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Divine Mercy Sunday, Year B

April 11, 2021

Readings: Acts 4: 32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20: 19-31

THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Do you ever have times — at the dinner table or at a gathering of friends — where all seems right with the world? You hold your breath, conscious of the fragility of those moments, fearful that saying something might jinx things. It's a little like rooting for a pitcher cruising into the bottom of the ninth with a no-hitter — that feeling that we are on the verge of perfection. Well, as Christians, we're on that verge, although perfection will not come in this life but the next. And so, as fleeting as these human moments feel, and can actually be, we're reminded in today's psalm: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting ... Let those who fear the Lord say, 'His mercy endures forever."

We are also reminded of God's mercy in today's story of doubting Thomas. For a long time I've focused on the "doubting" part of his name, the fact that he demanded to place his fingers in the nail marks and his hand in Jesus' side. However, when Jesus addresses Thomas, Thomas' response is immediate and unqualified: "My Lord and my God!" Thomas has recognized the divine nature of Jesus; he sees Him not just as the man he has followed, but as God. As Catholics, we may sometimes face questions about how the Church has come to believe and teach certain things. Thomas' ultimate affirmation encourages us to be unwavering in our faith, and to be patient with any of our own and others' questions. That's because Christ will come to meet us where we are. As the Incarnation of God's divine mercy, *Jesus Christ is the one who hears our doubts and insecurities, and He* answers them: "Here I am. Look at me. Touch me. Feel my presence." Thomas wasn't afraid, and we needn't fear either. God's mercy surrounds us. As stated in the second reading from 1 John, "And the victory that conquers the world is our faith." Let us witness to our faith as Thomas did to his.

As we celebrate this Divine Mercy Sunday, and enter the second week of Easter, we are reminded of God's immense love and mercy for us. Let us give thanks for the gift of God's great mercy, and pray for the grace to be as loving and merciful to others.

Peace and Love,

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Deacon John

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 News

College Night

Join us this Wednesday for our Student Night. Visit our webpage or social media bio for the link!

Young Adult Mass

Every Sunday, we host a Young Adult Mass at 7:00pm. This is an opportunity for students, young adults, and young professionals to come together and be among others our age giving thanks to God. Join us before Mass at 6:00pm for confessions or adoration followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

Donations

Thank you to all who have continued to donate snacks, school supplies, and household items. We make all of these items available to students every Sunday evening at our Young Adult Mass. The need is still there to help students save a little money by offering these items for free. If you could donate any of these resources please reach out.

Graduating / Transferring Students

Are you or do you know a student who is graduating or transferring? Let us know! Campus Ministry would like to recognize them at the end of the semester.



Campus Ministry Contacts

Edgar Guzman, Director: edgar@csufnewman.com

Fr. Byron Macias, Chaplain: frbyron@csufnewman.com



Claretian Youth

Thanks to all the youth who attended our first CY (Claretian Youth) Mass and meeting last month!

Our next gathering is on Tuesday, April 20 at 6:00pm in the Cardinal Newman Hall Courtvard!

The theme is: "Jesus Lost and Found"

Registrations are still open! Just

click here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSfWnLJ_q7lPCvOALFeRrEY-GK9UTRZwLgaKaAt02PXjtcq40g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628

You can also email Fr. Byron at frbyron@csufnewman.com.

Help us spread the word!

Claretian Youth Group Parents

On Tuesday, April 20 at 6:00pm, Fr. Byron will gather and preside over the Claretian Youth Group Mass and meeting outside of St. John XXIII in the Cardinal Newman Hall Courtyard. The parents of those High Schoolers are invited to attend our parish's weekly Tuesday Mass at 6:00pm in the Chapel followed at 6:30pm by a Reflection and Discussion session in the Chapel Courtyard led by John Prandini. These sessions will help parents accompany their child on their spiritual journey. The themes discussed will mirror those covered during the Youth Group meetings.

Food Distribution

We have a drive-thru food distribution every Friday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Bags are distributed in our east parking lot to each vehicle. The entrance to the parking lot is at the east side gate and vehicles exit through the south gate. Please make sure to wear a mask.

Faith, Family & Friends

Faith, Family & Friends is our parish religious education and faith formation program for EVERYONE - Single adults, couples, and families!

During this time when we are unable to meet together in large groups, we invite those of you who wish to receive Religious Education & Faith Formation resources for adults and / or children to register.

Adults: Register for our FF&F Adult Religious Education series by emailing John Prandini, Director of Ministries, at prandinij@csufnewman.com with your name, primary email address, and cell phone number. You will then be placed on the list to receive these free resources.

Recommendation: All families with children join the Joy of Love Moms - Family Ministry led by Jakki Pucheu. Joy of Love Moms is sending out weekly emails that provide great ideas and information on fun faith formation activities for children and parenting suggestions to help you reduce stress and improve family communication. You can sign up by sending an email to joyoflovemoms@gmail.com requesting to be put on their email mail list.

For additional information contact Adults: John Prandini, MA at prandinij@csufnewman.com Children: Sr. Kathleen Drilling at skd@csufnewman.com

Family Life Ministry

FF&F Adult Religious Education and Faith Formation Ministry will send adult religious education and faith formation videos and resources to adults wishing to receive them. If you wish to be on the list of recipients, register for our FF&F Adult Religious Education Series by emailing John Prandini

at prandinij@csufnewman.com with your primary email address and cell phone contact number.

You will be placed on the list to receive these free resources. You can also register by texting the message: SPCNC to 84576 and following the prompts you receive.

The Ignatian Spirituality Group has begun a weekly online Ignatian Spirituality Retreat for Everyday Life. Weekly Zoom meetings are held for those wishing to be included. Email John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com for details on how to enroll and participate.

Men's Scripture Study Group

If you'd like to receive weekly emails please send an email to John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com to enroll.

Meditation Opportunities

Christian Meditation If you'd like to receive weekly emails from our Newman Center's Christian Meditation Group, member of the World Community of Christian Meditation, email christianmeditation@csufnewman.com. The group is facilitated by Benita Lankford.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help us with the following positions for the Saturday 5:00pm Mass: a bathroom monitor and ushers. We also need ushers at the Sunday 11:30am Mass. If you are able to help, please contact Jenna at jenna@csufnewman.com.

Mass Reservations

Please check your reservations to make sure that you are not booked for two different Mass times over the weekend. This will help us open up spots at our Masses for those who want to attend. If you need help cancelling your reservation at a Mass that you are no longer planning to attend, please email Jenna at jenna@csufnewman.com.

Weekly Justice Challenge

This Sunday is designated by the Church as Divine Mercy Sunday. Mercy goes beyond justice, not just forgiving someone who has done something wrong, but freeing them from further repercussions and giving them the chance to start over. Mercy is a powerful expression of discipleship. Your challenge this week is to take one of the works of mercy (spiritual or corporal) and literally live it out. At the end of the week, share with your family what you did and how it changed you. Remember, mercy wasn't just the theme of a Jubilee Year!

A Promise of Hope and Healing

Thank you to those who still continue to give donations to our campaign. We have collected \$210,922.70 which is 97.3% of the amount pledged. There is still time to fulfill your commitment.



Electronic giving is the preferred, easy, safe and secure way to give to our parish. To schedule a recurring electronic gift directly from your bank account or credit card, please contact Carol at carol@csufnewman.com.

Please remember to make your payments accordingly. Thank you again for your generous support of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center!

Thank you to all who contributed to our Easter Altar Flowers. The Flowers on the Altar were contributed in Memory or in Honor of:

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 11 Acts 4: 32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20: 19-31

7:30am Mass for Frank Volanti Chapel 9:30am Mass for Rose Barretto **Chapel Courtyard Chapel Courtyard** 11:30am Mass for John Godburn

Monday, April 12 Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

8:00am Mass Int. of Francesca Eidson Chapel 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study Google Meet

Tuesday, April 13 Acts 4: 32-37; Jn 3:7b-15 6:00pm Mass Chapel / Facebook

Wednesday, April 14 Acts 5: 17-26; Jn 3:16-21

8:00am Mass Int. of John Orozco Chapel

Thursday, April 15 Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

5:00pm Confessions Chapel 6:00pm Mass Chapel

Friday, April 16 Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6: 1-15

3:30pm Food Distribution East Parking Lot

6:30pm Young Adult Game Night Zoom

Saturday, April 17 Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

5:00pm Mass Chapel

Sunday, April 18 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-38

7:30am Mass for Nunzio and Alma Tarantino Chapel 9:30am Mass for **Chapel Courtyard** 11:30am Mass for Lai Pham **Chapel Courtyard** **April Contributions**

2020		2021	
April 5 ACH	\$15,899.00	Apr. 4	\$23,578.05
April 12	\$8,977.00	Apr. 11 ACH	
April 19 ACH	\$14,232.00	Apr. 18 ACH	
April 26	\$10,365.00	Apr. 25	
April Total	\$49,473.00	April Total	\$23,578.05

Weekend Masses

Saturday Mass is celebrated indoors at 5:00pm in the Chapel. Sunday Masses are celebrated at 7:30am indoors in the Chapel and at 9:30am and 11:30am outdoors in the Chapel Courtyard. Reservations are required to attend Mass. Reservations can be made online by visiting our website.

Office Closure

Our office is closed due to Covid-19 restrictions. Staff members are working remotely and checking emails and phone messages. If you need to drop anything off at the office, we now have a mailbox by the front door at the main building. We can be reached on our main line at 436-3434 or by email at ncoffice@csufnewman.com.

Prayers:

- For those who died this week: Mao X. Her (mother of Deacon Cheng Her and Deacon Nai Her), Jacob Crouch
- Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:

Fr. Kevin Bray, Paty Bretado, Kristijan, Laura Johnson, Vic Telles, Deacon Mike Avila, Timothy Hacker, Diana Mora, Msgr. Anthony Janelli, Fr. John Schmoll, Daniel Padilla, Anna Trevino, Sandra Barrie, Deacon Joe Parugrug, Mark Lang, Nancy VanGalder, Tom Lucas, Kristal Lowe Limon, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Meghan Vasquez, Jacob Blake, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Rose Derby, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Nancy Martin, Sr. Rosa Maria Branco FHIC

Prayer Requests: Please note that names for the sick / special intentions will remain in the bulletin for one month. If deceased, names are only published the week they died. If you have someone who is in need of prayers please contact the office at 436-3434 or go on our website and fill out the form under the "Prayer Request" tab.

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The RCIA process at the Newman Center is designed to be a safe and welcoming place to personally experience Christ and develop your personal relationship with Jesus in a supportive community. We don't throw a bunch of doctrines and rules at you. Instead we provide a place for you to explore and develop your faith journey with Jesus as a Catholic Christian.

If you are a baptized Catholic, spread the word and consider becoming a sponsor of those seeking Christ.

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The Central Valley blood supply is critically low. Consider donating if you can. The Central California Blood Center needs donors of all blood types. Donations will immediately help community members in need from all walks of life and ease the stressful burden of our front-line health care workers. Online scheduling is simple through their website where you can select an appointment location, date and time that fits your schedule.

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Three Messages for Us

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ► Acts 4:32-35 Life of the first Christians
- ▶ 1 John 5:1-6 Belief in Jesus Christ
- ▶ John 20:19-31 Appearance to the disciples

In all of the stories of Jesus meeting his friends and followers after his resurrection, his message can be boiled down into three short phrases: "Do not be afraid," "Go and tell others the good news" and "Peace be with you." We hear two of them in today's gospel reading.

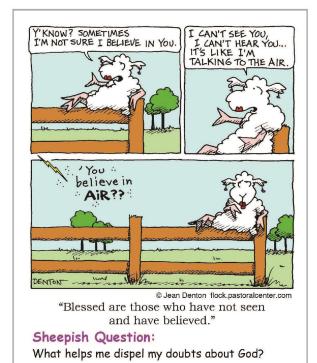
At the beginning of the Gospel, we read that the disciples are still huddled together, fearing for their lives—even though Mary Magdalene has already announced to them that Jesus is alive. They need the reassurance of Jesus' words, "Peace be with you," spoken in his own voice, to believe what they are seeing.

Then, as soon as they believe that he really has been raised from the dead, he sends them out to continue doing his work. They aren't supposed to keep to themselves, and they definitely aren't supposed to stay holed up in fear of what the authorities may do

to them. They have been given the gift of his peace, and now they are to go out and share it with the world.

For those readers who may still struggle with doubts about Jesus' resurrection, we have the story of Doubting Thomas to help us. Apparently for Thomas, hearing someone else's testimony that Jesus had risen from the dead wasn't enough. He needed to see for himself in order to believe. Jesus understands that and gives Thomas what he needs to bring him to belief.

Jesus doesn't crit-



icize Thomas for his lack of faith, he simply offers a blessing to the billions of us who have come after him and have found ourselves invited to believe without ever having the benefit of seeing him with our own eyes.

Questions of the Week

Which of Jesus' messages after his resurrection is most helpful to you: "Do not be afraid," "Peace be with you," or "Go and tell others the good news"?

What helps you to continue to believe in Jesus when you are tempted to doubt?

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