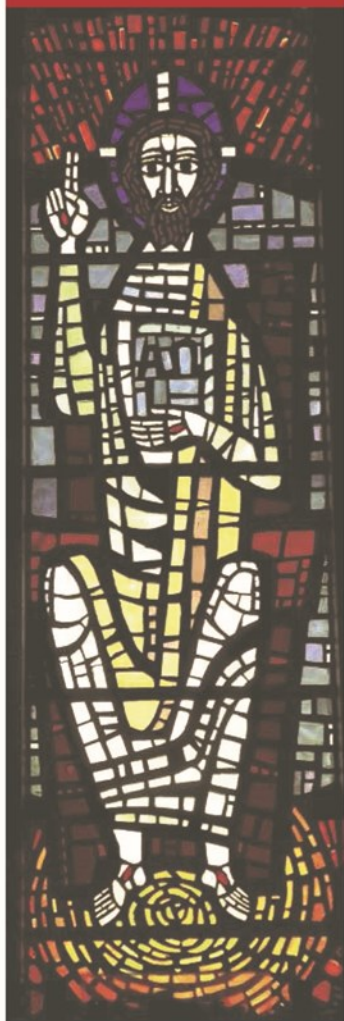


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THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

At the recent Synod on Synodality held in Rome, the media focused on a limited number of “hot-button” issues – women’s ordination, married priests, and the blessing of gay couples. Father Tom Reese, a Jesuit priest who attended the synod, filed this report. He noted that hidden in the 40 page summary report are some surprising gems that could lead to significant reform in the church. I am highlighting some of the “gems” he uncovered.

The first is the stress on lay involvement. The synod was structured so that lay voices, including women and young people, were heard and respected. One of Pope Francis’ announced goals is to involve all the baptized.

Secondly, the synod promotes “conversations in the Spirit” – enabling authentic listening in order to discern what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Combining thoughts and feelings will create a “shared vital space”.

Third, the report acknowledged disagreements and uncertainties. In the past the hierarchy tended to “cover up differences”. The divisions need to be acknowledged and respectful dialogue must take place to reconcile them.

Fourth, the concerns of women are addressed. The need for inclusive dialogue and participation in decision-making processes must be promoted, so that women may assume more roles of responsibility in pastoral care and ministry.

Fifth, the poor and the marginalized were not forgotten. “. . . Putting those who experience poverty . . . and learning from them is something the Church must do more and more”

Sixth, it challenges the Church with combating racism and xenophobia, saying it needs to take action. “Systems within the Church that create or maintain racial injustices need to be identified and addressed.”

Seventh, abuse in the Church must be dealt with. A suggestion – “setting up a legal body separate from the bishop to handle cases involving clerical abuse.”

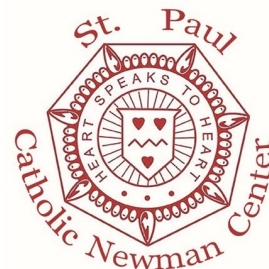
I will continue this report next week.

Peace and love,

Deacon John

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Wednesday Student Dinner

No Wednesday Student Dinner. See you next Wednesday, November 29th. Enjoy break!



NEWMAN CENTER YOUNG ADULTS

Friends-Giving

Wish you had a more than 1 Thanksgiving dinner? Great! Join us for our Young Adult Friends-Giving meal this Monday. Meet us in the Newman Hall at 6pm for a Thanksgiving dinner prepared by the Food Science club from Fresno State Fresno State.



Is God Calling You In A New Way?

If you are wanting to find a new way to be a part of our Newman community please consider helping us in these areas:

Wedding Coordinator Volunteer Coordinator Money Counter

If you are willing to learn, or have past experience in any of these areas please reach out to Dan Nickerson at plc@csufnewman.com.

STUDENT DINNER ON THANKSGIVING:

Each Thanksgiving Day we host a luncheon for our college students and parishioners who cannot go home for this beautiful holiday. Help Fr. Byron provide a nice meal for them.! We usually feed about 25 people. Any food donations (cooked turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, drinks, desserts) are most welcome. If you would like to help, please sign up using the QR Code at right!



NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

2022		2023	
November 6	\$23,504.21	November 5	\$21,286.08
November 13	\$18,433.32	November 12	\$16,963.85
November 20	\$14,638.50	November 19	
November 27	\$9,901.64	November 26	
NOVEMBER 2022 TOTAL	\$66,477.67	NOVEMBER 2023 TOTAL	\$38,249.93

PARISH ADVENT DISCERNMENT

Each week during Advent, our parish will pray, discern, and discuss "What God Wants From Us". We invite your active participation as individuals, families, and small groups!

STUFFED ANIMALS FOR FR. BYRON'S BIRTHDAY

This year Fr. Byron will be 45 on December 13th. Filling his birthday wish has become a tradition here at our parish. This year, we would like to collect 45 small stuffed animals (one for each year of life) which will be sent to the poor children in Ecuador. They don't need to be new, gently used works too! Please bring them to the office. Your generosity in this way will be the best gift you can give Fr. Byron; the smile of a child who will receive your stuffed animal.

BIRTHDAY CARDS FOR POPE FRANCIS

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, will celebrate his 87th birthday on December 17th. Parishioners (adults and children alike) are invited to bring a card or letter that may be dropped off at the front desk. We will also have paper, crayons, pens, etc. available in the Community Room after all Masses this weekend (11/18-19) and next (11/25-26) if you would like to stop by and make a handmade card or write a note. The deadline to bring your cards and letters is Sunday, November 26. We will be mailing a package for cards to arrive in time for his birthday!

Evening of Remembrance

The Grief Support Ministry will hold an Evening of Remembrance on Monday, November 27 at 7:00pm in the Chapel to remember and honor our loved ones who have died. The evening offers a time of quiet, prayerful reflection, inspiring readings and peaceful music. There will also be a candle-lighting ritual as we say the names of those who have died. All those who have lost loved ones and their friends are invited.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Keep Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus John Cardinal Newman Council 9445 would like to invite all children of parish families and school children in the local community to participate in the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. The contest is open to all youth in grades Kindergarten to 8th grade.

Each poster should be the original work of a single person, and the poster should be approximately 11x17 inches. Posters should be completed by December 1. The council will judge the posters, and they will be displayed in the Church for Christmas. Please contact Steve Lombardo at spl1238@yahoo.com for more details, official rules, and entry forms.

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,
 PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE.

For any after hour emergency, please listen
 for telephone prompts to leave a message.

PRAYERS:

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

Mary Jane Abella	Agustin Sibal
Jesus Cortez	Deacon Jim Arnold
Kelly Braley	Ben
Dan Dungy	Tom Castellazo
Elizabeth Dungy	Luke Germino
Elizabeth Starr	

♥ And we pray for those who have died recently:

Elisa Auricchio	Mike Ford
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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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Email the Newman Communications Team at communications@csufnewman.com

Submissions should be unformatted text, with pictures uploaded separately. They may be subject to editing and are not guaranteed for publication, so consider if the website or social media would be suitable alternatives for us to publish instead of the bulletin proper. Submissions are accepted no later than 12:00pm on Wednesday of the week prior to publishing. Thank you for your cooperation.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 33RD SUNDAY ORD.TIME

Knights of Columbus Burrito Breakfast—after Morning Masses

7:30am	Mass for Roger Berman	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Lai Pham	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
9:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Community Room
11:00am	First Year Confirmation	CNH
11:30am	Mass for Trisha Jones	Chapel
12:30pm	Second Year Confirmation	CNH
1:00pm	Group Baptism	Chapel
1:00pm	Baptism Prep	Library
7:00pm	Mass for Janet Fusselman	Chapel

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:00am	Mass for Anita Caswell & Gary Marsella	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
10:00am	Grief Share	CNH 105
6:00pm	Young Adult Friendsgiving	CNH 101
6:30pm	Adult Confirmation	CNH 101

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
10:00am	Eucharistic Revival Class Session	Cafeteria
6:00 pm	SEDA Civic Academy	CNH 102

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00am	Mass for Dolores Olmstead	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	CNH 103-104

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 — OFFICE CLOSED

8:00am	Mass for John Murao	Chapel
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 — OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Gregorio Aguilera	Chapel

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 34TH SUNDAY ORD.TIME

7:30am	Mass for Janet Gallegos	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Jim Cook	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
9:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Community Room
11:30am	Mass for John Murao	Chapel
11:30am	Baptism	Chapel
1:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Needs & Int. Parishioners	Chapel

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PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

For the week of November 19 to November 25, 2023:

- **Restorative Justice Month:** Contact Maciel Godburn and her crime survivor's ministry at rjmaciel2019@gmail.com
- November is Native American History Month.
- **Sunday November 19**
Rosemary Johnston's homily can help us in our personal and parish discernment process: <https://www.catholicwomenpreach.org/preaching/11192023>
- **Friday, November 24**
No Food Recovery Program this week.
- **Saturday, November 25**
International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Watch the Pope Video, February 2021:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIQ9v0WZFc4>

For so much more, visit the SPCNC website: CSUFnewman.com/ministries and scroll down to "Peace and Social Justice."

—Jim Grant, Volunteer, Social Justice Advocate,
jim@csufnewman.com.



U.S. Bishops have advocated for a more humane approach called "Restorative Justice" to repair the harm caused by criminal behavior to the best extent possible.

Learn more about Restorative Justice at

dioceseoffresno.org/restorative-justice-month

Current... MINISTRY PROGRAMS

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

Faith, Family & Friends

FF&F will not meet on Tuesday, November 21.

We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving! We have much to be grateful for, especially our faith, families and friends!

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.

Soul Core: Body-Mind-Soul. Soul Core incorporates stretching and light exercise movements while praying the **rosary**. The focus of our time together is **praying the rosary**; the exercises are an **invitation** to move our bodies, but are **not a requirement** - so everyone of all ability levels can participate and pray together. If you choose to join us, please bring a mat/towel, and wear comfortable clothes that allow you to move freely. **Soul Core is offered to adults on selected Tuesday evenings, Nov. 28 within our Faith, Family & Friends program, 6:00 - 7:00pm.**

THANKSGIVING MASS

We will be celebrating a special Mass on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 23rd at 8:00am). There is a wonderful tradition of bringing the food you will have for dinner to be blessed during the Mass (bread, fruits, cans, etc.). Let Karl or Fr. Byron know if you would like to serve at Mass.

SOUTHEAST DEVELOPMENT AREA (SEDA)

CIVIC ACADEMY

Join us on Tuesday, Nov 21 from 6-7PM in CNH 102 for an informative evening on how SEDA will impact you and "our neighbors". Followed by Small Group sharing about our experiences, and information on how you can be involved to ensure "our neighbors" are not left behind or impacted in a negative way by SEDA.

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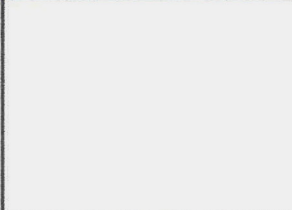
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