

St. Paul
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Newman
Center



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First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 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

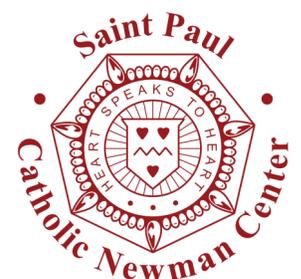
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Mission Statement

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 12th for dinner at 6 pm in the Cardinal Newman Hall. After dinner, we will have After School Program Activities for a fun game night at 7pm.

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. Bring lunch and bring a friend!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Bible Study

Join our Bible Study gathering Monday, March 10th at 6:00pm in the Student Lounge/John 23rd. We will participate in house meetings facilitated by our Let Us Dream IAF ministry. Come and share your daily experiences with other community members.

Trivia Night

Good Trivia & Good Times! Join us on March 12th for trivia at Tioga Sequoia Brewing Co. Trivia begins at 7pm. All knowledge is welcome.

Jubilee 2025

Join us this Lent season for our 3rd annual

FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

Fridays 5:30pm - 8 pm

AT THE CARDINAL NEWMAN HALL

FISH AND SHRIMP TACOS,
QUESADILLAS, NACHOS AND
CHEESE AND MORE!!!!

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Jubilee young adults

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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 bring any grocery gift card or cash donations to the front desk. We look forward to working with you to help our brothers and sisters in need!

LET'S LOOK FOR JESUS, NOT LOOPHOLES

Today, Jesus is struggling to live in Fresno, and He seeks our help.

In the last century, Jesus suffered His Passion in the slums of India. It was there that St. Teresa of Calcutta found Him in the "distressing disguise" of rejected and abandoned men and women, homeless, sick, and dying on the streets. When she found Him there, over and over and over, she and her religious and lay helpers sheltered Him, fed Him, tended Him, and kept Him company in His final moments. Jesus Himself told them, as He tells us, to look for Him that way, everywhere, and meet His needs. Jesus did not set any limits on this. Today, His followers look for Him all the time, everywhere, and don't stop to ask if, in His "distressing disguise", He is good enough, works hard enough, has the proper documents, or can profit them. Jesus Himself never refuses any of us who seek Him, no matter what mess we're in.

Right now, in Fresno and echoing across the world, Jesus—in our brothers and sisters of all ages—is rejected, abandoned, persecuted, hungry, unhoused, searching for work, lacking documentation, and facing deportation and dire cuts to His aid that make great pain inevitable, and death likely. So, His followers work, educate and advocate to help meet His needs.

For some, this may feel uncomfortable and possibly make them unpopular. Our natural human response to being compelled out of our comfort zone is to look for loopholes. Surely, Jesus isn't undocumented? Surely, He can earn His own way and not ask the assistance of others? "And, who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29) we ask Him, and He tells us again that our neighbor is the one we may find most offensive. Though we do also need to advocate for long term solutions, we first need to meet the immediate needs of those in vulnerable circumstances. Everyone deserves to have their basic needs met humanely because Everyone has dignity. That dignity comes from God, and cannot be taken away.

Here at St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, we have formed the Community Engagement and Action Committee, CEAC, to channel our community's resources to see Jesus in the faces of those in our community. This week, we ask you to serve Him with us by contributing to our campaign to provide necessary items for refugees. Please see inside the bulletin for more information.

In 1997, Mother Teresa went on to the reward Jesus promised those who care for Him. Now, your new CEAC invites you to look for Jesus and not for a loophole. Let's show Jesus the compassion He has shared with us all.

—Kristen N. Johnson of the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center Community Engagement and Action Committee, CEAC.

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

The Lenten season is a time for reflection, prayer, and discernment. This year, we have the added focus of the Jubilee Year, the year of hope, as such our parish Lenten theme is "Journey of Hope."

We embark on this Journey of Hope as a community of faith, knowing, as our Holy Father Pope Francis declares, that the Lenten season is "anchored in God's promise of salvation and eternal life fulfilled in Jesus' Resurrection, the victory over sin and death." Each week of Lent we will reflect on a different aspect of Hope, as shared in the Scripture readings of our liturgy.

In the first reading from Ash Wednesday, we are asked to "return to God", to repent in our hearts. No matter where we have been or what we have done, we know that we are always welcome to turn to our God, who will respond to us with love and mercy. As we begin the Lenten season, we find hope that our kind and merciful God is waiting for us to return to Him, with arms open to receive us.

In what ways can you prepare for Lent, for repentance in your heart? What steps will you take during Lent to pray, fast, and do good works?

LENTEN REFLECTION SMALL GROUPS

Looking to grow in faith, build community, and enrich your Lenten Season? We are excited to offer opportunities for parishioners to meet weekly for a Lenten Reflection! We currently have 3 groups you will be available to join.

1. Monday morning at 9am in the Cafeteria
2. Thursday at 6pm in the Classroom 2
3. Wednesday at 6PM at a local residence

If you are interested in participating or you want more information please contact alberto.navarro@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.



INVITATION FOR LENT REFLECTIONS

Join us every Tuesday of Lent from 6pm-7:15pm at Cardinal Newman Hall for the following Lenten reflections.

MARCH 11	A Lenten Reflection
MARCH 18	The Meaning of Suffering
MARCH 25	The Power of Forgiveness
APRIL 1	Penance Service
APRIL 8	The Paschal Triduum



LENT IS A TIME OF REFLECTION, AND A CONVERSION OF HEART. ST. PAUL CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER WOULD LIKE TO WALK ALONGSIDE YOU ON YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY.

Lenten Schedule

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

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

Reconciliation Service: April 1 at 6:00PM

Daily Video Reflection: 9:00AM on social media

Palm Sunday: Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Good Friday: 2:00PM Stations of the Cross
3:00PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil: 8:00PM Mass (no confessions)

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



LET US DREAM HOUSE MEETINGS

Give an hour this Lent to build Newman parish community! Our parish will be holding House Meetings this weekend after the 5 pm and 7:30 am Masses. We will also hold them on Mar 16 after the 9:30, and 11:30 Mass and at 5:30 before the 7 pm Mass. Our House Meetings are small group conversations to share stories that can help us better understand each other's personal experiences and strengthen our parish and our community. Our House Meetings provide a space for sharing personal stories in order to gain a clearer understanding of who our fellow parishioners are and to hear what is going on in their lives. If you have questions, please contact Dan Nickerson at danandada1982@yahoo.com.

CWPI PRESENTATION SERIES

In keeping with the Caring for the Whole Person Initiative at St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, we are extending an invitation for a Series of End-of-Life Topics.

March 11 at 6 PM in Cardinal Newman Hall. Carrie Jameson ANP-BC, ACHPN, certified in adult primary care and hospice and palliative will give an in-depth presentation with discussion on Advanced Care Directives. Ms. Jameson has extensive experience working with patients and families on end-of-life issues. Her presentation will focus on planning future healthcare needs that align with our values with the intent to bring an understanding of our choices and where those choices can lead.

Future dates are:

March 18 topic: Catholic Teachings on end-of-life

March 23 topic: Caring for the Caregiver

MEN'S SATURDAY BREAKFAST GROUP

Men are invited to gather once a month together starting Saturday, March 1st from 7:30-9:00am in the Cafeteria. John Prandini, MA, will offer an insightful and reflective program to launch us into Lent. We are men looking to enhance our spirituality and relationship with Christ Jesus and form friendship bonds with other men. Please join us and bring a friend.

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!

PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Your Pastoral Council is excited to share that we now have groups that are working on information gathering and strategic planning in the areas of: Parish Community Building, Faith Formation, and Welcoming/Fellowship. These were the top priorities identified last year by our parishioners.

We will be working to gather more input from you, our Newman Faith Community, and we will also be working with you to set plans in motion to continue to meet our parish mission and support our parishioners in their faith journeys.

We meet monthly, and our next meeting is Wed, Mar 19 at 6:45 pm. If you have questions, suggestions, or would like to be a part of this strategic planning, please contact us at: newmanpastoralcouncil@gmail.com

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 frubi@csufnewman.com or father.rubi@fresnewmancenter.org. Any other email address for Fr. Rubi should be considered suspicious. Thank you for your understanding.

TACO SALAD FUNDRAISER THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped support our Taco Salad fundraiser through your purchases of taco salads, financial and supply contributions and by your prayers! We had a successful event. The proceeds helped us finance our trip to the LA Congress Youth Day in Anaheim and our Youth Retreat at Wonder Valley Ranch. We are indeed blessed by such a generous parish community!



OCIA NAME CHANGE

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) was changed to the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) in 2021 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The change was made to more closely align the English translation with the original Latin. The name change also emphasizes the ongoing nature of the Catholic faith formation process and better reflects that an “order” is a collection of all the “rites” involved in the process.

While the name may be different, it is still the same wonderful program here at the Newman Center.

RICE BOWLS

On behalf of Catholic Relief Services, which ministers to millions of persons in over 100 countries, I invite you to pick up a cardboard RICE BOWL box located in the foyer of the Church.

During meals this Lent, please pray for those who most need our help, and put in the RICE BOWL whatever you can. We'll collect the boxes right after Easter (April 20) and then send the proceeds to CRS headquarters which will then send our Fresno Diocesan Catholic Charities 25% back for our local needs.

Just go to CRS.ORG to learn so much more about Rice Bowl and the global work of Catholic Relief Services.

Thank you,
Jim Grant



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 non-perishable 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.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center Community Garden and Meditation Area Update

1. Thank you to everyone who has supported our parish community garden by your prayerful, physical and financial support!
2. Thanks to this community effort, we have constructed 74 raised beds, positioned them, filled them with rich soil, and hooked them all up with a timer and drip line.
3. Now these garden plots need gardeners! We'd like at least 10 or hopefully 15 parishioners to join the other 60 gardeners who will contact Dr. Jesus Muro Larralde at jesuslm@csufresno.edu so that they can complete the application for their plot. We are counting on supporters of the Community Garden and all our ministries here at the Newman Center to help us recruit gardeners from our parish.
4. We need to raise approximately \$4,000 through the generosity of our parishioners for several projects for us to open the Community Garden and Meditation Area Ministry for our gardeners. If you're able to help us in this regard, know that contributions intended specifically for the Community Garden are restricted donations and will be used exclusively for that ministry.
5. If you have any questions about our Community Garden and how to support it as it is about to start its part time operation as soon as the end of March, please contact dr. Dan Griffin (danielg@mail.fresnostate.edu), Jim Nelson (jamesnelson1955@gmail.com), or Jim Grant (jimgrantbc@gmail.com)



As we journey through Lent, we are called to walk with Christ on His path to the cross—a journey marked by suffering, sacrifice, and sorrow, but also by renewal, love, and the triumph of hope.

At Catholic Charities, we witness the struggles of those carrying heavy burdens—families facing hunger, individuals on the brink of homelessness, and those struggling to keep the lights on. Yet, through your compassion, we also see glimpses of the hope Christ promises. In the darkest moments, your generosity shines as His light, bringing comfort and care to those who often feel forgotten.

Lent is a time of reflection, sacrifice, and almsgiving. As we prepare our hearts for Easter, we invite you to join us in carrying the cross for those in need. Your Lenten offering can transform hardship into hope, ensuring our brothers and sisters feel the love and dignity Christ calls us to share.

Make a meaningful sacrifice this Lent.
Visit ccdof.org/donate to offer hope today.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MARCH 9 — MARCH 16, 2025

PRAYERS

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

Benita Lankford	Dave/Andria & Family
Linda Lascano	Peggy Grant
Margaret Lawson	Jackie Gutierrez
Michael W	Erin O'Hare Obwald
Joseph Britt	Tatiana Tarazona

♥ 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

2024		2025	
March 3	\$22,991.22	March 2	\$13,575.90
March 10	\$25,356.09	March 9	
March 17	\$15,870.55	March 16	
March 24	\$16,489.64	March 23	
March 31	\$21,521.74	March 30	
FEBRUARY 2024 TOTAL	\$102,229.24	FEBRUARY 2025 TOTAL	\$13,575.90

WEEKLY BULLETIN EMAIL



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!

Bulletin and Parish Media Submission

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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Special Collection: Home Missions

7:30am	Mass for Carmen Eanni	Chapel
8:30am	Let Us Dream House Meetings	Cafeteria
9:30am	OCIA P&E	Classroom 2
9:30am	OCIA Catechumenate	Library
9:30am	CLOW	Community Room
9:30am	Mass for Michael Kirsch	Chapel
11:00am	1st Year HS Confirmation	CNH
11:30am	Mass for Pilar Estigoy	Chapel
12:45pm	2nd Year HS Confirmation	CNH
2:00pm	Filipino Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Michael Gerking	Chapel

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

MONDAY, MARCH 10

8:00am	Mass for Mike Strid	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
9:00am	Lenten Small Groups	Cafeteria
6:00pm	Let Us Dream House Meetings	Student Lounge
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Student Lounge

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

8:00am	Mass for Vasquez Family	Chapel
5:00pm	Youth Choir Practice	Chapel
6:00pm	Claretian Youth	John XXIII
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	CNH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

7:40am	Divine Office (Morning Prayer)	Chapel
8:00am	Mass for Tom McFerson	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	Library
12:00pm	Book Study	Library
6:00pm	College Night	CNH 101-103
6:00pm	Prayer & Life Workshop	Library
6:00pm	Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle	Chapel
6:30pm	OCIA Inquiry	Community Room
7:00pm	Knights of Columbus	CNH 104

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Women's Guild	Cafeteria
6:00pm	Bible Study	Community Room
6:00pm	2nd OCIA Catechumenate	Library
6:00pm	Lenten Small Group	Classroom 2
6:00pm	Mass for Eugene Wunderlin	Chapel

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

7:40am	Divine Office (Morning Prayer)	Chapel
8:00am	Special Intention of Palmer Nicholson	Chapel
10:00am	Familiastery	Classroom 2-4
5:30pm	Fish Fry	CNH
5:30pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria
6:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Chapel

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Gene and Wanda Raineri	Chapel

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

7:00am	Mass for Jack & Naomi Patrick	Chapel
9:30am	OCIA P&E	Classroom 2
9:30am	OCIA Catechumenate	Library
9:30am	CLOW	Community Room
9:30am	Mass for Shirley Jesse	Chapel
10:30am	Let Us Dream House Meetings	CNH 103
11:00am	1st Year HS Confirmation	CNH
11:30am	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	CNH
12:30pm	Let Us Dream House Meetings	CNH 103
12:45pm	2nd Year HS Confirmation	CNH
5:30pm	Let Us Dream House Meetings	Cafeteria
7:00pm	Mass for Gail Noeth	Chapel

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