

NEWMAN CENTER

Holy Spirit Parish



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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue,
and many who heard him were astonished. - Mk 6:2

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 eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy."

Our readings today remind us that, even in our weakest and toughest moments, God has a plan. In our Second Reading, St. Paul describes a "thorn" that had been given to him. He believed this thorn to be the thing that kept him grounded as he said, "to beat me, to keep me from being too elated."

At first, he asked the Lord to remove this cross, but the Lord replied, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." Through this explanation, St. Paul resolved to believe, "I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

We all bear crosses in this life, whether they seem to be little thorns or sharp daggers. The easiest thing to do, as St. Paul did, is to pray for the cross to be taken. It would be great if all of our struggles just magically faded away! But listen to the Lord's words, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

Stop and reflect on your cross. Instead of wishing it to go away, look at it as an opportunity to grow and to allow God to work in your life. God permitted this cross in your life for a reason. Do not let the opportunity for Christ to work on your heart pass you by.

Today, recall that God loves us more than we could ever imagine. There is not a moment that goes by that He does not have us in mind. He has a specific plan for our lives. Therefore, may we encounter life's challenges with confidence in Christ.

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Have a blessed week,

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



Important Notices

- 2nd Collection TODAY: Peter's Pence—Envelopes are available on the credenza.
- UH Food Vault Collection TODAY
- Hospitality Sunday—TODAY

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:

But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD!
And whether they heed or resist
— for they are a rebellious house —
they shall know that a prophet has been among them. (Ez 2:4-5)

Psalm:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy. (Ps 123)

Second Reading:

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.
(2 Cor 12:9)

Gospel:

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." (Mk 6:4)

Readings for the week of

Monday:

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday:

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday:

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday:

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday:

Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Observances for the week of July 7, 2024

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Benedict, Abbot

Saturday: St. Henry

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

Our family plays an important role in shaping us and forming our self-identity. In family life, we find a safe place to discover who we are and who God calls us to be. But sometimes the influences from outside our family can make us unrecognizable to those who know us best. These outside influences can lead us away from God, or they can lead us toward a deeper relationship with God. In today's Gospel, we see that the people of Nazareth could not recognize Jesus as the Son of God. They could know him only as the son of Mary. We hope that through our family life we will be encouraged to filter the many influences on our lives through the lens of faith so that we will become the person that God calls us to be. As you gather as a family, talk about the people and events that are influencing members of your family. Acknowledge that many of these people and events are positive influences, helping us be better people and leading us to a deeper relationship with God. Also acknowledge, however, that there are negative influences in our lives that risk pulling us away from God. Observe that Jesus was a person who allowed his relationship with God to be the most important thing in his life. This led many people to have faith in him as the Son of God. However, not everyone could recognize this about Jesus. Read today's Gospel, Mark 6:1-6. Ask: Who does not recognize Jesus as God's Son in this Gospel? (some of his kinfolk in Nazareth) Observe that because of the people's lack of faith, Jesus could not perform many miracles in Nazareth. Conclude by praying together that our families will continue to help us follow God in our lives. Pray together the Prayer for Vocations.



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

06/29/2024-06/30/2024 \$2,275.00

Online:

06/28/2024-07/05/2024: \$3,096.00

Peter's Pence: \$370.00

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 of faith in God

Philip Kosloski - published on 07/22/20

This prayer affirms your faith in God and strengthens your resolve to keep that faith alive.

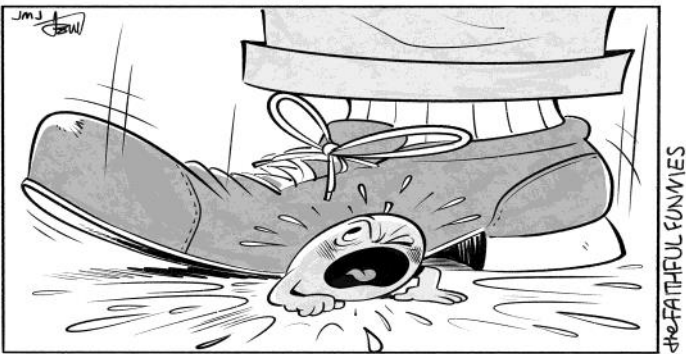
When our life is in turmoil and everything around us changes, one way to stay rooted in God is to affirm your faith in him with a prayer.

One of the most common ways to do this in the Catholic Church, besides reciting one of the creeds, is to pray the "Act of Faith." It is a prayer that continues to be taught in faith formation classes, and it can remind us of our need to stay united to Jesus Christ, no matter what storms may come.

O my God, I firmly believe
that you are one God in three divine Persons,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
I believe that your divine Son became man
and died for our sins and that he will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe these and all the truths
which the Holy Catholic Church teaches
because you have revealed them
who are eternal truth and wisdom,
who can neither deceive nor be deceived.
In this faith I intend to live and die.
Amen.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2020/07/22/prayer-of-faith-in-god>

"What did the grape say when it was stepped on?"



"Nothing, it just let out a little wine."



We hear a lot of parables about wine in the Bible — wine skins, vineyards, vines. Even Jesus' first miracle was turning water into wine!

Grow

Persevering when the goal seems very far away

Daniel Esparza - published on 06/17/24

Perseverance is more than just sticking it out; it's about having faith. Yes, we must stick with our efforts, while still keeping in mind God's own timing.

Life often feels like the proverbial long and winding road -- especially when our goals seem far away and our efforts fruitless. No matter what we're trying to achieve (be it getting in shape, saving for a dream, or launching a project), the journey will always be challenging and full of setbacks. That's why keeping perseverance and the lessons it teaches us in sight is fundamental.

The Bible constantly shows the power of being steadfast. Just think about Moses' journey out of Egypt. According to biblical narrative, he spent 40 years wandering through the desert, sustained by God's promise of a land flowing with milk and honey. Like Moses' own, our goals may seem far off -- but it's our faith and perseverance that will guide us through the desert of our doubts and difficulties.

Growing during tough times

St. John of the Cross, the great Iberian mystic and Doctor of the Church, wrote extensively on the dark night of the soul -- a period of stark spiritual desolation. Although his texts address this night in fundamentally mystic terms, they also speak to our everyday struggles. We all experience times when our efforts seem futile and our prayers go unanswered. But it's in these dark times that our faith grows stronger. We learn to fly blind, trusting the instruments we have at hand: faith, hope, grace. In his Letter to the Romans, Paul speaks of perseverance and endurance: "we [...] boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope" (Romans 5:3-4). Our struggles are not in vain. They help us grow, build our character, and make us even more hopeful. Nobody sees the fruits of labor right away. As a farmer, we plant the seeds, water them, and then wait patiently for the harvest.

In short, we have to trust the process, especially when we can't see immediate results.

Perseverance is more than just sticking it out; it's about having faith. Sure, we have to make sure to stick with our efforts -- but keeping in mind God's own timing. No matter how long the road ahead may be or how dark the night, the sun will always rise. As we look back on it all, we'll see that every step we took was necessary -- and worth it.

Resource: <https://aleteia.org/2024/06/17/persevering-when-the-goal-seems-very-far-away>



Reflect

Aloha from Mānoa!

Twenty-five years ago, cancer unexpectedly changed my life and the lives around me. I felt every bit of human weakness known to man – stress, sadness, anxiety, worry, helplessness, frustration, depression, loneliness, guilt, overwhelmed, and most especially anger. I was so angry with God. I constantly asked Him, “Why me?” I was doing everything He asked of me – I was a good and obedient daughter, I was a loving sister, I was a caring person to my family, I was a great friend, and an all-around kind-hearted person. I began to falter in faith. I was so enraged with God. Why would you do this to me and my family? I didn’t deserve this.

We often question ourselves, “Why me?” In a weird and bizarre way, I like to think of God’s response as this: “Why not?” This doesn’t mean that God imposes bad and evil in our lives or that He enjoys testing us on a daily basis. Our lives are His and He is ours. God never gives up on us, so let’s not give up on Him. When we face weakness and hardship, God is our strength in these challenges. It has taken me a very long time to come to terms with this. It has not been an easy journey. Ironically, cancer has shown me that there is hope. It has made me stronger each day and has opened my eyes to see and experience life from a different lens. For those who are currently experiencing cancer, for those who have lost their lives because of cancer, and for those warriors that are still here – I continue my efforts in the fight against this horrid disease. My life is dedicated to you. May we be reminded of God’s unconditional love for us. He is our strength and healer. Let us put our trust in God so to guide us and help us in sharing and speaking His truth of faith, hope, and love.

“Don’t worry to the point of losing your inner peace. Pray with perseverance, with faith, with calmness and serenity.” -St. Padre Pio

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)



Introduction to Spiritual Direction Chaminade University of Honolulu

July 8-19 Weekdays M-F
10 sessions
8:30 am to 12:30 pm
Chaminade University
Henry Hall 223
Offered as non-credit only
Fee \$100 for the two-week workshop

For information or assistance:
claire.nishiguchi@chaminade.edu
Registration link:

<https://webforms.chaminade.edu/sdi/>



Limited to 24 registrants
For: Religious, clergy and lay persons

Workshop Objectives will enable participants to:

- ◆ Develop a deeper understanding of spirituality;
- ◆ the “content” of spiritual companionship, especially Spiritual Direction;
- ◆ the dynamic of faith and prayer including the various styles of prayer; interior movements; patterns, memory and imagination in prayer;
- ◆ integration of spirituality; challenges to prayer and spiritual direction;
- ◆ and more.

Participants will

- ◆ Understand similarities and differences between spiritual dynamics of the past and of today;
- ◆ Gain greater knowledge about the varieties of spiritual experience found in contemporary believers;
- ◆ Develop self-understanding regarding key dynamics essential to companionship and directing;
- ◆ Become familiar with practical and professional issues: confidentiality; professional responsibilities of a spiritual director
- ◆ Discern when to refer to counseling
- ◆ Identify the dynamics of abuse and co-dependency and other concerns.



Fr. Bill has been a spiritual director for over 40 years and holds a Doctorate in Ministry with a specialty in clinical pastoral counseling and spiritual direction from Andover Newton Theological School and Weston Jesuit School of Theology. Currently, he is the Rector of St. Mary’s University and had served as the Provincial Assistant for Religious Life of the Marianist Province of the United States. Fr. Bill was previously member of the faculty at Oblate School of Theology and director of the Ministry to Ministers Sabbatical Program.

Summer Sunset Rosary & Potluck 2024

Ala Moana Beach Park (Ewa side)
Mid Month Fridays
Dinner: 6:30 pm
Rosary: 7:10
Fireworks: 7:45

21 June 19 July
16 August 20 September

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