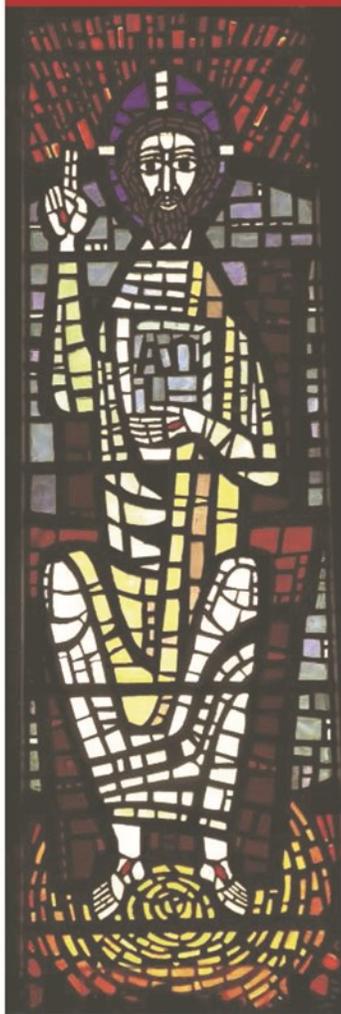


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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR B | JANUARY 7, 2023

We are creatures of habit. So are dogs. My two chihuahuas are always eager for bedtime, always reluctant to rise from sleep, and always insist that their meals be served on schedule. But the two of them do differ. Coco likes to give affection. I must pull her away from my face to limit her licks. Lilly, on the other hand, prefers to receive it. She will sit on my lap for as long as I can stay still, and she never tires of being petted. If I skimp on that, she nudges me with her snout.

Both dogs often stare at me with large, luminous brown eyes. Lilly, especially as I pet her. Or should I say that they gaze? I often sense that God looks at me through their placid, loving eyes. Perhaps that is because they are typically with me when I am praying. This is equally true of other creatures. We can see God in their eyes if we look. But few other creatures give themselves so readily to us as our dogs. They seem content just to look upon us.

For me, my dogs are icons of God's love because I know, at least in my head, that God looks at me in the same way. God is content to gaze upon us in peaceful love and acceptance. In our woundedness, we do not look each other in the eyes for long. We are too skittish for that. It makes us too vulnerable. If only we were as simple as dogs or as wise as God, then we could gaze in peaceful love and acceptance. We celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, his "shining forth." The Magi followed the star, but I wonder which was brighter, more intense: the star or the eyes of the Baby Jesus?

If you have met a baby's eyes, you know that they, like innocent animals, look at us with such serenity, such acceptance. It is easy to sense something of heaven in their gaze. They say that eyes are portals to the soul. If we could look into adults' eyes the way that we do with pets and wee ones, what might we see?

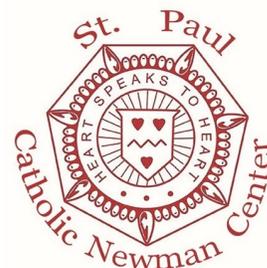
Unless the Magi had, say, embraced celibacy in dedication to the pursuit of wisdom, they had surely seen the eyes of a child before. They had felt something of God in the gaze of a babe. So, why is this such a "shining forth," an epiphany of God? But that is the point of the story. To look deeply into innocent eyes is to long for God. It is not, strictly speaking, to possess God. But today we remember that God chose to become one of us, chose to gaze upon us through the purity of a babe's eyes. Like a lover, Christ claims us with his eyes.

When the adult Jesus began his ministry, what made the difference between passing interest and committed faith? What miracle or snatch of preaching tipped the balance, convinced seeking hearts that they had indeed found God among us? What made disciples? Maybe it was not wisdom or wonder that did the work. Maybe it was the eyes.

- "A Homily for Epiphany" by Fr. Terrence Klein

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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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NEWMAN CENTER YOUNG ADULTS

Bible Study

We will be meeting tomorrow Monday, January 8th in the student lounge at 6:30pm. We pick up our study of the Gospel of Luke, see you soon!

Tamale Fundraiser

Our Young Adult Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage Group will be selling tamales next week in the foyer after



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Congress**

each Mass on January 13 & 14. You can buy 1/2 dozen tamales for \$15 or a dozen tamales for \$25. We have cheese & jalapeño tamales or pork tamales. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Eucharistic Procession

Join us for our Eucharistic Revival Mass on Sunday, January 7 at 9:30AM! A Eucharistic Procession will follow at the conclusion of Mass. Come celebrate Christ in the Eucharist taken into our community!

FAITH FAMILIES AND FRIENDS IS FOR EVERYONE

Come join our Adult Faith Programs starting Tuesday, Jan 9th! We meet in Cardinal Newman Hall at 6PM. We will have:

Parenting Strategies Journeying in Faith Amid Polarization: Friendship
SoulCore: Prayer and Movement

Director of Family and Life Ministries Position

Looking for a wonderful opportunity to enrich the lives and well-being of the parishioners and families of our Newman Center parish? We are looking for the right person to be our new Director of Family and Life Ministries! Contact Dan Nickerson at plc@csufnewman.com for more information or to apply.

IS GOD CALLING YOU IN A NEW WAY?

If you are wanting to find a new way to be a part of our Newman community please consider helping us in these areas:

2024 Parish Directory Committee

Parish Welcome Committee

Faith, Family, & Friends Teacher Assistant

Contact us at volunteercoordinator@csufnewman.com

DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

2022		2023	
December 4	\$32,925.03	December 3	\$18,781.12
December 11	\$8,571.19	December 10	\$17,967.39
December 18	\$13,492.37	December 17	\$27,665.68
December 25	\$25,569.42	December 24	\$23,499.53
		December 31	\$16,553.84
DECEMBER 2022 TOTAL	\$80,558.01	DECEMBER 2023 TOTAL	\$104,467.56

Black Catholic Ministry Mass

We welcome the Fresno Black Catholic Ministry to their new home here at the Newman Center. We will kick off 2024 with a Mass honoring Dr Martin Luther King Jr on Sunday, Jan 14 at the 9:30 AM Mass. Stay tuned for more details next week.

Montessori School

The Fresno Montessori School board and staff members have worked hard to keep their school going, but they will not be able to resume classes for the Spring Semester. We will keep you informed about the school and building futures as plans emerge. Pray for the families and staff during this transition period.

“Heart Speaks To Heart”

Stewardship 2024

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about our upcoming stewardship program, “Heart Speaks To Heart”. Your contributions of Treasure, Talent, and Time to support the mission and vision of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center are invaluable.

We encourage you to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family to reflect on the work we do as a parish and how your financial contributions support that special work.

Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on January 27 & 28. If you have questions regarding the “Heart Speaks To Heart” Program, please contact Dan Nickerson at plc@csufnewman.com or (559) 436-3434.

CLOW

Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is a beautiful experience for our youngest parishioners during Sunday 9:30 mass. It is a liturgical experience that opens young people to hear and respond to God’s Word in their own way.

We need your help as an Adult Leader or Youth

Assistant to keep this ministry going! Please consider volunteering once a month! All material and training provided. To volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Kendra De Luca-Leiker, at volunteercoordinator@csufnewman.com

SEDA Presentation

Many congregations are sponsoring a Southeast Development Area (SEDA) Community Meeting Monday, Jan 8, at 6:30PM – 7:30PM at The Big Red Church (1st Congregational UCC) at 2131 N Van Ness Blvd. Come listen, learn, and discuss how this project will impact you and our neighbors.

Parish Information

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am | 9:30am | 11:30am | 7:00pm



WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday (except First Monday) / Wednesday | 8:00am

First Friday (of the month) | 8:00am
Thursday | 6:00pm

COMMUNION SERVICES:

First Monday / Tuesday / Thursday | 8:00am
Friday (Except First Friday) | 8:00am

RECONCILIATION:

Thursday | 4:00pm to 5:45pm
Saturday | 3:30pm to 4:30pm
or call for an appointment

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday | 9:00am to 3:00pm

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FOR ANY MEETINGS OR APPOINTMENTS,
PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE.

For any after hour emergency, please listen for telephone prompts to leave a message.

PRAYERS:

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

Rev. Msgr. Tony Janelli	Betty Lindsay
Dan Dungy	Tim Camacho
Elizabeth Dungy	Steve Camacho
Jolie Justina	Evelyn Cortes
Dan Dungy	Steven Jaquez
Kenneth DeLuca	Ashley
Kathy DeMera	

♥ And we pray for those who have died recently:

Keith Paul	Franklin Tarog Enriquez
Cheryl Garay Abangang	Olga Neuhaus

If you would like to include the name of someone on this list, please contact the office or visit our website and fill out the form under the "[Prayer Requests](#)" tab.

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.

Due to Adult Confirmation Mass

NO CONFESSIONS

On Saturday, January 13

We apologize for the inconvenience. Mass will be held according to the usual 5:00pm schedule.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild is hosting their annual Women's Spiritual Retreat, Saturday January 27, from 8:30am to 1:00pm in Cardinal Newman Hall. Tickets will be available through Sunday, January 21, after the weekend Masses in the foyer, January 6 & 7, 20 & 21; or at the front desk January 13 & 14. Tickets will not be available at the door. The Women's Guild monthly meeting will be Thursday, January 11 at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. Please join us!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 7—JANUARY 14, 2024

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Catholic Charities Truck

7:30am	Mass for Kenneth Christiansen	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for John Godburn	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
11:30am	Mass for Richard Madrigal	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Irma Gonzalez	Chapel
8:00pm	First Sunday Adoration/Confessions	Chapel

MONDAY, JANUARY 8 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00am	Mass Sp. Int. Kate King	
8:30am	Men's Scripture Study	Library

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
6:15pm	Faith, Family & Friends	CNH

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00am	Mass Sp. Int. Colleen Anderson	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	CNH 103-4
6:00pm	Marian Movement of Priests	Community Room
6:00pm	Prayer & Life Workshop	Library

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Happy Ordination Anniversary, Deacon John!

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass for Ferdinand Erese	Chapel

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Bilingual Catechism Class	Community Room
5:30pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria
6:30pm	Lay Claretian Missionaries	Library

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

NO CONFESSIONS

3:00pm	Adult Confirmation Mass	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Betsy Lucido	Chapel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 2ND SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

Eucharistic Revival Fundraiser

7:30am	Mass for Josh Bishoff	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Rizal and Gloria Abrina	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
11:30am	Mass for Bea Gonzales	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Michelle Mary Kilner	Chapel

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

For the week of December 31 to January 6, 2024:

- **Monday, January 8**
6:30pm SEDA Meeting—First
Congregational Church of Fresno
- **Friday, January 12**
5:30-6:30 PM in Newman Cafeteria-
Join us as we resume our Dinner with the
Needy this week!
When you see what we do, you may want
to volunteer monthly! (see Matt 25: 31-46)

For so much more, visit the SPCNC website:
CSUFnewman.com/ministries and scroll down to
“Peace and Social Justice.”

—Jim Grant, Volunteer, Social Justice Advocate,
jim@csufnewman.com.

PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOPS



We begin a new series of sessions beginning this Wednesday, January 10 that will run through April 14, 2024. The Workshops are held on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Library and are facilitated by Regina Flores. To register, email Regina at rmflores39@icloud.com.

Bulletin and Parish Media

TO SUBMIT ANNOUNCEMENTS, ARTICLES, OR FLIERS FOR THE BULLETIN, WEBSITE, OR SOCIAL MEDIA:

Email the Newman Communications Team at communications@csufnewman.com

Submissions should be unformatted text, with pictures uploaded separately. They may be subject to editing and are not guaranteed for publication, so consider if the website or social media would be suitable alternatives for us to publish instead of the bulletin proper. **Submissions are accepted no later than 12:00pm on Wednesday of the week prior to publishing.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Current... MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Email John Prandini for information on these ministries and more: prandinij@csufnewman.com

Faith, Family & Friends wishes all of our parishioners a Happy New Year and hope you will join us in 2024! *Faith, Family & Friends is for everyone!* So please join us in the New Year to grow in your faith and your relationship with God. You will meet many wonderful people from our parish community.

We will begin the New Year with a new schedule: we will all gather - parents, youth and children - at 6:00pm in Cardinal Newman Hall. Individual class sessions will begin at 6:15pm and end at 7:15pm. This will allow families additional time after work and school activities to arrive with less stress.

Adult Topics: In January, the adults will again have 3 class options: a Family Life topic - Parenting Strategies; a Catholic Faith topic - Caring for the Whole Person & Catholic Apologetics; and a Prayer option - SoulCore.

The **Family Life option** will include 3 sessions by Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist and parishioner Amanda Bernabe . She will present on: 1. Attachment - How to Cultivate Secure Attachment with Our Children. 2. Increasing Empathy in Our Children. 3. Increasing Resilience in Our Children. Amanda will give a clinical perspective on each of these, but will also add how these pieces apply to us as children of God and open up those conversations.

Family Ministry

Rooting Your Teen in the Faith-- Moms Book Club. Some of the Joy of Love families have teens going through the Confirmation program and are looking for ways to connect their teens to other participants as well as come together for support in raising faith-filled teens through the high school years. Those interested are invited to join the book club as they read through *Rooting Your Teen in the Faith, A Field Guide for Catholic Parents* by Kim Cameron-Smith. If you are interested in this or future meetings, please email joyoflovemoms@gmail.com

Men's Ministry

Men's Weekly Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group: meets on Monday mornings, 8:30-9:15am after morning Mass in the Library. The group will not meet on Monday, Jan. 1st.

Prayer Ministry

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in Cardinal Newman Hall, room 104; and Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm in the Community Room of the Main Building. Please join us at the time most convenient for you!

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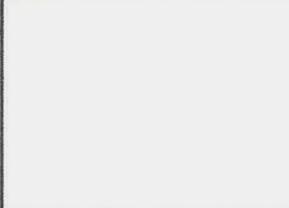
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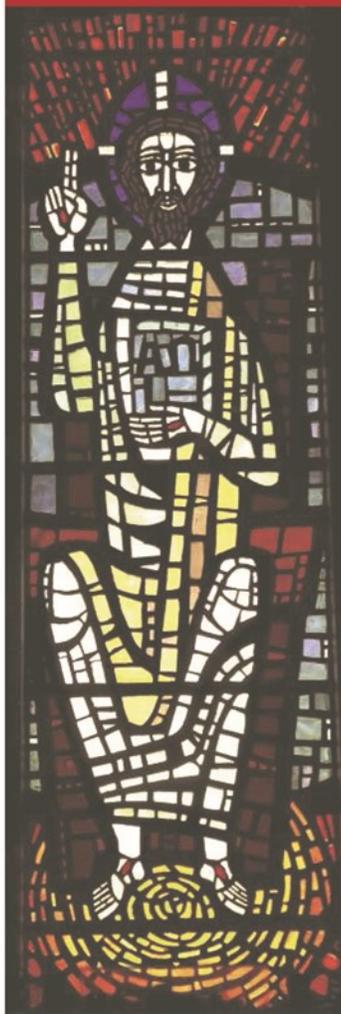
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