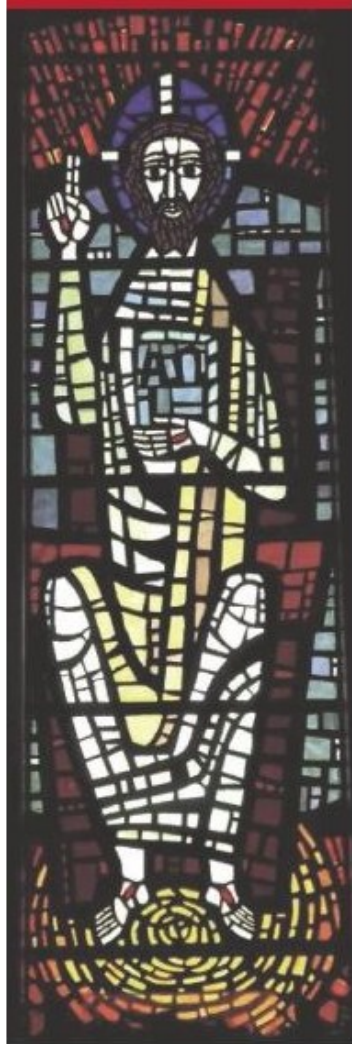


St. Paul Catholic Newman Center



1572 East Barstow Avenue
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23rd Sunday Ordinary Time September 6, 2026



OCIA Rite of Entrance on August 30th

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

Thursday: 6:30PM—7:30PM

First Fridays: 8:30AM—11:00AM

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 STUDENT NIGHT

Join us for our free dinner followed by an activity on September 9th. This week is a Rosary Walk for you to participate in. We meet inside the Newman Hall beginning at 6 p.m. for dinner. Afterwards, we will have our Student Lounge open to provide a space for studying or to pick up school materials!

FRESNO STATE GATHERINGS

THURSDAY: Join us September 10th from 12pm – 1pm in RSU 216 where we will learn about the life of Saint Peter Claver. Feel free to bring your lunch and a friend!



Scan to join our Fresno State GroupMe

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will not be meeting this week in observance of Labor Day. See you next Monday, September 14th at 6pm.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Good Trivia & Good Times! Join us on September 9th for trivia at Tioga Sequoia Brewing Co. in downtown. Trivia begins at 7pm. All knowledge is welcome and needed!



Founders Day!
Celebrating
Sergio P. Negro
Sunday, September 13th

Father Sergio P. Negro, our founding pastor, had a tremendous impact and influence on our Newman Center's growth and development. When established, the Center's main purpose was to serve students of Fresno State along with the faculty and staff of the college who chose to associate with it. However, Father Negro always envisioned the Center as "having a responsibility to serve the entire Catholic community as well as the entire human community."

An early question for the Newman Community was whether to be a collegiate parish, a traditional territorial parish, or an "experimental" open parish – a mix of collegiate and traditional, but without a defined territory. Father Negro left it to the people to decide and they chose the latter option, which received diocesan approval.

We continue as a parish without borders, open to all families, but with a special emphasis on serving the students, faculty and staff of the area's universities and community colleges. As parishioners, each of us has made a conscious choice to attend St. Paul' Catholic Newman Center, based on what our church has to offer to us, and in turn, what we can offer to the community we serve.

Father Negro believed that the Newman Community had a special place in Fresno. He wrote: "I feel very strongly that there is a need for such an option in these days of turmoil, uncertainty and confusion. By its very nature and way it operates, we continue to meet the needs of many which could not have found satisfaction elsewhere." Today the needs may be different, but our mission of service hasn't changed.

"We celebrate that we are an open and progressive parish; a personal parish for the college community and for those who freely choose to associate themselves with the Newman Apostolate and support its programs."

Join us in celebration on September 13^h as we remember and give thanks for Father Negro's enduring gift to the entire Newman Community, past and present!

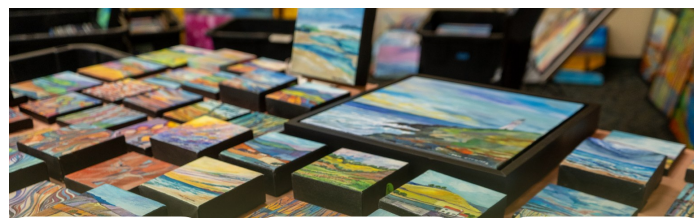


INTERNATIONAL FOOD & CRAFT FESTIVAL

 **OCTOBER 25, 2026**
8:30AM - 3PM

 **ST. PAUL CATHOLIC
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*Contact the parish
office at
559-436-3434 for
any questions!*

INTERNATIONAL FOOD & CRAFT FESTIVAL

We are looking for craft people to sell their wares at the Newman Center International Food & Craft Festival!

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 25
1572 E BARSTOW AVE FRESNO, CA 93710



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO GET AN APPLICATION CONTACT
MARY HILL AT MARYSHILL52@GMAIL.COM OR 559-304-8439



SHARE YOUR FAMILY'S FAVORITE DESSERT!

Women's Guild is inviting the parish to take part in their bake sale happening at the International Food and Craft Festival!

Donation Drop Off
October 24, 2026 from 8am-12pm.

International Food & Craft Festival
October 25, 2026 from 8:30am-3pm.

Suggested Items
Cookies, brownies, cakes, pies, bars, breads, etc.

Donated baked goods can be dropped off at the courtyard near the Hall on the 24th. Please label them if they are gluten free or contain nuts. Women's Guild will price the goods to sell on the 25th.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD & CRAFT FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP

Are you interested in sponsoring the International Food and Craft Festival? Not only will your donation benefit our university parish, college students, and families, but the local community as well. We hope that you will consider sponsoring our event at any amount.

- \$250 - \$499: Social media recognition
- \$500+: Social media and website recognition

Please contact allyson.fansett@fresnonewmancenter.org to sponsor our upcoming event.

For general questions regarding the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center International Food and Craft Festival please contact our office at office@fresnonewmancenter.org.

We thank you for your consideration, support, and generosity.





CATHOLIC CHARITIES DONATIONS

As restrictions on acceptable items for donation to Catholic Charities continue to tighten, we will be adjusting our process for drop offs. Items for donation will now be accepted in the following 2 ways:

1. Directly to the Catholic Charities truck available at the Newman Center on published dates throughout the year
2. Drop off directly at Catholic Charities located at 149 N Fulton Street

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center

January 3 & 4
January 31 & February 1
February 28 March 1
March 28 & 29
April (No Truck)
May 2 & 3
June 6 & 7
July (No Truck)
August 1 & 2
September 19 & 20
October 17 & 18
November (No Truck)
December 5 & 6

The Catholic Charities donation bins located outside of the office in the Chapel Courtyard are no longer available.

PARISH UPDATE

Congratulations to Edgar and Amanda Guzman!

We are excited to announce that Most Reverend Joseph V. Brennan, D.D. has invited Edgar and Amanda Guzman to enter the Permanent Diaconate with the Diocese of Fresno. Please pray for this faithful couple as they begin the first Aspirancy year and more intently discern a calling to Ordained Ministry and the Permanent Diaconate.

Congratulations Edgar and Amanda! Our university parish will be praying for and with you.

PARISH UPDATE

Way to Go, Hector!

Our very own Director of Family & Life Ministries, Hector Rodriguez, was recently accepted into a Master of Arts in Theology program at the University of Notre Dame! Funded through a grant from the Lilly Endowment, Hector will be part of a small cohort blessed to receive funding to cover tuition during the length of the program known as New Horizons: Educating and Forming Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders. Please pray for Hector as he begins his first semester of discernment, which includes a pilgrimage to the University of Notre Dame in October. To learn more about the program please visit:

<https://news.nd.edu/news/lilly-endowment-makes-5-million-grant-to-notre-dame-to-strengthen-recruitment-and-discernment-process-for-future-catholic-leaders/>

Caring for the Whole Person
A continuation of the Healthy Aging Series

The Conversation Project

Why Talking Matters about end of life issues

September 16, 2026 at 11AM
St. Paul Catholic Newman Center Cafeteria
1572 E Barstow Ave. Fresno, CA 93710

Presenters: Glenn Carr, MD and Sara Landmann, MSW from Saint Agnes Medical Center Palliative Care Team

RSVP Required
to RSVP, contact Amy Tobin, RN at 559-360-0930

HERE I AM,
Lord

WOMEN'S GUILD
First Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
6:00 PM
ST. PAUL CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

All Women Welcome!

JOIN US in prayer, fellowship, service, and spiritual growth!

Let's grow in faith, friendship, and service together in Christ.

DINNER SERVED BY OUR NEW BOARD

We can't wait to see you!

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION
Help support our college student group!
Please bring new school supplies to the meeting.

PANTRY ITEM COLLECTION
Let's continue to support our parish food pantry.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE \$20 for the year

CASH OR CHECK ACCEPTED

Thank you!

HERE I AM, *Lord*

As women of faith, we answer God's call...
Here I Am, Lord.

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER
Women's Guild

TOGETHER IN PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE, AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

A huge "THANK YOU" TO EVERYONE WHO BOUGHT DINNER TICKETS FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER at Cool Hand Luke's on Sunday, August 30th. We know all you wives and mothers enjoyed not cooking on Sunday and our ICF branch was lucky enough to earn enough money for a 1st year scholarship (\$500.00) and a 2nd year scholarship (\$600.00). Children and grandchildren of ICF members are eligible to apply for scholarships. We will also continue our support to the Newman Center and other local Charities.

We welcome Newman Center parishioners to join our Branch 250 at any time--no age limit--you need not be Italian, but one needs to be Catholic. Our branch will meet on the 2nd Saturday each month in 2027. Lunch/meeting announcements are in the Newman Center's bulletin each month.

Call Betty Massa at 559-298-2315 for more information.

30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

Fr. Paul Keller, CMF

 **MASS OF THANKSGIVING**
Sunday September 13, 2026
11:30 am

 **St. Paul Catholic Newman Center**

 Please join us for a reception in the Church Cafeteria after Mass to celebrate Fr. Paul's 30th priestly anniversary.

Learn more about Fr. Paul's 30 years of service:
claretians.org/frpaul30







FILIPINO MASS

Sunday, September 13, 2026

2:00 PM

Saint Paul Catholic Newman Center
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Fresno, CA 93720
Tel. No. 559-436-3434

Mass President
Father Victor Hernando

Mass Sponsored by
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*"For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I among them."
— Matthew 18:20*

DID YOU KNOW?



The Church celebrates the **Season of Creation** from 1 September-4 October. Pope Leo XIV released a message calling on individuals and society to “contemplate the gift of life and to cherish the earth that sustains it, for they are tangible ways of offering praise to our Creator ... [with] deeper fidelity to God, love of one another and respect for the gift of creation”:

“The prophet Isaiah spoke of a time when nations ‘**shall beat their swords into plowshares**’ (Is 2:4), transforming what destroys life into what sustains it. But today, we too often witness the very opposite, as efforts continue to be directed toward violence and war.

War leaves wounds that extend far beyond the battlefield. It claims lives, **tears families apart** and forces millions to flee their homes, thereby deepening fear, injustice and division (cf. Gaudium et Spes, 77-82). War also leaves behind social and ecological destruction that endures for generations. ... [The environmental degradation of war] **destroys ecosystems**, contaminates essential resources, such as air and water, and undermines food security. This **fuels poverty**, inequality, and new social tensions that can contribute to the emergence of further conflicts.” —Pope Leo XIV’s Message for the 11th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2026 (emphasis added)

Read the Pope’s full message here:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/creation/documents/20260815-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>



CEAC—PANTRY COLLECTION



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), sugar (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). Please take a ray off of the paper suns in the entryway and return the items listed to the “Be the Light” bins by **SEPTEMBER 27**. Alternatively, please place any grocery gift card or cash donations into the box at the reception desk. We look forward to working with you in support of our brothers and sisters whose labor helps provide the food on your table.

OCIA—RITE OF ENTRANCE

Last Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, seven catechumens—people who have not been baptized—and six candidates—people baptized in other Christian denominations—celebrated the Rite of Entrance after completing their precatechumenate.

They will join the seven catechumens and seven candidates already in the catechumenate. We now have 27 people preparing to enter the Catholic Church, including 14 catechumens who will be baptized this coming Easter.

With such a large group, we need more sponsors to accompany them on their journey of faith. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Tucker at OCIA@fresnonewmancenter.org.



THE DIOCESE OF FRESNO’S

LABOR DAY MASS

CELEBRATED BY BISHOP BRENNAN



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 10 AM
ST. JOACHIM’S CHURCH, MADERA

*Please join us in praying for the dignity of labor
and the future of the workforce in the age of AI.*



OFFICE CLOSED 9/7

Our office will be closed on September 7th in honor of Labor Day. We will still have Mass at 8am in the Chapel.

MASS AND CONFESSION CANCELLATION

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

- Saturday September 12, 2026
- Saturday September 26, 2026
- Saturday October 10, 2026
- Saturday October 31, 2026
- Saturday November 21, 2026
- Saturday November 28, 2026

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

FOOTBALL PARKING PASSES

We still have some parking passes available. Stop by the front office to get your season pass before the games start!



A graphic for football parking passes featuring a football field with yard lines and numbers, a goalpost, and a bulldog mascot. The text 'FOOTBALL PARKING PASSES' is prominently displayed in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, a white box contains the text 'Parking Passes on sale now!'. Further down, a list of game dates and opponents is provided. At the bottom, contact information for Cristina is given.

FOOTBALL PARKING PASSES

Parking Passes on sale now!

Passes are good for 6 home games and are \$300.
You must buy the passes in person.
They are sold on a first come first served basis.

SEPTEMBER 12TH | 7:30PM | VS SACRAMENTO STATE
SEPTEMBER 26TH | 7:00PM | VS RICE
OCTOBER 10TH | 7:30PM | VS BOISE STATE
OCTOBER 31ST | TBD | VS OREGON STATE
NOVEMBER 21ST | 4:30PM | VS COLORADO STATE
NOVEMBER 28TH | FLEX GAME

For additional questions please contact Cristina at
cristina.oseguera@fresnonewmancenter.org or 559-436-343 ext 101.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers for this weekend are donated by Cora Abalos in memory of Geny Chan, and by Fatima Mosby in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.



A colorful graphic for the Blessing of the Animals. It features a cartoon illustration of a priest with a halo, a dog, a cat, a rabbit, a turtle, and a fish. The text 'Blessing of the Animals' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, the date and time of the event are listed, along with the location. At the bottom, there is a note about animal safety.

Blessing of the Animals

October 4, 2026
6:00PM

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center
1572 E Barstow Ave
Fresno, CA 93710
On the front lawn.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ANIMALS ARE IN CAGES OR LEASHED.
PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANIMALS INTO THE CHAPEL.

TIPTAP PAY

As part of our vision statement to be a center for innovation, our parish has partnered with a company called TipTap Pay to offer a new way to contribute to our parish offertory. You will be able to make your offertory donation by credit or debit card to support our parish! No more worrying about having cash or writing a check - just tap! This will not be replacing anything but instead offering a new way for people to donate. In order to receive a tax statement at the end of the year please scan the QR code and register your card after your first transaction.

If you have any questions contact the front office at office@fresnonewmancenter.org



PRAYERS

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

Robert Rivera	Debbie Wilson
Eugene	Gennie Luchessi
Chon Mora	Ruby Camacho
Linda Kuber	Scott Yamaguchi
Sarah Peterson	Donna Davis

♥ 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.

AUGUST CONTRIBUTIONS

2025		2026	
August 3	\$13,389.62	August 2	\$15,026.40
August 10	\$16,218.30	August 9	\$17,569.71
August 17	\$12,271.41	August 16	\$16,944.45
August 24	\$15,654.53	August 23	\$12,830.06
August 31	\$11,778.04	August 30	\$11,558.95
AUGUST 2025 TOTAL	\$69,311.90	AUGUST 2026 TOTAL	\$73,929.56

ONLINE GIVING

Scan the QR code to donate online to our Sunday Contributions.

stpaulcatholicnewmanctr.flocknote.co/m/give/24545



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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.



If you would like the bulletin emailed to you every week, please join the Weekly Bulletin group on Flocknote! Thank you!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 6 — SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Special Collection: Domestic Needs

7:30am	Mass for Poor Souls in Purgatory	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Joel Vance	Chapel
9:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Community Room
11:30am	Mass for Chuck Koch	Chapel
12:00pm	OCIA Catechumenate	Classroom 3
7:00pm	Mass for Janice Maher	Chapel

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Office Closed

8:00am	Mass	Chapel
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00am	Mass for Victoria Ashjian	Chapel
10:30am	Bible Study	Classrooms 2 & 3
12:00pm	Familiastery	Classrooms
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	Chapel

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00am	Mass for the Lopez family	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	Community Room
11:30am	Book Study	Library
6:00pm	Wednesday Student Night	CNH
6:00pm	Marian Movement of Priests	Chapel
6:00pm	Prayer Life Workshop	Library
6:00pm	Knights of Columbus	CNH 104
6:30pm	Bible Study	Classroom 2 & 3

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confession	Chapel
6:00pm	Special Intention for Patrick Nicholson	Chapel
6:00pm	Women's Guild	CNH 101
6:30pm	Young Adult Confirmation	CNH 103

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00am	Mass for Gisele Gendron	Chapel
5:30pm	Friday Night Dinner	Cafeteria

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

No Mass or Confessions

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Founder's Day

Special Collection: Sergio Negro Scholarship Fund

7:30am	Mass for Aaron Keyser	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Wesley & Nickie Gonzalez	Chapel
9:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Community Room
10:45am	1st Year HS Confirmation	CNH
11:30am	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel
12:00pm	OCIA Catechumenate	Classroom 3
12:30pm	2nd Year HS Confirmation	CNH
2:00pm	Filipino Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Dennis Jennings	Chapel

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