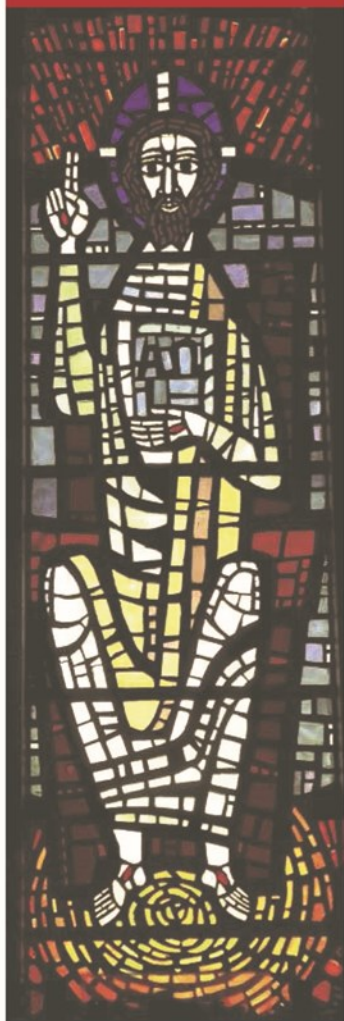


# St. Paul Catholic Newman Center



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## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR B | FEBRUARY 18, 2024

### My Covenant With You

Today in Genesis, God established a covenant with us after the great flood to never again devastate the world with a flood. Through Salvation History, we also see covenants with Abraham, with the captives of Egypt, and with King David. With each covenant, God is promising good for His people, but increasingly is asking for His people to be faithful by the way they live their lives.

Today, In Psalm 25, we hear a request in the covenant agreement with God, “Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.”

The Psalm is reinforcing a responsibility on our side to keep the covenant by being faithful through our lives. We heard this same message on Ash Wednesday as we received ashes to mark the beginning of our Lenten Journey: “**Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.**” So our challenge now is to examine our lives and to see how best we can fulfill our side of the agreement to live faithfully to God’s will for us.

We experience a beautiful story and example in the Gospels as a way to examine our lives during Lent. We witness Jesus starting his holy journey with 40 days in the desert. However, Jesus did not just walk into the desert, in fact we hear that “**the Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert**”! That sounds so wonderful and scary at the same time. Am I willing to ask the Holy Spirit to “drive” me into a desert, or am I more comfortable just walking around the perimeter?

I hope you join me during Lent to seek out intentional opportunities to join Jesus in the desert. Here are a few ideas:

**Fasting:** Turn off all electronics and find a quiet place to walk or sit. No prayers needed, just provide an opportunity for God to speak and for you to hear.

**Almsgiving:** Give some time for your Faith Community; meet others after Mass in the cafeteria, join parishioners at the Fish Fry, set up family prayer time.

**Prayer:** Add an extra prayer activity: Friday Stations of the Cross, Adoration, find an online prayer source or prayer app, use the Daily Reflection booklet.

We are a wonderful parish community called to worship, pray, and serve God! May we all be blessed with fruitful time in the desert with Jesus.

Dan Nickerson, Interim Parish Life Coordinator

### 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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### Wednesday Student Night

Join students from different campuses as we gather for a meal every Wednesday at 6pm. This Wednesday, February 21st following dinner we'll host a multiple subject trivia game!

### Student 7pm Mass

As the 7pm Sunday Mass continues to grow as a **student-center celebration** of the Eucharist.

**Students are invited to serve** as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers, ushers, music team, and more. Email us at [CatholicClub@csufnewman.com](mailto:CatholicClub@csufnewman.com) or speak to one of our student service leaders.



Fresno State Student Leaders with Bishop

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

### Young Adult Bible Study

In observance of President's Day, our session will be canceled on Monday the 19th. We will resume next week, Monday the 26th, at 6:00 p.m. inside the Student Lounge.

### Tacos & Theology

We kickoff our Tacos & Theology series this year with a deep dive into Penance & Reconciliation. Come and join us as we share a meal and learn alongside one another. Thursday, February 22nd @ 6:30pm.

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**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY FOR  
PRESIDENTS DAY**

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## PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February 2024:

For the Terminally ill: "Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment"

—Jim Grant, Volunteer, Social Justice Advocate, [jim@csufnewman.com](mailto:jim@csufnewman.com).

# PRAYERS:

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

Viola Cleo Bradshaw	Ralph De La Cerda
Maryhelen Solorio	Mary Yoakum
Rod Mar	Julio Cesar Guzman Vital
Dan Dungy	Ivan Guzman-Vital
Elizabeth Dungy	Msgr. Raymond C. Dreiling

♥ And we pray for those who have died recently.

Howard Latimer

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.

## Vacation Bible School

Families and parishioners, we need your help! We are looking for volunteers ages 6th grade and above!

We have confirmed the dates of June 17-21, 2024 for Vacation Bible School here at our parish! This is a week filled with music, crafts, skits, friends, and learning about our faith together. We are excited to resurrect this amazing Newman tradition for our children grades kindergarten through 5th grade, and need to build a team of adult and youth volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mary Renner at [clergyassistant@csufnewman.com](mailto:clergyassistant@csufnewman.com). or access the sign up sheet at the QR code below.



## "Heart Speaks To Heart" Stewardship 2024

**Thank you** so much for your participation! By last weekend we had:

- **26% response rate** from our registered parishioners
- **Over \$55,000** in new/increased annual commitments
- **Over \$76,000** pledged/received for Roof/ADA gifts!
- **47 New Families** committing to our parish offertory

If you still have not sent in your Commitment Card, please return it or ask at the front desk for a new one!

Questions? Please contact Dan Nickerson at [plc@csufnewman.com](mailto:plc@csufnewman.com) or (559) 436-3434.

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 18—FEBRUARY 25, 2024

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT**

### Special Collection for Home Missions

7:30am	Mass for John & Rose Barretto	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Needs & Int. Parishioners	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
11:30am	Mass for Liam O'Byrne and Angela Hogan	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Gamaliel Abiera	Chapel

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
9:30am	Caring for the Whole Person	CNH 102
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	CNH

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

8:00am	Mass for Carl Britto	Chapel
10:00am	Marion Movement of Priests	Community Room
10:00am	Ruben Freitas Funeral Mass	Chapel
6:00pm	College Night	CNH 101
6:00pm	Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle	Chapel
6:00pm	Prayer and Life Workshop	Community Room
7:00pm	Knights of Columbus	CNH
7:00pm	RCIA Inquiry	Library

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 CHAIR OF ST. PETER**

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
8:30am	Lenten Discernment	Library
10:00am	Barrett Funeral Mass	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass for Florencia Lopez Gonzalez	Chapel
6:00pm	The Life of Jesus	Cafeteria
6:30pm	RCIA Inquiry	Library
6:30pm	Tacos and Theology	John XXIII

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
11:00am	Tom Castelazo Funeral mass	Chapel
4:00pm	Bi-Lingual Catechism Class	Community Room
5:30pm	Fish Fry	CNH 101-102
5:30pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria
6:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Chapel

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass Teresa Aguilera	Chapel

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT**

### Knight's of Columbus Burrito Breakfast

7:30am	Mass for Bill Adams and Joanne Thrasher	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Ron Dodds	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
11:00am	1st Year Confirmation Class	CNH
11:00am	Joy of Love Moms Book Club	CNH 105
11:30am	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel
3:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Frank Enriquez	Chapel



# FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTIONS

2023		2024	
February 5	\$21,131.89	February 4	\$20,141.22
February 12	\$16,951.44	February 11	\$19,060.31
February 19	\$13,697.18	February 18	
February 26	\$12,014.35	February 25	
<b>FEBRUARY 2023 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$63,794.86</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2024 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$39,201.53</b>

## LENTEN DISCERNMENT GROUP

During Lent, we will make a Spiritual Pilgrimage using the book: "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory." In his book, the author, Matthew Kelly says: "In a world where so many people feel unseen, unheard, unworthy, Jesus generously proclaims: *I see you. I hear you. I know you. You are worthy. I am with you. I care. I am yours. You are mine. During Lent, go to him, seek out time in his presence, and allow his presence to transform you.*" Linda Smith and Jean Nicholson will facilitate the group, which meets Thursday, Feb. 15 through Thursday, March 21, 9am – 10am. We will meet in the Community Room. If you are interested, please sign up at the reception desk.

### 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? Contact Dan Nickerson at [plc@csufnewman.com](mailto:plc@csufnewman.com) for more information or to apply.

Mr Charles Arokiasamy (of RCIA Fame) will serve as Interim Family and Life Ministries Director until a permanent hire is in place.

### St. Joseph's Table (Bishop Brennan Message)

"It is that time of year where I invite you to join me in celebrating St. Joseph's Table. St. Joseph's Tables have always been about sharing our food and blessings with the poor. I will be celebrating a St. Joseph's Table Mass on Sunday, March 17th, at 10:00 am at Holy Spirit Church in Fresno, and I strongly encourage you to join me in prayer as we again feed the hungry on that Lenten Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food items on the weekend of March 16th and 17th." *Please place items on or around the table in the foyer by the reception desk.*

This Sunday's Special Collection is for

**Home Missions**

*Thank you for your generosity*



### **From Fr. Byron**

#### *Claretian Youth Leaders*

Please pray for Hector, Lupita, Espie, Mateo and Karl who will be attending Catholic Leadership Workshop in Florida February 25-March 2, 2024. These young people have committed themselves to share their faith experience with our youth and it's only fair that we continue to support them in their ministry to our young people. Please contact me if you would like to help us cover their travel expenses (which is needed 😊). May God bless you for your generosity.

Also, please join me in wishing our own Liturgy Director, Karl Gurney, a happy birthday. Karl is a blessing to us and our Masses and other Liturgies are meaningful, beautiful and reverent because of his hard work. Birthday blessings, Karl!

Finally, thank you for holding Fr. Robert and me in prayer during our Claretian Retreat last week. Over 80 Claretians from the US and Canada gathered in Sierra Madre for prayer, planning and brotherhood. We discerned together as to how the Holy Spirit is calling us to serve you better. Fr. Paul was there and he sent his love to you all.

May this Lent, through the practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, bring you closer to the Heart of God so that you can be reaffirmed in the immortal truth that you are God's Holy People!!! Peace!

# Current...

## MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Welcome to Charles Arokiasamy, who will serve as Interim Family and Life Ministries Director. He can be reached at our new email:

[lifeministry@csufnewman.com](mailto:lifeministry@csufnewman.com)

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## Faith, Family & Friends

*Faith, Family & Friends is for everyone!*

Come join our night of Adult Faith and Youth/Children's Religious Education! We all gather at **6:00pm** in Cardinal Newman Hall. **Individual class sessions will begin at 6:15pm and end at 7:15pm.**

### Adult Topics:

#### *Catholicism's Pivotal Players*

Sonya Sidhu will present Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism: *The Pivotal Players* during February and March meetings. She will introduce you to Pivotal Players: St. Francis of Assisi; St. Thomas Aquinas; and St. John Henry Newman.

#### *Soul Core: Body-Mind-Soul.*

Soul Core incorporates stretching and light exercise movements while praying the rosary. The focus of our time together is praying the rosary; the exercises are an invitation to move our bodies, but are not a requirement - so everyone of all ability levels can participate and pray together. If you choose to join us, please bring a mat/towel, and wear comfortable clothes that allow you to move freely. Soul Core is offered to adults on Tuesday evenings, Feb. 6, 20.

On Tuesday, Feb 27, the All Adults Session will focus on small group discussions about how the parish is supporting the faith journey of our families, and how we can better support that faith journey as we continue to move forward with our Heart Speaks to Heart Action Initiatives. All are welcome.

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## Men's Ministry

**Men's Weekly Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group:** meets on Monday mornings, 8:30am-9:15am after morning Mass in the Library. Prayer Ministry

## Family Life

**Joy of Love Moms**—Rooting Your Teen in the Faith—Moms Book Club

The Moms of Teens book club continues for two more sessions. It is not too late to join! We will meet in the Cardinal Newman Hall small conference room (just inside the main parking lot entrance) from 11:00-12:00 on Sundays February 25, and March 10.

Please join us on February 25th as we dig deeper into Rooting Your Teen in the Faith: A Catholic Field Guide for Parents discussing chapters 5 and 6 about freeing our teens. It is not too late to join! Please contact [joyoflovemoms@gmail.com](mailto:joyoflovemoms@gmail.com) with questions.

**Vacation Bible School.** Families and parishioners, we want your help to make a great program for our kids!!!

We have set tentative dates of **June 17-21, 2024** for Vacation Bible School here at our parish!

This is a week filled with music, crafts, skits, friends, and learning about our faith together.

We are excited to resurrect this amazing Newman tradition and need to build a team of adult and youth volunteers. If you are interested in helping or want to hear more about it for your family, please join us for a planning meeting

Please contact Mary Renner at [clergyassistant@csufnewman.com](mailto:clergyassistant@csufnewman.com) with any questions. We hope to see you there!

## Prayer Ministry

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**Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle** meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in the Community Room, and Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm in the chapel. Please join us at the time most convenient for you!

Our beloved **Bishop Joseph Brennan** will celebrate his 70th birthday on March 20th. Parishioners (adults and children alike) are invited to bring a card or letter that may be dropped off at the front desk. We will be mailing a package for cards to arrive in time for his birthday! **Please drop off your cards by Sunday, March 3rd.**

## CRS RICE BOWLS

Please take home a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl to use during Lent.

CRS Rice Bowl shares stories of hope from CRS' work around the world. These stories are examples of how your Lenten alms are helping communities find solutions to problems like hunger and climate change.

Take a virtual journey with us to Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia! Don't forget to try the meatless recipes each Friday during Lent.

More at: <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

## FISH FRY PRICES

- ◆ Fish Taco Basket: \$10
- ◆ Fish Basket: \$12
- ◆ Fries: \$5

Desserts \$1.00 to \$2.00

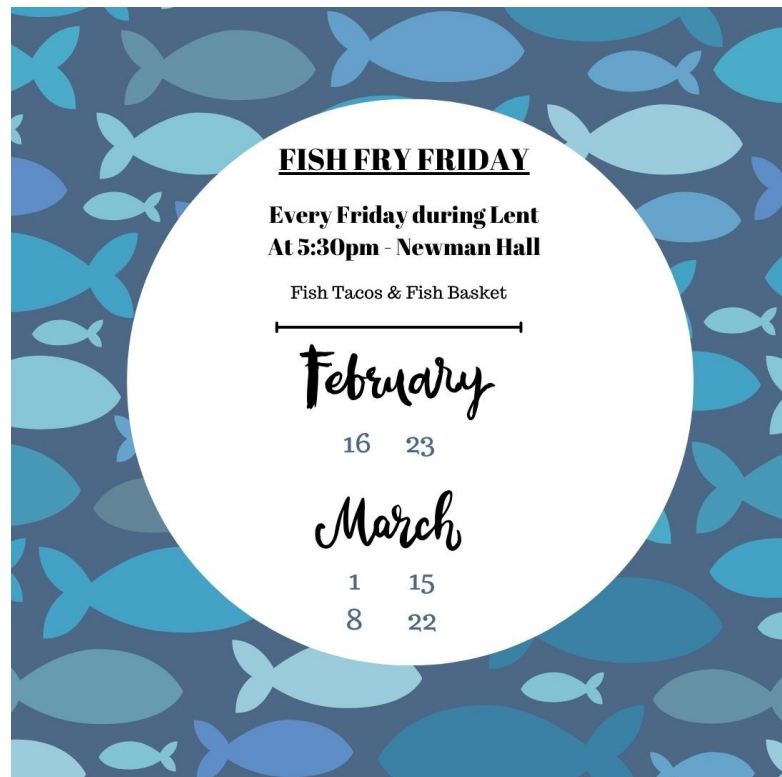
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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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## HOLY WEEK 2024



Thursday,  
March 28

7:00PM  
HOLY THURSDAY MASS  
ADORATION WILL FOLLOW IN THE COURTYARD

Friday,  
March 29

3:00PM  
CELEBRATION OF THE  
LORD'S PASSION

Saturday,  
March 30

7:45PM  
EASTER VIGIL MASS

Sunday,  
March 31

7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM\*  
EASTER SUNDAY MASS

\*there will be no 7:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday  
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**CWPI PRESENTATION: Tuesday, Feb 20 at 6:15PM**

**CNH 102**

A small team has formed and will be working to integrate this initiative into our family ministry programs. They offer classes open to everyone.

This Tuesday they will highlight Advance Care Planning topics. Specifically, they will address the **Advance Care Directive**, a written statement of a person's wishes regarding medical treatment, often including a living will, to ensure those wishes are carried out should the person be unable to communicate them to a doctor.

Come join us to learn about how to plan for What to do when serious illness strikes and how to have conversations with loved ones!



Join us in embracing the Lenten season as a time of profound spiritual growth, drawing us closer to the heart of Christ and renewing our commitment to the Eucharistic. As a parish community, let's find sustenance in both the provided Lenten companion and Our Daily Bread received in the Eucharist.

To access the weekly reflections and scripture meditations, scan the provided QR code.

**Stop the Hate Resolution!**

There is an invitation to sign a resolution as a parish to pledge to actively be vocal and active against all forms of hate. To do this as a parish, we would have to discern what our faith calls us to do as called upon by the Life and Teachings of Jesus.

A good Lenten challenge might be to pray about whether we could/should actually live out this pledge as individuals and as a parish.

**We, {name of parish}, pledge to stand up to all forms of hate, racism, bigotry, and bullying.**

**We will not stay silent in the face of intolerance based on race, ethnicity, sexuality, gender, religion, ability, country of origin, immigration status or any other factor.**

**We will work together with our community to create safer and more inclusive communities for all.**

**Free Screening of God and Country**

God and Country is a documentary exploring how Christian Nationalism is erasing the line between Church and State. For a free ticket to see it on Sunday, February 18 at 4:00

PM, RSVP at <https://bit.ly/iacc-screening>

**Poor People's Campaign**

Interested in doing something concrete on Saturday, March 2 in solidarity with no and low wage workers across in California? Check out the Poor People's Campaign and email [march2ppc@uufresno.org](mailto:march2ppc@uufresno.org) to procure transportation to Sacramento!

Hope you can join us for either or both of these positive

**2ND ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY**

**Come Be Community!**

Every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday, the Eucharistic Congress Pilgrims and Campus Ministry will be sponsoring Fish Fry Dinners on Friday Nights from 5:30PM to 8:00PM.

This year, we want this to be a fun parish community event, so we need your help! How can you help?

- 1) We will have Eucharistic Congress and Campus Ministry teams working the Fish Fry, but we want more parishioners to join on either the Kitchen Team, the Server Team, or Set-up or Clean-Up Team. Come be a part of a good time and fellowship! Volunteer for a shift by contacting us at: [catholicclub@csufnewman.com](mailto:catholicclub@csufnewman.com)
- 2) You can donate a dessert for our Dessert Table. We ask you to follow the guide below for desserts. If your Last Name falls in the range, then drop off a dessert between 3:30 and 6:00 on that Friday.

Last Name: **A-Ch Feb 16**

**Ci—F Feb 23**

**G— L Mar 1**

**M— O Mar 8**

**P— S Mar 15**

**T— Z Mar 22**

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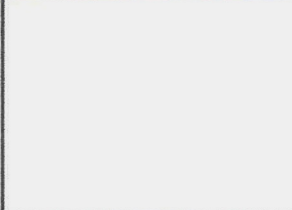
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