc@gmail.com)



# St. Damien of Molokai

Joseph de Veuster, the future Father Damien, was born at Tremelo in Belgium, January 3, 1840. When his oldest brother Pamphile entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, his father planned that Joseph would take charge of the family business. Joseph, however, decided to become a religious himself. In 1859 he entered the novitiate in Louvain and took the name of Damien.

In 1863, his brother, who was supposed to leave for the mission in the Hawaiian Islands, became ill. Damien obtained permission from the Superior General to take his place. He arrived in Honolulu on March 19, 1864, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 21, 1864. He was assigned to the island of Hawaii to begin his pastoral ministry.

At that time, the Hawaiian Government decided on a measure at stopping the spread of "leprosy" by deporting those thought to be infected to a peninsula surrounded by the ocean on three sides and by a very high mountain cliff on the other, a place of exile known as Kalaupapa on the island of Molokai. A plea was made by those abandoned for a priest or minister to come to the aid of their spiritual needs. Bishop Louis Maigret, S.S.C.C., spoke to the priests about the problem. Several volunteered to go for a few months. Damien was the first to leave on May 10, 1873. At his own request and that of the residents of Kalaupapa who were afflicted with leprosy, he remained definitively on Molokai.

He brought hope to this hell of despair. He became a source of consolation and encouragement for his flock by becoming the doctor of their souls and of their bodies without distinction of race or religion. He gave a voice to the voiceless and built a community where they discovered new reasons for living. That once lawless place had now become a place where the law of love prevailed. After he himself contracted the disease in 1885, Damien was able to identify completely with them with the words, "We, Lepers." Father Damien became a witness of the love of God for His people. His strength came from the Eucharist as he himself wrote: "It is at the foot of the altar that we find the strength we need in our isolation..." It is there that he found for himself and for those he served the support and encouragement, the consolation and the hope that made him "the happiest missionary in the world," a servant of God and a servant of humanity.

Father Damien died on April 15, 1889, having served sixteen years among the patients with leprosy. His mortal remains were transferred to Belgium in 1936, where he was interred in the crypt of Saint Anthony's Chapel, the Church of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary at Louvain. His fame spread to the entire world. In 1938 the process for his beatification was introduced at Malines (Belgium). Pope Paul VI signed the Decree on the "heroics of his virtues" on July 7, 1977.

In Father Damien, the Church proposes an example to all those who find sense for their life in the Gospel and who wish to bring the Good News to the poor of our time. In 1995, Father Damien was beatified by Pope John Paul II in Brussels. On October 11, 2009 Pope Benedict XVI raised Father Damien to the rank of "sainthood."

## Saint Damien Prayer

Damien, brother on the journey, happy and generous missionary, who loved the Gospel more than your own life, who for love of Jesus left your family, your homeland, your security and your dreams.

Teach us to give our lives with joy like yours, to be in solidarity with the outcasts of our world, to celebrate and contemplate the Eucharist as the source of our own commitment.

Help us to love to the very end and, in the strength of the Spirit, to persevere in compassion for the poor and forgotten so that we might be good disciples of Jesus and Mary. Amen





## Pray

### Catholic prayer for graduates

*Philip Kosloski - published on 05/26/21*

*Celebrate the achievements of your loved ones with this prayer for graduates.*

It is often bittersweet when celebrating the graduation of a child or grandchild. They achieved great things during the past year, but are now moving on to something greater. One way to honor them during this time of transition is to offer a prayer for all graduates.

Here is a short prayer from the book of Jeremiah, combined with a blessing from the book of Numbers, that reminds us that God has a plan for those taking this step forward.

*For I know well the plans I have in mind for you ... plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope. When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me...and I will change your lot. (Jeremiah 29:11-14)*

*The Lord bless you and keep you!*

*The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!*

*The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!*

*(Numbers 6:24-26)*

*Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2021/05/26/catholic-prayer-for-graduates/>*



## Grow

### Transform your summer travel: Finding spiritual growth on the road

*Daniel Esparza - published on 04/23/24*

As summer approaches (despite a seemingly never-ending cold season), many of us are already making exciting travel plans. But, beyond well-deserved rest and relaxation, what if we considered a journey that offers a deeper dimension, an opportunity for spiritual growth?

For centuries, since the very inception of Christianity, Catholic pilgrims embraced oftentimes arduous journeys in search of inner transformation. And while the physical challenges of going on a pilgrimage may be different today, the core principles of reflection, accountability, and renewal remain incredibly relevant. Any journey, if undertaken with intention, can be an opportunity for deep exploration – both of the world and of ourselves. As we venture outward, we also venture inward. Such discovery takes on added meaning when we embrace a culture of hospitality and find connection with those we meet. In this sense, every journey can become a pilgrimage: We find each other, embrace each other, and offer help along the way.

#### From travel to change

Now, pilgrimages are not about guilt-ridden hardship. On the contrary, becoming a pilgrim means using travel as a catalyst for positive change. Maybe there's a past mistake you want to acknowledge and make amends for. Or perhaps you long for a broader perspective that will lead you to serve others when you return.

In other words, goals can frame your journey. Traditional pilgrimage routes offer a connection to the spiritual journeys of the past, yes. Service-oriented trips confront hardship and injustice, sparking a desire to make a difference, true. Some family trips focused on reconciliation can be powerful acts of penance — as when you go to see some relative that you've been distanced from, for any reasons. But even a seemingly irrelevant trip to the beach, if done with purpose, can become a transformative experience.

The key is your intention, the willingness to grapple with complex emotions, seek a deeper understanding of yourself, and emerge renewed and compassionate. Whether it's a far-flung adventure or a local exploration, penance travel is not about self-punishment; it's about making room for meditation and seizing the opportunity to transform you into an always ongoing better version of yourself.

*Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2024/04/23/transform-your-summer-travel-finding-spiritual-growth-on-the-road/>*



# CAMPUS MINISTRY

## STUDY HAVEN

Spring 2024 Schedule

✓ Saturday, May 4 | 6pm - 11pm

✓ Sunday, May 5 | 6pm - 11pm

✓ Monday, May 6 | 9am - 11pm

✓ Tuesday, May 7 | 9am - 11pm

✓ Wednesday, May 8 | 9am - 11pm

✓ Thursday, May 9 | 9am - 11pm

✓ Friday, May 10 | 9am - 5pm

Free food,  
snacks & drinks  
Free WIFI,  
A/C lounge  
Meet friends,  
Open chapel

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(Next to Public Safety & Korean Studies Buildings)



## Reflect

At the age of 8, I was first introduced to idea of "love" when I was invited by my aunt to sing at her 50th birthday. The song she requested me to sing was her favorite song, "The Greatest Love of All." I had never sung at a party before, let alone attempt to sing one of Whitney Houston's songs. Thanks be to God that I pulled through the struggle of stage fright and nervousness! Fast forward to eight years later, I was sitting in a hospital bed crying my eyes out, hearing the doctor telling me and my parents that I have cancer. One of the priests from my home parish came to visit me on a weekday afternoon. We sat and talked for a bit and prayed together. Upon leaving, he handed me a card with song lyrics written on it. To my surprise, it was the lyrics to the song, "The Greatest Love of All." He shared with me that the original writer of this song, Linda Creed, wrote this amid her struggle with breast cancer. The words of her song described her feelings about coping with the great challenges faced in life, being strong in those challenges, and passing on that strength to all, especially to children who will carry this strength into their adult lives. This kind gesture reminded me of God's unconditional love for us and inspired me to go out and share to the world His greatest love of all, Jesus.

## Reflect

(continued)

Love can be described in many ways – through our thoughts, words, actions, and even song lyrics. We believe that the greatest love of all is portrayed in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who laid down His life for us, for His friends. We know and trust in that very love, and remain in Him as He continuously remains in us. We are called to live out God's love and share that love to everyone we meet. This is what it means to truly be a disciple of Christ.

To our Newman student graduates – God is love, and therefore, love as He has loved us and keep true to that love with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Go out into the world and share that God's love in all that you do. Be a relentless example of love, no matter how tough and rough life gets. Congratulations and may God's love and blessings be with you as you embark in this new chapter of life. Remember that Newman will always be your "home away from home."

*"Let us love, since that is what our hearts were made for."  
– St. Therese of Lisieux*

A **BIG MAHALO** to our parishioners and benefactors for your continued prayers, love, and support for campus ministry. We are blessed by your generosity and kindness to our student community. May we continue to pray for one another, and for peace in our world and among our brothers and sisters in Christ.

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

Blessings to you and your 'ohana!  
- **Fay C. Pabo** (@fa\_jo\_pabo0)



  
**Congratulations**  
CLASS OF  
**2024**