

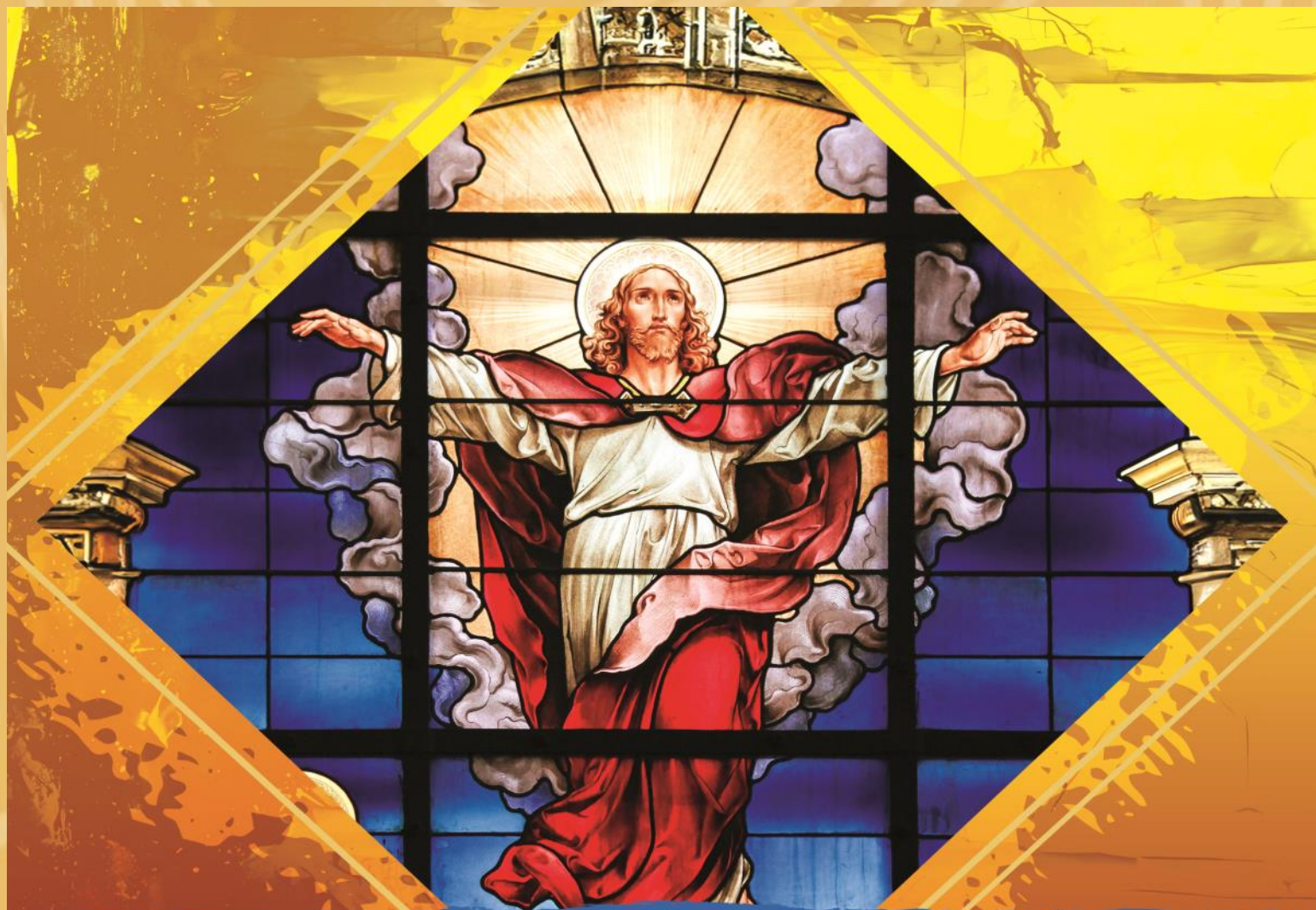
# Newman Center

# Holy Spirit Parish

NEWMAN CENTER  
HOLY SPIRIT PARISH  
at the University of Hawaii - Mānoa



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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### May 12, 2024

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel  
to every creature.” - Mk 16:15b



# 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.

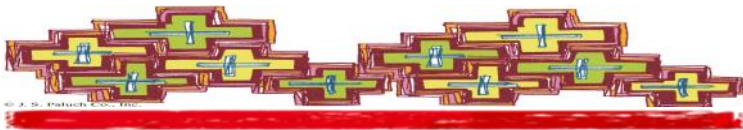
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose 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

“Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.”

We often cite Jesus' quote from today's Gospel of Mark: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” This was not a suggestion from the Lord. It was quite frankly a command, and it is one which still holds for each of us. Being an evangelist, being a disciple, being a steward is not a matter of choice for those of us who are Catholic and Christian. It is something the Lord expects of us.

Often, we may like to spend time debating how to do that, but that does not lessen the fact that it is something we are supposed to do. We need to acknowledge that even the original Apostles and followers of Jesus did not do that immediately. We learn that they stayed in Jerusalem for some time, and it seemed to be only when the Church and its followers were persecuted that they began to reach out and truly share the “Good News.”

Once Christians accepted that charge from the Lord, they did indeed take the Word of God to all corners of the earth. Look at the Church today. It is incredible how this Church has grown from one Man/God and a small group into what it is today. That does not, however, get us “off the hook.”

As much as we may argue about how to carry out this command from Jesus, the fact remains that our very lives need to stand as a representation of what it means to be a Christian, what it means to “love one another,” what it means to live and to work as a disciple of Christ.

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Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and mother figures!

**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	5:00PM
( <i>Saturday Evening Anticipated</i> )	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

### HOLY DAY READINGS

#### First Reading:

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. (Acts 1:9)

#### Psalm:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (Ps 47)  
Or: Alleluia.

#### Second Reading:

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. (Eph 4:7)

#### Gospel:

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. (Mk 16:19)

### Observances for the week of May 12, 2024

<b>Sunday:</b>	The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day; Mother's Day
<b>Monday:</b>	Our Lady of Fatima
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Matthias, Apostle
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Isidore
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. John I, Pope and Martyr; Armed Forces Day

### Readings for the week of May 12, 2024

#### Monday:

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

#### Tuesday:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,  
7-8/Jn 15:9-17

#### Wednesday:

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

#### Thursday:

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

#### Friday:

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

#### Saturday:

*Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5  
and 7/Jn 21:20-25



## 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

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. (loyolapress)



## Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

### Tithes and Offerings:

05/04/2024-05/05/2024 : \$2,864.00

### Online:

05/03/2024-05/10/2024: \$1,745.00

Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund:

\$ 185.00

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





A  
*Mother's Day*  
PRAYER

THINKING OF *You* ON MOTHER'S DAY  
AND SAYING A *Special* PRAYER  
THAT *God*, WHO KNOWS HOW DEAR YOU ARE  
WILL KEEP YOU IN *His* CARE  
THAT HE WILL *Bless* YOUR DAILY LIFE  
WITH *Joys* OF EVERY KIND  
WITH *Perfect* HEALTH AND HAPPINESS  
AND *Peace* OF HEART AND MIND  
Happy and Blessed  
Mother's Day!

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!

**Four-Petals Peace Service and  
Affirmations**

This **hybrid** (both in-person & live video) observance will be the 40th of a series of quarterly Peace Services, rotating between the sponsoring organizations. It is a multi-faith service for peace, of mindfulness and an expression that particularly resonates among our four 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 16, 2024 (Thursday)**

**Online via Zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83312563011?pwd=K1d3Qm8wa3pRcm5neTN3SFFhO3Rudz09>  
Passcode: 989013

**Sponsors:** Church of the Crossroads  
Hongwanji Shin Buddhists (Hawaii Betsuin)  
Newman Center Holy Spirit Parish  
Quaker Center

**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.**



# Congratulations!

## HAWAII GRADUATES



Thank you, Lord!  
For the reaching of this end  
And for this new beginning  
For the joy in finished aims and goals  
And the evidence of winning

Have mercy on these graduates  
As they bask in their successes  
Please guide them to their destinies  
And show them love that blesses

We ask for You to lead each one  
Through missteps they may suffer  
On the road to gaining wisdom  
Finding faith and hope that buffers

Please touch each heart with joy and peace  
As Commencement gives promotion  
And fill each life with love's increase  
Of strength and deep devotion

For this eager class of graduates  
Beribboned with degrees  
Please bless them at this starting gate  
With all the keys they'll need. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



# CAMPUS MINISTRY

## Pray

Prayer to Mary, Mother of Mercy for help in trusting Jesus

*Philip Kosloski - published on 04/24/22*

*Ask Mary, Mother of Mercy for help whenever you have trouble saying, "Jesus, I trust in you!"*

Trusting God is one of the most difficult parts of Christianity. It's relatively easy to believe in God, but trusting him, especially when painful and difficult things happen in our lives, can be rather difficult.

This is when we need some help.

St. John Paul II turned to Mary, Mother of Mercy, and offered this prayer during his homily for Divine Mercy Sunday in 2001.

*Mary, Mother of Mercy,  
help us always to have this trust in your Son, our Redeemer.  
Help us too, St Faustina ...*

*Fixing our weak gaze on the divine Savior's face,  
we would like to repeat with you:*

*"Jesus, I trust in you." Now and for ever. Amen.*

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2022/04/24/prayer-to-mary-mother-of-mercy-for-help-in-trusting-jesus/>

## Grow

5 Catholic ways to honor moms on Mother's Day

*Cerith Gardiner - published on 05/08/24*

On Sunday we get to celebrate and honor the incredible women in our lives through love and appreciation. For Catholics, it's not just about the flowers and breakfast in bed (though those are lovely too!), but also about infusing the day with a touch of faith and gratitude.

Here are five particularly Catholic ways to honor moms this Mother's Day that would be perfect for the whole family and will certainly bring a smile their faces.

### ATTEND MASS TOGETHER

Start the day on a heavenly note by accompanying your mother to Mass. It's a beautiful way to share in the celebration of faith and spend quality time together in the presence of God. It's also a particularly nice thing to do with elderly moms who might not normally get to go to Mass with family members.

### COOK A FEAST FIT FOR A SAINT

As mother's have to have the patience of a saint, you could whip up your mom's favorite meal, but add a dash of Catholic flair by incorporating dishes inspired by saints or traditional Catholic cuisine. This could work particularly well if your mother has a favorite saint who is associated with food — think St. Lucia buns for breakfast as an example.

### GIFTS WITH A DIVINE TOUCH

While flowers and chocolates are classic, consider adding a spiritual twist to your mom's gifts. How about a beautiful rosary, a book of inspiring prayers, or a handmade card adorned with verses from the Bible?

### FAMILY TIME, CATHOLIC STYLE

Plan a fun-filled day of family activities that align with your mom's faith. Whether it's a scenic nature walk reflecting on God's creation, or a night flipping through family photo albums, the possibilities are as endless as your love for her!

### PRAY TOGETHER

End the day on a soulful note by coming together as a family to pray for your mother's intentions. It's a powerful reminder of the strength found in faith and the bond that holds families together through prayer.

Remember, honoring Mom isn't just reserved for one day a year — it's a lifelong journey of love, gratitude, and faith. Therefore, make this Mother's Day an extra special celebration of the incredible women who fill our lives with joy, wisdom, and endless love.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2024/05/08/5-catholic-ways-to-honor-moms-on-mothers-day/>

**Venerable MARGHERITA OCCHIENA**  
Mother of St. John Bosco  
She worked alongside her son. She made sure that the kids received by St. John Bosco were properly cared for.

**SAINT MONICA**  
Mother of St. Augustine  
Many people know that one of the reasons St. Augustine of Hippo became a saint was because of St. Monica's prayers over him.

**SAINT ZÉLIE GUÉRIN**  
Mother of St. Therese  
Her husband, Louis, and her had a profound faith that inspired their 5 daughters to become nuns.

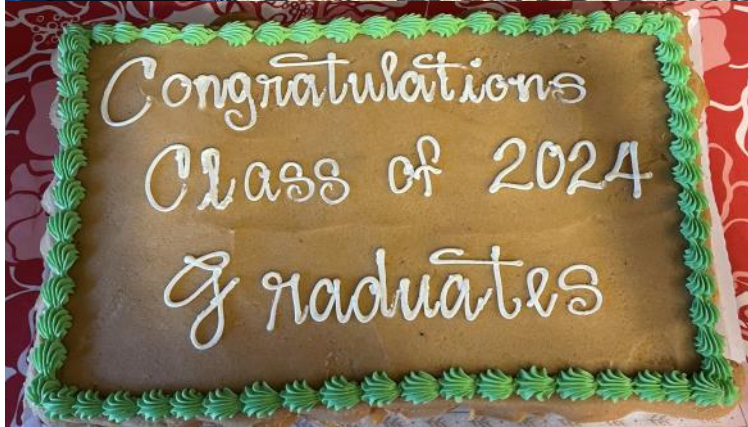
**SAINT FELICITY**  
Mother of 7 martyrs  
Her kids suffered martyrdom. Shortly after, she would join them in death and eternal life.

*Holy MOMS*  
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# CAMPUS MINISTRY

## Baccalaureate Mass & Reception Spring 2024



## Reflect

The time at my birthday party when I didn't get the toy I wanted... the time in high school when I didn't get an A on my Biology test... the time when I didn't get into my top choice for college... the time when I didn't get the job promotion at work... Have you ever experienced bad timing in life? Yeah, I think we all have. Have you ever heard the saying, "It's God's time, not ours." Absolutely! Many times!

Although we hear it over and over again, it's so true. It's all about God's time, not ours. We are quick to assume that everything will come to us in an instant, but there are times when we don't get what we want, and we sulk in disappointment. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension. Yes, it was time for Jesus to leave, but He didn't leave them empty handed. Before ascending to heaven to take the seat at the right hand of God, Jesus instructed His disciples this: Go out into the world and spread the Gospel to all, and to wait for the Holy Spirit. So, for us, it is important for us to be patience and rely on God's timing, not our own. Therefore, we are called to continue Jesus' work and to live a life as Christ's disciples. Let us open our hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit and be reading and willing to live out the call to go out and spread the Good News!

*"Out of compassion for us He descended from heaven and although He ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in Him by grace." - St. Augustine*

**Happy Mother's Day** to all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, Godmothers, mothers-to-be, and all mother-like figures. We pray for mothers that have gone before us, that they continue to sleep in the peace of Christ.

To our Newman students, congratulations on finishing your exams and completing another school year. Have a fun, safe, and restful summer. We hope and pray to see you in the Fall for another fantabulous school year at UH Mānoa.

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)

