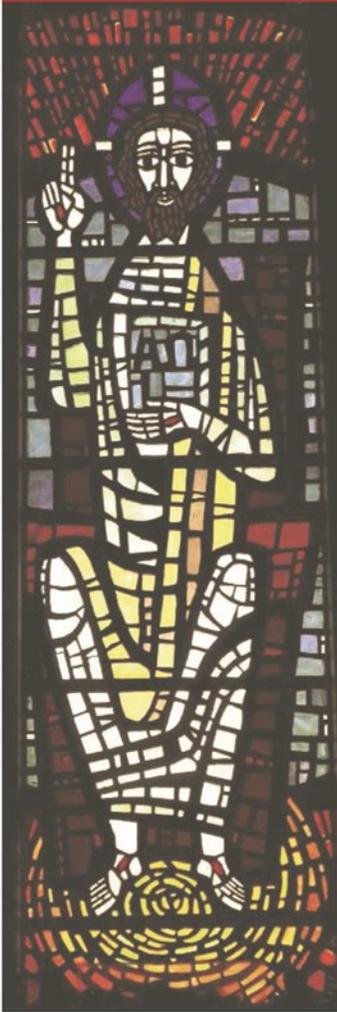


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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A | AUGUST 20, 2023

The Gospel of Matthew is largely directed to the Jewish people, and historians tell us that the Canaanites were their traditional enemies. [When Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, it was against the Canaanites, after all.] This is probably part of the reason that Jesus initially rejects the woman who calls out to him—though why he is in Tyre and Sidon, a region where there were no Jews, is never made clear. So when he eventually does respond to her plea, calls her faithful and promises to heal her daughter, he is opening up the promise of the Good News beyond the nation of Israel. And that, in turn is a fulfillment of the prophecy in today's first reading, from Isaiah: "The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord... will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for ALL peoples." As the response to today's psalm proclaims: "Let ALL the nations praise you!" Paul, too, in his letter to the Romans, speaks to the gentiles and declares: that "God might have mercy upon ALL."

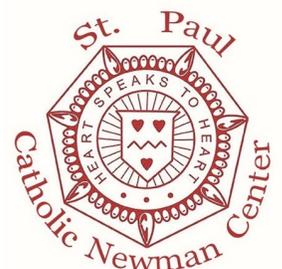
ALL peoples. While this can be understood as referring to ethnic groups—to "gentiles"—there is nothing to suggest that it can't be understood in other ways, too. God's house is open to women, to the LGBTQ+ community, to the poor, to the stranger, to those of different abilities, and to so many more. Even to tax collectors, which Matthew was (and so he, too, like the Canaanite woman, was something of an outsider). Perhaps Pope Francis's decision to invite women and other laypeople to participate in the upcoming Synod on Synodality is a step in the "all people" direction?

The words that the woman uses in addressing Jesus, "have pity on me," can also translated as "have MERCY on me." These are words we use in every Mass: *kyrie eleison*. At that moment, we are petitioning God in the same way that the Canaanite woman called out to Jesus. So, although we do not know her name, we commemorate her each time we gather. Her plea is our plea. She is our foremother and we express her petition in the same way she makes it: in hope and even expectation that God will respond. We do this, even when we are told by the successors to those who told her to "shut up and go away" that we ought to do the same.

Maybe it's not surprising that this gospel reading is buried in the "dog" days of summer, because it truly is revolutionary. It resonates especially with me because I'm a woman, but it has much to say to all of us who feel like we don't fit into a box, and who sometimes feel tormented by a demon, like the daughter in need of healing. In other words, it speaks to us all. And so it calls us all to be dogged, persistent—and, like the Canaanite woman, "of great faith." - Margaret Susan Thompson; catholicwomenpreach.org

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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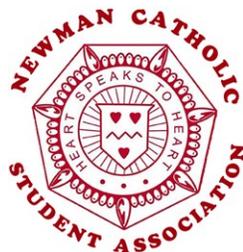
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CAMPUS MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY DINNER VOLUNTEERS

We are less than a month away from our first Wednesday Student Dinner, and so this is your time to shine! We need partners to cook/purchase meals, provide drinks and deserts, and help prep and serve in the Kitchen. There are two ways to sign up: go onto our website and fill out our form or stop by the front desk to pick up and/or fill out the form and return to the front desk. Thank you for taking part in this great ministry!

WEDNESDAY STUDENT DINNERS

We resume our student dinners Wednesday, August 30th at 6:00pm. These dinners are for any college student at any campus. Once a week we gather as students and Christians to be in community and share a meal. Dinner is followed by an activity that varies week to week (Mass, volunteering opportunities, spiritual discussions, Trivia nights, etc.). We hope you can join us and see what we have to offer.

Student Pantry

As the school semester begins we will continue offering our study lounge to students and others. As an added bonus we like to offer a few snacks and drinks. If you'd like to donate an item(s) see our list below.

- microwavable ready meals
- Individual packaged drinks
- snack size chips
- granola bars
- pastry snacks

Fresno City Club Rush

Come by and say hello to our Fresno City campus ministry team. We will be promoting the Newman Center and our Newman club at Fresno City College Wednesday, August 23rd from 10am—1pm. Want to help us table? Contact Edgar Guzmán.

NEWMAN CENTER YOUNG ADULTS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Young Adult Bible study will resume on Monday, August 21. We will continue to gather every Monday at 6:00pm in the Student Lounge. Come for some deep conversation and community.

This Week's Special Collection is for

Cathedral Maintenance

Thank you for your generosity

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

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AUGUST CONTRIBUTIONS

2022		2023	
August 7	\$27,017.20	August 6	\$14,351.52
August 14	\$14,826.61	August 13	\$18,229.10
August 21	\$12,042.82	August 20	
August 28	\$10,936.68	August 27	
AUGUST 2022 TOTAL	\$64,823.31	AUGUST 2023 TOTAL	\$32,580.62

FROM FR. BYRON...

There are two beautiful teachings we can learn from the Gospel this Sunday: God's love and salvation is for all; and this love and salvation are achieved through perseverance. There was a strong tension between the Canaanites and the Israelites. Yet, a Canaanite Woman placed her trust and faith on Jesus, as she asked Him to heal her daughter who was possessed by a demon. Although ignored at first, she persisted and persevered. Jesus healed her daughter. No matter who we are: sinners or saints; God's love and salvation is given to us all. What it takes is for us to persist and persevere. No one prays in vain and although we may feel at times ignored, what matters is not to never give up on hope because hope will inevitably lead us to the fulfillment of our deepest longings.

KUDOS TO EDGAR

Please join me in congratulating our own Campus Ministry Director, Edgar Guzman, who represented us very well during World Youth Day in two important events: Edgar was a presenter during one of the catechetical talks attended by young people around the world. He was also invited to be part of a Catholic Influencers Gathering. Edgar was part of a very selective group which gathers the best of the best from all over the world. I feel proud and grateful that his many gifts have been acknowledged on a worldwide-level event such as World Youth Day. And I feel even most grateful that he is ministering here with us and to us. Check out his ministry on Instagram: [catholicspill](https://www.instagram.com/catholicspill) and if you see him, please congratulate him for all his good work. Also, please say a prayer or two for him, so that he can continue to serve our college and young adult communities with the energy, passion, humility and creativity that characterize him!

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

For the week of August 20 to August 26, 2023:

- **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August 2023:**
For World Youth Day: We pray that World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the gospel in their own lives.
- **Wednesday, August 23**
Feast of St. Rose of Lima
International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
- **Thursday, August 24**
Join us for our third Synodal listening session. See the announcement on this page for more information.
- **Friday, August 25**
5:30pm Food Recovery Dinner in the Newman Cafeteria. All are welcome! Our guests are hungry for fellowship, and not just food.

For so much more on all things Social Justice, visit our website or contact Jim Grant at jim@csufnewman.com

HELP US PROTECT CREATION

The Season of Creation in the Catholic Church worldwide will kick off this Sept 1st. We are calling all children (and children of all ages!) to make, paint, draw a poster of any size about protecting Mother Earth and Creation. Your posters will be displayed outside the Church during the entire month of September. Your art will help bring awareness to care for creation to all people passing or driving by. You can bring your posters to the parish front desk throughout the month of August. For more information, please talk to Fr. Byron or Jim Grant.

SYNOD 2023 INVITATION:

Are you interested in picking up where we left off last year with our "Synodal Listening Sessions" or joining the synodal process for the first time? If so, join us **from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Newman Cafeteria on August 24 or 31**. Please contact Jim Grant (jim@csufnewman.com) so we'll now know how many to expect! How to prepare? Just come with an open heart and with a desire to share with your brothers and sisters your hopes and dreams, as well as theirs, for a Synodal Missionary Church. We look forward to these "Conversations in the Spirit" with you soon!

Current...

MINISTRY PROGRAMS

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

Family Life Ministry

Joy of Love Moms: The Joy of Love Moms Group invites families to the west playground after 9:30am Mass for an opportunity for children and families to meet, socialize and play together. Please join us!

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.

Prayer Ministry

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in Cardinal Newman Hall, room 104.

Prayer & Life Workshop just began and runs until November 15, meeting each Wednesday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. **This is the last week to register!** Register by emailing Regina Flores rmflores39@icloud.com.

Christian Meditation meets weekly on Tuesdays 12 noon – 1:00pm, in the Community Room, for silent meditation followed by a brief lesson about this ancient Christian prayer tradition and discussion. Christian Meditation utilizes the mantra, "Maranatha" (a word in Jesus' own Aramaic language meaning, "Come, Lord Jesus") in order to quiet the mind and come to silence, meeting Jesus in the depth of our own being, beyond words or images. The group is a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Meetings are facilitated by Benita Lankford. For information, email John Prandini.

Starting Soon...

The Grief Support Ministry offers spiritual and emotional support to those who are coping with the death of a loved one. The next series of Grief Support meetings are offered on Monday mornings, Sept. 18 – Nov. 20, (10 sessions), 10:00am-12:00pm in the Cafeteria.

Book Study on *Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human & Christian Maturity* by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI will run Wednesdays, September 13 - November 15, 12:00pm -1:00pm, in Cardinal Newman Hall Room 105. To Participate: Purchase the book in advance and read Chapter One. Register for no fee by emailing John Prandini.

Steps to Spiritual Transformation is a spiritual journey through the 12 Steps to help you grow in your relationship and intimacy with God through Christ Jesus. Thursday mornings, 10:00 – 11:30am, September, 14 through Nov. 16 Cardinal Newman Hall, Room 105.

PRAYERS:

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

Sally Caglia	Jennifer Pascua
Ashley Grace	Betty Lindsay
William Diener	Angie Rosenthal
Judy Truckale	Alex Kidd
JJ Tenison	Deacon Rick DeLeon
Tim Vaux	Irene Hatch
Sylvia Soublet Myles	Isabella Raroque
Dan Dungy	Ken Kemp
Sarah Peterson Camacho	
Susan Olson	
Tom Castelazo	
Ken Christiansen	
Raj Prasad	

♥ And we pray for those who have died recently:

Mary Pieretti
Doris Ceballos
Jan Peterson

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.

FOUNDER'S DAY IS JUST AHEAD!

Sept. 10 is Founder's Day, celebrating our founding pastor, Fr. Sergio P. Negro, and the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center's mission of service, support and spiritual sustenance to the Catholic college community and beyond. More than 60 years ago, Fr. Negro worked with a group of dedicated men and women to establish the church we know today as a center for Fresno State students, faculty and staff to gather and worship. The initial vision broadened as we became a vibrant general parish with a special mission to college students throughout our area.

The Sergio P. Negro Scholarship Endowment was established with funds from our 50th anniversary celebration in 2014 and augmented since by generous parishioners investing in students who will guide us tomorrow. A committee of parishioners guides the endowment and awards at least two \$2,500 scholarships each year.

On Founder's Day, the names of this year's scholarship recipients will be announced and there will be a reception for them and their families. A special collection for the scholarship endowment will further demonstrate our commitment to our founding mission.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 20TH SUNDAY ORD. TIME
Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Special Collection: Cathedral Maintenance

7:30am	Mass for Joanna Emma Bertolucci	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for August Short	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
11:30am	Mass for Needs & Int. Parishioners	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Vaughn Melcher	Chapel

MONDAY, AUGUST 21 ST. PIUS X
Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

8:00am	Mass for Mike Arroyo	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	St. John XXIII Lounge

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 QUEENSHIP OF MARY
Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23
Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

8:00am	Mass Special Int. Doris Nolen	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	CNH 103-104
6:00pm	Prayer & Life Workshop	Library
6:30pm	RCIA Inquiry	Community Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 ST. BARTHOLOMEW
Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass Int. Megan Nicholson	Chapel
6:00pm	Synodal Conversation Session	Cafeteria
6:00pm	Confirmation Parent Meeting	Cardinal Newman Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
5:30pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12 (Day)
Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20 (Vigil Mass)
Welcome Weekend
Catholic Charities Truck

3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Evelyn Helen Osborne	Chapel

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 21ST SUNDAY ORD.TIME
Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Welcome Weekend
Catholic Charities Truck

7:30am	Mass for Nunzio & Alma Tarantino	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Joe Brindeiro	Chapel
9:30am	Baptism	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
11:30am	Mass for Robert G. McHugh	Chapel
1:00pm	Baptism Prep Class	Cafeteria
1:00pm	Group Baptism	Chapel
3:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Needs & Int. Parishioners	Chapel

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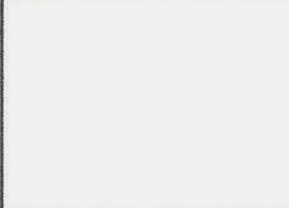
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