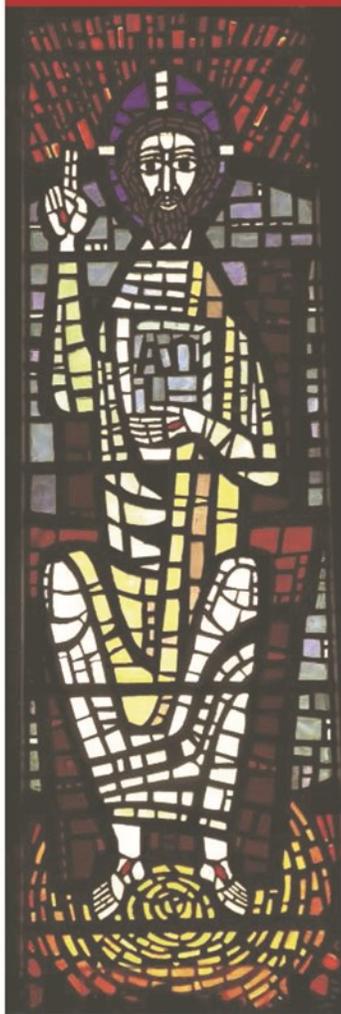


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THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear sisters and brothers,

Today's letter continues highlighting fifteen issues which surfaced at the Synod on Synodality. Although decisions were not made regarding these issues, they certainly could lead to significant reform in the Church. Synod participants called for:

A thorough review of priestly formation programs "with particular attention to how we can foster the contribution of women and families to them".

A review of how bishops, priests, and deacons carry out their ministries, including regular reviews of performances.

The language used in Catholic rites should be more readily understandable and should take into consideration both men and women.

The possibility of offering Communion to non-Catholics with particular consideration to "inter-church couples".

The report recommended an assessment of the diaconal ministry and questions the emphasis on deacons' liturgical ministry rather than service to those living in poverty and who are needy.

A continued reformation of the Curia and "more attention listening to the voices of local churches."

The report said that there needs to be "a wider revision of the Code of Canon Law". One example of this is that Pastoral councils should be mandatory in parishes and dioceses.

Lastly, the synod wants to "promote small Christian communities" who live in the day-to-day Kingdom of God.

The discussions set the stage for a year-long period of reflection that will culminate in the second and final synod assembly in late 2024 on the same topics.

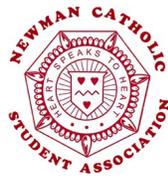
Peace and love,

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.





CAMPUS MINISTRY

Wednesday Student Dinner

Join us for our student dinner November 29th. Meet other students from other school campuses. We will be gathering for dinner at 6pm in the Cardinal Newman Hall.

Fresno State Campus Meeting

We will be celebrating Mass Thursday, November 30th in RSU—207. Students, staff, and faculty are all invited to join us. Mass will begin at 12:30pm.

Fresno Pacific Campus Meeting

Join Fresno Pacific students as they gather Thursday, November 30th at 12:30 pm in the Sunbird Pantry.

NEWMAN CENTER YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Bible Study

Join our Bible Study gathering Monday, November 27th at 6:00pm in the Student Lounge, studying Luke's Gospel. Come and learn alongside other young adults about how scripture is active in our daily lives.

Tacos & Theology

We Will be having our Tacos & Theology Thursday, November 30th at 6:30pm in the Student Lounge. See you there . We will be reflecting on the upcoming Advent Season.

Social after 7pm Mass

Gather with other Young Adults for a social at Fr. Byron's home after the 7pm Mass this Sunday, November 26.

Bible Diaries

Sponsor a Bible Diary for a College Student and for yourself . We will be selling Bible Diaries after 5pm Mass on Saturday and after all Sunday's Mass

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT THANKSGIVING!

Thank you to all of our generous parishioners and friends who made our Thanksgiving Luncheon possible. A special thank you to Andy for all of his hard work in preparing, cooking and setting up for the meal. We are grateful for so many "Angels" who made this day possible. May God reward you all for your generosity. Thank you as well to all who chose to spend their Thanksgiving Meal with us.

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.

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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	\$20,329.07
November 27	\$9,901.64	November 26	
NOVEMBER 2022 TOTAL	\$66,477.67	NOVEMBER 2023 TOTAL	\$59,579.00

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! Email Dan Nickerson at plc@csufnewman.com if you are interested in participating in a gathering or hosting one yourself.

STUFFED ANIMALS FOR FR. BYRON'S BIRTHDAY

This year December 13th Fr. Byron will be 45. 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.

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.



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Mark your calendars: our Advent Penitential Service will be held on Thursday, December 14th beginning at 6 pm. There will be a scripture reading, short reflection and a communal examination of conscience followed by individual confessions that will go on for as long you need. With many priests available this is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



In 1990, with the encouragement and support of Fr. Sergio P Negro, our founding pastor, your Social Outreach Services (SOS) committee initiated an annual Christmas Giving Tree project. This year marks the 33rd year of St. Paul

Catholic Newman Center's Giving Tree!

We invite you to take one or more Angels from our Giving Tree. Please return the Angels with **gift card(s) from one of the following grocery stores:** Walmart; Foods Co; Smart & Final; Save Mart; Food 4 Less. These are stores which intendent recipients in rural communities can readily access.

Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by families, who suffer from food insecurity, throughout the greater Fresno area: Orange Cove, Mendota, San Joaquin/Tranquility, Laton, St. Alphonsus, Mt. Carmel, St. Anthony Mary Claret and Stone Soup.

Return the Angel(s) by placing them in the designated basket at the front desk or in the collection basket. We request that you write the \$ value of the gift card(s) on the Angel, gift card or gift envelope. Please return the Angel(s) with gift card(s) attached no later than noon on **Sunday, December 11th.**

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

MAIN PHONE LINE:

559.436.3434

**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:

Dan Dungy	Tom Castellazo
Elizabeth Dungy	Luke Germino
Agustin Sibal	Kathy Robinson
Ben	

♥ And we pray for those who have died recently:

Tyrese Owens	Martha Acevedes
Deacon Jim Arnold	

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.



FIRST SUNDAY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

As announced last week, the Knights of Columbus are hosting a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster competition. Please mark your calendars for the next First Sunday Youth Mass and Playground Gathering on **Sunday, December 3 at the 9:30 mass**. The group will gather on the playground after the 9:30 mass for fellowship, a poster making activity to allow the children/youth (Kindergarten through 8th grade) to participate in the competition.

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TO SUBMIT ANNOUNCEMENTS, ARTICLES, OR FLIERS FOR THE BULLETIN, WEBSITE, OR SOCIAL MEDIA:

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

NOVEMBER 26—DECEMBER 3

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 34TH SUNDAY ORD.TIME

7:30am	Mass for Janet Gallegos	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Jim Cook	Chapel
9:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Community Room
11:30am	Mass for Vincente Sanchez	Chapel
3:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Needs & Int. Parishioners	Chapel

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00am	Mass for Teresa Mariner	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Student Lounge
7:00pm	Evening of Remembrance	Chapel

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
5:00pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	CNH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 ST. ANDREW

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass for Dante & Paul Stanzile	Chapel
6:30pm	RCIA Inquiry	Community Room
6:30pm	Tacos & Theology	Student Lounge

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00am	Mass for Janet Fusselman	Chapel
8:30am	Sacred Heart Devotion for Families	Chapel
8:30am	First Friday Adoration	Chapel
12:00pm	Benediction	Chapel
5:30pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:30am	Men's Saturday Coffee & Scripture	Cafeteria
3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Susan Yano & Joe Stein	Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 1ST SUNDAY ADVENT (B)

7:30am	Mass for Needs & Int. Parishioners	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Barbara June Prandini	Chapel
9:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Community Room
11:00am	1st Year HS Confirmation	CNH
11:30am	Mass for Monica Baker	Chapel
12:30pm	2nd Year HS Confirmation	CNH
7:00pm	Mass for Matthew L. Guagliardo	Chapel
7:00pm	RCIA Rite of Acceptance	Chapel
8:00pm	1st Sunday Adoration & Confessions	Chapel

Christmas Altar Flowers

Sign-ups to purchase Christmas flowers before and after Masses the weekend of December 9th & 10th.



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 rjmaciел2019@gmail.com
- November is Native American History Month.
- **Thursday, November 30**
Conference of the Parties (COP 28) meets in Dubai through December 12. Pope Francis will attend. See Laudate Deum #53-60 for Pope Francis' discussion of COP 28 in his Apostolic Exhortation. Register at bit.ly/COP28Faith for the webinar "Faith Voices at COP 28" 11/30/23 at 9 AM PT
- **Friday, December 1**
World AIDS Day.
Food Recovery Program 5:30pm in the cafeteria.
- **Saturday, December 2**
Pope Francis gives address at COP 28.
In 1980 Missionaries Ita Ford, Maura Clarke, and Dorothy Kazel are assaulted and murdered in El Salvador by government forces.

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

Adult and Children's classes resume on Tuesday, Nov. 28th, beginning at 5:45pm in CNH. Please gather with us at 5:45pm to begin our evening with opening prayer and announcements before dismissal to individual class sessions. Families and friends are invited to share a meal with each other - either pre-order pizzas delivered to Cardinal Newman Hall or our own food from 5:00-5:45pm.

Adult class offerings include: 1) Eucharistic Revival Topic - Bread for the Journey, offered by Jessica & Ryan Borunda; 2) Synod updates with Jim Grant & Deacon John; 3) SoulCore with Elizabeth Downer & Jakki Pucheu.

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 Tuesday evenings within our Faith, Family & Friends program, 6:00 - 7:00pm. **Feb. 28th will be the last FF&F SoulCore session of 2023. Sessions will resume on Jan. 9, 2024.**

Remember your Ofrenda Pictures!

Please remember to take the pictures you left on our Ofrenda of Remembrance. The Ofrenda will be removed from the chapel this week and we don't want to have to displace the photos of your loved ones! Thank you for your participation in this beautiful November tradition.

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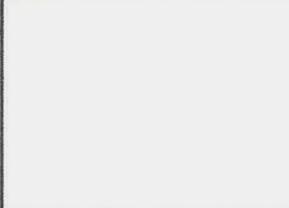
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