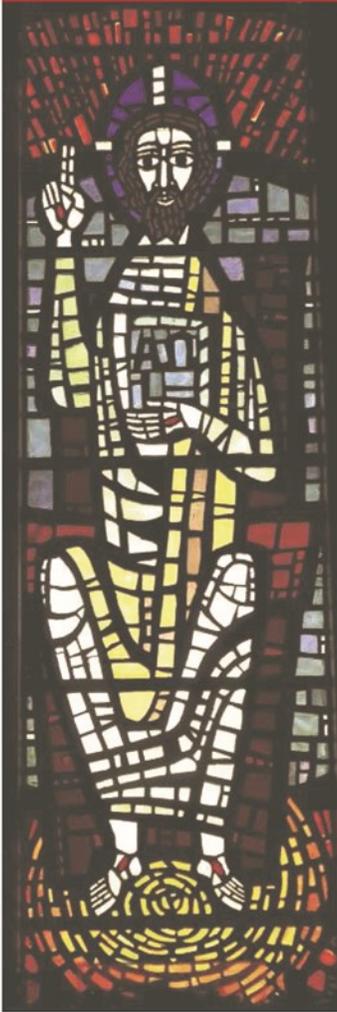


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THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear sisters and brothers,

Prophets speak in the name of God. That is what the word prophet means, to speak for. "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kindred, and will put my words into the mouth of the prophet; the prophet shall tell them all that I command" (Dt. 18:18). If the prophet doesn't speak to the wicked or evil ones, the wicked will die and the prophet will be held responsible for their deaths. The Lord states this clearly in today's first reading. This doesn't seem to touch us. We're not prophets, we're normal folks. We know that being a prophet is something rare. Being a prophet is something from another place and age – we think!

I heard a lecture once from a theologian at a Religious Education Conference who told us that the gift of prophecy is very rare in the Church today. In fact, he doubted that they exist at all anymore. That means that nobody speaks in the name of God anymore. Wouldn't that be horrible?!!!

It would mean that Peter was mistaken in his first public speech on Pentecost Day when he announced to the people that the Prophet Joel's prophecy would be fulfilled and that all sons and daughters of God would become prophets! It would mean that when someone is anointed a prophet during baptism, in fact nothing happens! It would mean that today's gospel would be meaningless, too, because being a prophet and speaking in God's name is precisely what Jesus asks us to do today! "Speak up, don't keep your mouth shut. You will be held responsible for your silence and for the consequences of your unwillingness to speak!"

We all have ways of escaping from that duty. We say it's only meant for the church leaders – those who are especially called like Oscar Romero, or Mother Teresa, or the priests who are speaking out against injustice in Latin America.

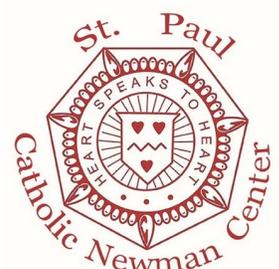
We should take up the role of prophecy more seriously in the face of corruption, social injustice, war, and violence.

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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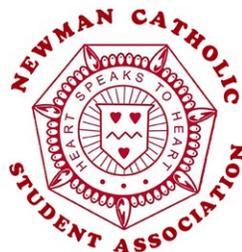
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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Fresno State Campus Meeting

Fresno State students will be meeting Thursday, September 14th at the Resnick Student Union Building in Conference Room 215. Join us from 12:30pm- 1:30pm!

**Come meet other
Catholic Bulldogs!**



Wednesday Student Dinner

We will have our next Student Dinner September 13th, inside the Cardinal Newman Hall. Afterwards, we will have our Student Lounge opened to provide a space for studying or to pick up pantry items!

NEWMAN CENTER YOUNG ADULTS

Want to "Audit" Adult Confirmation?

Our Adult Confirmation is a catechesis and formation program for young adults who need the Sacrament of Confirmation. There's still time to register yourself, but even if you have all your Sacraments, the Adult Confirmation team welcomes you to learn and discuss theology, the Bible, and Church teaching with other young adults on the journey. Sessions start soon, so reach out to Karl Gurney at karl@csufnewman.com for more information on how you can get involved!

Young Adult Bible Study

Bible Study will be held on Monday, September 11 at 6:00pm in the Student Lounge. We continue looking at the Gospel of Luke.

This Week's Special Collection for

Sergio P. Negro Scholarship Fund

Thank you for your generosity

FINANCE UPDATE:

Our Staff and Finance Council would like to express our sincere gratitude for the ongoing generosity of the members of our parish. We started our Fiscal Year with an estimated deficit of \$100,000 and were able to reduce that number down to \$ 27,850.00. Because of you, we were able to send four High School Students and eleven college students to World Youth Day! Repair the Gas Leak in the Montessori Building, replace the stolen backflow valve that supplies water to our classrooms and John XXIII building and installed a cage to prevent future vandalism. We were also able to repair and adjust the doors to John XXIII as well as the doors entering CNH. Thank you again for your support and generosity and we ask that you keep the staff and finance council in your prayers as we navigate the new fiscal year.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

The St. Paul Catholic Newman Center's Eucharistic Revival Team invites you to join us for our Fall kickoff event on the weekend of October 7 and October 8. At the conclusion of every Mass, we will have a Eucharistic Procession. Bring a friend! Pope Francis himself called this Revival, "A significant moment in the life of the

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

Our first meeting of the 2023-2024 year will be September 14, 2023 @ 6:30pm in the cafeteria. We look forward to a new year of fellowship, and service to our parish and community. Please join us!

SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

2022		2023	
September 4	\$23,266.18	September 3	\$13,358.60
September 11	\$18,343.85	September 10	
September 18	\$23,403.77	September 17	
September 25	\$11,137.47	September 24	
SEPTEMBER 2022 TOTAL	\$76,151.27	SEPTEMBER 2023 TOTAL	\$13,358.60

Last Week's Special Collection for

Domestic Needs:

\$2,522.21

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

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday | 9:00am to 3:00pm

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FOR ANY MEETINGS OR APPOINTMENTS,
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PRAYERS:

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

Deacon Rick DeLeon	Louise
Irene Hatch	Melania
Isabella Raroque	Monika
Ken Kemp	Anna
Kathy DeMera	Mariam Alvarez
Michelle	Elizabeth Fritzl
Sinead	Deacon Jim Arnold
Amy	

♥ And we pray for those who have died recently:

Deacon Robert Sesma

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.



*Faith, Family
& Friends*

Faith, Family & Friends will be starting
September 19th, 6:00 – 7:00pm
in Cardinal Newman Hall!

Faith Family & Friends (FF&F) is St. Paul Catholic Newman Center's
Religious Education and Faith Formation program for the entire parish –
EVERYONE!

FF&F is not just for families with children, but provides an opportunity for
everyone to become life-long learners of their faith. It provides the parish
with the opportunity to build community as a family of faith, form
friendship bonds, and offers a place where we can question and discuss
important elements of our Catholic Christian faith together.

Registration begins Saturday, August 26, 2023
Registration forms are available on our website and
at the reception desk.

For questions concerning children and youth and sacrament preparation
programs contact Sr. Kathleen Drilling at skd@csufnewman.com

For questions concerning the High School Claretian Youth Group program
contact Fr. Byron at frbyron@csufnewman.com

For questions concerning adult programs contact John Prandini at
prandinij@csufnewman.com

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 23RD SUNDAY ORD.TIME

Founders Day: Special Collection for Sergio P. Negro Scholarships

7:30am	Mass for Monica Lucido Baker	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for August Short	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
11:00am	1st Year Confirmation Class	Cardinal Newman Hall
11:30am	Mass for Needs & Int. Parishioners	Chapel
5:00pm	Altar Server & EM Training	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Bernie Darman	Chapel

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00am	Mass for Ferdinand Erese	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Student Lounge

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

8:00am	Mass Int. Patrick Nicholson	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	CNH 103-104
12:00pm	Sacred Fire Book Study	CNH 105
6:00pm	College Night	CNH 101
6:00pm	Prayer & Life Workshop	Library
6:30pm	RCIA Inquiry	Community Room
7:00pm	Knights of Columbus	CNH 104

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
10:00am	Steps to Spiritual Transformation	CNH 105
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass for Peter Mai	Chapel
6:00pm	Women's Guild	Cafeteria
6:30pm	Synod Listening Session	CNH 101

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 OUR LADY OF SORROWS

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 STS. CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN

3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Needs & Int. Parishioners	Chapel

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 24TH SUNDAY ORD.TIME

7:30am	Mass for Barbara June Prandini	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Kevin Lynn Eddings II	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
11:30am	Mass for Sandy Keith	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Pauline Gallagher	Chapel

Sergio P. Negro Scholars Celebrated on Founders Day

Today is Founders Day when we remember Fr. Sergio P. Negro and the parishioners who, 59 years ago, helped create a church with a mission to serve the needs of Catholic college students, faculty and staff.

What better way to honor the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center's dedication to education and community service than to announce the three Newman Students awarded Sergio P. Negro Scholarships for study this school year?

All three have been active in Newman Center activities – especially ministry to their college-student peers; have solid academic credentials; and plan to “pay it forward” by ministering to young people after they launch post-college careers.

Eleanora (Ella) teNyenhuis, a history major at UC San Diego, is a lifelong parishioner who has served in many ministries leading the Newman Students last year. As a teacher, she plans “to provide a straightforward, nonconfusing class for students” to encourage “asking questions and seeking out help.” Away from the classroom, Ella wants to minister to young people, adding, “Students and young people are an important part of the future of not only the church, but the world.”



Gabriela (Gabby) Vargas, a Porterville native studying at Fresno State to become a teacher, has been active in campus ministry and the food recovery program. The Newman Center, Gabby says, “has provided me with a one-of-a-kind experience that I’ll forever be grateful for.” As a teacher, she plans to “create a safe space where students feel comfortable sharing their struggles, seeking advice and finding solace” so they “excel academically and also grow spiritually, emotionally and socially.”

Heriberto (Beto) Vargas, a Fresno State mechanical engineering student from Lindsay, says involvement in campus ministry programs “has allowed me to encounter Christ in a different way and see His real presence in my life and everyone around me.” Beto says career success will allow him to serve “as a role model who has achieved professional success, while remaining committed to my faith.” He plans to be a mentor and stay involved in Catholic youth organizations wherever his career takes him.

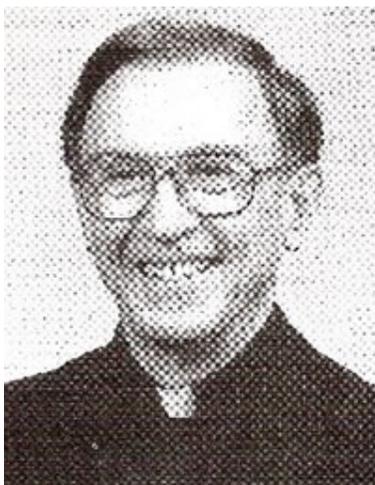


Each of our Negro Scholars today is being recognized for their academic and community service achievements past and ahead with a \$2,500 stipend from the Sergio P. Negro Scholarship Endowment.

It was established after the parish’s 50th anniversary to provide financial assistance to Newman Center-connected students as part of our parish mission. Parishioners’ generosity has helped grow the endowment, which is invested with the Diocese of Fresno to maximize the return on investment.

On this Founders Day, the Scholarship Endowment Committee chaired by Mickey Lord, encourages all parishioners to continue their support through today’s second collection – extending our commitment to our founding mission.

The committee also hopes you’ll take the opportunity to attend a reception between the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses to meet the scholars and their families, celebrate our parish history and learn more about the scholarship endowment.



Fr. Sergio P. Negro

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

For the week of September 2 to Sept. 10, 2023:

- **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September 2023:**

"We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane living conditions. May they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance."

The Season of Creation runs from September 1 to October 4 this year. This Year's Theme is "Let Justice and Peace Flow." Here is Pope Francis' Message for the Season this year:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2023/documents/20230513-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>

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



MOVIE NIGHT

The Creation Care Team is inviting you to come watch the movie THE LETTER on Monday, September 25 at 6:00pm in Cardinal Newman Hall. People of all ages are welcome. For more information, please contact Jim Grant or Fr. Byron.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you over the age of 18 and still need the Sacrament of Confirmation? Our Adult Confirmation program is tailored toward college students and young adults and combines teaching, spiritual formation, prayer, and community building. The program begins on September 16 and runs each Monday evening from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

Register on our website (Go to the Sacraments tab, scroll down to Confirmation, and select Adult Confirmation). The web page has all the information you'll need. If you have any questions, email Karl Gurney at karl@csufnewman.com.

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 family ministry empowers moms to connect our families to play, pray, serve and grow in faith together. Gather with us each First Sunday of the month after the 9:30am Mass on the playground. If you and your family would like to sponsor an upcoming First Sunday activity or snack, please email us at joyofloovemoms@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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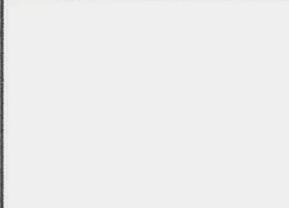
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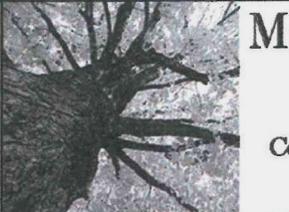


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