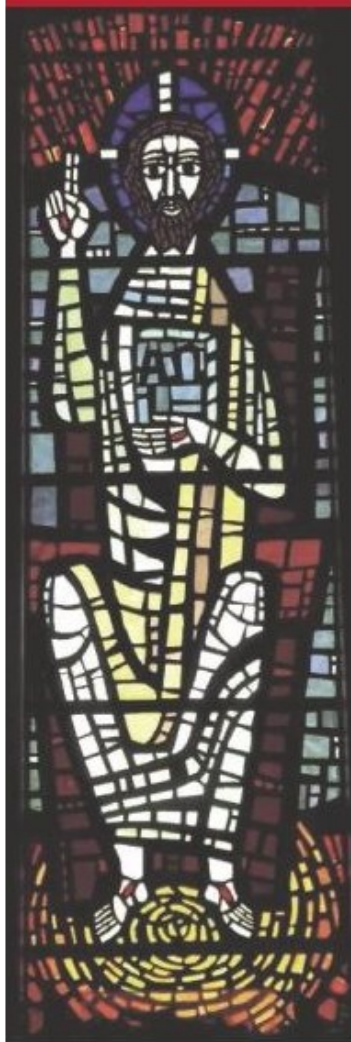


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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

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

Saturday: 5:00PM

Weekday Masses

Mon, Wed, Fri: 8:00AM

Thurs: 6:00PM

Communion Service

Tues & Thurs: 8:00AM

Confessions

Thursday: 4:00PM—5:45PM

Saturday: 3:30PM—4:45PM

Monthly Adoration

First Fridays: 8:30AM—11:00AM

Third Thursdays: 4:00PM—5:45PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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9:00AM—3:00PM

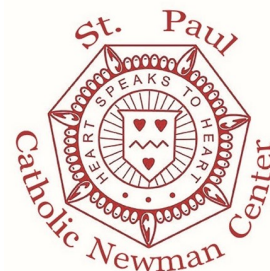
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Shared from Our Director of Family, Life & Liturgical Ministries Alberto Navarro

AM I NOT HERE, I WHO AM YOUR MOTHER?

“Our Lady of Guadalupe to San Juan Diego” December, 1531.

The story of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12th is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We take a look at the story behind the indigenous peasant who came across the Patron of the Americas, and how he fought for her message to be heard.

By Francesca Merlo

The Virgin of Guadalupe, like the shroud of Turin, appears on a piece of fabric. Both are sacred objects, hundreds of years old, and both depict an image said to be miraculous. The Virgin of Guadalupe was declared Queen of Mexico and is Patron of the Americas.

First apparition

Our Lady of Guadalupe first introduced herself as the Mother of God and the mother of all humanity when she appeared on the hill of Tepeyac in Mexico in 1531. An indigenous peasant, Juan Diego, saw a glowing figure on the hill. After she had identified herself to him, Our Lady asked that Juan build her a shrine in that same spot, in order for her to show and share her love and compassion with all those who believe.

Afterwards, Juan Diego visited Juan de Zumárraga, who was Archbishop of what is now Mexico City. Zumárraga dismissed him in disbelief and asked that the future Saint provide proof of his story and proof of the Lady's identity.

Juan Diego returned to the hill and encountered Our Lady again. The Virgin told him to climb to the top of the hill and pick some flowers to present to the Archbishop.

Winter bloom

Although it was winter and nothing should have been in bloom, Juan Diego found an abundance of flowers of a type he had never seen before. The Virgin bundled the flowers into Juan's cloak, known as a tilma. When Juan Diego presented the tilma of exotic flowers to Zumárraga, the flowers fell out and he recognized them as Castilian roses, which are not found in Mexico.

What was even more significant, however, was that the tilma had been miraculously imprinted with a colorful image of the Virgin herself.

Tilma

This actual tilma, preserved since that date and showing the familiar image of the Virgin Mary with her head bowed and hands together in prayer, represents the Virgin of Guadalupe. It remains perhaps the most sacred object in all of Mexico.

The story is best known from a manuscript written in the Aztec's native language Nahuatl by the scholar Antonio Valeriano. It was written sometime after 1556.

Over 20 million people visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe each year, now situated on the very same hill on which she appeared.

In 1990, Pope Saint John Paul II visited Mexico and beatified Juan Diego. 10 years later, in the year 2000, he was declared a Saint.

From vaticannews.va

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Wednesday Student Night

All students are welcome to join us on December 11th for dinner in the Cardinal Newman Hall followed by a fun White Elephant gift exchange. Bring any box of cereal for our White Elephant Exchange.

On-Campus Gatherings

No more on campus meetings this semester! We pray you all have a wonderful end of the semester and good luck on your finals! We'll see you on campus next semester!

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.

Finals Mass

Join us at 1pm on December 12th for Mass in preparation for finals week. Prepare your minds and your hearts as you are nearing the finish line of the fall semester. We wish you all the best of luck with finals!

Pray for Our Students

Please pray for our students as they prepare for final exams, so that they find the energy and encouragement to finish strong. May they rest and return refreshed for the Spring semester.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Bible Study

Join us this Monday at 6pm in the Student Lounge as we resume reading the Gospel of John. Join other young adults to reflect and share how the word of God challenges us and lives in our lives.



Trivia Night

Good Trivia & Good Times! Join us on December 11th for trivia at Tioga Sequoia Brewing Co. Trivia begins at 7pm. All knowledge is welcome. Help our team continue their winning streak!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Please return your "Giving Tree" angel along with your gift cards by Noon, TODAY. Parishioners can still pick up left over Angels and return them right away. We will make every effort to distribute them before Christmas.

With the encouragement and support of Fr. Sergio P Negro, our founding pastor, your Social Outreach Services (SOS) committee initiated our annual Christmas Giving Tree project in 1990. As we do today, parishioners were asked to take and return an Angel from our Giving Tree with their gift. This year marks the 34 st year of our St. Paul Catholic Newman Center Giving Tree!

In the early years of our annual Christmas giving project, we each filled and returned boxes with food and toys. These were distributed to families in parishes where there was great need.

Technology has allowed us to move from giving boxes and bags of food to Gift Cards. This allows families to do their own shopping to prepare a Christmas meal in keeping with their own cultural traditions.

We invite you to take one or more Angels from our Giving Tree. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by families throughout the greater Fresno area. Your gift will also make it possible for families to enjoy a Christmas meal, or possibly, two or more.

This year we will continue to provide cards to the following eight communities: Orange Cove, Mendota, San Joaquin/Tranquility, Laton, St. Alphonsus, Mt. Carmel, St. Anthony Mary Claret and Stone Soup.

- The Giving Tree will be up on November 16th
- Return the Angel(s) with the food card(s) on or before December 8th
- Place them in the designated basket at the front desk or in the collection basket.
- We also request that you write the amount on the gift card(s), the Angel, or your gift envelope.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity in helping our brothers and sisters in need.



WOMEN'S GUILD

Our next meeting will be a Christmas Social that will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 5:30pm at a private residence!

On Sunday December 15, 2024 at 4:15pm, the guild will be caroling at the Nazareth House! After caroling, we will go out for dinner!

Please mark your calendar as a reminder about attending our annual retreat on Saturday March 1, 2025!

If any women of our parish are interested in becoming a part of the guild, please contact Kathy Dennen at 906-2788 or email Kathleendennen@sbcglobal.net.

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.

To register please scan the QR Code



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Please join us for the last few days of our novena leading up to the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will be holding a Mass to celebrate on Thursday 12/12 at 6PM.

Sat. 12/7	6:00PM	Chapel
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Sun. 12/8	6:00PM	Chapel
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Mon. 12/9	7:00PM	Chapel
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Tues. 12/10	6:30PM	Chapel
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Wed. 12/11	6:30PM	Chapel
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Thurs. 12/12	6:00PM	Chapel
Mass		

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY LUNCH

Thank you to all who donated or served food and who attended our annual Thanksgiving Community Luncheon! May God reward you richly for your generosity!



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

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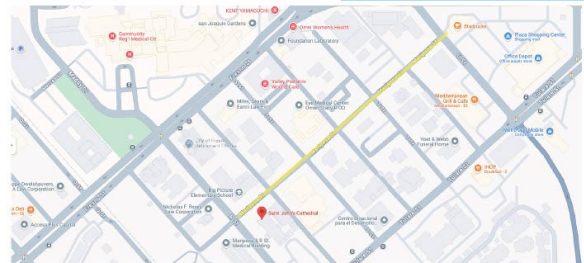
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FOR MORE INFO:



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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 Classroom 1 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.





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. 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.

MASS FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On Monday December 9th we will have two Masses, one at 8:00AM and one at 6:00PM, in honor of this holy day of obligation.

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

This Weekend's 2nd Collection will be for the

Retired Religious

Thank you for your generosity

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AT LAS POSADAS

Our Claretian Youth (high school) Group will be attending a Las Posadas, which is a novenario, the celebration lasting for a nine-day interval during the Christmas season, representing the nine-month pregnancy of Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ.

This celebration of Las Posadas is a ministry of the St. Anthony Mary Claret parish including the priests that serve our parish throughout the year by celebrating Mass, hearing confessions and helping as called upon.

The Claretian Missionaries will be celebrating Las Posadas with the farmworkers on December 20th. All are welcome to join us.

As a part of the celebration, we would like to continue the tradition of providing small stuffed animals as gifts to the children of the farmworkers. We are seeking NEW, small stuffed animals. If you prefer to make a donation, the team will purchase small stuffed animals for distribution. There will be a box in the hallway at church for your donations. The Claretian Youth will take and distribute them on December 20th at the Las Posadas celebration at Campo Fresno in West Fresno.

For more information, please contact Mary at clergyassistant@csufnewman.com

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 9, —DECEMBER 15, 2024

PRAYERS

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

Joseph Britt	Benita Lankford
Patti Britt	Sarah Parkes
Michael O'Hare	Frank Gibson
Kathy Robinson	Tim Camacho
Ann Marie	

♥ And we pray for those who have died recently.

Don Hall

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 four weeks, and then removed unless otherwise requested. Names of the deceased are published the week after death.

DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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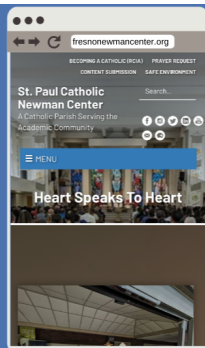
To submit announcements, articles, or flyers for the bulletin, website, or social media:

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.



MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am	Special Intentions for Irma Lopez	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
6:00pm	Mass for Vic Tripple	
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Student Lounge
7:00pm	Guadalupe Novena	Chapel

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
3:00pm	Familiastery	
5:00pm	Youth Choir Practice	Chapel
6:00pm	Claretian Youth	Student Lounge
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	CNH
6:30pm	Guadalupe Novena	Chapel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:40am	Divine Office (Morning Prayer)	Chapel
8:00am	Special Intention of Liongcor/Isaacson Family	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	Community Room
6:00pm	Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle	Chapel
6:00pm	College Night	CNH
8:30pm	Guadalupe Novena	CNH
7:00pm	Knights of Columbus	CNH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Newlywed Marriage Group Social	CNH 101
6:00pm	Book Study	Community Room
6:00pm	Young Adult Confirmation	CNH
6:00pm	Mass for Carmen Eanni	Chapel
6:00pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass	Chapel
6:30pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception	Cafeteria
7:00pm	RCIA Inquiry	

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:40am	Divine Office (Morning Prayer)	Chapel
8:00am	Mass for Naomi & Jack Patrick	Chapel
9:00am	Familiastery	CNH
5:30pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

<i>Catholic Charities Truck</i>	<i>Christmas Altar Flowers</i>	
3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Consecration to Mary for the Marian Movement for Priests	
5:00pm	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

<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	Community Room
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

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