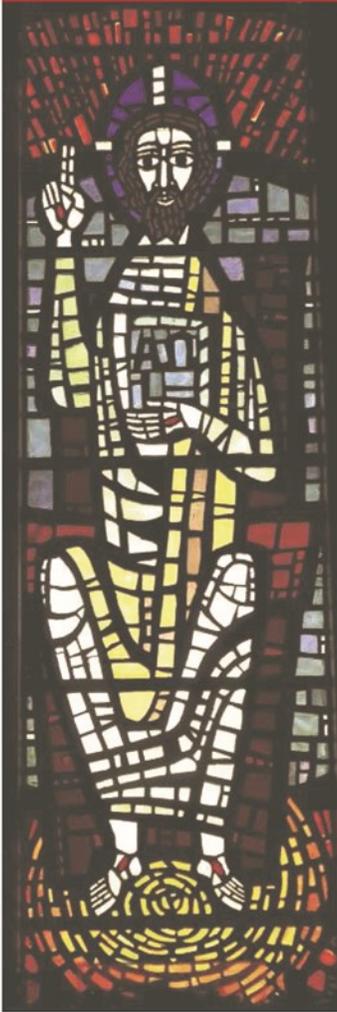


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NATIVITY OF THE LORD

YEAR A | CHRISTMAS | DECEMBER 25, 2022



Dear sisters and brothers,

By the time many of you read this, you have celebrated the Nativity of our Lord or are in the midst of experiencing the joy and hope of Christmas. This first week of the Christmas season can be a wonderful week to stay in the Christmas spirit. We are entering into the Christmas season with its special graces and a treasure filled with opportunities for reflection.

The 26th is the **Feast of Saint Stephen** (Deacon and first Christian martyr).

The 27th is the **Feast of Saint John** (Apostle and evangelist).

The 28th is the **Feast of the Holy Innocents** (remembering the infant martyrs of Herod's jealous rage).

The 29th is the **Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas** (We have the story of the purification in the temple and the powerful words of Simeon about Jesus and about Mary)

The 30th is **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph** (When a Sunday does not occur between December 25 and January 1, this feast is celebrated on December 30).

The 31st is the **Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas** (The Gospel is the beginning of John's Gospel)

January 1st, New Year's Day is the **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**. In addition, it is a celebration of the **World Day of Prayer for Peace**.

THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

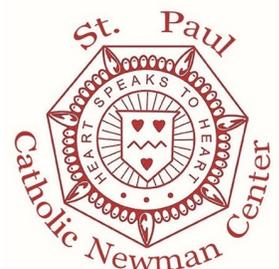
Thinking about Stephen or John, the apostle of love or the martyrdom of the innocents, can guide us to reflect on the meaning of Christmas – the gift of self-giving love. We can ask ourselves – Who in my world needs more love? – Who is being martyred today? – Who is witnessing our world's rejection?

We can imagine the anxiety that filled the experience of Mary and Joseph and recall their trust in God. Imagine then going home with their new baby and the new life that was awaiting them. We can ask for the grace to imitate their busy lives, trusting and depending on God. Looking on their private life together, we can pray for more humble lives, in a peace with greater simplicity, with the courage to let God take care of us. Whether we experience the poverty of the stable or the ordinary simplicity of daily routine, we can enjoy this week as a special opportunity to draw closer to Jesus.

*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.



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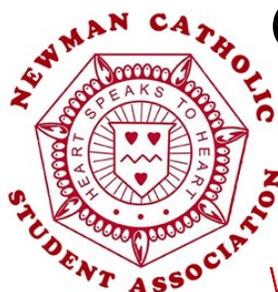
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CAMPUS MINISTRY

News!

WEEK OF DECEMBER 25 TO JANUARY 8

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Rejoice my friends! The word made flesh is among us! It is officially the Christmas season. Let us go from Mass filled with joy and hope, but let it not end there. We MUST go beyond the church walls and live our lives filled with this joy and hope. Christians are described as people of joy because of the resurrection...Christmas gives us even more reason to live up to that description. May you take time to rest, and celebrate Jesus' gift of himself among us. Truly a reason to be filled with joy and hope.

Edgar Guzmán

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will continue Monday, January 9th at 6pm in the Student Lounge. Join us as we begin to discuss what our next study will be about. Please come if you have any suggestions!

END OF SEMESTER!

We are so proud of your accomplishments this fall semester, you made it! We hope that you take this time to rest and enjoy your time off! Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

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FR. BYRON MACIAS, CMF

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There is something about Christmas that literally lights up the world. Christmas lights are placed in cities, streets and homes and those lights fill people with joy and good mood.

Yet, where do the Christmas lights come from? I believe we can find an answer in the Gospel of the Day this Christmas Day: “the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (Jn 1:1-18).

And Jesus precisely does that; only Jesus can bring the light that will free us from any darkness. That’s why He came into the world: no darkness will overcome the light God has cast upon you.

There will indeed be dark moments in our lives; we can’t help it. Yet, there is no darkness strong enough to overcome the light of God’s promise to you: to fight for you with all his might because God finds you worth it!

*Merry Christmas
Newman
Family!*



SAINTLY QUOTE

“Arise, all ye nobles and peasants; Mary invites all, rich and poor, just and sinners, to enter the cave of Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of her new-born Son. Go in, then, all ye devout souls; go and see the Creator of heaven and earth on a little hay, under the form of a little Infant; but so beautiful that he sheds all around rays of light. Now that he is born and is lying on the straw, the cave is no longer horrible, but is become a paradise. Let us enter; let us not be afraid” St. Alphonsus Liguori

HAVE A LAUGH!

A gingerbread man went to the doctor’s complaining of a sore knee. The doctor asked him. “Have you tried icing it?”

JOIN US!

Shrine Pilgrimage

Peregrinación al Santuario

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| <p>SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, CO-PATRONESS OF THE UNBORN, BAKERSFIELD</p> <p>JANUARY 15TH - 22ND, 2023 15-22 DE ENERO DE 2023</p> | <p>SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA, LATON</p> <p>APRIL 16TH - 23RD, 2023 16-23 DE ABRIL DE 2023</p> |
| <p>SHRINE OF ST. TERESE, FRESNO</p> <p>FEBRUARY 26TH - MARCH 5TH, 2023 26 DE FEBRERO- 5 DE MARZO DE 2023</p> | <p>SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MIRACLES, GUSTINE</p> <p>MAY 14TH - 21ST, 2023 14-21 DE MAYO DE 2023</p> |
| <p>SHRINE OF ST. JUDE THADDEUS, LIVINGSTON</p> <p>MARCH 19TH - 26TH, 2023 19-26 DE MARZO DE 2023</p> | |

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PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

For the week of December 25, 2022 to January 1, 2023

- **Sunday, December 25**

Christmas Day
Nativity of Jesus Christ, Son of God and Prince of Peace!
Pope Francis' 2022 Christmas Message
We'll post as soon as available

Here's last year's:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/urbi/documents/papa-francesco_20211225_urbi-et-orbi-natale.html

1961: Pope St. John XXIII formally convokes Vatican II, which opened on October 1, 1962

Our 12-part series on Vatican II begins on January 10!

- **Monday, December 26**

Feast of St. Stephen, Deacon-Martyr

Kwanzaa Begins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKLvaqI9Xvg>

- **Tuesday, December 27**

Feast of St. John the Evangelist

- **Wednesday, December 28**

Feast of the Holy Innocents

- **Thursday, December 29**

Feast of St. Thomas Becket

1890 U.S. troops massacre over 200 Sioux at Wounded Knee, in South Dakota

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=177-q8oW8dA>

- **Friday, December 30**

No Food Recovery Program this week.

Join us as we resume this ministry on January 6.

(see Matt 25: 31-46)

- **Saturday, December 31**

New Year's Eve

- **Sunday, January 1**

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

1986: "Economic Justice for All":

U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on the Economy

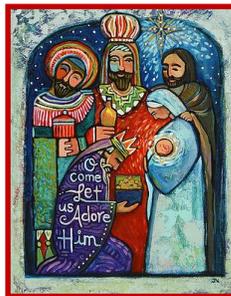
Pope Francis'

World Day of Peace Message:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20221208-messaggio-56giornatamondiale-pace2023.html>

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

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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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

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CHRISTMASTIDE

Office Hours 2022-2023

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

OFFICE CLOSED

TUES-THURS 12/27-12/29

OPEN 9AM-3PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

OFFICE CLOSED

TUES-THURS 1/3-1/5

OPEN 9AM-3PM

Daily Masses will be celebrated as usual except on days when the office is closed.



Confessions will be heard as scheduled on Thursdays from 4pm to 5:45pm.

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A 2022 Holiday Message

from John Prandini, M.A., Director of Adult Ministries

Wishing you a Happy and Holy Christmas and New Year!

I want you to know that I am so very grateful for all the support you have given me throughout 2022! Your faithfulness to the Newman Center and your efforts to continue the mission of Christ Jesus in sharing the love of God always gives me reasons for joy.

In the coming year, 2023, my ministries will be offering several opportunities for you to grow spiritually and in community with one another.

Prayer and Life Workshops will begin on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:00pm from January 11 through April 19. These Workshops provide the opportunity to experience various methods of prayer to help you develop a closer walk with Christ Jesus and to see how prayer can change your life and give you peace.

Couple Communication Classes for Marriage and Relationship Enrichment. Relationship Communication specialists Cheryl and Dave Belden will be offering Couple Communication classes on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm during February and March within our Faith, Family and Friends program, **but is open to everyone.** The classes will teach vital communication skills that will enhance all your relationships.

A **Married Couples Day-Retreat** will be offered on Saturday, April 22 from 9:00pm to 3:00pm. The retreat will be

facilitated by Dave and Cheryl Belden of the Healthy Marriage Coalition/Grow Your Marriage organization and will utilize a Prepare/Enrich Couples Communication Assessment.

A **Lenten Book Study** will be offered on Thursdays during Lent from Noon to 1:00pm. The book is *The Passion and The Cross* written by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OFM. Fr. Rolheiser states, "For Jesus, the hidden secret that holds the key to everything is the cross: the wisdom of the cross and the brokenness of the one who died on the cross. If we grasp that reality, we will have the key to understand the rest of life; if we do not grasp that wisdom, the meaning of life will always be somewhat of a riddle to us."

The Story and Promise of Vatican II is a Catholic Faith Topic series of classes that will be presented by Deacon John Supino and Jim Grant on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, within our Faith, Family & Friends program, but is **open to everyone.**

Scripture Reflection and Discussion of the upcoming Sunday Mass readings is offered by Tina and Matt teNyenhuis on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, within our Faith, Family & Friends program, but is **open to everyone.**

Parent Effectiveness Training sessions will also be offered on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm within our Faith, Family and Friends program on selected dates.

Marriage Preparation is offered throughout the year for those preparing for the sacrament of Marriage. The next Marriage Preparation Day-Retreat Workshop is Saturday, February 25.

Grief Support Group sessions will be offered on Monday evenings from February 27 through April 3 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm for those grieving the loss of loved ones.

Men's Morning Scripture Reflection & Discussion Group meets on Monday mornings at 8:30am following Monday morning Mass.

Monthly Saturday Men's Coffee Group meets on the first Saturday of each month from 7:30pm to 9:00am to share our spiritual wisdom, form friendships and reflect upon and discuss Scripture readings.

Faith, Family & Friends – Our Parish Religious Education and Faith Formation Program for EVERYONE. Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

And of course, I am available to meet with you for **pastoral and spiritual guidance regarding relationship, parenting, and grief support.** I will also be continuing my online Ignatian Spirituality and Word On Fire ministries.

For information contact me, John Prandini, at prandinij@csufnewman.com



Giving Tree

2022 SOS Giving Tree

Thank you for your participation in the Giving Tree Project. By taking one or more Angels, you made it possible to provide gift cards to eight communities.

These included Orange Cove, Mendota, San Joaquin/Tranquility, Laton, Mt. Carmel (Fresno), St. Alphonsus (Fresno), St. Anthony Mary Claret and Stone Soup.

Countless families in our communities continue to suffer from food insecurity. With your participation in the Giving Tree, many families were able to enjoy a Christmas dinner or supplement other meals.

Your kindness reached needy families at Christmas time.

Thank you from SOS (Social Outreach Services) ministry.

DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

| 2021 | | 2022 | |
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| December 5 | \$43,245.07 | December 4 | \$32,925.03 |
| December 12 ACH | \$13,586.45 | December 11 | \$8,571.19 |
| December 19 ACH | \$20,108.88 | December 18 ACH | \$13,492.37 |
| December 26 | \$21,906.15 | December 25 | |
| DECEMBER 2021 TOTAL | \$98,846.55 | DECEMBER 2022 TOTAL | \$54,988.9 |

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Names listed alphabetically by last name.

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| | O'Hare Family | Yorde and Smith Family |

PRAYERS:

† For those who died this week: .Thomas Baker Swann

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

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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.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

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| Isaiah 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 (Vigil) | | |
| Isaiah 9:1-6/Titus 2:11-14/Luke 2:1-14 (Night) | | |
| 3:00pm | Children's Choir Rehearsal | Chapel |
| 4:00pm | Mass for Sr. Clare Therese Hernandez and Donald Frey | Chapel |
| 6:00pm | Mass for Pacencia Miclat | Chapel |
| 9:00pm | Mass for Mary Knowd | Chapel |

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

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| THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD) | | |
| Isaiah 62:11-12/Titus 3:4-7/Luke 2:15-20 (Dawn) | | |
| Isaiah 52:7-10/Hebrews 1:1-6/John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 (Daytime) | | |
| 10:00am | Mass for John Godburn | Chapel |
| 12:00pm | Mass for all Deceased Members of our Parishioners | Chapel |

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

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| OFFICE CLOSED | | |
| Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Matthew 10:17-22 | | |
| 8:00am | Mass | Chapel |

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

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| 1 John 1:1-4/John 20:1a, 2-8 | | |
| 8:00am | Communion Service | Chapel |

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

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| 1 John 1:5—2:2/Matthew 2:13-18 | | |
| 8:00am | Mass for Helen Weisser | Chapel |

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

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| 1 John 2:3-11/Luke 2:22-35 | | |
| 8:00am | Communion Service | Chapel |
| 4:00pm | Confessions | Chapel |
| 6:00pm | Mass for Jenny Malva | Chapel |

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

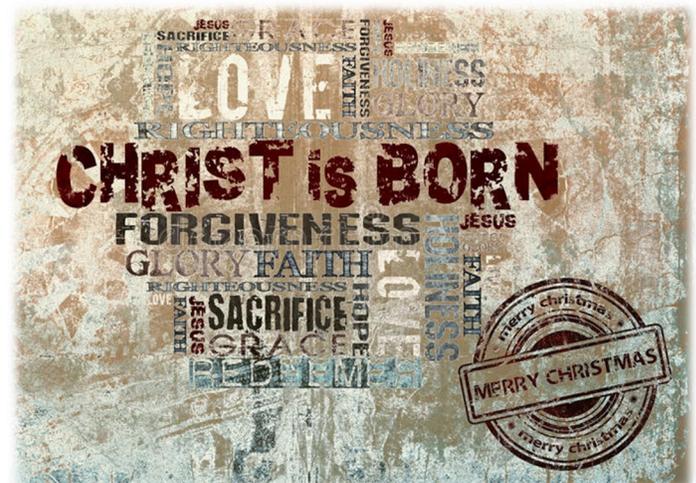
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| Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 | | |
| 8:00am | Mass for Mike Arroyo | Chapel |

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

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| 1 John 2:18-21/John 1:1-18 | | |
| 5:00pm | Mass for Maria deJesus Salazar | |

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

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| Numbers 6:22-27/Galatians 4:4-7/Luke 2:16-21 | | |
| 7:30am | Mass for Pacencia Miclat | Chapel |
| 9:30am | Mass for John Godburn | Chapel |
| 11:30am | RCIA Dismissal | Community Room |
| 11:30am | Mass for Javier Castillo | Chapel |
| 7:00pm | Mass | Chapel |



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