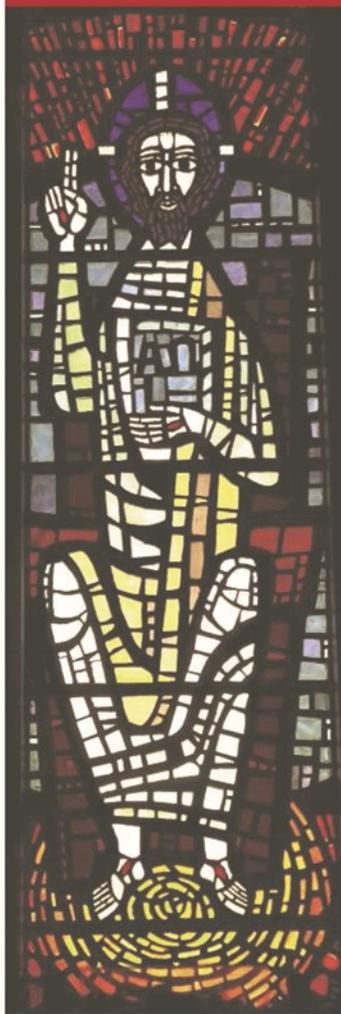


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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
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THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear sisters and brothers,

The drama recorded in the Passion reading is a stinging commentary on human fickleness. We hear the faceless crowd at one moment proclaiming "hosannas" to Jesus and in the next, demanding His crucifixion. We observe the Jewish leaders, who would protect their interest at whatever price and the Roman governor, Pilate, who would sacrifice justice for the sake of political expediency. And then even more painfully, we note that Judas betrays Jesus, Peter denies Him, and His closest friends and followers abandon Him. Hmm . . . Wasn't that story on the news last night from our nation's capital?

In any case, we could likely provide our stories of human fickleness and betrayal at other people's hands. All of us bear some scars of mental, emotional, or even physical abuse. On the other hand, if we're really honest with ourselves, we might provide examples of our own fickleness and how others have suffered from our abuse and neglect. There are times when we betrayed our ideals and abandoned our friends. Human nature makes us all partners in weakness.

Through all His experience of fickleness and betrayal, Jesus keeps His peace and dies on the cross with compassion and forgiveness. This is the message of Passion Sunday – compassion for human weakness and forgiveness for human fickleness. Compassion allows Jesus to embrace all of us – creatures of weakness.

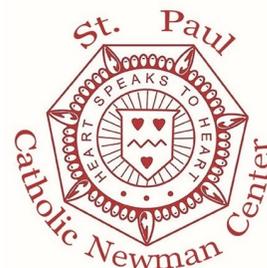
Compassion, not condemnation or counter-attack, is what is called for – a compassion that arises from an understanding of what we are as human beings and what we're capable of, both good and bad. Compassion creates the atmosphere of love and acceptance that allows the good in us and others to blossom. This is the compassion that delivers us from fallen human nature. The compassion of Jesus far outweighs the fickleness of His friends and enemies. And so . . . He became Savior.

Peace and love,

Deacon John

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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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Wednesday Student Night

No Student dinner this Holy Week. We hope you enjoy Spring Break and find time to rest and participate in all the Easter celebrations!



Outdoor Wednesday Student Night Mass

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Bible Study

Join our Bible Study this Monday, March 25th at 6:00pm in the Student Lounge. We will be continuing our discussion on the Gospel of Luke. Come and learn alongside other young adults about how scripture is alive in our daily lives.

- No Bible Study April 1st-

Tacos & Theology

Come and join us at Tioga-Sequoia Brewery Wednesday, April 3rd at 7pm for our monthly Young Adult Trivia night. Join one of our teams and contribute your random knowledge. All topics expertise are needed!

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PRAYERS:

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

Dan Dungy	Lisa Martinez
Elizabeth Dungy	Catherine Caton
Elizabeth Figueroa	Natashya Rice
Mei Popa	Mark Williams
Kathy Robinson	Vickie
Suzy Popovich	

♥ And we pray for those who have died recently.

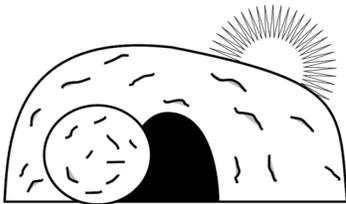
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If you would like to include the name of someone on this list, please contact the office or visit our website and fill out the form under the "[Prayer Requests](#)" tab.

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

NEWMAN TO CELEBRATE 60 YEARS

Save the date! Mark your calendar! On second weekend in May, (May 10th thru the 12th), we will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the first service held at St. Paul Catholic Newman Center. Special events marking the formation of our parish are being planned. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.



Run to the Empty Tomb (Easter Sunday at Dawn)

Join Fr. Byron for our Easter Morning 5K: Run to the Empty Tomb. Save the date: Easter Sunday, Mar 31st, 2024. 5am. We will pray lauds at dawn, and then run (walk, crawl!) to the empty tomb. Breakfast will be served afterwards at Fathers' house. Please contact Fr. Byron for more info.

CRS RICE BOWLS

Please return your CRS Rice Bowls Easter Weekend. If not, please return no later than Sunday, Apr 7. They can be put in the basket or returned to the office.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MARCH 24— MARCH 31, 2024

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

PALM SUNDAY

All Masses start with a procession. Gather at Cardinal Newman Hall.

Tabling: Parish Directory

7:30am	Mass for Arthur Dimas	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Angelia Ramirez	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Dennis Mata	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel

MONDAY, MARCH 25

8:00am	Mass for Ramona Dimas	Chapel
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Student Lounge

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

8:00am	Mass for Antonio Vasquez	Chapel
5:00pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
6:00pm	RCIA Easter Vigil Rehearsal	Chapel

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

8:00am	Mass for Daniel Salas	Chapel
6:00om	Choir Practice	Chapel

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

HOLY THURSDAY

No Confessions

8:00am	Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass Sp. Intention of Sara Teragouchi (Holy Thursday Mass with foot washing)	Chapel

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

GOOD FRIDAY

Office Closed—Diocesan Holiday

Special Collection—Holy Land

8:00am	Morning Prayers w/ Fr Robert	Chapel
3:00pm	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Service	Chapel
6:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Chapel

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

HOLY SATURDAY

No Confessions

9:00am	Art & Environment Chapel Set Up	Chapel
7:45pm	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners (Easter Vigil Mass with Baptisms & Confirmations of Adults)	Chapel

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

EASTER SUNDAY

7:30am	Mass for dec. members of Lopez family	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Min Maul	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Carmelita and Richard Sunga	Chapel

NO 7:00PM MASS



MINISTRY FAIR APRIL 27-28

"Calling all Newman ministry leaders"

We will host a Ministry Fair April 27th-28th after all Masses. Please email Kendra DeLuca-Leiker, our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteercoordinator@csufnewman.com by Monday, April 15th if you would like to have a table for your ministry.

Parishioners: Please mark your calendars to come out and be a part of our amazing parish ministries and groups!

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 for more information or to apply.

PARISH DIRECTORY PICTURE SIGN-UP

Our Parish Directory Committee has picked Apr 30, and May 1,2,3, and 4 to have you or your family to take pictures for our 2024 Parish Directory!

For more information, contact our team at:

parishdirectory@csufnewman.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FOOD RECOVERY PRODUCE PICK-UP:

Do you have a good sized vehicle, and can you pick up 6-8 tubs of produce from the Vineyard Farmer's Market one Wednesday a month at 5:30 and deliver it to the church. If yes, join our team! Help us provide fresh produce to our community neighbors each week!

VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONIST:

Have good people skills and a few hours a week to cover the front desk?

If you want to help , contact Kendra DeLuca-Leiker at volunteercoordinator@csufnewman.com.

MARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

2023		2024	
March 5	\$22,879.49	March 3	\$22,991.22
March 12	\$22,648.38	March 10	\$25,356.09
March 19	\$15,171.16	March 17	\$15,870.55
March 26	\$12,014.35	March 24	
		March 31	
MARCH 2023 TOTAL	\$72,713.38	MARCH 2024 TOTAL	\$64,217.86

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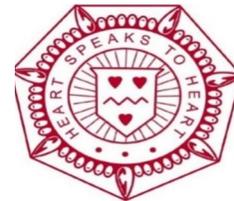
We need you to check your Parish Registration Information or Register to become a Parish Member Today!

Either Text **SPCNC to 84576** or

Go to:

stpaulcatholicnewmanctr.flocknote.com

(Look for our Logo, so you don't go to St Paul Newman Center in Wichita, KS)



You Can also use our QR Code or visit our website Registration Page.

Next Week, you will start to receive communications via text and/or email from us through FlockNote. Contact the office with any questions.

Current...

MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Charles Arokiasamy, is Interim Family and Life Ministries Director. He can be reached at:

lifeministry@csufnewman.com

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.**

There will be **NO** Faith, Family, and Friends during Holy Week. *We will see you after Easter!*

Pizza is available to order a week in advance.

Adult Topics:

Catholicism's Pivotal Players

Sonya Sidhu presents Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism: ***The Pivotal Players*** series

Deacon John presents a discussion on **How to have conversations in a polarized world.**

Soul Core: Body-Mind-Soul.

Soul Core incorporates stretching and light exercise movements while praying the rosary. 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.

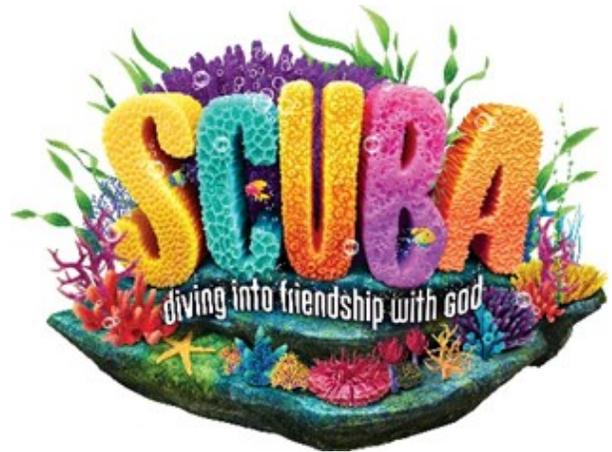
Men's Ministry

Men's Spirituality Group meets on Monday mornings, 8:30am-9:15am after morning Mass in the Library. All Catholic men of the parish are welcome to grab a cup of coffee and a muffin and join us. The Men's Spirituality Group will not be meeting during Holy Week on March 25.

Prayer Ministry

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! The Marian Movement will not be meeting during Holy Week on March 27.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!



Registration is Now Open!

Let's dive into the details:

Dates: Monday – Friday, June 17-21

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: St. Paul Catholic Newman Center

Registration costs:

Early Bird Registration (by April 15) - \$40/child. \$100 /family maximum

Regular Registration (after April 15) - \$50/child. \$120/family maximum

Partial Scholarships are available - \$10 per family commitment (request through online registration)

Register on Flocknote:

<https://stpaulcatholicnewmanctr.flocknote.com/register>

Registration form at the QR Code below:



SIGN UP NOW FOR THE 2024 PARISH DIRECTORY!

WE WANT YOU IN IT!

PHOTOS

APR 30—MAY 4th here at the Parish!

Contact us at parishdirectory@csufnewman.com with any questions.

We will have tabling after Easter to help you sign up if you need help.



LENTEN ALTAR DECORATIONS



We wish to thank Paula Fansler for her beautiful and prayerful arrangement of altar decorations, which represent the themes of this Lent's Gospel Readings: coins, wheat sheaves, illuminated "cloud," and desert stones. We are blessed by these offerings!

Please Join Us For

HOLY WEEK 2024



Thursday,
March 28

7:00PM

HOLY THURSDAY MASS

ADORATION WILL FOLLOW IN THE COURTYARD
ALL PARISHONERS ARE INVITED TO HAVE FEET WASHED

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.



Triduum Services and Easter Sunday 9:30am will be live-streamed on YouTube.

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DURING LENT AT 6:00PM

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Please join us for our final Stations of the Cross with Deacon Bill on Good Friday

“Heart Speaks To Heart” Action Plan Pastoral Council

Check Out Information and Handouts on the Bulletin Board in the Hallway!

April 13 and 14

We will present a short presentation on what a pastoral council is, what are several models for a council, and what the parish needs to discern about as far as parish goals for our new pastoral council. We will hold a question and answer period and provide room for discussion.

What do we need?

YOU!

Our parish needs as many people as possible to walk over to Cardinal Newman Hall after Mass to receive information and to engage in conversation about the future Pastoral Council and the initiatives to support our Parish Mission.

Questions? Contact Dan Nickerson at
PLC@csufnewman.com



FATHER NEGRO SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE!

Applications for Sergio P Negro Scholarships for the 2024-25 academic year are now available on the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center web site. The Sergio P Negro Endowment Fund was established in honor of our founding priest, Sergio Negro, who had a deep and abiding commitment to education. The Endowment Fund anticipates awarding a minimum of two, \$2,500 scholarships to deserving students for the academic year. Past awardees are eligible to reapply as long as they have maintained satisfactory progress.

To be eligible, you must be either an upper division undergraduate or a graduate student preparing to use your knowledge and skills to witness and minister to others. This is meant to be inclusive of many vocations and forms of service, including education, medicine, social services, etc. A pre-condition is that you must have either been raised within or are currently affiliated and active with our St. Paul Catholic Newman Center parish beyond attending mass. An overall GPA of 2.5 or greater is also required.

The deadline for applications to be received is 5:00 pm on Sunday, April 21, 2024. They may be submitted electronically to Scholarship@csufnewman.com or mailed to Negro Scholarship, c/o St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, 1752 E. Barstow Ave., Fresno, CA 93710. In all cases, applications and accompanying documents must be typed. Final selection of awardees will be through an interview process.

PARISH FLOCKNOTE

Thank you Larry Renner for lots of hours and hard work to make our platform ready. Here are some key points:

1) We invite parishioners to log into FlockNote.

A) If you are registered, or we have your donor information, you are in already and just need to update/verify your information.

B) If not registered, you can easily Register now!

2) Donors can view their January gifts now and all 2024 gifts in FlockNote starting in April. FlockNote has financial institution level security for your information.

3) You can sign up for groups/ministries you are interested in and receive information from them.

4) We will start to use FlockNote to communicate with you via email or text...including a link to our bulletin.

Questions? Contact our office, and we'll help you out!



Campesino Program: Rosaries Outreach

The Knights of Columbus, with Catholic Charities of Fresno, will be distributing 300 food boxes to Campesino families in Cutler during April. To show our support for those whose hard work brings food to our tables, and with prayerful thanks and encouragement, we would like to include a Rosary in each food box. If you have a Rosary at home that you can spare, please enclose it in an envelope or small container and **bring it to the front desk by April 7**, noting “Campesino Program” on the envelope. Thank you for your help and support for our local Campesino families.



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Email the Newman Communications Team at
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