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# 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025



Campus Ministry Leadership met for orientation to prep for the new school year.

# 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

# REGISTER TO BECOME A PARISHIONER

Either Text SPCNC to 84576 or scan the QR code



\*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.



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# **CAMPUS MINISTRY**

# WEDNESDAY COLLEGE NIGHT

Looking for a community to grow in your faith and meet other college students? Join us on Wednesday, **August 27th** for our student dinner. We start with **dinner at 6pm followed by Jeopardy inside Cardinal Newman Hall**. Afterwards, we will have our Student Lounge opened to provide a space for studying or to pick up school materials and free food!





# WEDNESDAY STUDENT DINNER VOLUNTEERS

We kickoff our Wednesday Student Dinners on August 27th. Campus Ministry is looking for volunteers to sign up. You can assist as: kitchen help, providing a main or side dish, and desserts. Please scan the QR Code, stop at the front desk, or email Espie at campus.ministry@fresnonewmancenter.org to sign up.

# Young Adult ministry

## YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join our Bible Study gathering Monday, August 25th 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.

# WOMEN'S GROUP GATHERING

Thank you to Sister
Kathleen for coming out
to talk to our Women's
group about "Who I am
in Christ".



### **NEW MERCH AVAILABLE**



Starting Welcome Weekend we will have St. Paul Catholic Newman Center merch available at the front desk! We will have insulated goblets, travel mugs with handles, and stickers!

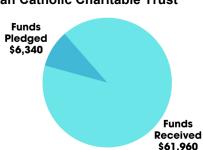


### RECTORY RENOVATIONS

Thank you for your continued support of our rectory renovation project. Our priests have moved into their new home! We will be hosting an open house on October 26 after all Masses! We are still accepting donations to fund ongoing rectory renovation projects as we consider the exterior of the home and landscaping. Donations to our irrevocable trust should be made by check payable to "Roman Catholic Charitable Trust"

and must be accompanied by our St. Paul Catholic **Newman Center Capital Improvement Project Donation** Form available at the

front desk.





Saturday September 6th 6PM-7PM **Sunday September 7th** 

8:30AM-1:30PM & 8PM-9PM





For those Ministries who didn't participate, but would like to this time please contact Alberto at 559-436-3434 Ext. 107 or alberto.navarro@fresnonewmancenter.org

## MASS AND CONFESSION CANCELLATIONS

Due to conflicts with the Fresno State Football games, Confession and Mass will be cancelled on the following

- Saturday August 30, 2025
- Saturday September 13, 2025
- Saturday October 4, 2025
- Saturday October 25, 2025
- Saturday November 15, 2025
- Saturday November 22, 2025

We appreciate your understanding as we err on the side of caution for safety and security of the community.

### **BOOK STUDY**

2025 marks the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nicene Creed that we recite each Sunday at Mass. John Prandini, M.A. is offering a book study on The Creed on Wednesdays. Sept. 10 through Nov. 12, 11:30-1:00 pm in the Library. The book used in the study is The Creed: What

Christians Believe and Why It Matters by Luke Timothy Johnson.

To register please sign up on Flocknote. Please purchase the book in advance and read the Preface and the Introduction for discussion at our first meeting.



# Faith, Family & Friends

**Adult Sessions** 



Ready to deepen your Catholic faith and grow in community?





Join our Adult Sessions of Faith, Family & Friends Starting September 16, 2025 6:00-7:15 PM, Tuesday Evenings Cardinal Newman Hall

These sessions are designed to empowe and equip you to explore the richness of the Catholic faith, nurture your spiritual life, strengthen your family bonds, and foster personal growth. We'll cover a variety of engaging topics to support your journey

To register, visit www.fresnonewmancenter.org or contact alberto.navarro@fresnonewmancenter.org

### **MEMI SISTERS**

To us, they are known as the **MEMI Sisters** (Misioneras Eucaristicas de Maria Inmaculada or Eucharistic Missionaries of Mary Immaculate). To farmworkers (campesinos), they are angels on Earth.

Some years back, Bishop Steinbock brought them here from Colima, Mexico, to catechize farmworkers



and their families. Last year, over 120 children received their First Communion and over 80 were confirmed – all because of their commitment to bring the faith to communities usually not known to us. But they do more than that. In servicing the areas of Easton, Caruthers, Raisin City, and the Arboledas, Burrel and Maddox farmworker camps, the MEMI Sisters are often the first ones farmworkers turn to in times of need (when a family member passes away, when someone needs to be taken to the hospital, when someone is about to lose their home because they cannot pay the rent—the list is endless).

Even in the best of times, we know the work of farmworkers is difficult. Yet, it is their hands that plant, nourish and gather the food that is on our tables.

Many of the farmworkers have been out of work for months. Others are afraid to go to work, for fear of deportation. Many of the services they counted on have been shut down or greatly reduced. Now, it is up to us to come to their aid.

Newman Center's Community Engagement and Action Committee, CEAC, is continuing our "Be the Light" project. This time, we would like to bless the MEMI Sisters in their critical work of supporting our neighbors in need who work the farmlands surrounding us. We are asking for donations of pinto beans (8 to 10 lb. bag), white rice (10 lb.), Canola oil (32 to 48 oz.), Maseca [corn flour] (16 to 22 lb.), adult-size work socks and baby diapers. If you are unable to purchase any of these items, gift cards of \$25 would be greatly appreciated from these stores: Walmart, FoodMaxx or Costco (and we would go make the purchases for you). COLLECTION WILL BE FROM AUGUST 29 TO SEPTEMBER 26.

Thank you for joining us in helping the MEMI Sisters continue to be of service to the farmworkers. And in so doing, may we remember "...as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

# **FOOTBALL PARKING PASSES**

Season Passes for Fresno State Football Parking are now on sale. They are good for the 6 home games at Valley Children's Stadium. The price for passes this year is \$270 and you must purchase them in person.

# INTERNATIONAL FOOD & CRAFT FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP

Are you interested in sponsoring the International Food and Craft Festival? We have sponsorship opportunities available that will help our university parish and your business as well!

- \$100 Social media recognition
- \$250 Social media and website recognition
- \$500 Social media, website, and event banner logo recognition

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### ICF TAHOE JOE'S FUNDRAISER

The annual fundraising dinner for the Italian Catholic Federation Branch 250 will be on Thursday, September 18 at Tahoe Joe's at Cedar and Herndon. Diners can attend from 11a.m. to 9 p.m. There are three choices of entrees: 6 oz. steak dinner, BBQ chicken breast, or Sierra Mountain ribs. There are three choices of salad. Dinner includes Blue Lake green beans and Mountain mashers for \$25.00

The ICF will sell tickets before and after Masses on August 30 and 31 and also at the Ministry Fair on September 6 and 7th. Ask any ICF member or call Rich and Mary Zanarini at 559-251-2306 for tickets.



# MEET OUR NEWEST SERGIO NEGRO SCHOLARS

Our Negro Scholars for the 2025-26 academic year have all been actively involved in the life of our parish community. You may have seen them serve as a lecturer and/or as a Eucharistic Minister, sing in a choir or serve as a cantor. They have assisted with OCIA, vacation bible school and Friday Night dinners. All are preparing for a vocation that will allow them to minister and assist others, each in his or her own way. Each will receive a \$3,000 scholarship from the Sergio P. Negro Scholarship Endowment Fund.



# Desi Salazar

Desi, whose home town is Visalia, sought out and immediately became active in the life of our Newman Center as soon as she enrolled at CSUF as a junior. Based on her involvement and vocational goal, she was selected as a Sergio Negro Scholar for her Senior year. Having now graduated with a B.A. this past spring, she will be pursuing an E.D.S degree in School Psychology with renewed support from the Sergio Negro Scholarship Fund. Desi intends to utilize her knowledge and training in support of children with disabilities and those facing emotional and behavioral challenges within K-12 schools.

# **Grace Meyer**

Grace grew up attending the Newman Center with her active family. She's served as a alter server, attended confirmation and became leader of that program, leading small groups, meetings, and retreats. Most recently, she's been involved with the creation of our Community Garden and a volunteer for our Vacation Bible School. Having already entered the health field as a Registered Nurse, Grace is now pursuing education to become a Family Nurse Practitioner with a foundation in functional medicine. She expressed that her deepest desire is to use her vocation as a ministry – one that brings healing to bodies, souls and communities.





# **Aiden Purtell**

Aiden is the third generation of an extended family that has attended and actively supported our Newman Center since its formation. Like many who've grown up in our parish, Aiden attended VBS as a camper and later, returning to serve as a counselor. While in high school, he attended and became Confirmed here at St. Paul's, a program that he believes has been a huge part of his development as a Catholic. Aiden is entering his senior year at the prestigious Cleveland Institute of Music majoring in Piano Performance. He reminds us that the beauty in music and the arts, renews and replenishes our souls.

# MEET OUR NEWEST SERGIO NEGRO SCHOLARS

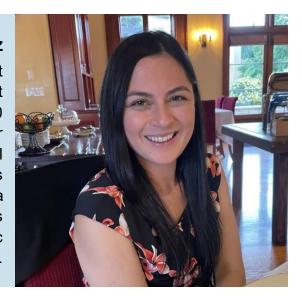


# Leilani Castillo

Upon graduation from Lemore High School, Leilani enrolled at CSUF and quickly found her way to St. Paul Catholic Newman Center. She will now be entering her junior year, majoring in Liberal Studies. Upon obtaining her degree, she intends to help young children grow academically through teaching. Her volunteer work with children in the Fresno County Migrant Program was "highly influential in my choosing to become a teacher". She is currently part of our Campus Ministry Leadership team, had the honor of being confirmed here at Newman, and serves as a Eucharistic Minister, among other activities.

# Jenna Sainz

Jenna shared that being part of the Newman Center is what sparked her passion for social justice. She found fulfillment in helping others, especially those who are in need. A 2010 graduate of UC Davis, having worked at the Newman Center and then becoming a mom, she decided to return to school with goal of earning a Masters in Social Work. Her intent is to become a medical social worker. While her duties as a mom and student have recently usurped her time, Jenna has volunteered as a Stephen Minister, served as a Eucharistic Minister and assisted with Young Adult Ministries.





# **Brianna Vazquez**

Brianna first started attending Newman while in high school and completing confirmation training. After attending UCSB, returning to Fresno and marrying, she and her husband "reconnected" with the Newman Center in 2019. She has been an active team member of the OCIA team for the past four years. Work experience as a teacher's aide has led her to return to school to obtain a Master's of Education in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education. She is passionate about serving the preschool special needs population and helping those with autism or other disabilities succeed.

# **PRAYERS**

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

Peggy Grant Juanita Loera Barbara Meisch Frank Jaquez Dr. Joseph Pascuzzo Lina Gee Denise Klinovsky

### **▼** 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.

### July Contributions 2024 2025 August 4 \$12,658.40 August 3 \$13,389.62 August 11 \$19,404.62 August 10 \$16,218.30 August 18 \$26,480.41 August 17 \$12,271.41 August 25 \$10,827.11 August 24 August 31 **AUGUST 2024** AUGUST 2025 \$69,370.54 \$41,879.33 TOTAL

Next weekend's special collection will be for

# **Campus Ministry**

Thank you for your generosity!

### **BULLETIN INFORMATION**

To submit announcements, articles, or flyers for the bulletin, website, or social media please 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 publication.



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

August 24 — August 31, 2025			
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
7:30am 9:30am 9:30am 11:30am 11:30am 12:30pm	Weekend Mass for Linda Lopez CLOW Mass for Kathryn Ellen McKierna Mass for Tessie Leyva OCIA Catechumenate Welcome BBQ Mass for Marilyn Goodall Welcome BBQ Adoration	Chapel Community Room n Chapel Chapel Community Room Hall Courtyard Chapel Hall Courtyard Chapel	
MONDAY, AUGUST 25			
7:40am 8:00am 8:30am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Liturgy of the Hours Special Intention of Josh & Jeffer Men's Morning Scripture Study Young Adult Bible Study OCIA Inquiry	Chapel rson Cruzat Chapel Library Student Lounge Community Room	
TUESDA 7:40am 8:00am	Y, AUGUST 26 Liturgy of the Hours Special Intention of Julieta, Carlo Gabby Martinez	Chapel s & Chapel	
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27			
7:40am 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	Liturgy of the Hours Special Intention of Ben Nicholso Marian Movement of Priests Wednesday Student Dinner Prayer Life Workshop Marian Movement of Priests Bible Study CLIF	Chapel on Chapel Community Room CNH Library Chapel Classrooms Cafeteria	
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28			
7:40am 8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm	Liturgy of the Hours Communion Service Confessions Book Study Young Adult Confirmation Mass Tacos & Theology	Chapel Chapel Chapel Community Room CNH 103 Chapel Student Lounge	
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29			
7:40am 8:00am	Liturgy of the Hours Mass for Epifania Mapute & Nicanora Gutierrez	Chapel Chapel	
5:30pm	Food Recovery	Cafeteria	

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 30**

7:00pm Mass

No Confessions or Mass due to Fresno State football game

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Special Collection: Campus Ministry				
	Mass for Needs & Intentions	s of Parishioners Chapel		
9:30am	CLOW	Community Room		
9:30am	Mass for Fr. Raul Sanchez,	Carlos Chapel		
	Sanchez, and Jose Guadali	ipe Sanchez		
11:30am	Mass for Mark de Castro	Chapel		
11:30am	OCIA Catechumenate	Community Room		
2:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel		

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