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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR A | GAUDETE SUNDAY | DECEMBER 11, 2022

Happy Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

We're wrapping up the school semester (for some they have already finished), we're half way through Advent, we're gearing up for gatherings with family and friends—there's no lack of activity for most of us and all this electric energy can be felt here at Newman Center. I'm glad that I can be a part of a community that is alive and participating in such joyous activities. Afterall, it is Gaudete Sunday.

On December 4, we starting hosting our novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We are in our sixth year of making a new Newman Center tradition. The novena is perfectly placed within Advent. It allows us to intentionally find



time for silence and pause in the midst of one of the busiest times of the year. The message of Our Lady of Guadalupe is one of unity and trust. Two qualities that are always welcome no matter the time of year. One of the many reasons why Our Lady of Guadalupe resonates with many cultures.

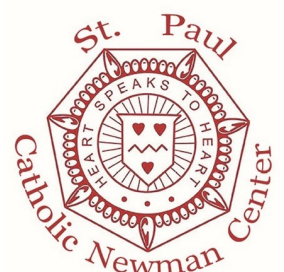
This past Monday and Tuesday we took the novena to Fresno State where students and parishioners joined us for both evenings. For many students it was their first time participating in an event with Newman Center. Throughout these past days we've seen a community gather and grow; some that have returned from past years and others who come when their schedule allows, and yet others who come to try a new prayer tradition. Accompanying one another we find the qualities of trust and unity taking place among us. In the few days we've prayed together, we've seen young people pray the rosary for the first time. Others have taken a leadership role in leading us, something they previously had never considered. It is no secret the Newman Center is a place dedicated to helping young people find their roles in their church, and the novena has always been a special journey where we see this take place.

Trust and unity are also appropriate for the season of Advent. Trusting that God's promise is before us through a vulnerable baby boy. Trusting that within this precious child we too can find hope and joy just as the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, the wisemen, and so many others did. Unity through this baby boy. That through this child **ALL of humanity is saved... ALL of humanity is forgiven... ALL of humanity loved.** Let us strive to be participants in this message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the soon to be born, baby Jesus.

Edgar Guzman
Director of Campus and Young Adult Ministry

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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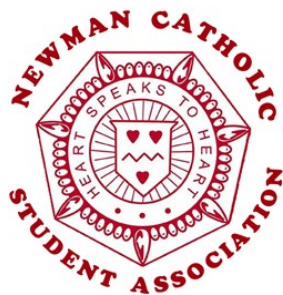
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CAMPUS MINISTRY

News!

WEEK OF DECEMBER 11-DECEMBER 18

BIBLE DIARIES:

We want to thank everyone who purchased a Bible Diary last weekend and for your ongoing support for our College Students! You'll have another opportunity to purchase a bible diary in early January. See you then.

STUDENT DINNER:

This week on Wednesday, December 14th we are having our last Student Dinner of the semester! Join us in Cardinal Newman Hall Room 101 at 6:00pm for dinner. We are now nearing the finish line of the fall semester. We wish you all the best of luck with finals!

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Calling All Angels

*If you are storing a Donna
Locati Christmas Angel in
your home, please bring it
to the Newman Center by
Sunday, December 18.*

From FR. BYRON MACIAS, CMF

In the Gospel this Sunday we are reminded that no matter how bad things can get, God is already hastening to our help.

John the Baptist is in prison and he sends some of his followers to Jesus. Jesus says: "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." (Matthew 11:2-11).

Jesus sends John hope... And hope never disappoints! The One who can make the blind see, the lame walk and the dead raised will not leave you alone no matter what; John the Baptist was in prison but the message of Jesus made him free!

Birthday

Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness. Thanks to you, I will be sending a suitcase full of stuffed animals! We got about 100 stuffed animals; that means that 100 kids will have a smile in their face thanks to you. That is an amazing birthday gift! Say a prayer or two for me this Tuesday as I turn 44!

Simbang Gabi

We will be celebrating this beautiful Philippine tradition with a special Mass on Thursday, December 22 at 6pm. All are welcome!

Christmas Gift Wrapping

Please help our Claretian Youth by letting them wrap your Christmas presents for you next Sunday, December 18th from 7am to 1pm. Talk to me if you have any questions.

Saintly Quote

"Those whose hearts are pure are temples of the Holy Spirit." - St. Lucy

Have a Laugh

The young couple invited their aged priest for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the priest asked their son what they were having. "Goat," the little boy replied.

"Goat?" replied the startled priest. "Are you sure about that?"

"Yes," said the boy. "On the drive back from church I heard Mom say to Dad, 'Remember, we're having the old goat for dinner tonight.'"

WORLD YOUTH DAY UPDATE

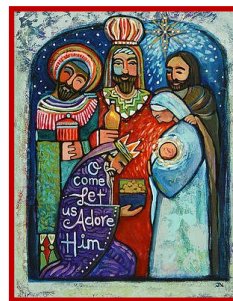
Christmas Gift Wrapping

Bring your Christmas gifts to Church to let us help
Sunday, December 18

Let us wrap them for you when you come for
Mass for a donation to raise funds for
World Youth Day!

Save the date and help us by allowing us to help you.

Please help send our Youth and Young Adults to World Youth Day in August 2023



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

INVITE YOU TO

Mass and Dinner with Fresno-Area Farmworkers

Saturday, January 7, 2023

5:00pm Mass | 6:30pm Dinner

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center

Please join the Knights of Columbus for a "Día de los Reyes Magos" (Feast of the Epiphany) celebration as Councils from the Fresno area, and as far as Southern California, join efforts to thank our local farmworkers for the hard work they do every day to bring food to our tables.

Please contact Council 9445 Grand Knight- Bruce Myers-
at 559-286-8712 or BruceEMyers@gmail.com

Please note: Donations made to Council 9445 are NOT considered tax deductible.

Special thanks to Jen Norton for the use of her artwork.
www.jennortonartstudio.com

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

For the week of December 11 to December 17, 2022

- **Sunday, December 11**
Matthew 11:2-11
- **Monday, December 12**
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Patroness of the Americas and Patron of the Right to Life
Movement https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JpOaj_S2-bE
5-17 COP 15 UN Summit on Biodiversity
In Montreal, Canada continues <https://www.unep.org/un-biodiversity-conference->
1994 European Parliament votes 202-24 votes, urging
President Clinton to grant clemency to Native American
Leonard Peltier.
2000 US Supreme Court halts Florida recount in Gore-Bush
Presidential race giving Bush election.
- **Tuesday, December 13**
2000 Al Gore concedes to George W. Bush
- **Wednesday, December 14**
Feast of St. John of the Cross
2012: Massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School,
Newtown, CT. 20 children and 6 adults fatally shot.
Debate on common sense gun reform intensifies.
NRA members by 74% favor universal background checks.
- **Thursday, December 15**
1791: U.S. Bill of Rights ratified.
- **Friday, December 16**
5:30pm to 6:30pm
Food Recovery Program in the Cafeteria
Join us this week to see the good food we share
With those who break bread with us each week.
(see Matthew 25: 31-46)
- **Saturday, December 17**
1936 Pope Francis Born
2010 "Arab Spring" begins in Tunisia

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

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Young Adults' Christmas Party

The Young Adult Group will be hosting a
Christmas Party for Young Adults and
Young Professionals on Thursday,
December 15 in the St. John XXIII Student
Lounge at 6:00pm.

Please come join us for
some Christmas Cheer!



Giving Tree Angels are due this weekend! If you haven't already, please return them with your gift cards by NOON on Sunday December 11.

The following communities benefit from your gifts: Orange Cove, Mendota, San Joaquin, Tranquility, Laton, St. Alphonsus, Mt. Carmel, St. Anthony Claret and Stone Soup.

If you have any questions or need more information, call the Parish Office.

PARISH REGISTRATION

There are times you may need to provide verification of membership at the Newman Center, especially regarding the reception of any Sacraments and by Church law that requires strict record-keeping. For this reason, we ask you to please register as a member of the parish. To qualify for any verification the following criteria is required:

Hence, personal registration, active involvement and participation in worship and other activities on a regular basis are required to receive any documenting letter (e.g. for purposes of being a Catholic sponsor/godparent) of membership in St. Paul Catholic Newman Center.

You can register at the front desk, or through our website. We also ask that you check in with the Parish Office if you have moved and periodically to verify that your contact information is current.

Advent Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina or Holy Reading is an ancient and ever-new way to be present with Scripture which helps us to move into a deeper place to listen from the heart and respond to the Holy Spirit's invitation. During the weeks of Advent, you are warmly invited to join a circle of parishioners as we spend an hour together with the Sunday Gospel. We will meet on Wednesday mornings, through December 21 from 8:45am to 9:45am after Mass in the Community Room. The group will be facilitated by Lynn Baker.

Faith, Family & Friends

Faith, Family & Friends is the Newman Center's Religious Education and faith formation program for EVERYONE of all ages - Children, High School Youth and Adults.

Faith, Family & Friends meets this Tuesday evening December 13 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm for an Intergenerational Group session on Catholic Traditions and Rituals about the Nativity Story.

Individuals and families are invited to gather in the Grassy Courtyard by 5:45pm to pray before being released to attend classes. All classes begin at 6:00pm.

Joy of Love Moms

The Joy of Love Moms Group invites families to the west playground after 9:30am Mass for an opportunity for children and families to meet, socialize and play together. Please join us!

Men's Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group

This ministry meets on Monday mornings at 8:30am in the Library after our 8:00am morning Mass.

Prayer Ministry

Christian Meditation:

This ministry is taking a break during the Holidays and will resume in 2023. For information email contact John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

ADDED CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Thursday, December 22

4:00pm *Two priests will be available*

FAMILY MASS | CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

Saturday, December 24

4:00pm

NATIVITY VIGIL MASS:

Saturday, December 24

6:00pm

"EVE"-NING MASS:

Saturday, December 24

9:00pm

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY MASSES

Sunday, December 25

10:00am | 12:00 noon



CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign-ups to purchase Christmas flowers will be in the foyer before and after Masses this weekend and next weekend. Please consider taking part in our long standing tradition of donating in memory a our loved one to decorate the sanctuary of our Chapel for the Christmas season.

Dear Parishioners,

I have received a few inquiries regarding our weekly donations and decided review the matter.

In our weekly bulletin we always try to give a comparison between the donations of the current week to the same week of the prior year. As it suggests, with our abbreviated chart, our donations have been lower than the previous year. But what was brought to my attention... was that there are many contributing factors creating fluctuations from year to year. One major factor was that during this time last year the Parish was just ending a "Capital Campaign" which had increased our donations significantly. Realizing that last year was an unusual year and to see a true comparison previous years should be looked at.

Therefore, I have resurrected the previous two years to give a three year comparison. I went back three years, knowing that during the time of the pandemic would also skew the amounts.

I hope that this gives everyone a clearer picture where we are with our contributions and the various factors that have made it fluctuate.

Many blessings and thank you for your generosity,

Linda Ram
Parish Life Coordinator

DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS			
2021		2022	
December 5	\$43,245.07	December 4	\$32,925.03
December 12 ACH	\$13,586.45	December 11 ACH	
December 19 ACH	\$20,108.88	December 18 ACH	
December 26	\$21,906.15	December 25	
DECEMBER 2021 TOTAL	\$98,846.55	DECEMBER 2022 TOTAL	\$32,925.03

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS							
2019		2020		2021		2022	
November 3	\$19,606.99	November 1	\$9,172.25	November 7	\$33,116.51	November 6	\$23,504.21
November 10	\$18,421.30	November 8 ACH	\$17,569.00	November 14 ACH	\$19,381.96	November 13	\$18,433.32
November 17	\$16,763.26	November 15	\$9,396.25	November 21	\$17,019.36	November 20	\$14,638.50
November 24	\$11,806.10	November 22 ACH	\$9,652.15	November 28 ACH	\$10,815.29	November 27	\$9,901.64
(NO FIFTH SUNDAY)	—0—	November 29	\$10,096.24	(NO FIFTH SUNDAY)	—0—	(NO FIFTH SUNDAY)	—0—
NOVEMBER 2019 TOTAL	\$66,597.65	NOVEMBER 2020 TOTAL	\$55,885.89	NOVEMBER 2021 TOTAL	\$80,333.12	NOVEMBER 2022 TOTAL	\$66,477.67

POLICY FOR ALL PARISH COMMUNICATION

The Newman Center's Communication's Team is in the process of reviewing policy and procedure for all communications (i.e. print, web, social media, etc.) within the Newman Center community. In order to ensure continuity of our mission, Catholic identity, Newman Center brand, grammar, content, standard of quality, etc. it is important to establish guidelines and best practices. Therefore, all information associated with St. Paul Catholic Newman Center must reviewed by a member of the Communications Team prior to being printed, posted, or distributed.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**All bulletin information must be submitted by 10:00am Wednesday to guarantee insertion in Sunday's bulletin.
Email to Communications@csufnewman.com.**

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
or call for an appointment

OFFICE HOURS:

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

PRAYERS:

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

Roxanne Castillo	Eugene Benavidez
Joan Renner	Peter Mai
Margery Toll	Javier-Maria Alonso
Kristal Lowe Limon	Teresa Sandoval
Abigail Love	M.J. Abella
Linda Alvarez	Marilyn Schutt
Julissa Mojarras	Chris Wicklund,
Estefania Medina	Hillary Lockard and baby
Mary Garr	Susan Yokum
Kathy Papagni	Clemente Eustaquio
Michael Vienna	Mary Peterson
Issac Orozco	Grace Peterson
Diana Mock	Andres Silva Haro
Sandra Barrie	Magdalena Lovejoy
Nettie Shute	Roxanne (Roxy) Castillo
Sandy Keith	Koleen Madrigal
Dan Dungy	Daniel Flores
Isabel Wiggins	Matt Payne
Monica Becerra	John McConico
Alice Schultz	John Alvarez
Dick and Jan White, Sr.	George Baeza
Joanne Bauer	Beau Gendron
JoAnn Myers	Kathleen McConico
Monica Baker (Lucido)	Julia Joaquiz
David Toll	Joe Koontz
Susan Olson	Luz Capalad Marchiones
Mary Yoakum	Ricardo Magdaleno
Maria Coronel	Charlie Prasad
Clara Marrone	Alan Demascus
Penny Mull	Antonia Cobarrubias
Judy Marchi	Mary Fasi
Raymond Ram	Anita Torre
Nacho Flores	Theresa Wilson
Walt Whelan	Lorraine Chavez
Martin Zapata	Clem Louie
Carl Britto	Mary Peterson
Hannah York	Jeff and Mari Millar
Lexi Leon	Casey McKee
Sally Caglia	Jane Worsley
Camila Carouso	Benita Lankford
Michelle Coyle	Patty Russell
Fr. Kevin Bray	Janet Fusselman
Diane Decker	Antonia Cobarrubias
Tommy Estep	Bonita Lanford
Jeri Maxwell	

To better serve our Faith Community we try to update our list of prayers regularly. Therefore, we have the following policy:

Names for the sick / special intentions will remain in the bulletin for one month then removed unless otherwise notified.

If deceased, names are only published the week they died.

If you have someone who is in need of prayers please contact the office at 559-436-3434 or go on our website and fill out the form under the "[Prayer Requests](#)" tab.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10/James 5:7-10/Matthew 11:2-11

Second Collection – Retired Religious

7:30am	Mass for Cataleya and Clayx Hurtado	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Dan Chambers	Chapel
	Baptisms	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Naomi & Jack Patrick	Chapel
	RCIA Dismissal	Community Room
6:00pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass (Celebrating Las Mañanitas)	Chapel
8:00pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Las Mañanitas Reception	Cafeteria

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am	Mass for Victoria Palacio	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Chapel
6:30pm	RCIA – Catechumen	Cafeteria

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13/Matthew 21:28-32

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
10:30am	Serra Club Mass	Chapel
11:30am	Serra Club Luncheon	Cardinal Newman Hall 101
5:00pm	Youth Choir	Chapel
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends (K-8)	Cardinal Newman Hall
	(High School Youth) St. John XXIII,	Student Lounge

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Luke 7:18b-23

8:00am	Mass for Joe Dunbar	Chapel
8:45am	Advent Lectio Divina	Community Room
5:30pm	Fresno Catholic Singles	Cafeteria
	Ignatian Retreat for Busy People	Community Room
6:00pm	College Night	Cardinal Newman Hall 101
	Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
7:00pm	RCIA Inquiry	Library
	Knights of Columbus	Cardinal Newman Hall 104

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

Isaiah 54:1-10/Luke 7:24-30

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass for Cristina Murao	Chapel
	Women's Guild	Cafeteria
7:00pm	SoulCore Retreat	Community Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8/John 5:33-36

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Genesis 49:2, 8-10/Matthew 1:1-17 (Weekday)

8:00am	Secular Franciscans	Cafeteria
11:00am	Schutt Funeral	Chapel

Isaiah 7:10-14/Romans 1:1-7/Matthew 1:18-24 (Sunday Vigil)

5:00pm	Mass for Maria Carla Alessandri-Cook	Chapel
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Isaiah 7:10-14/Romans 1:1-7/Matthew 1:18-24

7:30am	Mass for John & Rose Barretto	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Lai Pham	Chapel
9:30am	High School Confirmation Class	Cardinal Newman Hall 102
11:30am	Mass for John Murao Jr.	Chapel
	High School Confirmation Class	Cardinal Newman Hall 102
	RCIA Dismissal	Community Room
12:45pm	Baptisms (Group)	Chapel
2:00pm	Baptism Preparation Class	Community Room
3:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass	Chapel

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