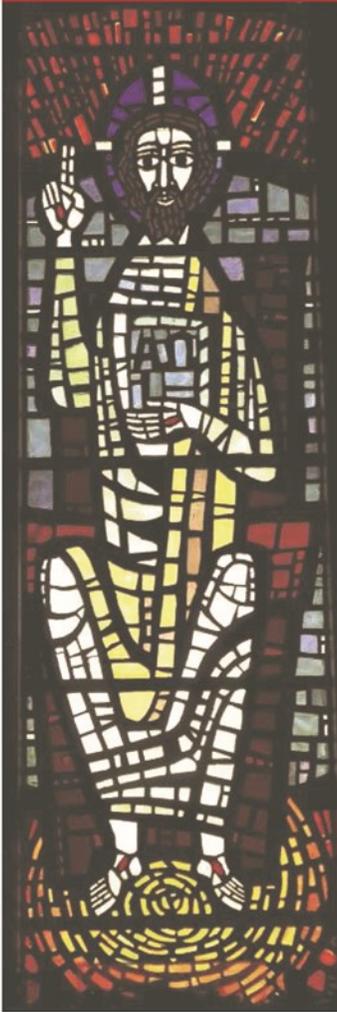


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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

YEAR A | APRIL 2, 2023

PASSION OF THE LORD

As we enter Holy Week we are invited to reflect on the Passion of Christ while hearing the words of the crowds chanting to Christ "save yourself", yet in the midst of the pain and human suffering Jesus' response is "Father, forgive them..." The words of Pope Francis's draw us to a deeper contemplation on those simple words that Jesus said.

The following is just an excerpt from the Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis, at St. Peter's Square, Sunday, 10 April 2022:

Let us reflect on the Lord's words. When did he say them? At a very specific moment: while he was being crucified, as he felt the nails piercing his wrists and feet. Let us try to imagine the excruciating pain he suffered. At that moment, amid the most searing physical pain of his Passion, Christ asked forgiveness for those who were piercing him. At times like that, we would scream out and give vent to all our anger and suffering. But Jesus said: *Father, forgive them*.

Unlike the other martyrs about whom the Bible speaks (cf. 2 Mac 7:18-19), Jesus did not rebuke his executioners or threaten punishments in the name of God; rather, he prayed for the evildoers. Fastened to the gibbet of humiliation, his attitude of *giving* became that of *forgiving*.

Brothers and sisters, God does the same thing with us. When we cause suffering by our actions, God suffers yet has only one desire: to forgive us. In order to appreciate this, let us gaze upon the crucified Lord. It is from his painful wounds, from the streams of blood caused by the nails of our sinfulness that forgiveness gushes forth. Let us look to Jesus on the cross and realize that greater words were never spoken: *Father, forgive*. Let us look to Jesus on the cross and realize that we have never been looked upon with a more gentle and compassionate gaze. Let us look to Jesus on the cross and understand that we have never received a more loving embrace. Let us look to the crucified Lord and say: "Thank you, Jesus: you love me and always forgive me, even at those times when I find it hard to love and forgive myself".

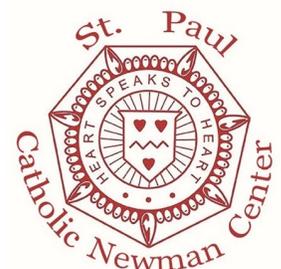
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There, as he was being crucified, at the height of his pain, Jesus himself obeyed the most demanding of his commandments: that we love our enemies. Let us think about someone who, in our own lives, injured, offended or disappointed us; someone who made us angry, who did not understand us or who set a bad example. How often we spend time looking back on those who have wronged us! How often we think back and lick the wounds that other people, life itself and history have inflicted on us. Today, Jesus

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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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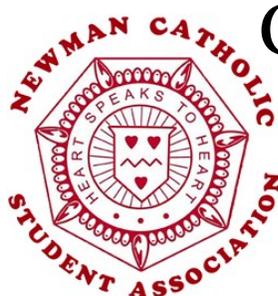
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CAMPUS MINISTRY

News!

WEEK OF APRIL 2 - 9

NO COLLEGE STUDENT NIGHT

We won't be meeting Wednesday, April 5. Praying that your Spring Break will be full of good memories and rest! Also, that your Easter will be bright with the hope and joy of our risen Savior!

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us this Monday, April 3 at 6:00pm in the St. John XXIII Student Lounge. We will continue looking at the Gospel of Luke discussing this week's session - The Birth of the Savior, Messiah, and Lord.



STUDY NIGHT

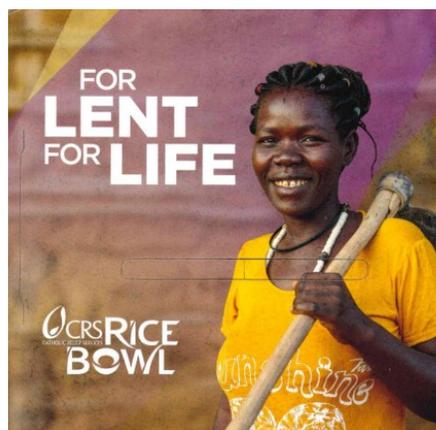
Come join the college group for a night of productive studying or homework! Study night provides a quiet, peaceful environment surrounded by peers for students to concentrate on school work. There will be coffee and snacks provided. Please Join Us on April 27 at 6:00pm in the Lounge!

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There are times you may need to provide verification as a member/parishioner of the Newman Center, especially in regards to the reception of any Sacraments strict record-keeping is required by Church law. For this reason, we ask you to please register as a member of the parish.

For any verification the following is required:

In order to receive any official documentation stating you are a member/parishioner of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center you must have on file your personal registration, demonstrate active involvement and participation in worship and other activities.

If you are seeking to become a Catholic sponsor/godparent, this documentation is required as well as proof of the reception of your Sacraments.

You can register at the front desk, or on our website.

We also ask that you check in with the Parish Office to periodically verify your contact information.

It is important that we have everything current in our records.

Parish Information

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

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



WEEKDAY MASSES:

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

COMMUNION SERVICES:

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday | 9:00am to 3:00pm
Friday | 9:00am to 12:00 noon

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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.

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PASSION OF THE LORD

teaches us not to remain there, but to react, to break the vicious circle of evil and sorrow. To react to the nails in our lives with love, to the buffets of hatred with the embrace of forgiveness. As disciples of Jesus, do we follow the Master or do we follow our own desire to strike back? This is a question we have to ask ourselves. Do we follow the Master or not?

If we want to test whether we truly belong to Christ, let us look at how we behave toward those who have hurt us. The Lord asks us to respond not as we feel, or as everyone else does, but in the way he acts toward us. He asks us to break out of the mindset that says: "I will love you if you love me; I will be your friend if you are my friend; I will help you if you help me". Rather, we are to show compassion and mercy to everyone, for God sees a son or a daughter in each person. He does not separate us into good and bad, friends and enemies. We are the ones who do this, and we make God suffer. For him, all of us are his beloved children, children whom he desires to embrace and forgive... The love of Jesus is for everyone; everyone has the same privilege: that of being loved and forgiven.

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... Brothers and sisters, in the course of this week, let us cling to the certainty that God can forgive every sin. He forgives everyone. He can bridge every distance, and turn all mourning into dancing (cf. *Ps* 30:12). The certainty that with Jesus there is always a place for everyone. That with Christ things are never over. That with him, it is never too late. *With God, we can always come back to life.* Take courage! Let us journey toward Easter with his forgiveness. For Christ constantly intercedes for us before the Father (cf. *Heb* 7:25). Gazing upon our violent and tormented world, he never tires of repeating: *Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.* Let us now do the same, in silence, in our hearts, and repeat: *Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.*

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For the entire homily by Pope Francis, go to:
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2022/documents/20220410-omelia-palme.html>

MARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

2020		2021		2022		2023	
March 1	\$17,894.05	March 7 ACH	\$21,491.37	March 6 ACH	\$28,016.65	March 5	\$22,879.49
March 8 ACH	\$29,313.83	March 14	\$13,710.00	March 13	\$17,822.11	March 12	\$22,648.38
March 15	\$11,873.17	March 21	\$13,363.38	March 20 ACH	\$16,619.10	March 19	\$15,171.16
March 23 ACH	\$6,257.00	March 28	\$9,168.00	March 27	\$12,292.66	March 26	\$12,014.35
March 29	\$4,139.00						
MARCH 2020 TOTAL	\$69,477.05	MARCH 2021 TOTAL	\$57,732.75	MARCH 2022 TOTAL	\$74,750.52	MARCH 2023 TOTAL	\$71,305.21

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become a instrument of peace and join the Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. *Please be Generous!*

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday.

POLICY FOR ALL PARISH COMMUNICATION

The Newman Center's Communication's Team is in the process of reviewing policy and procedure for all communications (i.e. print, web, social media, etc.) within the Newman Center community. In order to ensure continuity of our mission, Catholic identity, Newman Center brand, grammar, content, standard of quality, etc. it is important to establish guidelines and best practices. Therefore, all information associated with St. Paul Catholic Newman Center must be reviewed by a member of the Communications Team prior to being printed, posted, or distributed. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

All bulletin information must be submitted by 10:00am Wednesday to guarantee insertion in Sunday's bulletin. Email to Communications@csufnewman.com.

Current... MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Lenten Lectio Divina

The Lectio Divina group will meet on Wednesday, April 5. The group is facilitated by Lynn Baker.

Faith, Family & Friends

Faith Family & Friends will not meet on Tuesday, April 4.

Men's Ministry

Men's Weekly Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group: This ministry meets on Monday mornings at 8:30am in the Library after our 8:00am morning Mass.

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

For the week of April 2 through April 8, 2023

- **National Sexual Assault Awareness Month**
- **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April 2023 For a Culture Of Peace:**
"We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens."
- **Sunday, April 2**
World Autism Awareness Day
- **Monday, April 3**
1948 Truman signs the Marshall Plan to assist in the reconstruction of Europe.
- **Tuesday, April 4**
1967 Dr. King: "This war (in Vietnam) is a Blasphemy against all that American stands for" 1968 Dr. King is assassinated in Memphis. <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/martin-luther-king-jr-assassination>
- **Friday, April 7**
1968 Dr. Ralph Abernathy delivers his Easter sermon in tribute to Rev. Dr. MLK, Jr. 'assassinated 3 days earlier <https://religionnews.com/2015/01/15/ralph-abernathy-martin-luther-king-jr-s-overlooked-civil-rights-twin/>

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

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PRAYERS:

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

Elizabeth	Mary Ann Goff
Monica Baker (Lucido)	Monsignor John Harguindeguy
Barbara Barrows	Julia Jaquez
Roxanne Castillo	Sandy Keith
Shashini Chameli Kumari	Sawyer Nelson
Dehideniya	Mary Peterson
Gary Dubois	Mario Sanchez
Dan Dungy	Deacon Robert Sesma
Shirley Elliot	Valety
Abigail Geisel	

To better serve our Faith Community we try to update our list of prayers regularly. Therefore, we have the following policy: Names for the sick / special intentions will be published in the bulletin for four weeks, then removed unless otherwise notified or requested.

If deceased, names are only published the week they died.

If you have someone who is in need of prayers please contact the office at 559-436-3434 or go on our website and fill out the form under the ["Prayer Requests"](#) tab.

SAVE THE DATES...

Mark on your calendar as enter into the holiest days of the Church Year, the days in which we celebrate the completion of the mission for which Jesus was sent into the world: His suffering, dying and resurrection... giving us eternal salvation.

Triduum: "The Three Days"

These three days are a culmination of the entire liturgical year commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

April 6 | Holy Thursday

7:00pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper
"Washing of the Feet"

April 7 | Good Friday

"Celebration of the Lord's Passion"

10:00am | Passion Play
3:00pm | Veneration of the Cross
6:00pm | Stations of the Cross

April 8 | Holy Saturday

7:30pm | Easter Vigil

The Service of Light | Liturgy of the Word
Liturgy of Baptism | Liturgy of the Eucharist

The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place after sundown. This is the Mass that the church welcomes new Catholics that have been preparing to be received into the Church. The new Paschal Candle is blessed and lit, then processed into the Church reminding us that the Paschal Candle is the symbol of the "light of Christ, rising in glory," scattering the "darkness of our hearts and minds."

WEEKLY SCHEDULE HOLY WEEK



SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11 (37)/Isaiah 50:4-7/Philippians 2:6-11/Matthew 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

7:30am	Mass for Rose Barretto	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for John Godburn	Chapel
	Confirmation Prep Year One	Cardinal Newman Hall
11:30am	Mass for Eugene Donoghue	Chapel
	RCIA Dismissal	Community Room
12:00pm	Confirmation Prep Year Two	Cardinal Newman Hall
7:00pm	Mass for Needs and Intentions of the Parishioners	Chapel

MONDAY, APRIL 3

Isaiah 42:1-7/John 12:1-11

8:00am	Mass for Dolores Monahan	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
5:30pm	Grief Support	Community Room
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	St. John XXIII Student Lounge

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Isaiah 49:1-6/John 13:21-33, 36-38

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
5:00pm	Youth Choir Practice	Chapel
6:00pm	Easter Vigil Rehearsal	Chapel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Isaiah 42:1-7/John 12:1-11

8:00am	Mass Intention of Terry Darby	Chapel
8:45am	Lenten Lectio Divina Series	Community Room
9:30am	Marion Movement of Priests	Cardinal Newman Hall 104
4:00pm	Prayer and Life Workshops	Library
6:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Chapel

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Collection for Poverello House

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Corinthians 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 (

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
7:00pm	Holy Thursday Mass	Chapel

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 52:13—53:12/Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9/John 18:1—19:42

Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land

10:00am	Passion Play	Chapel
3:00pm	Good Friday Passion Service	Chapel
6:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Chapel

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Easter Vigil

**Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Exodus 14:15—15:1/Isaiah 54:5-14/Isaiah 55:1-11/Baruch 3:9-15,
32—4:4/Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28/Romans 6:3-11/Matthew 28:1-10**

9:00am	Chapel Environment Team	Chapel
7:30pm	Easter Vigil Mass	Chapel
8:30pm	RCIA Welcome Reception	Community Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Easter

**Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8/John 20:1-9
or Matthew 28:1-10 or Luke 24:13-35**

7:30am	Mass	Chapel
9:30am	Mass	Chapel
11:30am	Mass	Chapel

No Mass at 7:00pm on Easter Sunday

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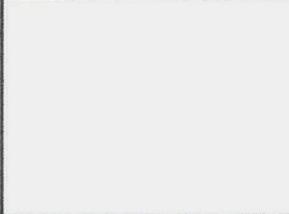
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