

NEWMAN CENTER

Holy Spirit Parish



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SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.” - Mk 4:30-32b

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.

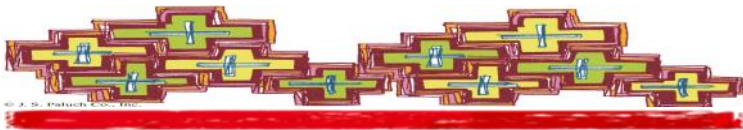
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose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

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants."

You could buy a meal for a person who is hungry or for a person who just ate a feast. You could spend time with a lonely person or with someone who has more friends than you. You could step forward to join a parish committee that your experience and knowledge can help, or you can join a ministry where you will constantly struggle to figure out what to do. All of the above actions involve you giving and sharing yourself and your gifts. But not all of these actions will bear good fruit.

If a sower sows seeds only on rocky or weed-infested soil, nothing of great value will grow. But if that same sower plants his seeds in rich soil, then the harvest will one day be great. In all of the soils, the seed is being sown, but it is not the act of sowing that is the most important factor.

In living a stewardship way of life, we must discern how best to share our gifts. Discernment needs the Holy Spirit and a desire to follow God's will, not our own. Our own desires and misconceptions can cause us to use our gifts unwisely. The more mindful we are of how, when, and why we are sharing ourselves, than the greater the impact for God's glory. God wants all of you, but not in a way that is without understanding and discernment. He wants you to shine as a light to the world through your stewardship just as He came to you as the Light of the World in baptism.

You can't shine brightly if the match does not hit the wick.
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Happy Father's Day! I would like to extend God's blessing upon all fathers and fatherly figures as we honor you this day.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



Important Notices

- 2nd Collection today: Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund—Envelopes are available on the credenza. Mahalo for your kokua!

Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass (*Tuesday-Friday*) 12:10PM

Sunday Mass
(*Saturday Evening Anticipated*) 5:00PM
9:00AM
11:00AM
(*Student-led Mass*) 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:

And all the trees of the field shall know
that I, the LORD,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree,
and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading:

Therefore, we aspire to please him,
whether we are at home or away. (2 Cor 5:9)

Gospel:

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground,
is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.
But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of
plants." (Mk 4:31-32)

Readings for the week of June 16, 2024

Sunday:

Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
(see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday:

1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday:

1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday:

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday:

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/
Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday:

2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32,
33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Observances for the week of June 16, 2024

Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

Wednesday: St. Romuald, Abbot

Thursday: World Refugee Day

Friday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Saturday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher,
Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

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

Church documents call the Christian family the “domestic church.” This is both a compliment and a call to commitment. Because the family is a community formed in love and dedicated to the physical and spiritual growth of its members, it is a miniature version of the Kingdom of God on earth. This Sunday’s Gospel Reading, Mark 4:26–34, consists of two parables that Jesus used to help us discern the mystery of the Kingdom of God. The beginning of the kingdom is compared to a tiny seed that over time matures and ripens. Many of the things we do within the family seem insignificant. They are part of our daily activity and attract little attention. Yet they show our love and concern for one another. According to the Gospel, it’s these small things that yield big results, acting as significant contributions to the growth of God’s kingdom on earth. The growth of the seed illustrates the nature and the results of a strong faith.

Read aloud together the Gospel of Mark 4:26–34. Consider how your family’s concerns reflect the Church’s concerns for those members who are poor, forgotten, hungry, ill, shunned, or lonely. Together think of a specific action that you can do to assist a person in your extended family, neighborhood, or parish. Now pray together the Lord’s Prayer, pausing briefly to consider the import of the words “thy kingdom come.” Each evening this week as you gather for supper, share with one another the simple acts of love you witnessed within the family that day.



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

06/08/2024-06/09/2024 \$2,517.00

Online:

06/07/2024-06/13/2024: \$2,545.00

Priest Retirement fund:

\$40.00

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

Upcoming Second Collections:

Seminarian Education Fund: 06/15 & 06/16

Holy Father (Peter's Pence): 07/06 & 07/07

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



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Pray

Prayer to St. Aloysius for purity of mind and body

Phillip Kosloski - published on 06/21/21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga is the patron saint of young people and those struggling with purity.

St. Aloysius died young, at the age of 23, and is regarded as the patron saint of all young people.

Furthermore, his example of purity at such a young age remains an inspiration. For this reason, he is invoked as a patron saint for those struggling with purity.

Here is a prayer from the Raccolta that asks for St. Aloysius' intercession for a pure mind and body.

O blessed Aloysius, adorned with angelic virtues, I your most unworthy suppliant recommend specially to you the chastity of my soul and body, praying to you by your angelic purity to plead for me with Jesus Christ the Immaculate Lamb, and His most Holy Mother, Virgin of virgins, that they would vouchsafe to keep me from all grievous sin. Never suffer me to be defiled with any stain of impurity; but when you see me in temptation, or in danger of falling, then remove far from my mind all evil thoughts and unclean desires, and awaken in me the memory of eternity to come, and of Jesus crucified; impress deeply in my heart a sense of the holy fear of God; and kindling in me the fire of Divine love, enable me so to follow your footsteps here on earth, that in heaven I may be made worthy to enjoy with you the vision of our God for ever. Amen.

Grow

A mustard seed is already enough to conquer doubt

Joseph Pearce - published on 01/15/24

The very existence of one solitary mustard seed is a mystery beyond the ken of the human mind. If it can remove doubts, why couldn't it move mountains?

We are blessed with silence. More importantly, we are blessed by silence.

In his book, *The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise*, Cardinal Robert Sarah offers us the following words of whispered wisdom: "Through silence, we return to our heavenly origin, where there is nothing but calm, peace, repose, silent contemplation, and adoration of the radiant face of God."

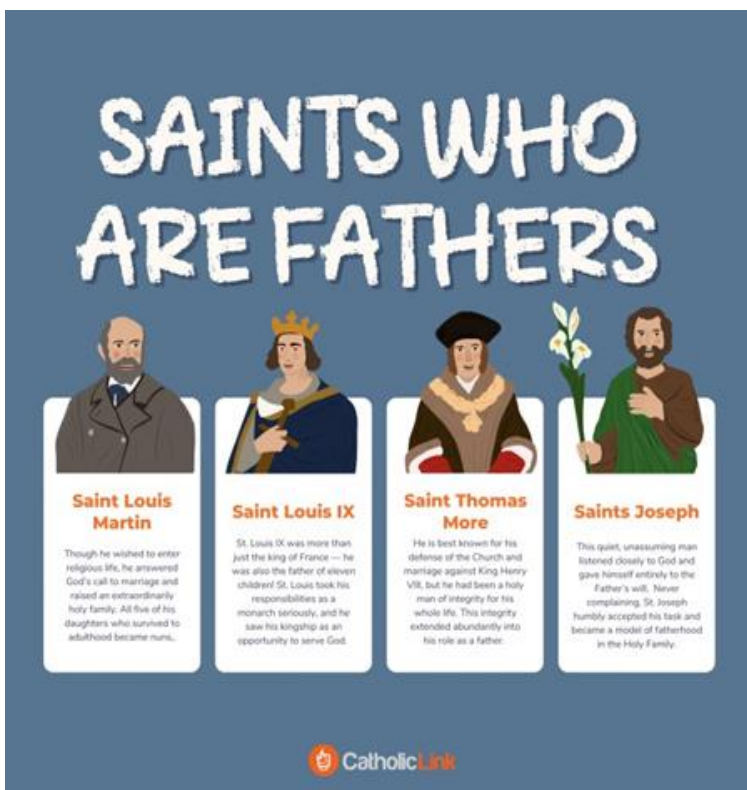
With these words in mind, I realize how blessed I am by the silence in my life. My office looks out over a meadow and a creek and the woods beyond. My desk is set up by the window so that every time I raise my eyes from my work, I can look out at the silent beauty of the landscape. Such silence invites us to the contemplation of the radiant face of creation, seeing in it the radiant face of the Creator.

Thinking of the words of the Gospel in which Christ admonishes us that faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains, I am reminded that a fact the size of a mustard seed can remove mountains of doubt.

The very existence of one solitary mustard seed is a mystery beyond the ken of the human mind. How did anything come into being? The speck of dust is a thing, something. How did this something come into being? But this mystery is nothing compared to the existence of a mind that can perceive the existence of the thing. What is a mind? Who am I? How can I perceive the mustard seed? How can I think about it?

And then there is the existence of other minds with whom I can share my thoughts about the mustard seed. And those minds can communicate their thoughts to me. They enable my mind to understand how others perceive the mustard seed. They enable my mind to be ennobled by theirs.

The existence of one single mustard seed and of minds capable of perceiving it and communicating that perception to others are enough to lead the contemplative mind and soul to a knowledge of God's existence and to the adoration of his radiant face. Why should I doubt that faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains when I know that reason in the presence of a mustard seed can remove the mountains of doubt?





Reflect

Aloha from Virginia Beach!

I am blessed to be with my family in Virginia, and we are here attending and celebrating my eldest nephew's graduation from high school. He, along with their siblings, were also promoted in judo – brown belts and a black belt for my nephew! I'm such a proud auntie! I am in awe and amazement to see my nephews and niece grow so much in such a short time. Our recent conversations have become more practical and sensible. They are genuinely good kids.

The readings on this 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time are filled with images of growth. The focus is on faith, growth, and humility. The message reveals to us God's power to both nurture and transform our lives, encouraging us to trust and follow Him. We are called to help in the mission of building the Kingdom of God. It starts with us, with our humility and trust in God. He is with us in every step of our faith journey, even in the small efforts that will turn into something great and beautiful. We are called to walk by faith, and not by sight. May we continue to encourage one another to trust and follow God, not matter how big or small.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers, grandfathers, uncles, Godfathers, fathers-to-be, and all father-like figures. We pray for our fathers that have gone before us, that they continue to sleep in the peace of Christ.

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_pab0)



"What do you call a Catholic priest who became a lawyer?"



"A Father-in-law!"



God our Father, in your wisdom and love you have created us and called us Your own.

Bless our fathers, as they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.

In moments of joy, rejoice with them. In times of struggle, give them Your courage and perseverance.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them always with a spirit of profound respect.

May the example of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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