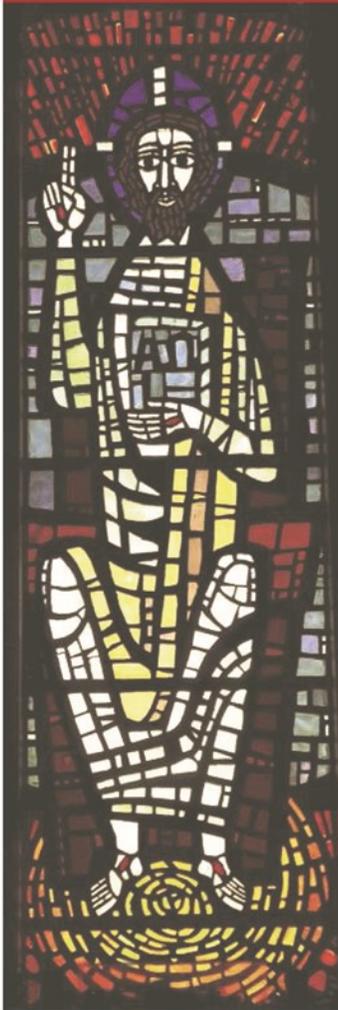


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Testimony of an RCIA Candidate

Greetings, my name is Mayra Suarez-Jimenez. I was baptized in the Catholic church at the age of 4. My parents were not adamant about attending church until I reached my rebellious stage at 13. The more I rebelled, the more I felt distant from my family. Soon, my brother Luis and I met the Mormon missionaries. Even though it was not where I was meant to be, I couldn't help but think it was God reaching out to me. My parents allowed my brother and I to get rebaptized in the LDS church. That is when I fell in love with the word of God. I always knew God was powerful and almighty, but it was the first time I saw God as my Father in heaven.

I enjoyed my studies of the Bible and the community of the Mormon faith. At 18, I left my parents' home to serve in the Army. I found it strange how powerful I felt at such an early stage of my life. I know now, that the Holy Spirit and God by my side gave me strength. Throughout the years, I questioned a lot of teachings about the religion I was in. When I moved back to California, I decided to no longer push my unanswered questions aside, so I began attending different protestant churches. They were lovely, but something was missing. Shortly after, I came across Matthew 16:18, "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." It was clear as day; I remember thinking, the Catholic church. What?

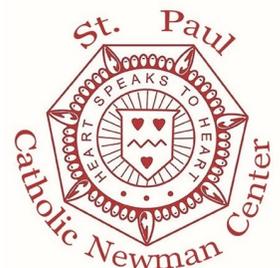
After the first mass, I attended here at St. Paul Newman Center. I felt the Holy Spirit telling me I was home. Fr. Byron stood at the door on my way out, wishing everyone a blessed day. That's when I asked him how I could become Catholic. He had the biggest smile and kindly directed me to Charles to begin my journey in RCIA. Meeting with other candidates and catechumens was a special experience. We all had different reasons that led us to this point, but seeing the excitement behind everyone as we spoke of Jesus Christ is undeniable. Since starting RCIA, I have noticed peace come into my life. I once again feel the Holy Spirit guiding me closer to God. My family and friends see how joyous I become when speaking about God. I love learning and participating in Catholic traditions. I thank God for giving me a fantastic sponsor, Elizabeth Tuck, who is now my godparent, to help me as I learn how to become a faithful Catholic. I remember telling her on my communion day that I felt like I'd been waiting for this moment my whole life. I hope my testimony can inspire people to feel God's love and mercy.

Sincerely,

Mayra Suarez-Jimenez

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

All college students are welcomed to join this week's Student Dinner **Wednesday, May 1st** at 6pm at the Cardinal Newman Hall. Following dinner a few students will be sharing their testimonies on their journey with the Newman Center.

Fresno State Campus Mass

Fresno State Students will be gathering to celebrate Mass at the Resnick Student Union, **Tuesday, April 30th** at 12:30pm. Follow our Instagram for further details on location!



Student Dinner Prayer

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Bible Study

Join us **Monday April 29th** 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.

Young Adult Trivia Night

The young adults of Newman Center will be playing some trivia at Tioga Sequoia Brewery in downtown on **Wednesday, May 1st**. We will meet there at 7:00p.m. All trivia knowledge is always welcomed!

2024—Year Of Prayer



Pope Francis has inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee. Francis calls us "to rediscover the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world."

Stay tuned for how our University Parish will be participating in these movements.

This Weekend's Special Collection: Catholic Communications

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

I am abundantly GRATEFUL for all who shared in the Mass of Thanksgiving on April 20. Your personal notes, prayers and gifts were appreciated. I am especially thankful for your generosity to the Sergio P. Negro Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The evening was one of many blessings for me and for all who joined in giving thanks to God. For all who have blessed my priestly ministry, you will ALWAYS be in my grateful prayers.

A special THANK YOU to all the Newman Center staff and parishioners who provided and set up the wonderful reception after Mass and to my brother priests and deacons who joined in the celebration. GOD BLESS ALL.

Father Dave Norris

A Gift of Love

The National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) is being commemorated this April 21–27, 2024. The 2024 NCVRW theme is —*How would you help?* Jesus said: *“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”* (Matt. 25:40) This coming **June 29, 2024** the Crime Survivors Ministry will be offering a healing retreat for the victims/survivors of all types of crime here at the Newman Center. This is a perfect opportunity for all of us to come together as one family of God.

In partnership with the Eucharistic Revival Committee, the Crime Survivors Ministry is inviting our Newman friends and parishioners to give '**A Gift of Love**' to our brothers and sisters who are suffering from the horrendous crime and harm done to them **by offering an hour (or more) of prayer and adoration of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and/ or by offering a mass for healing and strength of faith for all crime victims/survivors**, for the victims to put their trust in the Lord as they seek justice, for the offenders to be pierced in their hearts with sincere remorse for the harm they have done, and for Divine Mercy be granted to all of them.

In Mark 2:2-11, Jesus was moved by the faith of the friends of the paralyzed man when they dug a hole in the roof to bring a friend to be healed by Jesus. Together, let us be an instrument of God's love for the crime victims/survivors, be a spiritual companion for them, and bring a transformative power of Christ.

Maciel Godburn, Crime Survivors Ministry

APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS

2023		2024	
April 2	\$20,103.32	April 7	\$25,000.13
April 9	\$21,191.60	April 14	\$17,632.43
April 16	\$9,448.27	April 21	\$18,748.56
April 22	\$15,363.58	April 28	
April 29	\$11,354.50		
APRIL 2023 TOTAL	\$77,461.27	APRIL 2024 TOTAL	\$61,381.12

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Submissions are accepted no later than 12:00pm on Wednesday of the week prior to publishing.

Thank you from your parish staff!

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MINISTRY PROGRAMS

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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.**

Pizza is available to order a week in advance.

Faith, Family and Friends is winding down for the year. This Tuesday we will meet as usual for our night of Adult Faith and Youth/ Children's Religious Education! We all gather at **6:00pm** in Cardinal Newman Hall. Instead of the individual adult sessions we will have a joint adult session. Next week, the last week of FFF before we break for summer will be an intergenerational rosary with free pizza served. Join us!

Men's Ministry

Men's Spirituality Group continues to meet every Monday after morning mass to 9:15am in the Library. All Catholic men of the parish are welcome to grab a cup of coffee and a muffin and join us.

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!

Joy of Love Family Ministry

Please join us on the playground this Sunday for our First Sunday gathering after the 9:30 mass this Sunday May 5. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other families.

We will also gather again for our First Friday Sacred Heart devotion on Friday, May 3. Mass begins at 8 am followed by family-friendly Adoration at 8:30. We will have a short time of fellowship and snacks on the playground after mass.

Join Us in Celebrating Newman at Sixty

On the evening of Friday, May 10th, 2024, we will gather as a community to break bread together in celebration of our 60th anniversary! Each and every one of you is invited to join us in this celebration.

Our celebratory evening will be held in Cardinal Newman Hall, starting with a no-host social hour at 6:00 pm. We will be entertained by a fabulous young singer, song writer and guitarist, Kat The Entertainer. Dinner, catered by Pardini's, will follow at 7:00. You will have a choice of a New York Steak or Salmon as your entrée.

Tickets for this event are \$60 per person and will go on sale after each mass. Tickets can also be purchased on-line through our website or with use of the QR code below.

Joining us for this memorable evening will be members of the pastoral staff who have served us over the years. These include Msgr. Perry Kavookjian, Fr. Steve Bulfer, and Fr. Dave Norris.

This will be an evening you don't want to miss!



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Elizabeth Dungy	Bob Henry
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Ashley	Kathy Robinson
Misti Henson	Lisa Odom
Sarah Peterson Camacho	Frances and Family
Phyllis Scialabba	

♥ And we pray for those who have died recently.

Linda Caffejian	Eva Mosqueda
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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 deceased are published the week after death.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

APRIL 28— MAY 5, 2024

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Spring Ministry Fair

Knight's Burrito Breakfast

7:30am	Mass for Hope Pineda	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Bill Maul	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
11:30am	Mass for Pavlovich & Radovanovich families	Chapel
1:00pm	Group Baptism	Chapel
1:00pm	Baptism Prep Class	Library
3:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Catherine Gastador	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel

MONDAY, APRIL 29 ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
8:00am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Student Lounge

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Directory Photos (CNH)

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
5:00pm	Youth Choir Practice	Chapel
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	CNH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Directory Photos (CNH)

8:00am	Mass for Florence Avila Diaz	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	Community Room
6:00pm	College Night	CNH
6:00pm	Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle	Cafeteria
6:30pm	RCIA Inquiry	Community Room

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Directory Photos (CNH)

ST. ATHANASIUS

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:30pm	Fresno Catholic Singles	Cafeteria
6:00pm	Mass for Anna O'Sullivan Russel	Chapel

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Directory Photos (CNH)

STS. PHILIP AND JAMES

8:00am	Sp Int for Meghan Felix and Tony Vasquez	Chapel
8:30am	Sacred Heart Devotion for Families	Chapel
9:00am	Adoration	Chapel
4:00pm	Bi-Lingual Catechism Class	Community Room
5:30pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria
6:30pm	Lay Claretian Evangelizers Missionaries	Library

SATURDAY, MAY 4

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Catholic Charities Truck

3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Reuben Freitas	Chapel

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Catholic Charities Truck

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Susan Gonzalez & Olga Casarez	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Roger Berman	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for John Christopher Godburn	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Lopez Family	Chapel
8:00pm	1st Sunday Adoration & Confessions	Chapel

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