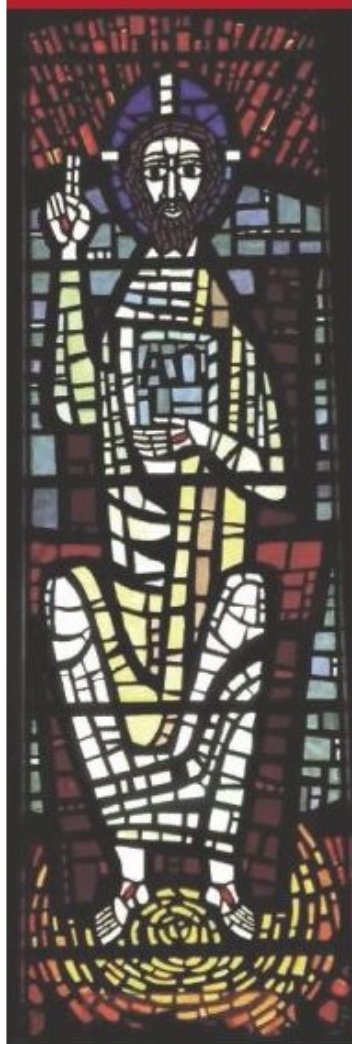
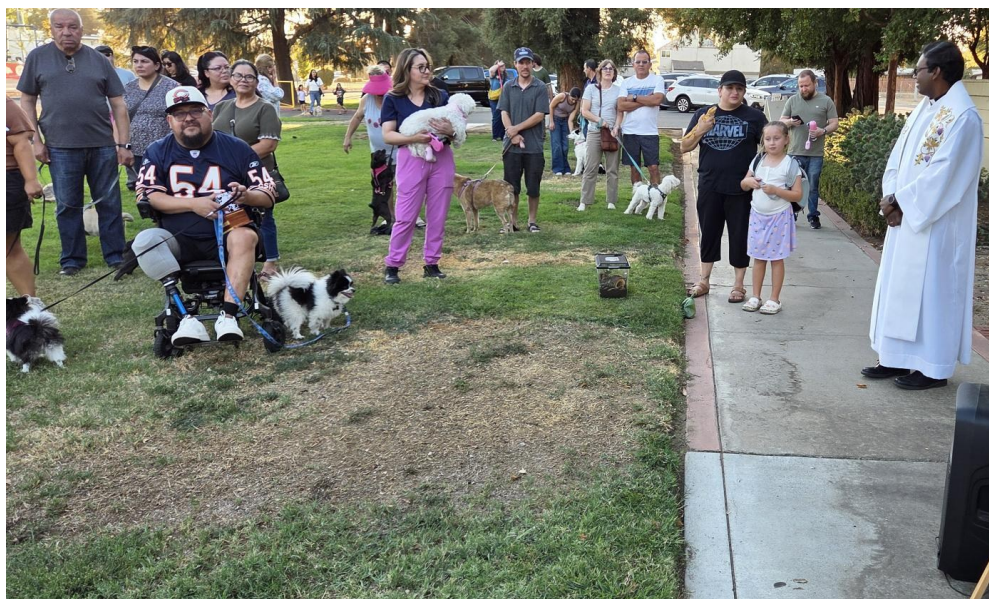


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29th Sunday Ordinary Time October 18, 2026



Blessing of the Animals 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM*,
11:30AM & 7:00PM

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 8:00AM

Thurs: 6:00PM

Communion Service

Thurs: 8:00AM

Confessions

Thursday: 4:00PM—5:45PM

Saturday: 3:30PM—4:30PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday: 6:30PM—7:30PM

First Fridays: 8:30AM—11:00AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday

9:00AM—3:00PM

REGISTER TO BECOME A PARISHIONER

Either Text SPCNC to 84576
or scan the QR code



*Mass will be live-streamed
All Masses are in English

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 this week for dinner inside the Cardinal Newman Hall beginning at 6pm. Afterwards we will pray the Rosary. Our Student Lounge will be open for studying or to simply hangout.



FRESNO STATE GATHERINGS

MONDAY: Come and join Deacon Ray John on the 19th as we dive deeper into the previous Sunday Gospel. Meet us in RSU 215, from 12:30 – 1:30pm.

THURSDAY: Join us in RSU 216 where we will learn about the life of Saint Pope John Paul II. Feel free to bring your lunch and a friend!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

You're invited to our Bible Study! Ages 18 – 39. Join us as we continue our reading of Acts. No previous Bible knowledge needed! Come learn and meet your community! Hope to see you there.

EDGAR IN VATICAN CITY

Edgar, our Campus Minister, will be in Rome this week to attend a Vatican conference on the pastoral work at the university level. Stay up to date through our social media on his adventures while he's there. Please pray for his family and for him.





INTERNATIONAL FOOD & CRAFT FESTIVAL

 **OCTOBER 25, 2026**
8:30AM - 3PM

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*Contact the parish
office at
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any questions!*

Scrip & Raffle

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS

We are selling raffle tickets for the International Food and Craft Festival. Tickets come in bundles of 4 and cost \$20. Pick up a bundle then pay when you turn in your filled out tickets.

First Prize: \$500

Second Prize: \$250

Third Prize: \$100

The drawing will be on Sunday 10/25 at 2:00pm and you do not need to be present to win.



CLARETIAN YOUTH GROUP ANNUAL TOILETRIES DRIVE

OCTOBER 19 - OCTOBER 31, 2026

The Claretian Youth Group is excited to announce its annual toiletries drive in preparation for the group to create Care Packages for those less fortunate in our community who are being served by various ministries within our community

**DONATIONS MAY BE PLACED IN
MARKED BINS IN THE CHURCH FOYER**

Items Needed

Shampoo & Cream Rinse
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Body Lotion
Brushes/Combs
Deodorant
Mittens/Gloves
Warm Socks
Rain Ponchos
Fleece Remnants to make warm neck scarves




**HEALTHY AGING PRESENTS
GIFTS FOR YOUR
LOVED ONES**

Topics included are:

- Provide a basic understanding of normal aging versus a disease state.
- Discuss loneliness, grief/loss, anxiety as it can affect the holiday experience
- How to manage health, diet and financial stress during the holidays.

**NOVEMBER 4, 2026
11AM IN THE CAFETERIA**

**RSVP to Amy Tobin, RN
(559) 360-0930 by November 2nd**

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The Pastoral Council of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center

Mission:

The mission of the Pastoral Council is to support the mission and vision of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center.

Purpose of the Pastoral Council:

- **Priorities and Planning:** To determine priorities and develop strategic plans with a vision for the future of our university parish.
- **Implementation:** To support the Parish Life Coordinator (PLC), parish, and parish staff by providing Strategic Plans to meet the parish mission.
- **Involvement:** To explore ways of involving parishioners and university parish staff in the work of the university parish.
- **Shared Planning:** To enable as many people as possible to contribute to the process of strategic planning in the parish.

Areas of Focus:

- Parish Community Building
- Faith Formation
- Hospitality/ Fellowship

2024-2025 Fruits:

- Pastoral Council Guidelines adopted.
- Three main focus areas: Parish Community Building, Hospitality/Welcoming, Faith Formation.
- Pastoral Council Suggestion Box.
- Religious Education (RE) regular meetings with teachers and DRE.
- RE teachers doing certification classes.
- Huge recruitment through Ministry Fairs (lots of new teachers).
- Scheduled Ministry Fairs each year.
- Help with special needs in FFF.
- New HS Confirmation Team approach.
- Children Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) established and successful (9:30 Mass).
- Contact List of Ministry Leaders formalized.

2025-2026 Fruits:

- Relunched International Food Festival & Craft Fair.
- Ministry leadership meetings launched August 2026.
- Listening sessions started with each ministry & PC.
- Merged Ministry Fair & Welcome Weekend into a larger, joint event.
- New Young Adult Confirmation team approach.
- Faith, Family, & Friends evaluated and adjusted to better meet community needs.
- Plans to relaunch Mardi Gras dinner have begun for 2028 with Knights of Columbus.

More information about the work of the Pastoral Council can be found on our website:



DID YOU KNOW?



The **Claretians** of North, South, and Central Americas recently met to determine three **social justice priorities**. The first concern, covered last week, is migrants. Fr. Art Gramaje, CMF describes the second as: “**Indigenous peoples** continue to face dispossession, discrimination, and violations of their territories and ways of life. **Illegal mining** exploits common goods —water, forests, and territories — often with little

community participation and the criminalization of those who defend them.”

As Pope Francis told energy executives on 9 June 2018: “[C]ooperation in the energy field affects the relief of **poverty**, the promotion of **social inclusion** and the **protection of the environment**. These are goals that, if they are to be attained, demand respect for the **rights of peoples** and of cultures (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 144). ... [W]e must acknowledge that the demand for continuous economic growth has led to **severe ecological and social consequences**, since our current economic system thrives on ever-increasing **extraction**, consumption and waste.

The problem is that we still lack ... leadership capable of striking out on new paths in meeting the needs of the present with **concern for all** and without prejudice towards coming generations” (*Laudato Si'*, 53).” (emphasis added)

Read Pope Francis’ full address here:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2018/june/documents/papa-francesco_20180609_imprenditori-energia.html



FACILITIES MINISTRY NOW FORMING!

Keeping up with such a vibrant, energetic community takes lots of hands and lots of work. We are currently in need of volunteers interested in pitching in to help our facilities team with a variety of on-going and situational tasks, such as:

- Set up for events
- Tear down and clean up after events
- Handyman tasks

We are also in need of licensed and insured skilled trades people interested in providing their expertise and services at low or no cost to our university parish. We'll provide the needed materials; you provide the knowledge, expertise, and labor.

Please send an email to office@fresnonewmancenter.org if interested!

CEAC—MEMI SISTERS DONATIONS

On behalf of CEAC, the Community Engagement and Action Committee of the Newman Center, we are humbled by your generosity of food, diapers, socks and gift certificates and/or cash donations for the MEMI Sisters. At a time when we are all feeling the pinch in our pocketbooks, you gave from your heart. Your generous support, manifested in your prayers and donations, has been a true blessing for the family catechesis the MEMI Sisters conduct in the six farmworker camps they serve and for the neediest families in these communities. Thanks to your solidarity, the Sisters can continue to share God's faith, hope, and love with those who need it most.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU



1,100 lbs. of beans, rice, maseca and sugar; 53 quarts of cooking oil; 70 pairs of socks; 1,363 diapers AND \$3,600+ in cash and gift card donations. Through your kindness, you have answered the question asked in Psalm 116:12, “What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?” Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for a Director of Music and Worship Ministries & Liturgical Coordinator

The Director of Music and Worship is responsible for the planning, preparation, and execution of musical elements for parish worship. This role collaborates closely with the parish leadership to ensure that music and worship are not treated as standalone functions, but are fully integrated into the vision, preaching themes, liturgical seasons, and broader mission of the university parish.

To express interest in this position, please send a resume and cover letter

to katie.fleener@fresnonewmancenter.org

To view more information about the job, please view the Diocese of Fresno's employment page: <https://dioceseoffresno.org/employment>.



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October 14, 2026

My Dear Ones,

Once again, the presence of ICE in our neighborhoods has caused considerable unrest, anxiety and even fear throughout the Central Valley. Even if you have not been personally affected by the increased immigration enforcement in our region, many of those who sit alongside you in the pews have been affected, with some already having been detained.

In recent days I have been in close contact with my brother priests along with our local inter-faith and advocacy partners, to search out ways to help, comfort and accompany our people. It breaks my heart to hear from some of my pastors that members of their congregations have been taken away abruptly and with little or no information coming from federal agents. Clearly then, many of those caught up in this recent immigration enforcement in our Valley are not strangers to us – they are family, neighbors and parishioners who are being uprooted from the lives they have built over many years among us. Last November the Catholic Bishops of the United States forcefully pronounced that, "We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people...and we are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones." (Source: USCCB's Special Statement on Immigration). These people are valued and beloved, they are part of the fabric of our community. It is frightening to them and disturbing to us that these current operations seem to have taken on an indiscriminate nature with little regard for the dignity of the human person.

Our Church teaches that every human person possesses an inherent dignity. This dignity is not granted by governments, economic status, citizenship, or legal documentation. It is given by God. As Pope Leo XIV reminded us in a very recent statement, "Human dignity has no passport and does not lose its value when crossing a border."

We will not be silent and the Church – that's us – will accompany our vulnerable neighbors in concrete, sustained ways. We will strive to be a loving presence in our society for our brothers and sisters. Our parishes will be present to them for healing and comfort. Accompaniment might take the shape of walking with families through long and complicated legal proceedings, showing up at immigration court, organizing transportation and childcare, and refusing to let anyone face this situation alone. We will speak up for them and will encourage one another to see this work of justice as a part of our baptismal call.

Brothers and sisters, we will advocate for real change and real reform. Our country and our elected officials must do better. We need tangible results that reflect meaningful and just immigration reform. Until such reform is achieved, the dignity of our immigrant brothers and sisters must remain in the forefront of whatever shape our efforts might take. In the midst of those efforts, to be sure, we are navigating in a chaotic and emotionally charged time. I encourage the faithful to pray for one another and to act out of a spirit of communion in all things, bridging divisions and treating one another peacefully and with compassion.

We are in this together. God bless you and those you love, always and in every way.

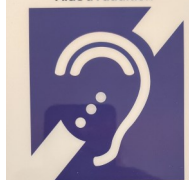
In Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph V. Brennan, D.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno

HEARING AIDES AVAILABLE FOR MASS

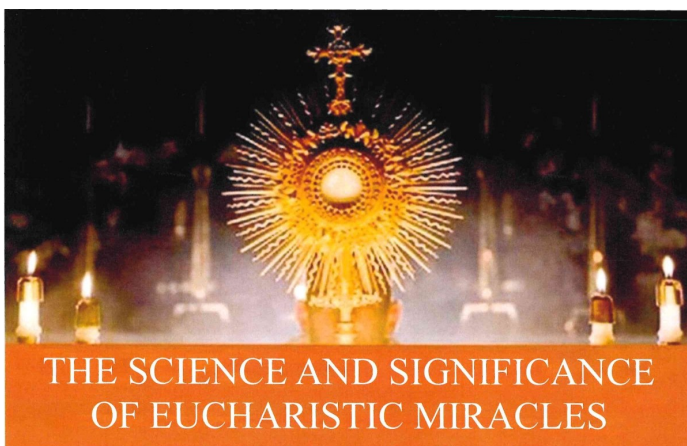
The parish is launching a new technology aimed to assist people with hearing aides or hearing disabilities to have improved sound during mass. The system uses FM frequencies to send sound directly to their headset. For those people with hearing aides with T-coils the system can connect and transmit through your devices by using the telecoil neck loop. Beginning October 23rd the system will be operational. See the front desk to receive a headset for mass. We have this systems makes celebrating mass at the Newman center more enjoyable.

Hearing Assistance Available
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Aide à l'audition



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers for this weekend are for the intention of Ara Caoile.



Conference

Join the Knights of Columbus for talks and multi-media presentation that highlights the importance of the Holy Eucharist. You will discover the amazing findings of scientific studies of Eucharistic Miracles.

The presentations are dynamic and serve as a powerful confirmation of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

DATE of Eucharistic Miracles Conference is Saturday November 7.

Location is St. Agnes Church Hall, Pinedale California. Doors open at 8:30 A.M.
Conference duration is from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

\$10.00 entrance fee, includes lunch. Seating is limited. Purchase tickets now before the conference is sold out. Tickets are available in the St. Anthony Patio on October 4. Or call to reserve tickets at 559-974-8912 Gary Carrasco or email to empress6092@gmail.com

The Conference is presented by the Knight's of Columbus Council 6092
Empress of the Americas - St. Anthony of Padua

ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET TRIDUUM

In this weekend's bulletin you will find the biography of St. Anthony Mary Claret, founder and patron of the Claretian Missionaries. At St. Paul Catholic Newman Center we are blessed with three Claretian Missionaries, Fr. Rubi, Fr. David and Deacon Ray John. We will celebrate the Triduum of St. Anthony Mary Claret - October 21, 22, 23. The schedule will be:

Wednesday, October 21 – 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday, October 22 – 6:00 p.m. Mass

Friday, October 23 – 8:00 a.m. Mass

Following each Mass, we will have light refreshments in the cafeteria.

All are invited to join us at these Mass celebrations.

ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET BIOGRAPHY

Saint Anthony Mary Claret was born on December 23, 1807, in Sallent, near Barcelona, Spain. Raised in a deeply Christian family, he developed a strong faith from an early age. His devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and to the Virgin Mary shaped his spiritual life and inspired a deep concern for the salvation and well-being of others.

As a young man, he first worked in the textile industry, following his father's trade. Although he showed great skill and success in this field, he gradually realized that God was calling him to a different path. After prayer and reflection on the words of the Gospel, he left his career behind and entered the seminary in Vic, where he prepared for the priesthood.

Ordained a priest in 1835, St. Anthony Mary Claret soon became known as a passionate missionary preacher. Traveling mainly on foot and living simply, he preached throughout Catalonia and later the Canary Islands, encouraging people to renew their faith and deepen their relationship with God. His powerful preaching, writings, and pastoral dedication made him widely respected among the people he served.

In 1849 he founded the Congregation of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, today known as the Claretians. Shortly afterward he was appointed Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, where he spent several years preaching missions across the island, promoting education, defending human dignity, and working for both spiritual and social renewal. Despite facing persecution and even surviving an assassination attempt, he remained devoted to serving the Church.

Later he returned to Spain and served as confessor to Queen Isabella II. While living in Madrid, he continued his missionary work by preaching, writing books, visiting hospitals and prisons, and promoting Catholic education and culture. Even while connected to the royal court, he maintained a simple life dedicated to spreading the Gospel.

In 1869, St. Anthony Mary Claret participated in the First Vatican Council in Rome, where bishops from around the world gathered to address important matters of faith and Church teaching. During the council he spoke passionately in defense of the doctrine of papal infallibility, demonstrating his strong commitment to the unity and authority of the Church. Despite declining health, he continued to serve faithfully during this historic moment in the life of the Church.

After years of tireless missionary work, St. Anthony Mary Claret died on October 24, 1870, in exile in France. The Church later recognized the holiness of his life and his extraordinary dedication to evangelization. He was beatified in 1934 by Pope Pius XI and canonized in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. Today he is remembered as a great missionary saint whose motto, "Caritas Christi urget nos" — "The love of Christ impels us," continues to inspire the Church and the Claretian missionaries around the world.

Source: St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish, Fresno, CA

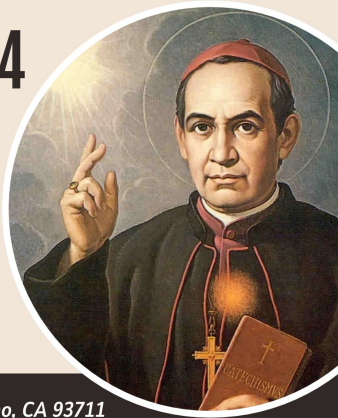
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SPECIAL MASS: FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

All are invited to participate in 5pm Mass to celebrate the feast day of St. Anthony Mary Claret.

OCTOBER 24 5:00 PM

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PRAYERS

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

Mary Ann Harp-Renaud	Matthew Olsen
Linda Kuber	Teresa Orozco
Tim Camacho	Andrew (Skip) Sargenti
Derek and Lizzie Brandt	Santiago Farias

♥ 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 1-4 weeks, and then removed unless otherwise requested.

Names of the deceased are published the week after death.

OCTOBER CONTRIBUTIONS

2025		2026	
October 5	\$14,244.23	October 4	\$12,128.34
October 12	\$20,717.99	October 11	\$18,268.66
October 19	\$18,620.47	October 18	
October 26	\$10,324.82	October 25	
OCTOBER 2025 TOTAL	\$63,907.51	OCTOBER 2026 TOTAL	\$30,397.00

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Submissions are accepted no later than Monday 12:00pm the week of publication.



If you would like the bulletin emailed to you every week, please join the Weekly Bulletin group on Flocknote! Thank you!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 18 — OCTOBER 25, 2026

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Catholic Charities Truck

Special Collection: World Mission Sunday

7:30am	Mass for Josephine Esquivel	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Francisco Fernandez Padua	Chapel
9:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Community Room
11:00am	OCIA Catechumenate	Classroom 3
11:30am	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel
1:00pm	Group Baptism	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Poor Souls in Purgatory	Chapel

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:00am	Mass for Fediles Millan Liberato Wood	Chapel
10:30am	Bible Study	Classrooms 2 & 3
12:00pm	Familiastery	Classrooms
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	CNH/Classrooms
6:00pm	Claretian Youth	Student Lounge

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:00am	Mass for Angelica Marie Reyes	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	Community Room
11:30am	Book Study	Library
6:00pm	Wednesday Student Night	CNH
6:00pm	Marian Movement of Priests	Chapel
6:00pm	Prayer Life Workshop	Library
6:30pm	Bible Study	Classroom 2 & 3

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confession	Chapel
6:00pm	Special Intention for Dennis Redubla	Chapel
6:00pm	Bible Study	Community Room
6:30pm	Adoration	Chapel
6:30pm	Young Adult Confirmation	CNH 103

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00am	Mass for Dave Mosher	Chapel
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

3:30pm	Confession	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Dixie Sutherland	Chapel

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

International Food & Craft Festival

7:30am	Mass for Marvin Ray Garabedian	Chapel
8:30am	International Food & Craft Festival	CNH Courtyard
9:30am	Mass for Pat Joe O'Sullivan	Chapel
9:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Community Room
11:00am	OCIA Catechumenate	Classroom 3
11:30am	Mass for Fel Abenoja, Jr.	Chapel
2:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel

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