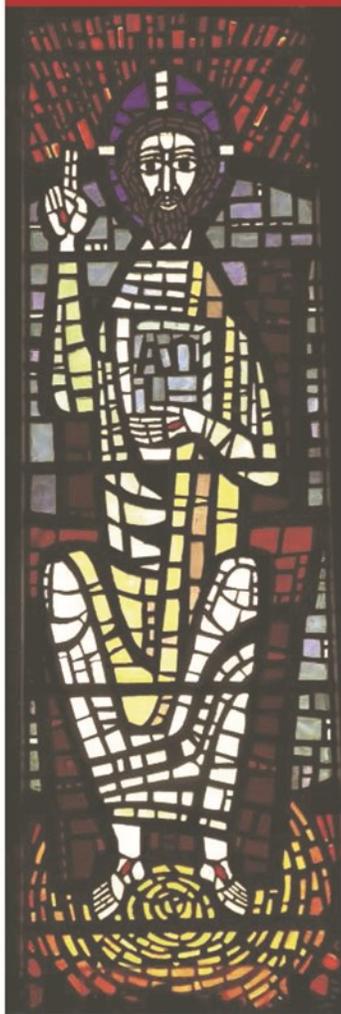


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A PLAYLIST FOR ADVENT

Some people have expressed surprise that I don't really listen to "Christian music." Yet the season of Advent is one of the few times each year that I consistently open myself to sacred music and listen to it for its own sake. It's not that I don't find the Jesus-songs meaningful at other times of the year, but I do feel a bit disconnected when it's not tied to worship with other people.

Although I am wearied by the consumerism that has only gotten more intense as we move closer to Christmas, Advent feels different. For me, it is an antidote to all this season's noise. Advent invites me to sink into the quiet, tender moments of waiting that arise in the darkest time of the year, announcing the hope of salvation before the light comes back on the other side of the Solstice. Thus I'd like to share a few of the records, songs, and compositions that get me through the darkness. If you listen and like any of these, please let me know so we can talk about it!

The Porter's Gate: Advent Songs (Integrity, 2021)

Probably the closest thing you'll find to "Contemporary Christian Music" on this list, the Porter's Gate release thoughtful, gentle, and meditative original compositions that cut across the evangelical, mainline, and high church traditions. This record is no exception, with its track list amounting to the opposite of ostentatious holiday songs. Key track: "He Comes."

Sufjan Stevens: Songs for Christmas (Asthmatic Kitty, 2006)

My favorite songwriter of all time also sits atop a massive pile of hymns, carols, and original compositions that celebrate the mirth, joy, and gentle tragedies of Christmas-time. Banjos, acoustic guitars, and the feeling of intimacy is trademark Sufjan, but this is also one of the best examples of his Christian faith shining through with unpretentious clarity. Key track: "That Was the Worst Christmas Ever!"

Bebe and Cece Winans: First Christmas (Capitol, 1993)

This record originally found its way into my listening habits for purely nostalgic reasons, as my parents would frequently play this for me when I was a child in Richmond, Virginia. But the staying power of its gospel tunes, especially the heart-expanding version of "Ooh Child" and "Give Me A Star" keep me coming back.

Chanticleer: A Chanticleer Christmas (San Francisco Chanticleer, 2010)

I saw this group perform at the Oakland Cathedral some years ago, and their beautiful rendition of the aching "Ave Maria" by Franz Biebl merits its inclusion on this list.

Javier Busto: Hondarria ametsetan (self-released, 2005)

A powerful and sometimes eerie collection of Basque hymns, Latin pieces, and original choral works from one of the best contemporary composers I've heard. Key Track: "O magnum mysterium."

God bless you (and your listening) this Advent!

-Karl Gurney, Director of Liturgy

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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 transformative power of Christ to the world through word and action.



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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Well Wishes

We want to congratulate all students for their hard work and perseverance this Fall semester. We pray that they may feel confident and accomplished with their achievements. We wish them a safe and restful break filled with God's Peace and Joy.

NEWMAN CENTER YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Bible Study

Join our Bible Study gathering Monday, December 18th at 6:00pm in the Student Lounge. We will continue to look at the Gospel of Luke. Come and learn alongside other young adults about how scripture is alive in our daily lives.



Young Adult Christmas Party

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:

2024 Parish Directory Committee

Parish Welcome Committee

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.

DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

2022		2023	
December 4	\$32,925.03	December 3	\$18,781.12
December 11	\$8,571.19	December 10	\$17,967.39
December 18	\$13,492.37	December 17	
December 25	\$25,569.42	December 24	
DECEMBER 2022 TOTAL	\$80,558.01	DECEMBER 2023 TOTAL	\$36,748.51

Last Week's Special Collection for

Diocesan Retired Religious:

\$5,916.75

Thank you for your generosity

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 21.



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CHRISTMAS

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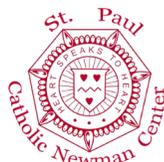
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WEDS-THURS 12/27-12/28 OPEN 9AM-3PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 OFFICE CLOSED*

TUES-THURS 1/2-1/4 OPEN 9AM-3PM

*There will be no Daily Mass on January 1.



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Confessions will be heard as scheduled on Thursdays from 4pm to 5:45pm and Saturday from 3:30pm-4:45pm.

CHRISTMAS YOUTH CHOIR!

We invite all children and youth who would like to sing with our Christmas Choir on Christmas Eve to rehearse on Tuesday, December 19 at 5:00pm in the chapel. All experience levels are welcome to participate.

Additionally, if you have a youth who would like to play on the music team, please let us know so that we can get you the music and rehearsal schedule.

Please contact Karl Gurney at karl@csufnewman.com for questions and any further details.



Parish Information

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am | 9:30am | 11:30am | 7:00pm



WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday (except First Monday) / Wednesday | 8:00am

First Friday (of the month) | 8:00am
Thursday | 6:00pm

COMMUNION SERVICES:

First Monday / 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

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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:

Susan Olson

Rev. Msgr. Tony Janelli Elizabeth Dungy

Dan Dungy

♥ And we pray for those who have died recently:

Sally Caglia Samuel Medrano

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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 17–DECEMBER 25

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 3RD SUNDAY ADVENT (B)

Catholic Charities Truck

7:30am	Mass for Ron Barrows	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for August Short	Chapel
9:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Community Room
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
11:00am	First Year Confirmation	CNH
11:30am	Mass for Bernie Darman	Chapel
12:30pm	Second Year Confirmation	CNH
1:00pm	Group Baptism	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Natalie Davison	Chapel

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
10:00am	Advent Discernment Web Stream	Chapel/Website
5:00pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
6:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Chapel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00am	Mass Int. Ross Teragouchi	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	CNH 103-104

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass for Diana Decker	Chapel
6:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Chapel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
9:00am	Chapel Take Down (Advent)	Chapel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00am	Chapel Set Up (Christmas)	Chapel
3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Barbara Barrows	Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 4TH SUNDAY ADVENT (B)

7:30am	Mass for August Short	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for John Godburn	Chapel
9:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Community Room
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
11:30am	Mass for Rick Kay	Chapel

NATIVITY OF THE LORD (VIGIL)

4:00pm	Mass for Jose Bonifacio Garcia	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass for Dixie Sutherland	Chapel
9:00pm	Mass for Needs & Int. Parishioners	Chapel

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Holy Day of Obligation

10:00am	Christmas Day Mass	Chapel
12:00pm	Mass for Charlie Lynes	Chapel

Please Join Us For

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday, December 24

- 4:00PM CHILDREN'S/YOUTH CHOIR
- 6:00PM ADULT CHOIR
- 9:00PM NIGHT MASS

Monday, December 25

- 10:00AM & 12:00PM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE NOTE:

Unusually this year, the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve! This means that **we will hold our Advent Masses in the morning at our normal times** (7:30am, 9:30am, and 11:30am) and then begin our Christmas Masses in the afternoon according to the schedule above.

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

For the week of December 17 to December 24, 2023:

- **Prayer intention for December:**
For persons with Disabilities.
- **Sunday, December 17**
Happy 87th Birthday Pope Francis!
International Migrants Day
- **Friday, December 22**
No Food Recovery Program this week. Join us as we resume this ministry next week. (see Matthew 25: 31-46).

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.

CAROLING AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES!

Looking for ways to lead your family closer to God and others this Advent? Please consider joining our Family Life Ministry for our annual service at Catholic Charities on **Saturday, December 23 from 9-11:30**. Youth Choir members and other families will sing and perform Christmas carols for their Toy Giveaway Christmas Party. We also ask for parish prayers as parish families participate in a service project at the Fresno Mission and attend a Family Advent Retreat in Three Rivers. Please contact us at joyoflovemoms@gmail.com for any questions or to join in our family activities this Advent!"

Bulletin and Parish Media

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.

Current... MINISTRY PROGRAMS

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

Faith, Family & Friends wishes all of our parishioners a wonderful Christmas and New Year! We will be taking a 3 week break over the holidays but will return on Tuesday, Jan. 9th. We will begin the New Year with a slightly **new schedule**: we will all gather - parents, youth and children - at 6:00pm in Cardinal Newman Hall. Individual class sessions will begin at 6:15pm and end at 7:15pm. This will allow families additional time after work and school activities to arrive with less stress.

Adult Topics: In January, the adults will again have 3 class options: a Family Life topic - Parenting Strategies; a Catholic Faith topic - Caring for the Whole Person & Catholic Apologetics; and a Prayer option - SoulCore.

The Family Life option will include 3 sessions by Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist and parishioner Amanda Bernabe. She will present on: 1. Attachment - How to Cultivate Secure Attachment with Our Children. 2. Increasing Empathy in Our Children. 3. Increasing Resilience in Our Children. Amanda will give a clinical perspective on each of these, but will also add how these pieces apply to us as children of God and open up those conversations.

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. **** Meetings will not be held on December 25 or January 1.*

Prayer Ministry

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in Cardinal Newman Hall, room 104. The group will meet for a Christmas potluck on Wed. Dec. 20 at 9:00am. **** They will not meet on Wednesday, Dec. 27th.*

Family Ministry

Rooting Your Teen in the Faith-- Moms Book Club. Some of the Joy of Love families have teens going through the Confirmation program and are looking for ways to connect their teens to other participants as well as come together for support in raising faith-filled teens through the high school years. Those interested are invited to join the book club as they read through *Rooting Your Teen in the Faith, A Field Guide for Catholic Parents* by Kim Cameron-Smith. If you are interested in this or future meetings, please email joyoflovemoms@gmail.com

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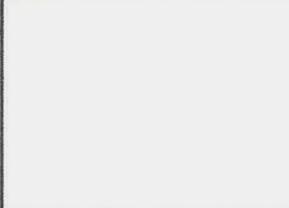
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PARISH ADVENT DISCERNMENT

This week our parish will pray, discern, and discuss "What God Wants From Us" as a Parish! We invite your active participation as individuals, families, and small groups!

Our focus Questions this week:

- 1) What special services are most touching for me? Do those services encourage me to become more participatory in the parish?
- 2) What do the Beatitudes mean to our parish?
- 3) How can the parish actually bring the transformative power of Christ to the world through word and action?

Email Dan Nickerson at plc@csufnewman.com for any questions. All resources are on our website!



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Please turn in any outstanding Giving Tree Angels with your Gift Card donation to the office ASAP, so we can make sure families get them before Christmas.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Gaudete Goodies Fundraiser: Our Newman Young Adult Pilgrim Group invites all parishioners to our first fundraiser of the year. Join us this weekend (December 16 & 17) as we sell novelty ornaments, tamales (authentically made from scratch!), and baked goods to celebrate Gaudete Sunday.

Contact eucharistic.revival@csufnewman.com if you are unable to attend mass but would like to make an order. We thank you so much for your generosity this Advent season.

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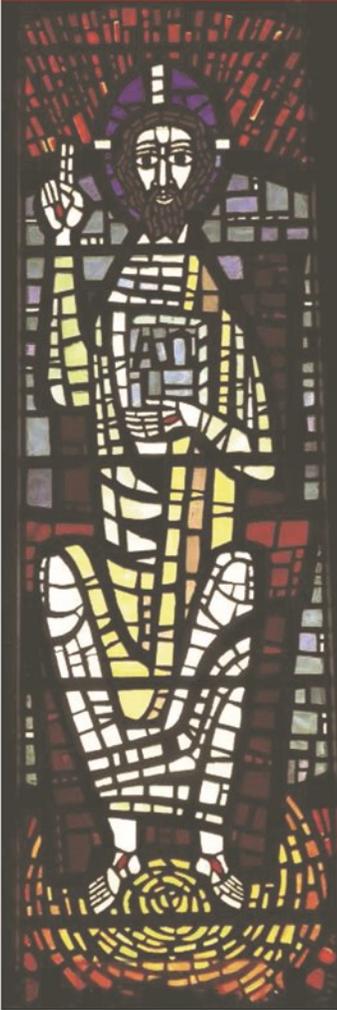
Knights of Columbus John Cardinal Newman Council 9445 presented a \$1,000.00 check to Katrina Oh Schoenwald, Founder of Able Advocates. Able Advocates provides supplies and support for families with kids that have intellectual disabilities in the Central Valley, by providing Equipment at no cost, Family Support and Community Connections. Find more information at <https://ableadvocates.org>. Our Knights sold 200 burritos to support this great organization.

Thank you also for your November Breakfast Burrito support. We contributed to Honor Flight to help send our Veterans To Washington DC. Our next Breakfast Burrito Sale is in January. If you want to help or find more information on the Knights, go to kc9445.org or kofc.org/join.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will host the annual St. Paul Catholic Newman Center Women's Spiritual Retreat, Saturday January 27th, 2024, from 8:30am to 1:00pm in Cardinal Newman Hall. A flyer with event and ticket information will be available soon.

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