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Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 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 26th for dinner at 6 pm in the Cardinal Newman Hall. After dinner, we will have a scavenger hunt around the Newman Center campus.



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 24th at 6:00pm in the Student Lounge. 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

A sunny reminder for those who took home sun-rays from our "Be the Light" project to benefit FIRM refugee families: first, thank you all for participating in this important mission! Your generous response has been inspiring! Secondly, please return the requested food items or gift cards to church by March 28th. These items will directly relieve food insecurity among our brothers and sisters who are new to the Fresno area. If any of our parish family feel called to join Newman Center's Community Engagement and Action Committee (CEAC) to work on more social justice projects like this, please watch the bulletin for meeting times or contact Jim Grant (jimgrantbc@gmail.com) to learn more. All are invited to participate in this vibrant committee as we work on important social issues!

JOURNEY TO THE WATERS OF HOPE - FROM THE LITURGY COMMITTEE

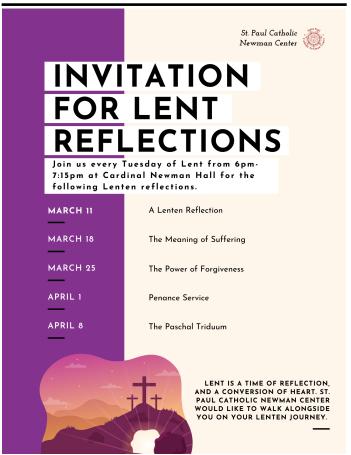
This Sunday's readings are a bit different, as we have the first of three Scrutinies for the Elect. This weekend the Scrutiny will take place at the 7:30 am Mass.

The Scrutinies are a time for the elect to reflect on Scripture and their upcoming Baptism. It is a time of introspection and "Scrutinizing" their readiness for the living waters. They give us, as well, a chance to reflect on our own Baptism and relationship with God as we await the Easter Celebrations.

The Samaritan woman at the well has no hope. She starts off heading to the fountain to draw water and encounters Jesus. He engages her in conversation and her first responses are incredulous; she can't believe this man who is a Jew is addressing her, a Samaritan woman, when her own community ignores her for the life she has been living. This man sees her, hears her, and acknowledges her.

In our lives, we have days when we feel lost, ignored, or even judged for the lives we lead. But we always need to keep in our hearts the knowledge that our God sees us, hears us, and loves us. In our darkest days and most sinful states, we maintain the hope in our God who is with us always.

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK: How has God shown you that you are seen, heard, and loved, no matter what human state you find yourself?



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 25 at 6 PM in Cardinal Newman Hall, the CWPI team is excited to announce Charity Tokash as our presenter on Caring for the Caregiver. Ms. Tokash has served as the Education Development Coordinator at Valley Caregiver Resource Center. This is our final presentation this spring; we cordially extend an invitation to all Newman parishioners.

RUN TO THE EMPTY TOMB

We are looking for a volunteer to plan and lead this year's Run to the Empty Tomb on Easter Sunday. If interested, please email: katie.fleener@fresnonewmancenter.org.

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.

Garden of Innocence of Fresno County

Providing Dignified Burials for Abandoned Children

Our non-profit organization's mission is to bring the local community together to ensure that no child leaves this earth without someone who cares.

Join us on April 5, 2025 @ 10:00 am to welcome five new babies to the garden.

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COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are excited to bring back our Stations of the Cross led by kids, tweens, and teens on Good Friday, April 18 at 2 pm. All are welcome to participate as we act out the Passion of our Lord in costume while praying the Stations! All kids, tweens, and teens third grade and up are invited to participate and we welcome the community to come pray with us! Please contact joyoflovemoms@gmail.com with any questions or to sign up.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

24 Hours for the Lord is a worldwide initiative begun in 2014 by the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelization, where parishes are encouraged to offer extended periods of Eucharistic Adoration before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, as well as the Sacrament of Confession, to help people experience more fully the joy of the 4th Sunday of Lent, and to encourage repentance in preparation for Easter. This year the Newman Center will participate by having 24 hours of Adoration between Friday, March 28 at 4:30pm through Saturday, March 29 at 4:30pm in Cardinal Newman Hall rooms 103 & 104. If you would like to volunteer please email beto.vasquez@fresnonewmancenter.org for more information!

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 this weekend if you would like to donate.

NO CONFESSIONS

No Confessions on April 3rd or April 10th but we will be holding a penance service on April 1st.

PRAYERS

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

Dave/Andria & Family
Peggy Grant
Jackie Gutierrez
Erin O'Hare Obwald
Rodolfo (Rudy) Ruiz
John Wilson
Ann Marie

Steven Jaquez
Julia Jaquez
Barbara Meisch
Mike O'Hare
Sarah Peterson
Mary Peterson
Jose Gonzalez Gomez

▶ 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	\$22,991.22	March 2	\$ 13,575.90		
March 10	\$25,356.09	March 9	\$ 24,938.74		
March 17	\$15,870.55	March 16	\$ 16,715.96		
March 24	\$16,489.64	March 23			
March 31	\$21,521.74	March 30			
MARCH 2024 TOTAL	\$102,229.24	MARCH 2025 TOTAL	\$ 55,230.60		

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are excited to launch registration for our 2025 Vacation Bible School, True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World, which will take place from June 16-20, 2025 from 9 am - noon. This is a fun faith-filled week with crafts, games, bible stories, themed snacks, songs, and community. All are welcome to join. Please register your children from preschool through 5th grade to participate! The cost is \$50/child with a family maximum of \$120 and scholarships are available if needed. Tweens/teens going into 6th grade and up are encouraged to volunteer as crew leaders. We are forming a Youth Leadership Team of high schoolers to run the opening and closing presentations and help coordinate and inspire the younger crew leaders. We invite adults to volunteer as well and are looking for more help in the preschool. Participants and volunteers need to sign up at https:// vbspro.events/p/1897b9 and complete two Diocesan forms that can be picked up at the front desk. Please reach out to joyoflovemoms@gmail.com with questions. We hope to see you there!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

March 23 — March 30, 2025

	, MARCH 23	3RD SUNDAY	OF LENT
	Collection: Bishop's Annual A	Appeal	
7:00am	Mass for Tommy Garcia		Chapel
9:30am	OCIA Catechumenate		Library
9:30am	CLOW	Commu	nity Room
9:30am	Mass for Needs & Intention		
	Mass for Kevin McKiernan		CNH
5:30pm	OCIA P&E		Library
7:00pm	Mass for Marianne Angelille	n	Chapel
8:00pm	Adoration	J	Chapel
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	/, MARCH 24		
8:00am	Mass for Sheila Lee Rota		Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture St	tudy	Library
	Lenten Small Groups		Cafeteria
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Stude	nt Lounge
6:00pm	Healing Mass		Chapel
TUESDA	Y, MARCH 25		
8:00am		atricia Boatner	Chapel
6:00pm	Claretian Youth		John XXIII
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	•	CNH
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	SDAY, MARCH 26		
7:40am	Divine Office (Morning Pray	yer)	Chapel
8:00am	Mass for Maria Torres		Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priest	S	Library
12:00pm	Book Study		Library
6:00pm		CNI	H 101-103
6:00pm	Prayer & Life Workshop		Library
6:00pm	Marian Movement of Priest	s Cenacle	Chapel
6:30pm	OCIA Inquiry	Commu	nity Room
THURSD	AY, MARCH 27		
8:00am	Communion Service		Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions		Chapel
	Bible Study	Commu	
6:00pm			nity Room
6:00pm	Lenten Small Group	Cla	assroom 2
6:00pm	Mass for Marianne Coons	0	Chapel
6:30pm	Tacos and Theology	St. John XXIII	and Zoom
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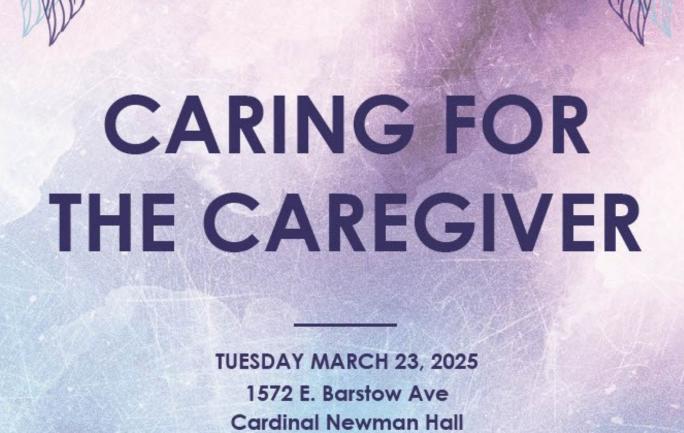
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5:30pm OCIA P&E

11:30am Mass for Edward Donoghue

12:45pm 2nd Year HS Confirmation

7:00pm Mass for Msgr. Milton Holt



6:00 PM

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