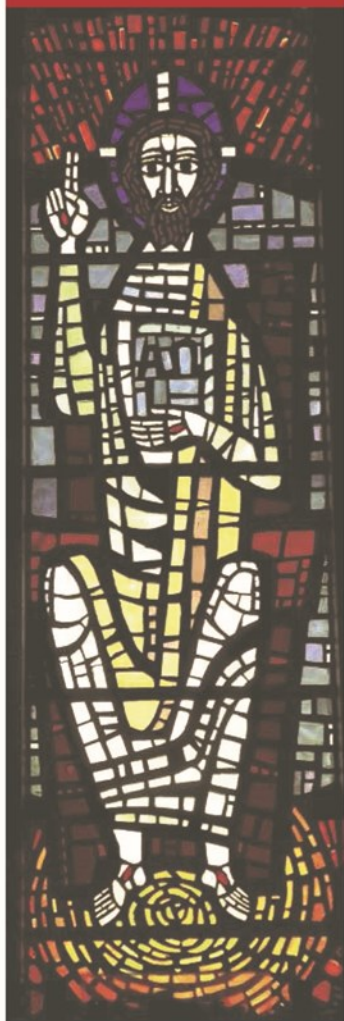


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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B | DECEMBER 3, 2023

Rome Report

What a whirlwind of a trip, but one that brought much fruit. I invite you to attend a presentation about my trip this Wednesday evening in Cardinal Newman Hall at 7pm. I'll share my takeaways from the conference and the words Pope Francis shared with our group. There will be plenty of pictures of Rome, the Vatican, Edgar and the Pope, and a gift for YOU! Thank you so much for your support.

Happy New Year!!

No, I'm not talking about 2024. I'm talking about our new liturgical year. Advent marks the new year in our Church reading cycle. We move from year A into year B. I challenge our community to treat this transition into our new liturgical year differently. Advent is about longing, hope, and new beginnings. I want to take a few sentences and focus on new beginnings.

It is appropriate that we begin our new year with the season of Advent. We take this time to prepare ourselves for the coming of "the word made flesh" - Jesus. Not just by decorating our homes and reading the nativity passages, but by doing these things and more in a new way. New beginnings are more than just starting over. It is beginning anew in a different way, by doing something different than we've done before. So how will you approach Advent, and the Christmas season, in a new way?

Our Lady of Guadalupe

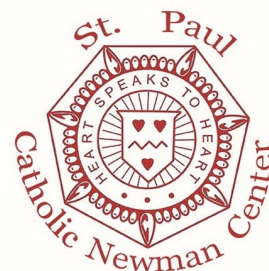
We kick off our novena to our Empress of the Americas today, Sunday, December 6th at 6pm. We spend the next 9 days as a community praying the rosary and reading the miraculous story of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego. We do this as a community not only because we accompany one another, but because Our Lady of Guadalupe came to bring 2 separate communities together through her and her son. So to practice this, we come together from different communities with different life journeys to thank and ask for her assistance in our lives. We invite you to our bilingual novena whether this is a new practice for you or if you're a veteran of novenas. We invite you to join us in this spiritual pilgrimage.

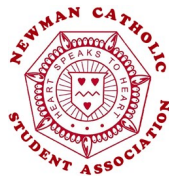
Edgar Guzmán

Director of Campus and Young Adult Ministries

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 December 6th. Take a break from final projects and study sessions. We will be gathering for dinner at 6pm in the Cardinal Newman Hall.

Fresno City Campus Meeting

Join other students at Fresno City for our meeting this Wednesday, December 6th at 12:30pm in SO-110.

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

Come and see where God is present in your life through the Word. Join other young adults in learning and accompanying one another in journeying our faith. Every Monday, December 4th at 6:00pm in the Student Lounge.

Edgar's Rome Report

All are invited to a presentation of Edgar's trip to Rome at the Cardinal Newman Hall at 7pm this Wednesday. They'll be plenty of pictures of Rome, the conference, and of Edgar & the Pope. He'll share what the message from Pope Francis and the big take-away from the conference. Also, there's a gift just for YOU! Thank you for all your support.

Novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe

This Sunday, December 3rd, we began our Novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are invited to join us for these next 9 days as it leads us to the celebration of the Mañanitas Mass Sunday December 10th at 7:00pm Mass.

Remember your Ofrenda Pictures!

Please remember to take the pictures they are located by the front desk. Thank you for your participation in this beautiful November tradition.

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	\$17,904.43
NOVEMBER 2022 TOTAL	\$66,477.67	NOVEMBER 2023 TOTAL	\$76,483.43

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.

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!

Next Week's Special Collection is for

Diocese of Fresno: *Retired Religious*

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 9th & 10th. 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.



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.

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:

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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:

Dan Dungy	Kathy Robinson
Elizabeth Dungy	Sally Caglia
Agustin Sibal	Susan Olson
Ben	Soong-Ken Dawn
Tom Castellazo	Msgr. Tony Janelli
Luke Germino	

♥ And we pray for those who have died recently:

Jerry Samora

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.

From Father Byron

Please join me in welcoming Fr. Robert Pyrka, CMF, a Claretian Missionary priest from Poland who has been assigned to be In-Residence here at the Newman Center, effective December 1st, 2023 (although he will actually be arriving Dec 8).

Father Robert comes from Poland and will be studying English at Fresno State. He will also be serving our community through the celebration of the Sacraments and accompaniment in our various ministries.

Father Robert is a young 40 year-old who has vast experience in youth ministry, communications and Provincial Government in Poland. I am sure his gifts will continue to nurture our amazing faith community.

Father Robert will be introducing himself during the December 9th and 10th weekend Masses.

Also, we are looking for volunteers to help coach him in his pronunciation for celebrating Mass for an hour during the weekdays this December. It would also be nice if you invite him for dinner now and then to help him understand the stories and reality of the Church in the US.

Please contact Mary Renner, Clergy Assistant at clergyassistant@csufnewman.com if you would like to help.

Thanks and peace!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 3—DECEMBER 10

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
6:00pm	Novena	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Matthew L. Guagliardo	Chapel
7:00pm	RCIA Rite of Acceptance	Chapel
8:00pm	1st Sunday Adoration & Confessions	Chapel

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
6:00pm	Novena	Chapel
6:00pm	Adult Confirmation	CNH
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Student Lounge

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
6:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	CNH
6:30pm	Novena	Chapel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00am	Mass for Joseph & Angela Pranzo	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	CNH 103-104
6:00pm	College Night	CNH 101
6:00pm	Edgar Rome Showcase	CNH 102
7:00pm	Novena	Chapel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 ST. ANDREW

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass for Jaclynn Rendon	Chapel
6:30pm	RCIA Inquiry	Community Room
6:30pm	Novena	Chapel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:00am	Mass for Keely Coyle & Family	Chapel
5:30pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria
6:00pm	Mass Intention for Beanie Irola	Chapel
7:00pm	Novena	Chapel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 SPECIAL COLLECTION: RETIRED RELIGIOUS

3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Monica Baker	Chapel
6:00pm	Novena	Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 2ND SUNDAY ADVENT (B) SPECIAL COLLECTION: RETIRED RELIGIOUS

7:30am	Mass for David Hooker	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Lai Pham	Chapel
9:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Community Room
9:30am	Baptism	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Needs & Int. Parishioners	Chapel
3:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel
6:00pm	Novena	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Joseph Vasquez & Family	Chapel

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

For the week of December 3 to December 9, 2023:

- **Sunday, December 3**
Feast of St. Francis Xavier International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- **Monday December 4**
1963: 2 Vatican II Documents Promulgated:
Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy
- **Thursday, December 7**
12:00-1:30 Fresno Interfaith Climate Alliance meets at Mennonite Community Church 1965: 4 Last Vatican II Documents Promulgated
 - Religious Freedom
 - Church's Missionary Activity
 - Ministry and Life of Priests
 - Church in the Modern World
- **Friday, December 8**
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
1965: Vatican II concludes
Proclamation of a Jubilee Year to familiarize Church with Documents

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.

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MINISTRY PROGRAMS

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

Faith, Family & Friends

FF&F Adult and Children's classes continue on Tuesday, Dec. 5th, beginning at 5:45pm in CNH. Please gather with us at 5:45pm to begin our evening with opening prayer and announcements before dismissal of the children to their individual class sessions.

This week all adults will attend an ALL ADULTS session to begin the Advent Season focusing on "What God is asking of us in our lives." 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.

All Adult Session - Advent Discernment: What is God Asking of Me?

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.

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

Joy of Love Moms - Please join us on the playground after the 9:30 mass for fellowship and a chance to participate in the Knights of Columbus', "Keep Christ in Christmas", poster competition. A big thank you to Lorraine Palma for coordinating this time together and helping the kids with their poster entries! Mary Renner will also provide an opportunity on the playground for the families to create a sign to welcome Father Robert, a new Claretian priest who will move to Fresno in December.

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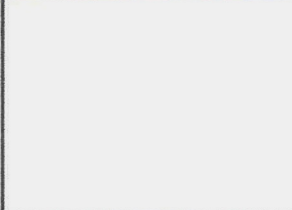
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