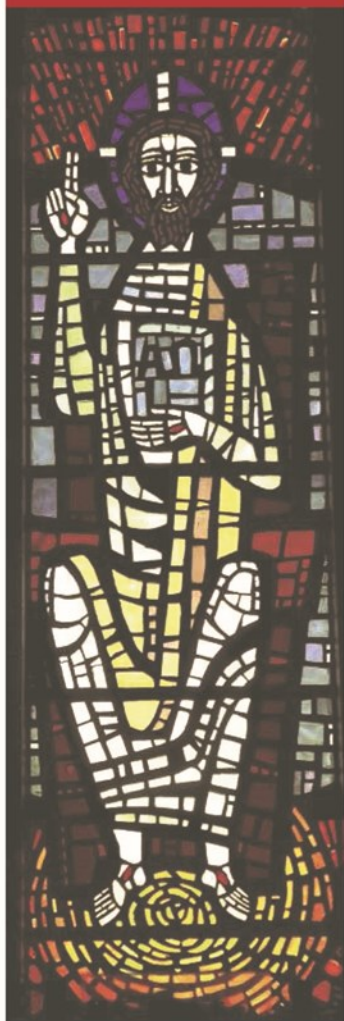


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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR B SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Imagine someone stops you on the street and hands you six numbers, telling you they'll be the winning lottery numbers for tomorrow. Would you rush to buy a ticket? Probably not. But what if, the very next day, you find out she was spot-on? The following week, she gives you another set of numbers—this time, would you give it a shot? Even the most skeptical among us might feel tempted after three or four accurate predictions!

In a similar way, the world's top scientists have been warning us about climate change, and their predictions keep coming true. Yet, somehow, there are still climate change deniers out there—even in the Church. We're breaking temperature records left and right. Can anyone remember this many days over 100 degrees in Fresno? I've lost two out of three fruit trees I planted to replace last year's losses—two are fried, and one's barely on life support.

We've lost so much ice in the Arctic that large parts of Greenland are now, well, actually green. Sea levels are rising at a rate of 17 inches per year—twice as fast as they were in 1993. Hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires—all getting stronger. Extreme droughts in one part of the world, extreme flooding in another, all at the same time. It's all happening, just as predicted.

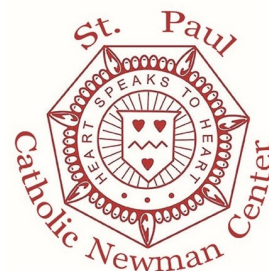
Though prophecy and predictions are different, in the case of climate change, they seem pretty close. Prophecy reveals God's will for us and warns of the dangers of not changing our ways. I'm not claiming to be a prophet—though our baptismal call does include the roles of King, Prophet, and Priest. I'm merely echoing what every pope since Paul VI has been saying. All, except John Paul I, (who served for only 33 days) have warned us about the importance of caring for the planet and changing our ways. The Church, in many ways, is today's prophet, calling us to protect our common home—the only one we've got. And the Church is especially concerned about the poor, who will suffer the most from climate change.

So, are we going to listen to the Church and other faith leaders, or will we treat them like Israel did the prophets of old? Will we scoff and deny what's happening, despite all the evidence we see year after year, or will we change?

Like I said, I'm no prophet. But the true prophets are speaking, just as they did long ago. How will we respond?

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

Join us on September 25th for our student dinner at 6 pm. After dinner, we will move to the chapel for Behind the Mass liturgy training. Learn what goes into being a lector, eucharistic minister, and altar server.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Bible Study

Join our Bible Study gathering Monday, September 23rd @6PM in the lounge. We will continue reading a Letter to Young People from Pope Francis.

JUBILEE 2025

Aguas Frescas and Nachos

Our after-mass fundraiser for this month will be Nachos and Aguas Frescas. Pilgrims will be outside after every Mass September 21st-22nd. Stay tuned for our October fundraiser! Thank you for all your support and prayers!

National Eucharistic Congress

Congress Reflection from Leilani

My name is Leilani Castillo, and I'm a second-year student at Fresno State. I am majoring in liberal studies, and I hope to be an elementary teacher. I am also on the campus ministry team for this upcoming school year! I loved fundraising for Eucharistic Revival. Getting to know parishioners and my fellow group members made me feel even more motivated to go on this pilgrimage. I was able to join the team only a few months after being confirmed, which made this even more special. The first night of Congress confirmed that the entire process of fundraising and organizing for this trip was completely worth it. I was left speechless a lot of the time, it was equally overwhelming as it was beautiful. I was able to listen to speakers that I did not know before, and am now able to follow and listen to more of their content. I was looking forward to the session with Fr. Mike Schmitz, and while that was amazing and informative, the morning rosaries and hours of adoration were my favorite part of the trip. So much so that I have been trying to implement more of both of those things into my own life. I hope to share more of my experiences with the parish. I am extremely blessed for getting this opportunity and forever grateful for the support and donations we received from you all. Thank you again!

COMMUNITY GARDEN AND MEDITATION MINISTRY

MISSION OF OUR MINISTRY

“For I was hungry and gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me” (Matthew 25: 35-36)

GOAL OF OUR MINISTRY

Outreach to those less fortunate by supplementing their meals with fruits and vegetables and enriching their lives and the lives of our parishioners who interact with them.

ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER

- Lay flagstone and stain **MEDITATION AREA**
- Plant 12 trees and 20 bushes on the outside of the fence.
- Construct decorative walkway from the gate to the **MEDITATION AREA.**



Eucharistic Adoration

Come Meet Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!

New Times and Dates:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for quiet Adoration and prayer will continue to take place on the First Friday of the month with a slight time change. The next Adoration will be on Friday October 4th following the 8am Mass with Benediction at 11am.

There will also be a third Thursday of the month Adoration from 4pm to 5:45pm with Confession which will begin October 17th.



SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

2023		2024	
September 3	\$13,358.60	September 1	\$15,387.89
September 10	\$19,153.91	September 8	\$23,170.71
September 17	\$11,932.84	September 15	\$14,704.91
September 24	\$12,492.52	September 22	
SEPTEMBER 2023 TOTAL	\$56,937.87	SEPTEMBER 2024 TOTAL	\$53,263.51

Thank You!

SAVE THE DATE!

FEAST OF ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Please join us for a special Mass celebrating Newman Feast Day followed by an appreciation reception in honor of all of our wonderful university parish volunteers.

Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m. Mass with reception immediately following

Please RSVP for the Volunteer Appreciation Reception:
ncoffice@csufnewman.com

Newman Sound Technicians Needed!

Looking to get involved during Mass on weekends? We are actively looking for volunteers to learn and help manage sound at every Mass! If this sounds interesting, please join us for a "show and tell" of our sound equipment and to answer any questions you may have after every Mass on September 28th & 29th. Once we have a full list of those ready to serve as our "**Newman Sound Technicians**", we will schedule a comprehensive hands on training.

LIFE MINISTRY

Alberto Navarro can be reached at:

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Formation and Training for Current and New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Sept 28th at 10:00am:

If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or want to learn what an EM is, this is a great opportunity for you to explore and serve God through our Church. For more information please email lifeministry@csufnewman.com, or to register please scan the QR code .



The Faith Community Nurses appreciate your participation in the long awaited Health Assessment Surveys. Please complete the survey below that best represents you and your family. Use your phone's camera to select the desired survey.

College Student Survey



General Health Survey



School Age Survey



Knights of Columbus Burrito Breakfast Camposino's Program

The Knights of Columbus John Cardinal Newman Council 9445 would like to announce that starting on Sunday September 29th we will bring back the Newman Center favorite Breakfast Burritos. We invite you to come out after the 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am mass and enjoy a great breakfast bacon or sausage breakfast burrito with your choice of coffee or orange juice. The price will be \$7.00 with a portion of the proceeds going to the Camposino's Program. Our council will be joined by other councils in providing food for the farm workers in Raisin City. This will happen on November 16th and we could use your help in raising funds to go out and buy food. So please join us in the cafeteria after mass and enjoy a breakfast burrito, get more information about the food distribution and more.



Mark your calendars
for our annual
Blessing of the
Animals held on
Friday, October 4th

PRAYERS

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

Sandy Dami	Elias Torrejon
Rodolfo Ruiz	Dan Dungy
Sarah Parkes	Tevin Thomas
Genny Luchessi	Cathie
Don Hall	Daniel
Victoria Hoff	Julie Herring
Ivan Guzman-Vital	Ashley Johnson

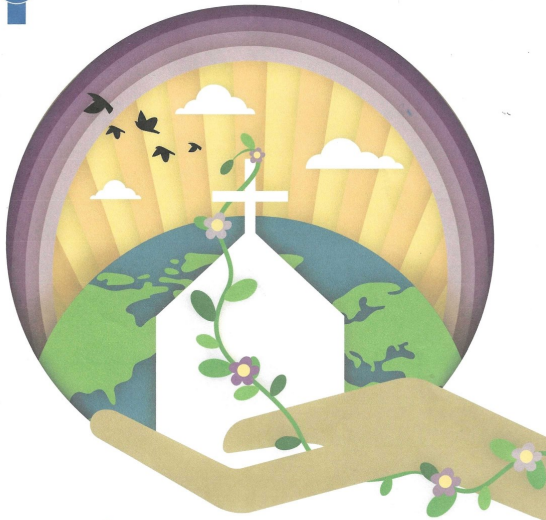
♥ And we pray for those who have died recently.

Please contact the office or visit our website and fill out the form under the "[Prayer Requests](#)" tab to have a name included on this prayer list.

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.



CARDINAL NEWMAN HALL
SEPTEMBER 25 6:30-7:30 PM



Let Us Sow Hope
2024 Feast of St. Francis

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 22—SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22		XXV SUNDAY ORD. TIME
7:30am	Mass for Connie Loera-Lasoya	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
9:30am	CLOW	Community Room
9:30am	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel
11:00am	1st Year HS Confirmation	CNH
11:30am	Mass for Felicia Montero-Westforth	Chapel
12:45pm	2nd Year HS Confirmation	CNH
7:00pm	Mass for Roberto Castaneda	Chapel

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23		
8:00am	Mass	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Student Lounge

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24		
8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
6:00pm	Faith, Family, & Friends	CNH
6:00pm	Cancer Mass	Chapel
6:15pm	Claretian Youth	Student Lounge

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25		
7:40am	Divine Office (Morning Prayer)	Chapel
8:00am	Mass for Rebecca Barrientos	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	Community Room
6:00pm	Prayer & Life Workshop	Library
6:00pm	Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle	Cafeteria
6:00pm	College Night	CNH 101, Chapel
6:30pm	Ecumenical Creation Care Prayer Service	CNH 102
6:30pm	RCIA Inquiry	Community Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26		
8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Bible Study	Classroom 2
6:00pm	Young Adult Confirmation	CNH 104
6:00pm	Mass for Rod Mar	Chapel
6:30pm	Tacos and Theology	Student Lounge

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27		
7:40am	Divine Office (Morning Prayer)	Chapel
8:00am	Mass for Tom McFerson	Chapel
5:30pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28		
10:00am	Eucharistic Ministries of Holy Communion	Cafeteria
3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Con O'Sullivan	Chapel

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29		XXVI SUNDAY ORD. TIME
<i>Knights Burrito Breakfast</i>		
7:30am	Mass for Kenneth Christiansen	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
9:30am	CLOW	Community Room
9:30am	Mass for Micaela Lopez Avila	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Moses Sifuentes	Chapel
1:00pm	Group Baptism	Chapel
3:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel

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