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Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025 "Journey of Hope"



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

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

Saturday: 5:00PM

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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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 Student Night

Students are welcome to join us on March 19th for dinner at 6 pm in the Cardinal Newman Hall. After dinner, we will have Mass at 7pm celebrated by Fr Rubi.



FPU On-Campus Gathering

All Fresno Pacific students are welcome to join us for our on campus gatherings from 12pm-1pm. We will meet every Thursday in Jost Hall room 130. Lunch is provided, bring a friend!

Fresno State On-Campus Gathering

Fresno State students join us on campus every Wednesday from 1-2pm for our on campus gatherings. This week we will have Bible Study in RSU room 208. Bring lunch and bring a friend!

Young Adult ministry

Young Adult Bible Study

Join our Bible Study gathering Monday, March 17th at 6:00pm in the Student Lounge/John 23rd. This week we will resume reading the Gospel of John.

Jubilee 2025



FR. SERGIO NEGRO SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for Sergio P Negro Scholarships for the 2025-26 academic year are now available on the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center website. The Sergio P Negro Endowment Fund was established in honor of our founding priest, Sergio Negro, who had a deep and abiding commitment to education. The Endowment Fund anticipates awarding a minimum of three \$3,000 scholarships to deserving students for the academic year. Past awardees continuing their education are encouraged to reapply.

To be eligible, you must be either an upper division undergraduate or a graduate student preparing to use your knowledge and skills to witness and minister to others. This is meant to be inclusive of many vocations and forms of service, including education, medicine, social services, etc. A pre-condition is that you must have either been raised within or are currently affiliated and active with our St. Paul Catholic Newman Center parish beyond attending mass. An overall GPA of 2.5 or greater is also required.

The deadline for applications to be received is Sunday, April 20, 2025 by 5:00 pm, PDT. They may be submitted electronically to

SergioNegroScholarship@fresnonewmancenter.org or mailed to Sergio Negro Scholarship, c/o St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, 1752 E. Barstow Ave., Fresno, CA 93710. In all cases, applications and accompanying documents must be typed. Final selection of awardees will be through an interview process.



NEWMAN CENTER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ACTION COMMITTEE

The new Newman Center Community Engagement and Action Committee invites you to "Be the Light" in Fresno by helping provide basic food items and gift cards for local refugee families now suffering hunger due to the recent federal budget cuts. This temporary help is provided to vetted families already living in our community, by FIRM, and has proven to help them successfully assimilate. Please take a ray off of the paper suns in the entryway and return the items listed to the yellow bins by the end of the month. Alternatively, please place any grocery gift card or cash donations into the box at the front desk. We look forward to working with you to help our brothers and sisters in need!

PREPARING FOR THE "JOURNEY OF **HOPE" - FROM THE LITURGY COMMITTEE**

The Responsorial Psalm today is a beautiful one: "The Lord is my light and my Salvation." Sometimes, though, our psalms become so common we don't pay attention to the message they are delivering.

That happened to me, as I was asked to sing this psalm for a funeral a couple of weeks ago. I didn't even really rehearse it, as I know it so well, or so I thought. Two lines really hit me as I sang them: "The Lord is my life's refuge, of whom should I be afraid?" We live in a time of fear: I recall growing up during the Cold War with air raid sirens and practicing dropping and going under our desks in case of a nuclear bomb or an earthquake. I often travel alone for work or to visit family, and fear reckless drivers or stopping alone at rest stops. But in truly believing in the light of the Lord, my refuge, why should I fear?

The second one was, "Wait for the Lord with courage..." When the last day of my life comes, I believe that I will be with the Lord and with all my loved ones in His Kingdom. So in the meantime, I am called to be courageous in this life. Another version of this psalm says "be strong and be brave..." It reminds me of my niece when she was very young, saying to my mom, who was going into surgery, "Be brave, grandma." From the mouth of babes.

Our hope is in the Lord, who is our light. This psalm reminds us that as we journey together in hope, we do not fear, but trust that the Lord is journeying right along with us.



Columbus Pancake Dinner & Burning of the Palms

hosted a Pancake dinner for Mardi Gras (otherwise known as Fat Tuesday). With over 200 quests and many Knights supporting with cooking, and our very own youth helping serve!









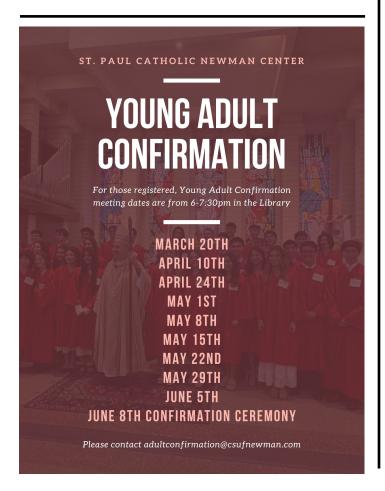
CWPI PRESENTATION SERIES

In keeping with Caring for the Whole Person Initiative at St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, we are extending an invitation to our ongoing series of End-of-Life Topics. On March 18 at 6 PM in Cardinal Newman Hall. the CWPI team will be presenting on Moral Catholic Teaching. This presentation is focused on what the Catholic Teaching is on End-of-Life issues. Monsignor Dreiling will be in attendance to address ethical issues. We extend an invitation to all Newman parishioners. The final presentation this spring will be on Caring for the Caregiver on March 23

COUPLES LOVING IN FAITH

Our Newman CLIF Team is excited to share a survey via FlockNote with our parishioners to gather input on interests and ideas for our group to support couples in their Faith Journey. Please look for the survey and give us your thoughts by Sun, Mar 23. If you need a paper copy, please visit the office.





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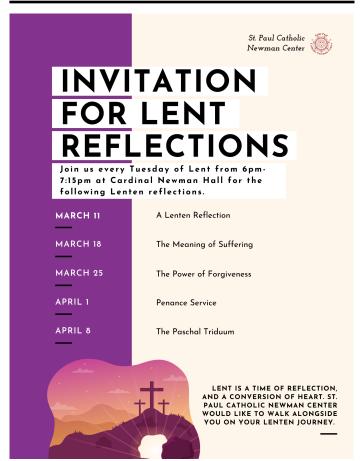
In observance of Laetare Sunday, we will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick after all of the Masses on Saturday/Sunday, March 29/30. All who are sick, elderly, facing surgery, or seeking the gift of God's healing are welcome to participate.

PHISHING & SPOOFING EMAILS

Recently we have received many reports of phishing and spoofing emails that appear to be sent from Fr. Rubi. If you receive an email that appears to be from Fr. Rubi, please verify the sender's email address before responding. Fr. Rubi will only send emails from frrubi@csufnewman.com or father.rubi@fresnonewmancenter.org. Any other email address for Fr. Rubi should be considered suspicious. Thank you for your understanding.

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements are available on Flocknote and were emailed in January. If you did not receive your statement then please contact the front office. Thank you!



PRAYERS

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

Benita Lankford Erin O'Hare Obwald Linda Lascano Tatiana Tarazona Margaret Lawson Jose Murillo Rodolfo (Rudy) Ruiz Joseph Britt John Wilson Dave/Andria & Family Ann Marie

Dave/Andria & Family
Peggy Grant
Jackie Gutierrez

Steven Jaquez
Julia Jaquez

◆ And we pray for those who have died recently.

Please contact the office or visit our website and fill out the form under the "<u>Prayer Requests</u>" 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.

MARCH CONTRIBUTIONS 2024 2025 March 3 March 2 \$13,575.90 \$22.991.22 March 10 \$25.356.09 March 9 \$24,938.74 March 17 March 16 \$15,870.55 March 24 March 23 \$16.489.64 March 31 March 30 \$21,521.74 MARCH 2024 **MARCH 2025** \$102,229.24 \$38,514.64

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE—BISHOP BRENNAN

Bishop Brennan invites the parishes of the Diocese of Fresno to join him in celebrating St. Joseph's Table, a Catholic tradition he holds dear, at all weekend Masses of March 22nd and March 23rd.

This tradition is especially significant to him because of his Italian heritage, his birth name, and it's close connection to his birthday.

Each parish community is encouraged to bring nonperishable foods to a 'table' honoring St. Joseph, which will be delivered to Catholic Charities.

We will have a table set up in the foyer by the reception desk the weekend of March 22nd and 23rd if you would like to donate.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MARCH 16 — MARCH 23, 2025

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7:00am 9:30am 9:30am 9:30am 9:30am 10:30am 11:00am 11:30am 12:30pm	Mass for Jack & Naomi Patrick OCIA P&E OCIA Catechumenate CLOW Mass for Shirley Jesse Let Us Dream House Meetings 1st Year HS Confirmation Mass for Needs & Intentions of Let Us Dream House Meetings 2nd Year HS Confirmation Let Us Dream House Meetings Mass for Gail Noeth	Chapel Classroom 2 Library Community Room Chapel CNH 103 CNH Parishioners CNH CNH 103 CNH CNH 103 CNH CNH 103 CNH CNH 103
8:00am 8:30am 9:00am 6:00pm	Y, MARCH 17 Mass for Diomedes Virtudazo Men's Morning Scripture Study Lenten Small Groups Young Adult Bible Study	Chapel Library Cafeteria Student Lounge
8:00am 6:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	Y, MARCH 18 Mass for Mary Barrett Claretian Youth Faith, Family & Friends First Reconciliation	Chapel John XXIII CNH Chapel
7:40am 8:00am 10:00am	DAY, MARCH 19 Divine Office (Morning Prayer) Mass for Jennifer Smith Marian Movement of Priests Book Study College Night Prayer & Life Workshop Marian Movement of Priests Ce OCIA Inquiry Pastoral Council	Chapel Chapel Library Library CNH 101-103 Library enacle Chapel Community Room Classroom 3
8:00am 4:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	AY, MARCH 20 Communion Service Confessions Adoration Bible Study Adult Confirmation Lenten Small Group Mass for Emil Sereda	Chapel Chapel Chapel Community Room Library Classroom 2 Chapel
7:40am 8:00am	MARCH 21 Divine Office (Morning Prayer) Mass for Dean Hooker Familiastery Fish Fry Food Recovery Network Stations of the Cross	Chapel Chapel Classroom 2-4 CNH Cafeteria Chapel
3:30pm 5:00pm	AY, MARCH 22 Confessions Mass for Ed Diaz	Chapel Chapel
SUNDAY	Ness for Tommy Coreia	Obanal OF LENI

7:00am Mass for Tommy Garcia

11:00am 1st Year HS Confirmation

11:30am Mass for Kevin McKiernan

12:45pm 2nd Year HS Confirmation

7:00pm Mass for Marianne Angelillo

9:30am Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners Chapel

9:30am OCIA Catechumenate

9:30am CLOW

5:30pm OCIA P&E

8:00pm Adoration

Chapel

Library

CNH

CNH

CNH

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Chapel

Chapel

Community Room



TUESDAY MARCH 18, 2025 1572 E. Barstow Ave Cardinal Newman Hall 6:00 PM

Caring for the Whole Person Team

This presentation will focus on what the Catholic Church teaches about the end of life. Monsignor Dreiling will be in attendance to address ethical questions.

Our series on end-of-life issues will continue through

March 25, 2025

All are invited and encouraged to attend

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center - University Parish Finance Council Report

As I reflect on my first nine months at the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, I am filled with gratitude for the support and dedication of our parishioners and guidance offered by our Finance Council. The generosity shown, both in time and resources, plays a vital role in achieving our mission and ensuring a thriving future for our university parish. I am grateful for the dedication to our vision as we continuously work toward bringing the transformative power of Christ to all through word and action. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me, our university parish staff, and our Finance Council as we steward your gifts wisely. *Katie Fleener, Ph.D.*

The Finance Council and I offer the following 2024 calendar year financial recap:

Revenue

Overall revenue for the university parish increased from 2023 to 2024. While Sunday collections were slightly reduced, there were large increases from the OSV campaign, rental of Cardinal Newman Hall and football parking. The loss of rent from the Montessori school was the largest negative change to income. The Parish/Diocese is in negotiations to potentially lease the space and make up the lost revenue. However, the diocese is also considering listing the space with a professional leasing company. Outside of the rental income, the general trend is positive for our revenue since 2020.

26 20	3	CY 2024		CY 2023
Total Income		1,401,105.00	\$	1,300,056.00
Major Income Areas	22308		C 196	
Sunday Offerings	\$	753,806.00	\$	757,720.00
Community Garden	\$	38,677.00	\$	23,733.00
Maintenance Collection	\$	2,000.00	\$	(=
Montessori Rent	\$	3,500.00	\$	39,875.00
Facility Rental	\$	22,428.00	\$	12,192.00
Football Parking	\$	73,128.00	\$	56,808.00
Other Unresistricted	\$	217,033.00	\$	149,693.00
Misc Income	\$	290,533.00	\$	260,035.00

Expenses

Regular operating expenses for the university parish were up slightly year over year for 2024. Savings in salaries and benefits were offset by higher building and grounds maintenance costs. It is important to note that the higher building and grounds maintenance costs do include the costs for the community garden, which has largely been funded through external sources. We expect to see a substantial decrease in our monthly utility bills since completing the solar purchase in June of 2024. While costs for most things are up, the university parish staff work hard to find efficiencies and make sound long-term decisions. While the budget is always tight, we are still able to accomplish our mission and serve our community.

Total Expense		CY 2024	329	CY 2023
		1,411,038.00	\$	1,232,362.00
Major Expense Areas	205%		5558	
Salary & Benefits	\$	620,475.00	\$	674,824.00
Utilities	\$	85,618.00	\$	82,360.00
Solar Buyout	\$	150,000.00	\$	1-
Building Maintenance	\$	112,755.00	\$	100,503.00
Community Garden	\$	33,995.00	\$	
Misc Expenses	\$	408,195.00	\$	374,675.00

While we finished 2024 with close to a \$10,000 deficit, it is worth noting that this is quite an achievement given the loss of Montessori rent and the one-time solar buyout expense.

Major Projects

Our university parish is in the process of completing several large capital projects to maintain our infrastructure, help serve our parishioners more efficiently and effectively, and to build community. We are very grateful for the generous support given during the OSV capital campaign. This allowed us to complete phases I & II of our roof repair. Phase III is the largest phase and involves the re-roofing of the flat areas over the classrooms, offices and kitchen area. The total price of the roof project is approximately \$300,000. Approval of large projects, such as phase III of our roof, is delayed due to the Chapter 11 process (please see below).

Our office staff are working on a technology upgrade to make our offices more efficient and secure. Several very old computers needed replacement as did the phone and email systems. By working with grants and non-profit partners, this is being accomplished substantially under budget. The staff are very thankful and expect this to help them serve our university parish much more effectively and securely.

Finally, the community garden is near completion with an anticipated opening for growing season in spring 2025. This ambitious project will provide opportunities for our parishioners to work together with the larger community to feed those less fortunate. We are so proud of the efforts that brought about this beautiful area.

Personnel

The Newman Center has seen a lot of changes recently in its leadership. The transition from Dan Nickerson to Dr. Katie Fleener in the role of Parish Life Coordinator was remarkably smooth. We are so thankful to Dan for his excellent stewardship as the interim PLC. After the departure of Fr. Byron, the Parish is now home to two full-time Claretians, Fr. Rubi Peter and Deacon David Guttierez. The addition of Deacon David is a great help, as he has taken over as the Director of Religious Education and Assistant Campus Ministry Director. Our team at the Newman Center is constantly working to support and grow our flourishing community.

Fresno Diocese Chapter 11 Filing

As announced in May 2024, The Diocese of Fresno is working through the process of filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, which "will allow [the Diocese] to address the substantial number of claims brought forth by victims collectively, and it will allow [the Diocese] to address those claims honestly, compassionately and equitably." Our university parish is currently working with the Diocese to ensure we operate in a manner that complies with the rules for bankruptcy filings. While this slows down some decisions on larger projects, we can still accomplish our core mission of serving our parish community's needs. For additional information regarding the status of the Chapter 11 filing, from the Diocese, please see the information found at: https://dioceseoffresno.org/addressing-victim-suffering.

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