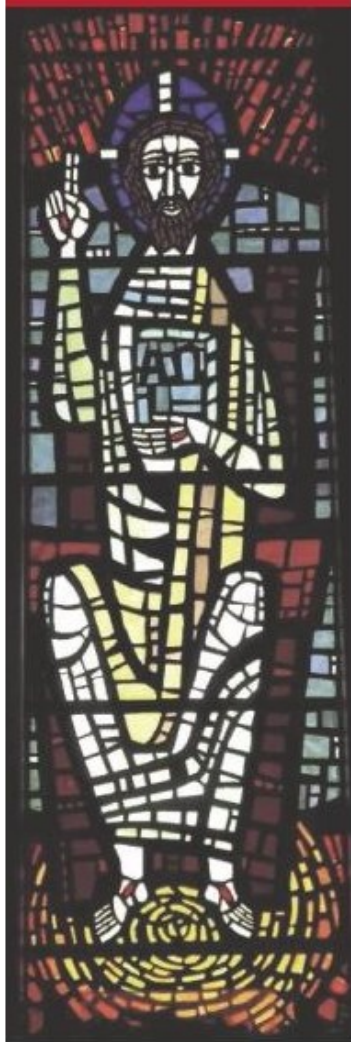


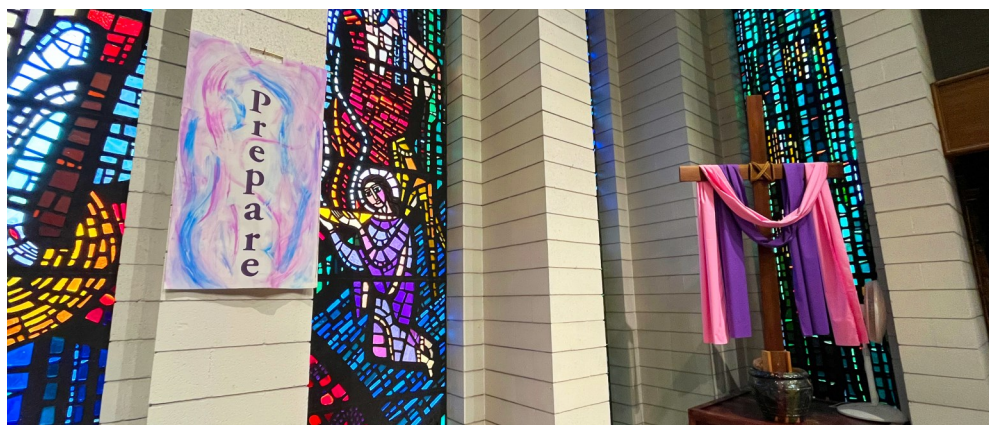
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Third Sunday of Advent Year C

December 15, 2024



What should I do?

We are now at the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, which means “Rejoice.” This is one of the two Sundays—the other being the fourth Sunday of Lent—when the Priest wears the pink/rose vestment. The liturgical color of pink symbolizes joy.

One day, as a young boy, I was mesmerized by the beauty of the Taj Mahal mentioned in a Sunday homily preached by a priest in my home parish. When I came home, I asked my aunt, “What should I do to go see the Taj Mahal?”; She replied, “If you become a priest...”

In today’s Gospel, when the people asked John the Baptist, “What should we do to repent?” he replied:

To those who had more than they needed, he said, “Share with others.”

To the tax collectors, he said, “Stop stealing from your neighbors.”

To the soldiers, he instructed, “Do not blackmail people and treat others with dignity.”

Dear friends in Christ, our bad decisions or mistakes can never push God away from our lives. God is always ready to make a new beginning with us whenever we sincerely ask, “What should I do?”

If Advent is a season of waiting and preparing to receive the Lord, then this question—What should I do? becomes central to our preparation.

So, what should I do?

In the spirit of today’s Gospel, John the Baptist wouldn’t ask us to adopt a life of austerity like his, nor would he ask us to leave our professions. Instead, he would urge us to return to our daily lives and regular activities, asking us: “Do what you have been doing, but do it better, do it more honestly, and do it as an act of service.”

Blessed Gaudete Sunday to all of you!

Advent Blessings,
Fr. Rubi, CMF

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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 trans-



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CAMPUS MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY STUDENT NIGHT

All students are welcome to join us on December 18th for dinner in Cardinal Newman Hall followed by study hall and adoration. The blessed sacrament will be exposed from 8pm -12am and confessions will be available from 8pm-9:30pm.



2024 WINTER GRADUATES

Congratulations to the Winter 2024 graduates! Completing your studies is a remarkable achievement, and your perseverance has truly paid off. May this be the start of a bright and fulfilling future, filled with exciting opportunities and success!

Tyler D'Errico
Gabriela Vargas
Rey Ocampo
Noeli Aguirre-Oliva

BIBLE DIARIES

Our 2025 Bible Diaries will be available at the front desk with a suggested \$15 donation. We invite you to get one for yourself and another for a student in our community.

PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS

Please pray for all our college students as they are nearing the end of the semester. May they feel God's presence as they prepare for their final exams.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us on December 16th at 6:00 p.m. for our Young Adult Christmas Party. We will join for community and a potluck style dinner in Cardinal Newman Hall 101. If you'd like to bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert please email catholicclub@csufnewman.com to sign up.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night on December 11th was a success. Thank you to all the young adults who showed up and shared your trivia knowledge. The Young Adult team placed 2nd out of 10 teams!



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Thank you to all who have already returned your Angels and Gift Cards. If you forgot to bring them last week, you can drop them off at the office and we will make a special effort to get them delivered.



**CLARETIAN YOUTH
TOY DRIVE**
DECEMBER 7-19, 2024

Our Claretian Youth (high school) will serve at Las Posadas alongside our Claretian Missionaries. The youth plan to distribute toys to the children of farmworker families. New, small stuffed animals are requested. Donations may also be left at the Front Office.

ADVENT SEASON BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

Advent Season begins December 1, 2024 and we are looking for volunteers to light the Advent candles and carry the Advent banner to the Altar at each weekend Mass.

We are in need of 1 volunteer or family for each Mass during Advent.



SIMBANG GABI

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Catholic tradition wherein the faithful attends a nine-day novena honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary in preparation for Christmas. It begins on December 16th and ends on Christmas Eve during the "Misa de Gallo". Just like any other novenas, Catholics try to complete the entire nine days. Simbang Gabi is traditionally held at dawn but outside of the Philippines the Mass is being celebrated on a different time schedule.

Simbang Gabi has its roots in Mexico in the 1500's and is similar to the Puerto Rican Misa de Aguinaldo. Families, relatives and friends attend the solemn Mass as Christmas is felt inside and outside of the church by the display of decorations depicting the birth of Christ. Hymns and homilies are related to the birth of Christ. After the Mass, the congregation gathers outside the church to enjoy a variety of Filipino food, delicacies, and hot drinks in addition to listening to bands playing Christmas carols.

Although there are variations on how it is celebrated, Filipinos still believe that attending the nine-day Simbang Gabi prepares them and their family in welcoming Jesus on Christmas Day.

The Filipino community of Saint Paul Catholic Newman Center invites all of you to participate at the Simbang Gabi Mass on December 20, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

CHAPEL CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We are looking for volunteers to help us decorate for Christmas. If you would like to participate in decorating the chapel this year, we will be decorating on Monday December 23rd, from 9am-12pm. Your help is always appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact our liturgy coordinator at lifeministry@csufnewman.com

Last Weekend's Special
Collection was for the

Retired Religious
\$3,213.88

Thank you for your generosity



CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign-ups to purchase Christmas flowers will be in the foyer before and after Masses the weekend of December 14th and 15th.

Donations can also be made at the front desk anytime. Please consider taking part in our longstanding tradition of donating in memory of our loved ones to decorate our chapel sanctuary for the Christmas season.

DEADLINE FOR END OF YEAR GIVING

It's almost the end of the year, so to ensure your contributions for this year are properly credited to 2024 please provide all end of year giving to the office by December 23rd. We thank you for your continued generosity!

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE MASS AND PROCESSION



MASS & PROCESSION

CELEBRATED BY:
THE MOST REV. JOSEPH V. BRENNAN

DEC. 29, 2024

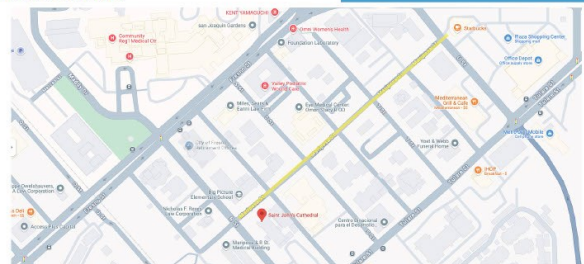
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MASS TO FOLLOW.

FOR MORE INFO:



dioceseoffresno.org/jubilee



Calling All Angels

If you are storing a Donna Locati Christmas Angel in your home, please bring it to the Newman Center by Thursday December 19th. Thank you!



Christmas Mass Schedule

DECEMBER 24TH
4:00PM* - CHILDREN'S MASS
6:00PM
11:00PM

DECEMBER 25TH
10:00AM*

*MASSES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED

Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

The Claretian Youth are planning a gift wrapping fundraiser that will take place during the Masses on

December 7-8
December 21-22

Bring your gifts to them in the Library while you go to Mass and they will wrap them for you!

Please help as they raise funds for a Claretian Youth and Confirmation Retreat and to go to Youth Day at the LA Religious Education Congress.



PRAYERS

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

| | |
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| Joseph Britt | Frankie |
| Patti Britt | Gloria |
| Michael O'Hare | Joann |
| Kathy Robinson | Bhavik |
| Ann Marie | Kim |
| Benita Lankford | Jackie |
| Sarah Parkes | Christine |
| Frank Gibson | Peggy Grant |
| Tim Camacho | Marianne Coons |

♥ 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.

DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

| 2023 | | 2024 | |
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| December 3 | \$18,781.12 | December 1 | \$14,368.04 |
| December 10 | \$17,967.39 | December 8 | \$33,365.21 |
| December 17 | \$27,665.68 | December 15 | |
| December 24 | \$23,499.53 | December 22 | |
| December 31 | \$16,553.84 | December 29 | |
| DECEMBER 2023 TOTAL | \$104,467.56 | DECEMBER 2024 TOTAL | \$47,733.25 |

Bulletin and Parish Media Submission

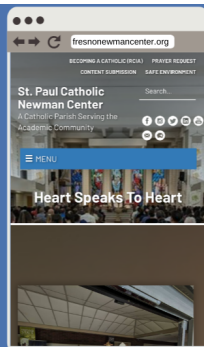
To submit announcements, articles, or flyers for the bulletin, website, or social media:

Fill out the form on our parish website
www.fresnonewmancenter.org/content-submission

Submissions are accepted no later than Monday 12:00PM the week of publishing.

New Website Name

Our website name has been updated! You can now find us at fresnonewmancenter.org. Everything on the website will still be the same and if anyone tries to use the old name for our site they will be redirected to the new one.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 15, —DECEMBER 22, 2024

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 3RD SUNDAY ADVENT (C)

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| <i>Catholic Charities Truck</i> | <i>Christmas Altar Flowers</i> |
| 7:30am Mass for Ron & Barbara Barrows | Chapel |
| 9:30am RCIA Catechumenate | Library |
| 9:30am CLOW | Classroom 4 |
| 9:30am Mass for Marcel Gagnon | Chapel |
| 11:00am 1st Year HS Confirmation | CNH |
| 11:30am Mass for John and Rose Barretto | Chapel |
| 12:45am 2nd Year HS Confirmation | CNH |
| 1:00pm Baptism Prep Class | Library |
| 3:00pm Igbo Mass | Chapel |
| 7:00pm Mass for Jonathan Simbre | Chapel |

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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| 8:00am Communion Service | Chapel |
| 3:00pm Familiastery | |
| 5:00pm Faith, Family & Friends | CNH |
| 6:00pm Claretian Youth | Student Lounge |

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

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| 7:40am Divine Office (Morning Prayer) | Chapel |
| 8:00am Special Intention for Scambray/ Moschelle Family | Chapel |
| 10:00am Marian Movement of Priests | Community Room |
| 6:00pm Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle | Chapel |
| 6:00pm College Night | CNH |

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

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| 8:00am Communion Service | Chapel |
| 4:00pm Adoration | Chapel |
| 4:00pm Confessions | Chapel |
| 6:00pm Book Study | Community Room |
| 6:00pm Mass for Carmen Eanni | Chapel |
| 7:00pm RCIA Inquiry | Library |

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

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| 7:40am Divine Office (Morning Prayer) | Chapel |
| 8:00am Mass for Edward Diaz | Chapel |
| 8:30am Familiastery | CNH |
| 5:30pm Food Recovery Network | Cafeteria |
| 6:30pm Simbang Gabi | Chapel & Cafeteria |

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

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| <i>Claretian Youth Gift Wrapping</i> | |
| 3:30pm Confessions | Chapel |
| 5:00pm Mass | Chapel |

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 4TH SUNDAY ADVENT (C)

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| <i>Claretian Youth Gift Wrapping</i> | |
| 7:30am Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners | Chapel |
| 9:30am CLOW | Classroom 4 |
| 9:30am Mass for Marcia Falk | Chapel |
| 11:30am Baptism | Chapel |
| 11:30am Mass for Concha Estrada | Chapel |
| 7:00pm Mass | Chapel |

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