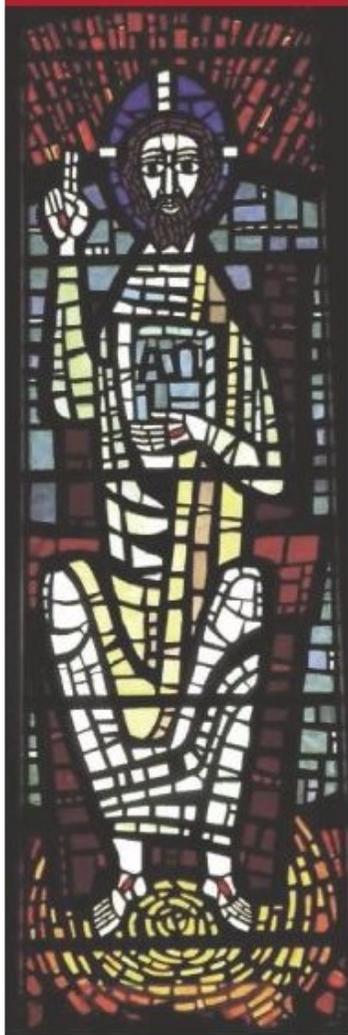


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## 5th Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026



24 Hours for the Lord

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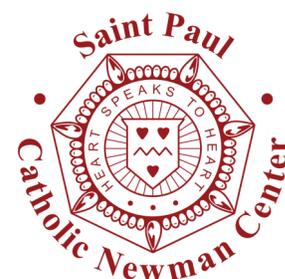
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\*Mass will be live-streamed  
All Masses are in English

### 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.



# CAMPUS MINISTRY

## WEDNESDAY COLLEGE NIGHT

Join us on Wednesday, March 25th for our Wednesday Student Dinners. We will gather for dinner at 6pm in Cardinal Newman Hall. Following dinner Edgar and Fr. David will share about Holy Week.

## FRESNO STATE ON CAMPUS GATHERINGS

All Fresno State students are welcome to join us for our on-campus gatherings this week. Bring lunch & bring a friend!

Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:45am – Newman Hour - RSU

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am – Saint Francis of Assisi - RSU 208

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

### CSA STUDENT SERVICE LEADERS

This year, Campus Ministry is blessed to have 12 student service leaders who form three teams dedicated to serving our student community.

The Wednesday Night Team fosters community and accompanies students in their faith journey. After sharing a meal, leaders organize both spiritual and social activities such as Mass, Lectio Divina, relay races, and games like Jeopardy.

The Fresno State On-Campus Team hosts events three times a week to reach students who are unable to attend parish events. They gather on Mondays for Newman Hour, meet on Thursdays to learn about new saints, and regularly table in the free speech area to connect with students.

The 7:00 PM Mass Team works to make the Sunday evening Mass more welcoming and engaging for students. Their efforts include hosting after-

Mass socials, preparing tailored prayer intercessions, and encouraging young adults to serve in the liturgy. Through these efforts, we continue to see growth in our student community both on campus and at the Newman Center. Please keep this ministry and our student leaders in your prayers.



***“The Newman Center has helped me grow both as a leader and a servant through creating events and volunteer opportunities.” – Marcel Leal (Sophomore at Fresno State)***

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

### YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join our Bible Study gathering **Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm** in the 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.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES PRESENTS  
**TACOS & THEOLOGY**  
THURSDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>  
6:45PM STUDENT LOUNGE  
JOIN US AS WE DIVE INTO THE THEOLOGY OF THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM AND WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO OUR FAITH.

Join us this Lent season for our annual

## **FISH FRY FUNDRAISER**

Fridays 5:30pm - 8:30pm

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# LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE



**NEWMAN CENTER CHAPEL**  
**6-8 PM | MARCH 24, 2026**

Multiple priests will be available for confession.



## HOLY TRIDUUM

### HOLY THURSDAY

*Mass of the Lord's Supper:* We celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood. The washing of the feet reminds us that true love is found in self-giving service.

### GOOD FRIDAY

*Stations of the Cross:* We gather to pray the Stations of the Cross, with children and teens reverently enacting the Passion.

*Passion of the Lord:* We meditate on the suffering and death of Christ, who gave His life for the salvation of the world.

### HOLY SATURDAY

*Seven Sorrows of Mary:* We pray the Rosary in procession around the chapel, reflecting on the Seven Sorrows of Mary in a spirit of quiet mourning and hopeful waiting.

*Easter Vigil:* We gather in darkness to light the Paschal candle, proclaiming that Christ has conquered sin and death.

### EASTER SUNDAY

We rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus, the victory of life over death and hope over despair.

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays at 6:00PM (excluding Good Friday)

**Fish Fry:** Fridays 5:30PM - 8:30PM

**Reconciliation Service:** March 24 at 6:00PM

**Palm Sunday:** Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

**Holy Thursday:** 7:00PM Mass  
Adoration begins after Mass and continues until midnight

**Good Friday:** 10:00AM Stations of the Cross  
3:00PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday:** 8:00AM Hikes with Mary praying the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rosary

**Easter Vigil:** 7:30PM Mass (no confessions)

**Easter Sunday** 6:00AM Sunrise Mass in the courtyard  
**Mass Schedule:** | 9:30AM | 11:30AM

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# CRS RICE BOWLS

Please take home a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl to use during Lent.

CRS Rice Bowl shares stories of hope from CRS' work around the world. These stories are examples of how your Lenten alms are helping communities find solutions to problems like hunger and climate change.

Please return the rice bowls the weekend of Easter, April 5th, or April 12th at the latest. Thank you!



## ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

Bishop Brennan invites the parishes of the Diocese of Fresno to join him in celebrating St. Joseph's Table at all weekend Masses of March 21st and March 22nd.

Each parish community is encouraged to bring nonperishable foods to a 'table' honoring St. Joseph, which will be delivered to local food banks, pantry's, and charitable organizations providing food to the poor.

We will have a table set up in the foyer by the reception desk the weekend of March 21st and 22nd if you would like to donate or join Bishop Brennan at Holy Spirit Church in Fresno on **Sunday, March 22nd at 10:00 a.m.**

*Familiastery Ministry at St. Paul Catholic Newman Center*

## Lenten Family Retreat

*Friday, March 27 from 10 am - 1:30 pm*

- Children's Program
- Adult Belovedness discussion with Father Rubi
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Sacrament of Reconciliation (all ages!)
- Lenten Luncheon



Please RSVP at [familiastery@gmail.com](mailto:familiastery@gmail.com)

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## GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A Humble Passion Play for Young Hearts



We are grateful that kids will have the opportunity to come together on Good Friday to pray the Stations of the Cross together in a way that is special to their young hearts!

**All families are welcome to join on Good Friday, April 3rd at 10:00 a.m.**

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## FR. SERGIO NEGRO SCHOLARSHIP

### Applications Now Available

Applications for the Sergio P Negro Scholarship for the 2026-2027 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.

To be eligible, you must be enrolled at a regionally or nationally accredited college or university and must be pursuing a course of study that leads to a vocational/technical certificate, or an undergraduate or graduate degree in preparation 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, engineering, 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 university parish, beyond attending Mass. An overall GPA of 2.5 or greater is also required.

Past recipients who are continuing their education/training are welcome to re-apply.

The deadline for applications to be received is Sunday, April 12, 2026 by 5:00 pm, PDT. They may be submitted electronically to

[SergioNegroScholarship@fresnewmancenter.org](mailto:SergioNegroScholarship@fresnewmancenter.org) or mailed to Sergio P Negro Scholarship, c/o St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, 1572 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.

## PALM SUNDAY

On the weekend of March 28th and 29th, all Palm Sunday services will begin in front of Cardinal Newman Hall with a procession into the Chapel. If you would like to participate in the procession then please meet in Cardinal Newman Hall before Mass begins.



## CLOW

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be cancelled the weekend of Easter, April 5th.



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

NEXT GUILD MEETING: April 9, 2026, 6:00 pm CNH



At our last meeting, the Guild was proud to pay tribute to Sister Kathleen Drilling, as part of Catholic Sisters Week. I first met Sister Kathleen at San Joaquin Memorial High School, where she was a teacher. In her role as teacher, principal, and staff here at St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, she has touched many lives. One of her

students said, "What stands out is the way she leads with love, gentleness, and a quiet firmness that commands both respect and affection. Because of that, people do not feel condemned—they feel called higher."

We also concluded the series on Women Doctors of the Catholic Church with Katie Fleener's presentation of Saint Hildegard of Bingen. St. Beingen, declared a Doctor by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012, was a scientist, composer, theologian, visionary, and physician.



Sts. Hildegard of Bingen, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, and St. Therese of Lisieux (Wikimedia Commons Images)

Our next event is the Women's Retreat scheduled for May 16; please save the date. If you have any questions, please call me: Lucina Myers, 2025-2026 Guild President, at 559/824-9160.

Guild members, please remember to wear your name tag to Mass!

### EASTER LILIES

We will have a table set up the weekend of March 21–22 to collect donations for Easter Lilies to adorn the Chapel. Flowers may be donated in memory of a loved one, and their name will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Donations can also be made at the front desk during the coming weeks. Thank you for your generosity!



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Save the Date – Saturday, May 16, 2026

## How are we to live our Catholic faith in a synodal Church?

The Women's Guild invites you to a morning of prayer

Sister Carla Kovack, OP will lead us in discerning pathways in the implementation of the Final Document of the Synod. Sister Carla attended the Synodal Assembly in October 2025 in the Vatican with over 2000 delegates from many parts of our universal Church. After sharing her experience of being in Rome, she will lead us in a process of listening to the Holy Spirit as we journey into the future of being Church.



Pope Leo says that synodality "is not a campaign. It's a way of being and a way of being Church. It's a way of promoting an attitude, which begins with learning to listen to one another."

The pope recalled the value of listening, "beginning with listening to the Word of God, listening to one another, listening to the wisdom we find in men and in women, in members of the Church, and those who are searching who might not yet be members of the Church."

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If you have questions, or to save your spot, call Lucina Myers, Guild President, 559/824-9160.

### DID YOU KNOW



The bishops of the United States are critically-concerned about current statements vilifying immigrants and actions targeting them in churches, hospitals, and schools. They insist that we respect the God-given dignity of all people:

"Catholic teaching recognizes that nations have a right to control their borders and to enforce valid laws. At the same time, the Christian faith teaches that **every human person is created in the image of God and has inherent dignity**. The U.S. bishops have been united in their support for the rights of immigrants and for every person to be treated with the respect their God-given dignity demands, regardless of immigration status. In a special pastoral message on November 12, the U.S. bishops criticized the **vilification of immigrants** and threats against the sanctity of **houses of worship** and the special nature of **hospitals** and **schools** in the course of immigration enforcement."

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) February 17, 2026 Annual Report on the State of Religious Liberty in the United States, page 52 (emphasis added)

See the full report at: [https://](https://www.usccb.org/resources/Annual_Report_Religious_Liberty_2026.pdf)

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## CONFESSION CANCELLED 3/26

Confessions are cancelled for Thursday March 26th.  
Everyone is welcome to join us for our penance service  
on Tuesday March 24th.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



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## Burrito Breakfast

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# PRAYERS

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

Neha, Nikita	Stephen McFarland
David Chavarria	Andy
Jacklyn Hernandez	Elsbeth
Elisa Weldon	

♥ 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.

## MARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

2025		2026	
<b>March 2</b>	\$13,575.90	<b>March 1</b>	\$20,039.86
<b>March 9</b>	\$24,938.74	<b>March 8</b>	\$19,437.12
<b>March 16</b>	\$16,715.96	<b>March 15</b>	\$12,957.27
<b>March 23</b>	\$12,954.51	<b>March 22</b>	
<b>March 30</b>	\$14,525.90	<b>March 29</b>	
<b>MARCH 2025 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$82,711.01</b>	<b>MARCH 2026 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,434.25</b>

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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

MARCH 22 — MARCH 29, 2026

SUNDAY, MARCH 22		5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
<i>Knights Burrito Breakfast</i>		
7:30am	Mass for Matthew Aiello	Chapel
9:30am	CLOW	Community Room
9:30am	Mass for Joseph Britt	Chapel
10:45am	1st Year HS Confirmation	CNH 101-102
11:30am	Mass for Tom Kane	Chapel
11:30am	OCIA Catechumenate	Classroom 3
12:30pm	2nd Year HS Confirmation	CNH 101-102
6:30pm	OCIA Pre-Catechumenate	Classroom 3
7:00pm	Mass for John Dooley	Chapel
8:00pm	Adoration	Chapel

MONDAY, MARCH 23		
8:00am	Mass for Tony Niehoff	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
9:00am	Lenten Reflections	Cafeteria
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Student Lounge

TUESDAY, MARCH 24		
8:00am	Mass for David & Dean Hooker	Chapel
12:00pm	Familiastery	Classrooms
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	CNH
6:00pm	Lenten Penance Service	Chapel

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25		
8:00am	Mass for Ana DuBon	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	Community Room
11:00am	CWPI Presentation	
11:30am	Book Study	Library
6:00pm	Wednesday Student Dinner	CNH
6:00pm	Prayer Life Workshop	Library
6:00pm	Marian Movement of Priests	Cafeteria
6:30pm	Bible Study	Classrooms

THURSDAY, MARCH 26		
8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
6:00pm	Special Intention for Debra Morris	Chapel
6:00pm	Bible Study	Community Room
6:00pm	Pastoral Council	Classroom 3
6:00pm	Young Adult Confirmation	CNH 103
6:30pm	Tacos & Theology	Student Lounge

FRIDAY, MARCH 27		
8:00am	Mass for Mark Baldis	Chapel
5:30pm	Fish Fry	CNH
5:30pm	Food Recovery	Cafeteria
6:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Chapel

SATURDAY, MARCH 28		
<i>Catholic Charities Truck</i>		
<i>Special Collection: Bishop's Annual Appeal</i>		
3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for R. Elliot Stambaugh	Chapel

SUNDAY, MARCH 29		PALM SUNDAY
<i>Catholic Charities Truck</i>		
<i>Special Collection: Bishop's Annual Appeal</i>		
7:30am	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel
9:30am	CLOW	Community Room
9:30am	Mass for Min Maul	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Diane Kessler	Chapel
11:30am	OCIA Catechumenate	Classroom 3
2:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for deceased members of Aiello family	Chapel

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