

NEWMAN CENTER

Holy Spirit Parish



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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 23, 2024

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"
The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

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

Right now, you and I are only worried about one of only two things: wind or water. Bear with me. This week we hear the account of the terrified disciples waking Jesus in a sea-storm. He chastises them for their lack of faith, and then, "rebuking the wind, he said to the sea, 'Quiet, be still!'" He rebukes the wind and stills the water. In the Bible wind and water represent the two most fundamental poles of our experience of creation. Wind means heaven, spirit, that which gives identity, unity, order, light. Water stands for earth, variation, potential, that which can be drawn into identity, darkness, chaos.

Too much "wind" is when things get way too rigid, abstract and ideological — when we face oppressive leaders and tyrants, when we get addicted to our own way of doing things, when our attention is too narrowly focused on one thing. Too much "water" is excessive novelty, passivity, indifference, and chaos — when our attention is too broadly diffused on many things, when things seem to be crumbling without direction into the dark abyss. We know both terrifying experiences all too well.

The point of the miracle is that God in Christ is the One who brings final cosmic harmony between these two vital but threatening forces. He ultimately does so from the wood of the cross, when he breathes forth the wind of his spirit and pours forth the water from his side to establish a new creation, filled with harmonious peace. When the wind and water are out of control, trust him.

Lets reflect on our Sunday readings:

First Reading: God challenges Job not to question His power over creation. Have you ever challenged or questioned God in prayer?

Second Reading: Paul speaks of believers in Christ as a "new creation." In what ways do you sense something new in your life as a Christian?

Gospel: The disciples feared for their lives while caught in a violent storm until Jesus calmed the wind and the sea. When has your faith in Jesus helped calm your fears?

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Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@alfred808)



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:

Thus far shall you come but no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stilled! (Jb 38:11)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. (Ps 107)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come. (2 Cor 5:17)

Gospel:

They were filled with great awe and said to one another,
"Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" (Mk 4:41)

Readings for the week of June 23, 2024

Sunday:

Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29,
30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Monday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/
Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday:

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/
Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday:

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35,
36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday:

2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/
Mt 7:21-29

Friday:

2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/
Mt 8:1-4

Saturday:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/
Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Observances for the week of June 23, 2024

Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Thursday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

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

Worries and concerns are part of human life. Jesus teaches us, however, that we ought not to let worries and concerns consume us. Jesus teaches us that our faith ought to lead us to trust in God's protection and love, no matter how strong the whirlwind going on around us. Like the disciples, we can bring our worries and concerns to Jesus in prayer. Jesus will hear our cries for help. He knows that our faith can be fragile and he will act so that our trust in God will be strengthened. As you gather as a family, invite each family member to talk about something that might be worrying them. Talk about how important it is to share worries and concerns with other people. When we do this, we learn to see our worries from a different perspective. Read today's Gospel, Mark 4:35-41. Ask your family questions such as these: Why were the disciples worried about the storm? Why wasn't Jesus worried about the storm? When we bring our worries to Jesus in prayer, Jesus can help us see things from God's perspective. Invite family members to name again a worry or concern and pray together that Jesus will help us have faith in God's love and protection. Conclude in prayer together by praying the Lord's Prayer.

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

06/15/2024-06/16/2024 \$1,679.00

Online:

06/14/2024-06/21/2024 \$2,085.00

Diocesan Seminarian Fund: \$654.00

PV Purchase and Maintenance: \$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:

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

Catholic Charities Hawaii: Aug. 3-4, 2024

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. Irenaeus for Christian unity

Phillip Kosloski - published on 10/17/21

St. Irenaeus was known for desiring unity among Christians and showing others the beauty of the truth.

St. Irenaeus of Lyon was a big defender of the Catholic Church's teachings in the 2nd century, pointing out to others the error of their ways.

His efforts have given him a reputation of being a bridge-builder, uniting all Christians under the one roof of the Catholic Church. Recently, Pope Francis announced that Irenaeus will be named a Doctor of the Church, with the title "Doctor of Unity."

Below is a prayer asking the intercession of St. Irenaeus for Christian unity, a unity established through peaceful dialogue.

O God, who called the Bishop Saint Irenaeus to confirm true doctrine and the peace of the Church, grant, we pray, through his intercession, that, being renewed in faith and charity, we may always be intent on fostering unity and concord. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2021/10/17/prayer-to-st-irenaeus-for-christian-unity/>



Grow

Closer than they appear: Reflections on the road ahead

Daniel Esparza - published on 06/01/24

Just as a car's side-view mirror condenses space, making objects seem farther back, our perception of the future can distort our present efforts.

Each step felt like I was stomping on the pavement. I was sweating, breathing heavily, locked in a familiar battle with the 5k marker on my usual (and dreaded) jogging route. It felt far away, a challenge that demanded every ounce of grit. But today something shifted. As I rounded a bend, I heard that robotic voice on my headphones saying "alright, you're halfway there." Surprisingly, I was closer than I'd thought. The goal I'd been working towards, the one that had seemed so daunting, was suddenly within reach.

This unexpected encounter with the marker made me think about more than just my morning jog. It made me realize how often, in life's grander scheme, our goals and milestones seem further away than they truly are. Just as a car's side-view mirror condenses space, making objects seem farther back, our perception of the future can distort our present efforts. We might envision retirement as a hazy, distant horizon, a career change as a mountain to be climbed, or personal growth as a nebulous concept. But objects in the future are closer than they appear.

Markers and mortality

The illusion of distance can be dangerous. It can make us complacent, delaying action with the belief that "there's plenty of time." But as my jog so aptly demonstrated, that seemingly distant goal is just around the corner. The future arrives sooner than we anticipate.

Now, this realization isn't meant to induce anxiety. It is rather a call to mindful preparation. As Catholics, we're encouraged to live with a healthy awareness of our mortality. This is often summed up in the Latin phrase *memento mori* – "remember you must die." This doesn't mean dwelling on the inevitable. Rather, we can use that reminder as a motivator to make the most of the present.

Just as I adjusted my pace and breathing for the final stretch of my run, so too can we adjust our approach to life's goals. By regularly examining the "mirror" of our conscience and acknowledging the impermanence of time, we can ensure we're prepared for whatever milestones lie ahead, near or far. The next time you find yourself staring down a seemingly insurmountable goal, take heart. It might be closer than you think. With faith as your guide and mindful preparation as your fuel, you'll be ready to face the distance – both on the road and in life.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2024/06/01/closer-than-they-appear-reflections-on-the-road-ahead/>



Reflect

Aloha from Seattle!

There are many moments and/or experiences in our lives that we don't have control over. For example, the five-car pileup on the freeway that makes you almost late to your graduation, the outdoor party that took months to plan only to have to move the location of the venue, or the 4-hour wait for your plane to disembark and to retrieve your luggage (yes, this happened to us last weekend in VA). At the end of the day, regardless of all the stress and chaos, everything works out.

The readings today remind us to trust in God's power and let Christ's love transform our lives. God is in charge, and we need to fully trust our lives to Him, no matter the difficulties and hardships we go through. Christ's love changes us. We no longer live for ourselves, but for Him, and Him alone. In Christ, we become new creations in Him, meaning that we live our lives differently, turn away from sin and selfishness, and share that unconditional love He has for us with others. May we seek strength in God, courage in Christ's love, and commit our lives to a life of love, joy, and peace.

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do." – St. John XXIII

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)



Saint of the week

St. Faustina was a Polish sister of Our Lady of Mercy. Her miraculous experiences and writings about her revelations of God's Divine Mercy sparked a worldwide Catholic movement refocusing the faithful on the Mercy of God and how to share that mercy with their neighbors.

Prayer for Inner Peace

Jesus,
Speak your command of "Quiet! Be still!" into the dark recesses of my mind — my fears, concerns, and anxieties. Be with me, at every moment, no matter the storm.
Fix my eyes upon you.
Amen.