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First Sunday of Advent Year C

DECEMBER 1, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM,
11:30AM & 7:00PM
Saturday: 5:00PM

Weekday Masses
Mon, Wed, Fri: 8:00AM
Thurs: 6:00PM

Communion Service
Tues & Thurs: 8:00AM

Confessions
Thursday: 4:00PM - 5:45PM
Saturday: 3:30PM - 4:45PM

Monthly Adoration
First Fridays: 8:30AM - 11:00AM
Third Thursdays: 4:00PM - 5:45PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
9:00am - 3:00pm

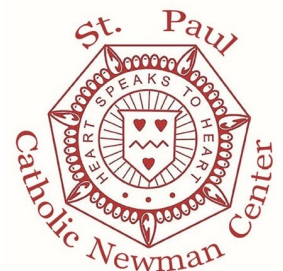
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Mission Statement

Gifted by God, called by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center is a parish committed to serving the academic community and all those who choose to be part of our parish family. We dedicate ourselves to bringing the transformative power of Christ to the world through word and action.



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A Letter From Deacon John

1st Sunday of Advent

The Deacon's Speakin'

Dear sisters and brothers,

"Be vigilant!" "Do not become drowsy!" "Don't be caught unaware!" Jesus warns His disciples in this Sunday's gospel. We begin another Advent season of waiting and watching. For some, it's a time of delight, waiting eagerly for Christmas, for anticipated gifts, for time off from work and school, and for happy gatherings with family and friends. For others, it's a dreaded time, as they approach their first holiday without a loved one or worry about how they will pay for the gifts and meals they want to provide. Whatever our situation, the Scripture reading today helps us to adopt a stance of faithful watching and waiting.

Most of us find waiting very difficult. We try to eliminate it as much as possible with distractions until the expected event arrives. The time of waiting and watching is not idle biding of time or maintaining the status quo. Like parents anticipating the birth of a child, we have much to do during the expectant months. In today's gospel, Jesus talks about not going after frivolous things that are short-lived and cause anxiety. Be watchful, He says, so as not to be taken by surprise. Pray for strength and don't be afraid. Stand tall and be ready for the embrace of the One who is Love made flesh.

The expectation of the birth of a child can often reignite the intensity of a love relationship. So too in Advent, if our hearts are weary or drowsy, our preparation for the celebration of the Christ child can spark our love again, not only toward the One who came to us as a child, but also to all of God's children.

Peace and love,

Deacon John

Schedule for the Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Please join us for a novena leading up to the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

12/3	6:30PM	Chapel
12/4	6:00PM	CNH
12/5	6:30PM	Chapel
12/6	6:30PM	Chapel
12/7	6:00PM	Chapel
12/8	6:00PM	Chapel
12/9	7:00PM	Chapel
12/10	6:30PM	Chapel
12/11	6:30PM	Chapel



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Wednesday Student Night

Welcome back! All students are welcome to join us on December 4th for dinner in the Cardinal Newman Hall followed by an Advent conversation with the parish.

On-Campus Gatherings

On campus gatherings resume this week! Looking to connect with others and experience your faith on campus? We will be meeting every Thursday, on multiple local campuses.

Fresno State: RSU, Room 215 from 1 pm-2 pm

Fresno Pacific: Jost Hall, Room 130 from 12:30-1:30

Fresno City: New Child Development Building, Room 202 from 12:30- 1:30

All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

Bible Diaries

Sponsor a Bible Diary for a College Student and for yourself. We will be offering Bible Diaries in the Chapel foyer with a suggested \$15 donation after all masses.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Bible Study

Join us this Monday at 6pm in the Student Lounge as we resume reading the Gospel of John. Join other young adults to reflect and share how the word of God challenges us and lives in our lives.



Trivia Night

Good Trivia & Good Times! Join us on December 11th for trivia at Tioga Sequoia Brewing Co. Trivia begins at 7pm. All knowledge is welcome.

JUBILEE 2025

Bake Sale

Mark your calendars! The Jubilee Pilgrims will be hosting Sweets for the Streets of Rome, a Bake Sale Fundraiser, after all Masses this weekend.

Stop by the Chapel Foyer to enjoy a variety of delicious homemade treats and hot chocolate while supporting our pilgrims as they prepare for their upcoming journey to Rome to celebrate the Jubilee Year. All proceeds will help make this meaningful pilgrimage possible.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

If you have not taken an angel from the Giving Tree, please do so today because they are due next weekend. If you have any questions, refer to the information below or call the parish office and if needed, someone will call you back. Angels with your gift of card(s) should be returned by next weekend December 8th at NOON.

With the encouragement and support of Fr. Sergio P Negro, our founding pastor, your Social Outreach Services (SOS) committee initiated our annual Christmas Giving Tree project in 1990. As we do today, parishioners were asked to take and return an Angel from our Giving Tree with their gift. This year marks the 34 st year of our St. Paul Catholic Newman Center Giving Tree!

In the early years of our annual Christmas giving project, we each filled and returned boxes with food and toys. These were distributed to families in parishes where there was great need.

Technology has allowed us to move from giving boxes and bags of food to Gift Cards. This allows families to do their own shopping to prepare a Christmas meal in keeping with their own cultural traditions.

We invite you to take one or more Angels from our Giving Tree. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by families throughout the greater Fresno area. Your gift will also make it possible for families to enjoy a Christmas meal, or possibly, two or more.

This year we will continue to provide cards to the following eight communities: Orange Cove, Mendota, San Joaquin/Tranquility, Laton, St. Alphonsus, Mt. Carmel, St. Anthony Mary Claret and Stone Soup.

- The Giving Tree will be up on November 16th
- Return the Angel(s) with the food card(s) on or before December 8th
- Place them in the designated basket at the front desk or in the collection basket.
- We also request that you write the amount on the gift card(s), the Angel, or your gift envelope.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity in helping our brothers and sisters in need.



SPCNC PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE NOV 2024

Our Pastoral Council is happy to provide an update of what has been happening over the past few months. We began with a parish-wide nomination process, followed by a meeting with parishioners interested in serving. After a discernment period, parish members indicated their willingness to serve, and our Pastoral Council began meeting in August. We have held monthly meetings with a common format: prayer and reflection, listening, and collaborative discussion.

We hope to have our Council guidelines completed and agreed upon during our November meeting, after which we will start our main mission, Strategic Planning. Of course, this will not be done without Parish participation, so be ready to have your voice heard as we move forward.

Our Pastoral Council is here to serve the needs of parishioners and the greater community. As a Council, listening to the needs of the Parish Community is at the forefront of our mission as we work collaboratively with our Parish Life Coordinator and staff to support our parish. Please look for opportunities to help and participate as we move forward. You can always reach out to a Council member or attend an upcoming Pastoral Council meeting!

Please feel free to introduce yourself to the members listed below:

Chrysti Anderson	Ada Jimenez
Christopher De La Cerda	Richard Lord
Kendra De Luca	Sonya Menapace
Francesca Eidson	Jim Nelson
Teresina Fagan	Dan Nickerson
Br Richard Freitas	Larry Renner
Jim Grant	Hector Rodriguez
Pam Hays	Gerry Wong
Patrick Hill	

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our parish and the new Pastoral Council. As Saint Carmen Salles' inspiring motto reminds us, "Forward Always Forward, God will Provide."

RCIA PROGRAM

If you interested in becoming Catholic or know of someone who may be interested, this is a good time to start RCIA. Please contact Charles Arokiasamy at charles.arok@icloud.com or 559 286 6372. His contact information is also in the bulletin and the Newman website.

The RCIA process at the Newman Center is designed to be a safe and welcoming place to personally experience Christ and develop a relationship with Jesus within a supportive community. We don't just throw out a bunch of doctrines and rules. Instead, we provide a place for people to develop their faith journey with Jesus as a Catholic Christian. If you are a practicing Catholic, spread the word and consider becoming a sponsor of those seeking Christ.

HOLY WATER DISPENSER



We have purchased a Holy Water dispenser for the service of our parishioners. You can bring your own small dispenser to carry out your Holy Water. Along with the water dispenser we have some examples of how you can use Holy Water in your home. The Holy Water Dispenser is located by the reception desk area.

NEW DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

With Sister Kathleen transitioning to a part time position as Confirmation Coordinator, Deacon David will now be taking over as our new Director of Religious Education. We are excited to have Deacon David taking on more responsibilities here at our parish. Please congratulate Deacon David on this new role!



Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

The Claretian Youth are planning a gift wrapping fundraiser that will take place after the Masses on

December 7-8
December 21-22

Bring your gifts in while you go to Mass and they will wrap them for you!

Please help as they raise funds for a Claretian Youth and Confirmation Retreat and to go to Youth Day at the LA Religious Education Congress.



SAVE THE DATE YOUTH RETREAT

Claretian Youth Group and High School Confirmation students are invited to attend

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More information to come!



ADVENT CONVERSATIONS

AN EVENING WITH MARY

DECEMBER 4, 2024 | 6:30 - 8:30PM

CARDINAL NEWMAN HALL

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE LAUNCH A MULTI-YEAR DISCUSSION ABOUT THE CHARACTERS OF ADVENT, DISCUSSING ONE PERSON EACH YEAR. OPEN TO AGES 14 AND ABOVE.

CHILDCARE (AGES 2-13) WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE WHO SIGN-UP IN ADVANCE THROUGH FLOCKNOTE.

SCAN THE QR
CODE TO SIGN UP





Christmas Mass Schedule

DECEMBER 24TH
4:00PM - CHILDREN'S MASS
6:00PM
11:00PM

DECEMBER 25TH
10:00AM

ADVENT SEASON BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

Advent Season begins December 1, 2024 and we are looking for volunteers to light the Advent candles and carry the Advent banner to the Altar at each weekend Mass.

We are in need of 1 volunteer or family for each Mass during Advent.

Please see the bulletin or visit our website to register.

To register please scan the QR Code



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS ALTAR PHOTOS

We still have some photos left from the Dia De Los Muertos altar. If you have not picked up your photo then please stop by the reception desk area and pick them up. Thank you!



CAFETERIA USE

We are pleased to announce that our new Cafeteria speaker is up and running. All weekend Masses will now benefit from live sound broadcast to the Cafeteria. All of us at the St Paul Catholic Newman Center are excited to be able to worship as a community welcoming all who choose to join us in the Chapel, including families with young children. If anyone feels the need to step out of the Chapel, please know that the Cafeteria is available.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

We will have one more training and formation for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers. If you missed the previous training, this is another opportunity for you to attend. This formation/Training will also be for New EM's and Altar Servers who are interested in joining our liturgical ministry.

Formation and Training Date: Saturday December 7th

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EM'S): 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Altar Servers: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.

Please scan the QR Code to register.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES CANCELED TODAY

Confirmation classes have been canceled this Sunday December 1st due to the holiday weekend. We hope everyone enjoys their day!

NEXT WEEKS 2ND COLLECTION

Next weekend we will be having a 2nd collection for Retired Religious. Thank you for your continued generosity!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 2, —DECEMBER 8, 2024

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00am	Mass for Mark Thomas	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Student Lounge

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
3:00pm	Familiastery	
6:00pm	Claretian Youth	Student Lounge
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	CNH
6:30pm	Guadalupe Novena	Chapel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:40am	Divine Office (Morning Prayer)	Chapel
8:00am	Special Intention of Scambray/Smith Family	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	Community Room
6:00pm	Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle	Chapel
6:00pm	College Night	CNH
6:00pm	Guadalupe Novena	Chapel
6:30pm	Advent Conversation: An Evening with Mary	CNH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:30pm	Fresno Catholic Singles	Cafeteria
6:00pm	Book Study	Community Room
6:00pm	Reconciliation Retreat	
6:00pm	Young Adult Confirmation	CNH 104
6:00pm	Sp Intention of Jordan Johnson and Ivan Arias	Chapel
6:30pm	Guadalupe Novena	Chapel
7:00pm	RCIA Inquiry	Library

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:40am	Divine Office (Morning Prayer)	Chapel
8:00am	Mass for Josephine Cilluffo	Chapel
8:30am	Sacred Heart Devotion for Families	Chapel
9:00am	Adoration	Chapel
9:00am	Familiastery	CNH
5:30pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria
6:30pm	Guadalupe Novena	Chapel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Special Collection: Retired Religious Claretian Youth—Gift Wrapping

9:00am	Training for EM's	Chapel
11:30am	Training for Altar Servers	Chapel
3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass Sally Caglia	Chapel
6:00pm	Guadalupe Novena	Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Special Collection: Retired Religious Claretian Youth—Gift Wrapping

7:30am	Mass	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
9:30am	CLOW	Community Room
9:30am	Mass for Chuck Koch	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Irene Cook	Chapel
2:00pm	Filipino Mass	Chapel
6:00pm	Guadalupe Novena	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel

PRAYERS

♥ Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:

Karl Peejay Toledo Patti Britt
 Roy Lim Michael O'Hare
 Joseph Britt

♥ And we pray for those who have died recently.

Betty Walsh

Please contact the office or visit our website and fill out the form under the "[Prayer Requests](#)" tab to have a name included on this prayer list.

Names of the sick / for special intentions will be published in the bulletin for four weeks, and then removed unless otherwise requested. Names of the deceased are published the week after death.

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS			
2023		2024	
November 5	\$21,286.08	November 3	\$15,552.40
November 12	\$16,963.85	November 10	\$28,575.21
November 19	\$20,329.07	November 17	\$15,447.02
November 26	\$17,904.43	November 24	\$21,106.08
NOVEMBER 2023 TOTAL	\$76,483.43	NOVEMBER 2024 TOTAL	\$80,680.71

Bulletin and Parish Media Submission

To submit announcements, articles, or flyers for the bulletin, website, or social media:

Fill out the form on our parish website
www.csufnewman.com/content-submission

Submissions are accepted no later than Monday 12:00PM the week of publishing.

New Website Name

Our website name has been updated! You can now find us at fresnewmancenter.org. Everything on the website will still be the same and if anyone tries to use the old name for our site they will be redirected to the new one.



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