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Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025



Our community Thanksgiving meal

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses **Saturday**: 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM*, 11:30AM & 7:00PM

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 8:00AM

Thurs: 6:00PM

Communion Service
Thurs: 8:00AM

Confessions

Thursday: 4:00PM—5:45PM **Saturday**: 3:30PM—4:30PM

Monthly Adoration

First Fridays: 8:30AM—11:00AM Third Thursdays: 4:00PM—5:45PM Fourth Sundays: 8:00PM—9:00PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM—3:00PM

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Either Text SPCNC to 84576 or scan the QR code



*Mass will be live-streamed All Masses are in English

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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CAMPUS MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY COLLEGE NIGHT

All students are welcome to join us on **Wednesday**, **December 10th** for our student dinner. We start with dinner at 6pm followed by a White Elephant cereal box gift exchange. Please bring a box of cereal wrapped in wrapping paper for the gift exchange.

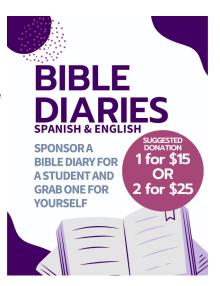
FRESNO STATE FINALS MASS

As we prepare for the end of the semester and upcoming finals, we welcome all students to join us for our on-campus Mass. Take a peaceful break to center yourself and reflect before the busy days ahead.

Mass will be held in RSU 215 from 12PM-1PM on Monday, December 8th. We hope to see you there!

BIBLE DIARIES

Campus Ministry has the 2026 Bible Diaries! Grab a Bible Diary for yourself and consider sponsoring one for a college student! Bible Diaries will be available after all Masses for a suggested donation.



Young Adult ministry



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join our Bible Study gathering Monday, December 8th at 6:00pm in the Student Lounge. We will continue to look at the Gospel of John. Come and learn alongside other young adults about how scripture is alive in our daily lives.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Good Trivia & Good Times!
Join us on December 10th for trivia at Tioga Sequoia
Brewing Co. Trivia begins at 7pm. All knowledge is welcome.

WINTER '26 —— YOUNG ADULT CONFIRMATION

January 22: Intro Class

January 29

February 5

February 12

February 19

February 26

March 5

March 12

March 19: Penance Service

March 26: Retreat/Rehearsal

April 9

Confirmation Ceremony

To register please have a copy of your Baptism and First Communion certificates. For those registered, **Young Adult Confirmation** meetings are from 6-7:15 PM in Cardinal Newman Hall Room 103



For more information contact adult.confirmation@fresnonewmancenter.org.



Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

"Tardecita" Mass

DECEMBER 12, 2025



ST PAUL CATHOLIC **NEWMAN CENTER**

PROCESSION

Begins at 5:45pm

MASS

Begins at 6:00pm

RECEPTION

Begins at 7:00pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena December 3rd - 11th @ 6:30pm - Chapel



PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Our Pastoral Council met on Nov 20, and our main topic was Strategic Planning. We have been working on three areas over the past year: Faith Formation, Parish Community Building, and Welcoming. We are publishing an Annual Summary on our parish webpage.

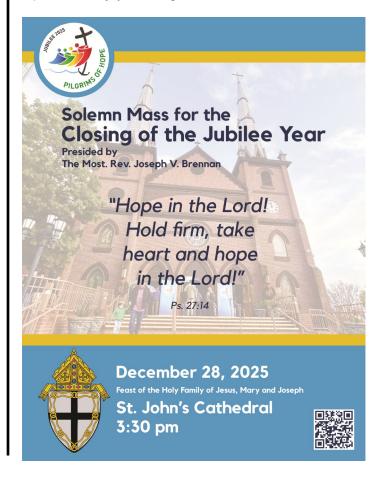
We will launch a parish-wide synodal strategic planning campaign beginning in January. Our campaign will start with educational presentations after Masses on topics like our campaign, our parish structure, and parish needs. We will follow that with listening sessions to once again engage our parishioners in building our strategic plan and a stronger parish.

We also discussed our January meeting, where we will invite ministry leaders for a discussion on how they are doing, how they support the parish mission, and how the parish can best support them.

If you would like to attend a Pastoral Council meeting (Dec 18, 6 pm), or join our Council, please contact Katie Fleener. We welcome your thoughts and prayers as we serve you.

RECTORY OPEN HOUSE

Join us for our Rectory Open House after all Masses the weekend of December 20th and 21st! Come tour the space and enjoy some light refreshments.



2025 CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



There are still Angels remaining on our Giving Tree. If you didn't have the opportunity to take one previously, please take one today (or take another) and return it with your food gift card as soon as possible.

If you've forgotten to return an Angel you previously picked up, please do so ASAP! We'll make sure your gifts are distributed to families in need. Remember **the need for food is great this year** and with your gift, it may make a difference for a family to enjoy a Christmas meal.

If you have any questions, you may contact Mickey at 559-313-1275. Thank you and God Bless You for your gift.

This year, the following communities will receive and appreciate your gift of a card or two:

Orange Cove, Mendota, San Joaquin/Tranquility, Laton, St. Alphonsus Parish, Mt. Carmel Parish, St. Anthony Mary Claret Parish and Stone Soup



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this weekend are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for God's blessings, by the Leyva and Abalos families.



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
18th. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS Altar Flowers

Sign-ups to purchase Christmas flowers will be in the foyer before and after Masses the weekend of December 13th and 14th.

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.

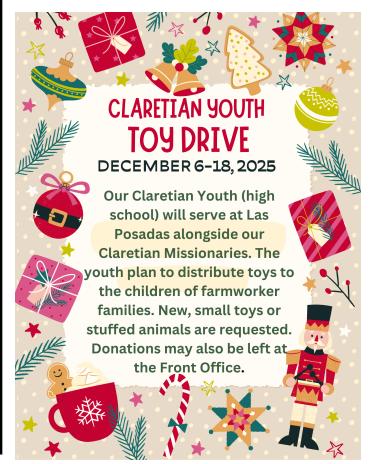
DEADLINE FOR END OF YEAR GIVING

It's almost the end of the year, so to ensure your contributions for this year are properly credited to 2025 please provide all end of year giving to the office by December 22nd. You can view your giving information on Flocknote. We thank you for your continued generosity!









COMMUNITY ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent in the Catholic Church, marking a shift from penance to joyful anticipation as the celebration of Christmas nears. Gaudete means: "Rejoice in the Lord always." The



theme of the day expresses the joy of Christmas anticipation; and receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a wonderful way to strengthen our bodies, hearts and souls!

We will celebrate a communal Anointing of the Sick AFTER all the Masses on Gaudete Saturday and Sunday: December 13/14.

MASS FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

On Monday December 8th we will have two Masses, one at 8:00AM and one at 6:00PM, in honor of this holy day of obligation.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Mark Your Calendars: Our Advent Penitential Service will be held on Wednesday, December 17th beginning at 6:00 p.m 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 as needed. With many priests available, this is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome!

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS

As we continue our Advent journey, we hear about Mary and Joseph placing their faith and trust in the will of God in their lives, and thereby encouraging us to embrace God's call with faith and trust while realizing that His plans are always greater than our understanding.

With a sense of hope and awe, we honor the "greatest yes" by inviting all expectant Mothers and their families

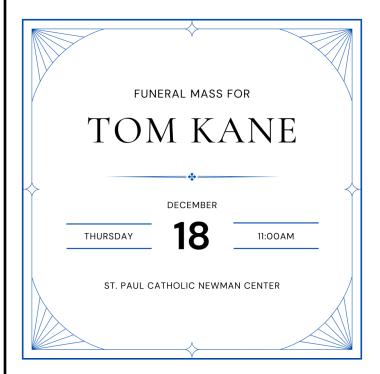
to receive a special blessing during each of the Masses on the fourth Sunday of Advent (December 20/21).



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS ALTAR

We still have some photos left from the Dia De Los Muertos altar. If you have not picked up your photo then please stop by the reception desk area and pick them up. Thank you!





DID YOU KNOW

On November 12, 2025 and for the first time in 12 years the U.S. bishops issued a Special Message addressing their concern for the evolving situation impacting immigrants in the United States. Collectively the bishops have invoked this particularly urgent way of speaking as a body of bishops. Watch the full video or read their statements at the links below:

https://www.instagram.com/reel/ DQ_uiq8EoTd/? igsh=NTc4MTlwNjQ2YQ==

https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/us-bishops-issue-special-message-



PRAYERS

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

Peggy Grant Sandra Baronian Tim Camacho Mary Peterson Jan Peterson Kathy Coit Sarah Peterson Michael O'Hare

Frank Gibson Yvonnee Ivan Guzman

Dave Molumby Vital

◆ 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.

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

2024		2025	
November 3	\$15,552.40	November 2	\$16,872.95
November 10	\$28,575.21	November 9	\$20,372.59
November 17	\$15,447.02	November 16	\$21,794.58
November 24	\$21,106.08	November 23	\$12,422.87
		November 30	\$19,820.30
NOVEMBER 2024 TOTAL	\$80,680.71	NOVEMBER 2025 TOTAL	\$91,283.29

ONLINE GIVING

Scan the QR code to donate online to our Sunday Contributions.

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BULLETIN INFORMATION

To submit announcements, articles, or flyers for the bulletin, website, or social media please 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 publication.



We have transitioned to using Flocknote to email the bulletin. If you would like the bulletin emailed to you every week, please join the Weekly Bulletin group on Flocknote! Thank you!

Weekly Schedule

DECEMBER 7 — DECEMBER 13, 2025				
	•	SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
Claretian 7:30am 9:30am 9:30am	Youth Gift Wrapping	Chapel Community Room Chapel Chapel Chapel Library Chapel Chapel		
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8				
7:40am 8:00am 8:30am 9:00am 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm	Liturgy of the Hours Mass for Deceased Lopez famil Men's Morning Scripture Study Morning Book Study Liturgy of the Hours Young Adult Bible Study Mass for Angela Pranzo Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena	Library Cafeteria Student Lounge Student Lounge Chapel		
	Y, DECEMBER 9			
7:40am 8:00am 6:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm	Liturgy of the Hours Mass for Carol Lerro Faith, Family & Friends Claretian Youth CLIF Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena	Chapel Chapel CNH/Classrooms Student Lounge CNH 101 Chapel		
WEDNES	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10			
7:40am 8:00am	Liturgy of the Hours Mass for Joseph Truong Dinh S Marie Nguyen Huong	Chapel Suu & Chapel		
10:00am 6:00pm 6:00pm	Marian Movement of Priests Wednesday Student Dinner Marian Movement of Priests	Community Room CNH Chapel		
6:30pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena	a Chapel		
6:30pm 7:00pm	Bible Study Knights of Columbus	Classrooms CNH 104		
THURSD	PAY, DECEMBER 11			
8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Communion Service Confession Mass for Naomi & Jack Patrick	Chapel Chapel Chapel		
6:00pm	Book Study Women's Guild	Community Room CNH 101		
6:00pm 6:30pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena			
	DECEMBER 12			
8:00am 5:30pm	Mass for Shirley Lea Food Recovery	Chapel Cafeteria		
6:00pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass &			
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3:30pm	Collection: Retired Religious Confessions	Chapel		
5:00pm	Mass for Frances Pavlovich	Chapel		
Christma Special C	, DECEMBER 14 3RD S s Altar Flowers Collection: Retired Religious	Parishioners Chanel		

7:30am Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners Chapel

Community Room

Chapel

Chapel

Chapel

Library

Chapel

Chapel

9:30am CLOW

1:00pm Baptism

9:30am Mass for Marcel Gagnon

11:30am Mass for Bernie Darman

7:00pm Mass for David de Castro

11:30am OCIA Baptisms

2:00pm Filipino Mass

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