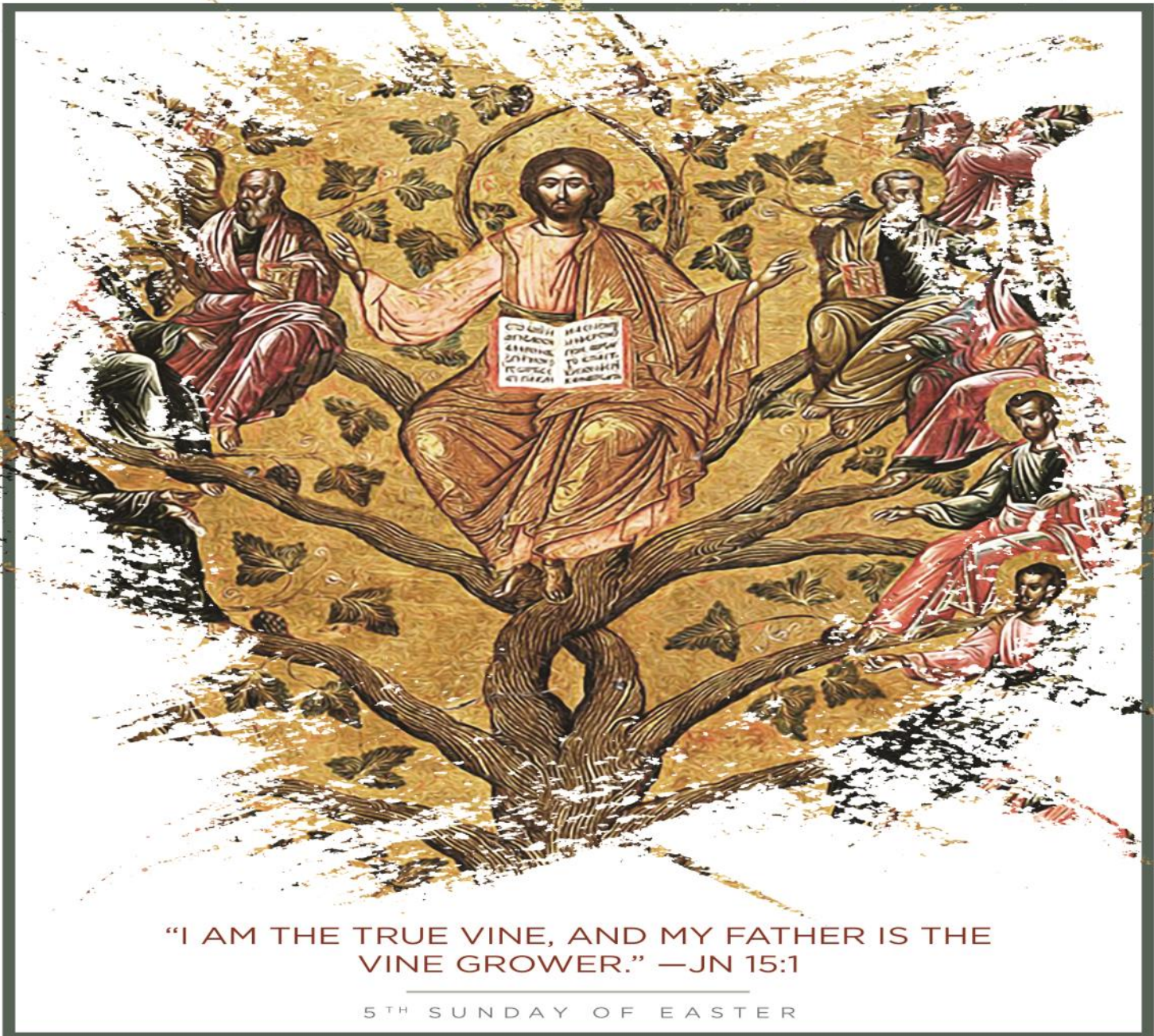


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“I AM THE TRUE VINE, AND MY FATHER IS THE VINE GROWER.” —JN 15:1

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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April 28, 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.

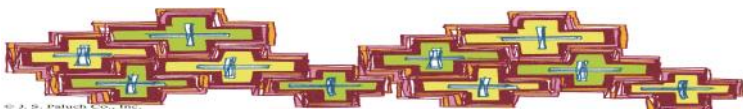
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

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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

"Our Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit."

Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives.

In our first reading, we hear about disciples that were preaching the Good News and defending the faith. The work they were doing was "with the consolation of the Holy Spirit." It was not their work alone, but the work of God.

We must ask ourselves, 'how is God bearing fruit in my life?' and 'have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in me?' The more we try to produce good effects in our lives, the more we will become disappointed if all we are relying on is our own efforts. It is only by inviting the Holy Spirit into our everyday moments that we will see goodness poured out.

Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel. He says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day to day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

That could mean opening our day with a prayer of thanksgiving, smiling at those we see on the street, asking God for help as we begin our workday, praising God in moments of trial, taking time to listen to our spouse after a long day. To remain in Christ means, in all that we do, we do it with the Lord.

When we live a life like that — as a branch never separated from its vine — God will produce bountiful fruit in our lives.
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Have a blessed Easter week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



Important Notices

- Food Vault Collection 5/4 & 5/5
- Hospitality Sunday 5/4 & 5/5
- 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

Living Liturgy

Liturgy and Spirituality: Saint Hildegard of Bingen was born in 1098, and was a German Benedictine abbess, mystic, and composer, to name just a few of her possible titles. She is also one of only four women who have been named a Doctor of the Church.

One of the best known concepts from Hildegard is that of *viriditas*. While there is no exact translation of the word to English, the greening power of the divine, greenness, growth, freshness, life force, and vitality are words that point in the direction, of its meaning. Saint Hildegard lived in the Rhineland and was surrounded by lush greenness that likely influenced her understanding of the divine force in nature directed toward healing and wholeness. She wrote, “The Word is living, being, spirit, all verdant greening, all creativity. This Word manifest itself in every creature.” *Viriditas*, then, is God’s creative power made manifest in all of creation, as sap flowing throughout a tree sustains life.

Saint Hildegard saw the greening power of God inside of each human. She described the opposite of *viriditas* (or viridity), as aridity, a spiritual dryness that did not empower creative action, particularly in relation to justice. She wrote, “A person who lacks the verdancy of justice is dry, totally without tender goodness, totally without illuminating virtue.”

Today’s gospel also speaks of this divine force in nature through the imagery of vines that bear fruit. “Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, no neither can you unless you remain in me Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.” Without a sustained connection to God and what God cares about-justice-we too will dry up like withered leaves.

Remaining connected to God, however, allows us to bear fruit beyond what we imagine possible. Saint Hildegard reminds us, “Humankind, full of all creative possibilities, is God’s work. Humankind alone is called to assist God. Humankind is called to co-create. With nature’s help, humankind can set into creation all that is necessary and life-sustaining.

(Living Liturgy 2024)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

The goal of our life of prayer is to increase our awareness that Jesus lives with us always. Prayer is more than a dialogue with God; prayer is a lifting of our minds and hearts to God so that God might dwell and act within us and through us. The pinnacle of our life of prayer is our communion with Jesus in the Eucharist. Through this sacrament, we receive Jesus himself, and he remains with us. Our life of prayer and our union with Jesus will lead us to fruitful service to others.

Place a plant in your gathering space. Invite everyone to look at the plant, noting the connection between the plant and its leaves. Talk about the integral connection between all the parts of a healthy plant. Introduce today's Gospel by saying that Jesus talked about his relationship to his disciples using this metaphor. Read today's Gospel, John 15:1-8. Talk about the ways in which we are invited to relate to Jesus as his disciples today—prayer, Scripture, the Eucharist, and so on. When we do these things, Jesus promises to remain with us and to lead us to serve others well. Pray together that we will continue to be attentive and open to Jesus as he works in our lives today.

(loyolapress.org)



NEXT WEEKEND

We will have our monthly collection of food for the UH food pantry next weekend. The pantry is in need of canned proteins (sardines, spam, chicken, tuna), canned vegetables, breakfast items and individual starches.

PLEASE ENSURE ITEMS ARE NOT EXPIRED

For more information about the Food Vault,
www.facebook.com/foodvaulthawaii

Mahalo for your generosity towards students in need!

Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

04/20/2024-04/27/2024 : \$2,651.00

Online:

04/19/2024-04/26/2024: \$2,189.00

Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund: \$2,090.00

Maintenance: \$5,000.00

PV: \$1,000.00

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund: April 20-21

Catholic Communication Campaign May 11-12

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 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!



Rest in Peace



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Dino Malano**, 54, who died on Oahu of drowning. He is the brother of Christopher Derige Malano, CSP, who is now a Paulist seminarian but who previously was on the staff here at the Newman Center/Holy Spirit Parish at UH Manoa. May he rest in peace.

Condolences may be sent to him at:
Hecker House
3001 Fourth Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017.

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!

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

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Love in Deed

It's a Wonderful Life is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it's a very Catholic film — not overtly, although we do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it's the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It's a story about the choices we make — to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It's a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there ... and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, overworked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he's a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It's a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, "I love you, I accept you, I want to help you." But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener's pruning shears look like an executioner's sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it's just the beginning.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." — 1 John 3:18

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How does a person become a canonized saint?

Answer:

It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "Servant of God." The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase "devil's advocate!" When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "Venerable."

If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "Blessed." If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them "Saint."

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Pray

Begin each day recognizing your dependence on God

Philip Kosloski - published on 02/02/21

It is good to remember that we can do nothing without God's help.





It is easy to forget that we owe everything to God's love and mercy. We truly can do nothing without him, yet we often act as if all the credit belongs to us!

One way to combat that tendency is to begin each day recognizing our total dependence on God.

Here is a prayer adapted from the 19th-century prayer book Morning Prayers.

Acknowledging myself your creature, O God and the work of your hands and confessing total dependence on you, I desire to praise and glorify you and to pay you the best homage I am able, in union with that which is paid you by all who fear you and love you upon the earth, and by all your blessed angels and saints in heaven and by your Son my Savior, Jesus Christ. I adore your sovereign Majesty and lay prostrate in soul and body before you this day.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2021/02/02/begin-each-day-recognizing-your-dependence-on-god/>

			
PREPARE YOUR MIND AND HEART. ASK FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.	DON'T USE "FANCY" WORDS. BE SINCERE AND SPONTANEOUS.	LOOK FOR A SUITABLE PLACE TO PRAY. E.G. ADORATION.	CONCENTRATION REQUIRES DISCIPLINE: TRAIN YOURSELF TO CONCENTRATE.

8 KEYS TO PRAYER

			
THE QUALITY OF YOUR PRAYER IS IMPORTANT, EVEN IF IT'S SHORT.	PRAY FREQUENTLY SO YOU GAIN THE HABIT OF RECOLLECTION.	SEEK FOR SILENCE, BOTH INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR.	DISTRACTIONS ARE INEVITABLE. IGNORE THEM.

Source: Aleteia.com • 10 claves para una oración profunda y eficaz <http://es.aleteia.org/2016/10/04/10-claves-para-una-oracion-profunda-y-eficaz/>



STUDY HAVEN

Spring 2024 Schedule

	Saturday, May 4 6pm - 11pm	<p>Free food, snacks & drinks Free WIFI, A/C lounge Meet friends, Open chapel</p> 
	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	

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Grow

Transform your summer travel:

Finding spiritual growth on the road

Daniel Esparza - published on 04/23/24

Any journey, if undertaken with intention, can be an opportunity for deep exploration. As we venture outward, we also venture inward.

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.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Grow

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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/>



Reflect

Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead. Sound familiar? Of course they should be!

When I think of faith in action, I think of the corporal works of mercy. We are reminded in this Sunday's second reading from the first letter of St. John that love must be more than words, it must also be in our deeds and in truth. We share this love not only with others but *towards* others. And in reaching out to our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need, we are living out the beautiful act of God's love. Let's ask ourselves this week — What recent actions have I taken to express that love for others? Where in my life do I need to show more love in words, action, deed, and truth? May we be always filled with God's love both in heart and mind, and with that, let us show the world what love can do!

"Faith in action is love, and love in action is service. By transforming that faith into living acts of love, we put ourselves in contact with God Himself, with Jesus our Lord."
— St. Teresa of Calcutta

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)