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Easter Sunday, Year C

April 17, 2022

Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

The Deacon's Speakin'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Easter morning was a time of confusion. The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee only a few days earlier were now prepared to anoint His crucified dead body. But they would find instead an empty tomb and two "men". Luke described these two dressed in dazzling garments. Were they angels or men?

Despite Jesus having foretold this event, it seems to have taken the disciples by surprise. They weren't expecting a resurrection after all. It's also interesting that the women were the first to find the tomb empty – among them was Mary Magdalene. Luke is the evangelist who relates how the women from Galilee were providing for Jesus and His followers out of their resources. These women seem to be wealthy and supported Jesus and the apostles in their travels throughout Galilee – seemingly without a way to make money.

Luke also tells us that the women witnessed the crucifixion and saw where His body was laid. It shouldn't be a surprise then that it was the women who came upon the empty tomb first (rather than the apostles). Out of the confusion of Easter morning Mary Magdalene and her female companions were the first to preach the "Good News".

On this Easter morning, let us sit before the empty tomb, meditate on His words, then go out to announce the "Good News". In doing so, we will follow the example of the earliest apostles, the women followers of Jesus.

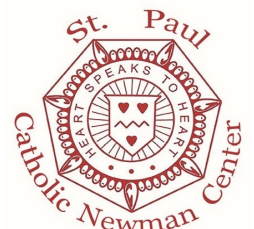
Happy Easter! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Peace and love,

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.



Faith, Family & Friends

Faith, Family & Friends meets this Tuesday evening April 19 from 6:00pm 7:00 pm.

Faith, Family & Friends is the Newman Center's Religious Education and faith formation program for EVERYONE of all ages - Children, HS Youth & Adults. All FF&F groups and class sessions meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. All Children's classes meet in Cardinal Newman Hall, Claretian High School Youth Group meets in St. John XXIII, and the Adult Group Session will meet in the Chapel.

No registration is required to attend the Adult Sessions.

Adult Sessions: Our series exploring the *Sacraments of the Church - Past & Present* will resume on Tuesdays, April 19 and 26 at 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the Chapel.

Family Life Ministries

Adult Religious Education and Faith Formation

Our series exploring the *Sacraments of the Church - Past & Present* will resume on April 19 and 26 on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the Chapel. No registration or fee is required.

The Joy of Love Moms Group invites families to the west playground after 9:30am Mass for an opportunity for children and families to meet, socialize and play together. Please join us!

Men's Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group meets Monday mornings after Mass from 8:30am to 9:15am in the Library. **However, the group will NOT meet this Monday, April 18th, but will resume on Monday, April 25th.**

Prayer Ministries

Christian Meditation meets weekly on Tuesdays at noon in the Community Room, for 20 minutes of silent meditation followed by a brief lesson about this ancient Christian prayer tradition and discussion. Christian meditation utilizes the mantra, "Maranatha" (a word in Jesus' own Aramaic language meaning, "Come, Lord Jesus") in order to quiet the mind and come to silence, meeting Jesus in the depth of our own being, beyond words or images. The group is a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Meetings are facilitated by Benita Lankford. For information email contact John Prandini at prandini@csufnewman.com.

Catholic Charities Truck Next Weekend

The Catholic Charities Donation Truck will be at the Newman Center April 23-24 to collect donation items after all Sunday morning Masses. Donations brought to the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses can be left in the white bin in the Chapel Courtyard. Thank you for your support.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Many U.S. dioceses do not have enough priests to serve their parishes. Your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps provide seminary formation for the next generation of priests. We will have a second collection next weekend to support the Home Missions fund. For information visit this website: www.usccb.org/home-missions.



Campus Ministry News!

Week of April 17-24

No Young Adult Mass on Easter Day

Wishing you a happy, heartwarming Easter time with your family and friends!

No Young Adult Bible Study

Our session is canceled on Monday, April 18. We will resume April 25 at 6:00pm inside the Student Lounge.

College Student Night

Please join us this Wednesday, April 20 for College Night in Cardinal Newman Hall.

Campus Ministry Contacts

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Office Closed

Our office will be closed on Monday, April 18. Please note that there will be no morning Mass that day.

Hope Blooms: A VIRTUAL Retreat for Catholic Women Healing from Betrayal Trauma April 22-23, 2022

This virtual retreat is for women seeking healing from betrayal trauma (discovering a spouse's or significant other's pornography use, infidelity, and/or sex addiction). Gather with others on Divine Mercy weekend as we lay our pain, our sorrow, and betrayals at the Lord's feet. With expectant faith, let us open our hands and our hearts to receive His merciful outpouring. Join us for this powerful virtual retreat experience. Talk topics include: Uprooting Shame and Guilt, Understanding Trauma and its impacts on body, mind, and spirit, Freedom through Forgiveness, and more. The retreat also includes small group healing prayer and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Retreat leaders are Father Allen Hoffa of Integrity Restored, Laura Ercolino of Hope's Garden, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry, Bonnie West, and Marian West Veilleux. Find the full schedule and register at <https://hopesgarden.com/hope-blooms-virtual-healingretreats> or email De: de@youaremadenew.com.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 17 Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Easter Sunday - No 7:00pm Mass

7:30am Mass Chapel
 9:30am Mass Chapel
 11:30am Mass Chapel

Monday, April 18 Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Office Closed. No Morning Mass.

Tuesday, April 19 Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 12:00pm Christian Meditation Community Room
 1:00pm Synod Listening Session Cafeteria
 4:00pm Hall of Fame Meeting Cafeteria
 6:00pm Faith, Family & Friends CNH and Chapel

Wednesday, April 20 Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

8:00am Mass for Ron Dodds Chapel
 6:00pm College Night CNH 101

Thursday, April 21 Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 11:30am Serra Club Mass Chapel
 4:00pm Confessions Chapel
 6:00pm Mass Int. of Carlos Garcia Chapel

Friday, April 22 Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

8:00am Mass for Bill Haltom Chapel
 6:00pm HS Confirmation Rehearsal Chapel

Saturday, April 23 Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

Catholic Charities Truck
Knights of Columbus Membership Drive
Second Collection - Home Missions
 1:00pm HS Confirmation Mass Chapel
 3:00pm HS Confirmation Mass Chapel
 5:00pm Mass for James Udah Chapel

Sunday, April 24 Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Catholic Charities Truck
Knights of Columbus Membership Drive
Second Collection - Home Missions

7:30am Mass for Kirk England Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Jim Cook Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Ron Dodds Chapel
 12:30pm Divine Mercy Service Front Lawn
 3:00pm Igbo Mass Chapel
 7:00pm Mass Chapel

April Contributions


2021		2022	
April 4	\$23,578.05	April 3	\$20,463.14
April 11 ACH	\$18,118.85	April 10 ACH	\$26,959.85
April 18 ACH	\$13,876.00	April 17 ACH	
April 25	\$ 8,308.23	April 24	
April Total	\$127,762.26	April Total	\$47,422.99


Prayers:

- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**
 Sr. Ana Rosa Guzman, Joan Renner, Margery Toll, Kristal Lowe Limon, Abigail Love, Gary Payne, Linda Alvarez, Marianne Coons, Julissa Mojarras, Estefania Medina, Laura Willers, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, John and Kathy Brechmann, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Fr. Kevin Bray, Msgr. Anthony Janelli, Sandra Barrie, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Meghan Vasquez, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Sr. Rosa Maria Branco FHIC, Dick and Jan White, Randy Trejold, Jose Guadalupe Solorio, Tommie Huettmann, Sr. Joanne Bauer, Deacon Steve and Angie Taylor, Deacon Jim Rooney, Jan Fusselman, Nyla Zender, Deacon Rick DeLeon and Family, JoAnn Myers, Monica Baker (Lucido), Deacon Kelly Canelo and Family, David Toll, Susan Olson, Ken Barnes and Family, Ramona Egan, Mary Yoakum, Olivia King, Esther Gutierrez, Joe Calandri, Jeff Janzen, Maria Coronel, Christina Jacquez, Clara Marrone, Susan Williams, TimBrown, Karen Nyri, Penny Mull, Howard and Mary Ann Latimer, James Ball


To better serve our Faith Family we are updating our list of prayers. 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 Intentions" tab.


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Sergio P. Negro Scholar Applications

Applications for Sergio P Negro Scholarships for the 2022 - 2023 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, who had a deep and abiding commitment to education. The Endowment Fund anticipates awarding a minimum of two, \$2,500 scholarships to deserving students for the academic year.

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 Friday, May 13, 2022. They may be submitted electronically to Scholarship@csufnewman.com or mailed to St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, 1572 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.

Creation Care Tips

"Christ is risen! Alleluia!" God brings life out of death. Nature knows how to bring life out of death too by composting dead organic matter. If you haven't already, start your own compost or worm bin to divert your food scraps from the landfill into valuable fertilizer for your yard or garden (or someone else's). It's easy to do, even if you only have a small space. Check out a book at the library, search for "how to compost" online, or ask at your local nursery to learn how. If you already have a bin going, offer to help someone else get one going too.

Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: Those of us who are committed to working for justice in the world often find ourselves addressing one problem after another. We can get into a rut of cynicism when our spirits become depleted from all of our problem-solving. It is important for the ministry of justice to step back from the darkness of injustice and celebrate the beauty of what is right with the world. Your Easter challenge is to enhance your spirit of gratitude for the good and just things that happen around you all of the time. Identify them and rejoice for Christ is rising in them.

Knights of Columbus Go Make a Difference Membership Drive



Do you want to make a difference in our Church, in your Community, and in your Family? Then Come and see what the Knights of Columbus us all about.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization. Founded by the Venerable Michael J. McGivney in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882, to support the Catholic Irish widows in his parish. With its rapid growth his ideals were reach and has since become the largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world (USA, Military Bases overseas, Canada, Mexico, The Philippines, Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania and South Korea).

Our members only Insurance program is rated the highest in the industry.

Our John Cardinal Newman Council, #9445, was Chartered on November 26, 1986 when the Rev. Sergio Negro was pastor. Local Councils are mandated to support our local parish and communities. You have seen our members being involved in the parish functions as well as raising monetary funds for different local charities (Wings Fresno, Garden of Innocence, Food Recovery Network, etc.), our own Knight's charities, as well as financially supporting various parish programs (CNH Hall building fund, VBS, Confirmation, Fr. Sergio Scholarship Program, etc.) through our (former) Fireworks, Pancake Breakfasts, Breakfast Burritos, Christmas Cards, Crosses for the Holy Land sales, etc. The Coats for Kids, Wheelchairs and Infant of Prague Adoption Services were only some of these major recipients from your support. We have also financially contributed directly to our parish from our profits. Our current major fundraiser is the parking lot for Bulldog Football Games. These funds help us financially support a seminarian, Mr. Arturo Cisneros, and other programs.

We are always looking for good Catholic Gentlemen who would like to join us and be involved in a brotherhood who hold high ideals of Catholicity.

On April 23 - 24 we will be holding a Membership Drive after all Masses so please look for members of our council. We will be located by both entrances. Come by and say hi and see how you can make in difference.

For more information on the Knights of Columbus please go to www.KofC.org or www.kc9445.org. You can also contact us at www.membership@kc9445.org. or just ask us.

Scriptural Rosary

Please note that until further notice our Wednesday Scriptural Rosary Group will no longer be meeting.

Dear Newman Community,

If you are wanting to attend any of these proposed dates for Listening Sessions, please contact the Parish Office (559-436-3434) or Jim Grant (559-708-3530) and leave a message indicating your preferred dates! **If people register, the sessions will be held.** Hope you'll join the 80+ parishioners who participated in March!



Sunday		Library	Library
(Tentative if people sign up)		April 24 8:30-10:00	May 1 8:30-10:00
	Cafeteria	Cafeteria	Cafeteria
Tuesday			
(Scheduled)	April 19 1:00-2:30	April 26 1:00-2:30	May 3
	Community Room	Community Room	Community Room
Wednesday			
(Tentative if people sign up)	April 20 8:45-10:15	April 27 8:45-10:15	May 4 8:45-10:15
	Library	Library	Library
Thursday			
(Tentative if people sign up)	April 21 6:00-7:00 7:00-8:00	April 28 6:00-7:00 7:00-8:00	May 5 6:00-7:00 7:00-8:00

If you'd like a Zoom session please contact the Parish Office (559-436- 3434). Proposed dates are Sundays, April 24, May 1, and May 8 at 5:00pm and Mondays, April 25, May 2, and May 9 at 7:00pm if we have people sign up.

From Fr. Byron

Today is a day of joy! Today is a day about you! It is because of You that Jesus did not hesitate to empty himself so that you can have not only eternal life but the sanctifying grace that encourages, blesses and protects you every day.

Today is the affirmation that you are not an accident of nature but a whole human being, loved by God to the point of the Cross. The Gospel today begins with darkness and confusion (all of us know how it feels) yet the Light of Christ dispels all darkness as the empty tomb is the proof that not even the darkness of death will destroy us.

Only God is so selfless that even this day today, God makes it all about you. Remember that; remember that when bad days come you are the objects of God's love! Let this truth fill your heart with the indestructible hope that only Easter can bring... and don't forget to share it!

Happy Easter my beautiful people! You have no idea of how much joy and hope you give me by your faith, commitment and service!

Claretian Come and See

Please help us, Claretians, in our vocations efforts. You can help us in two ways: Please pray for Claretian Vocations; also, please help us spread the word about our Come and See Retreat this coming weekend in San Gabriel, California. Please see the flyer inserted in the bulletin and if you want to explore your call or know if someone who you think may be called to the missionary priesthood, please give them that flyer. Two young men from our parish will be attending this Vocation Retreat. Please pray for them and the other men discerning their call this weekend.

Fr. Sergio P. Negro Scholarship

I cannot thank our Fr. Sergio P. Negro Scholarship Committee enough for all the grand efforts to support our Catholic students. The time has come again for our students to apply: "The scholarship is available to Upper Division and Graduate students. The required class level standing must be effective beginning with the Fall 2022 Semester/Quarter." Please check our website or contact the parish office for more information and help us spread the word!

Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP)

Extra-skeletal bone formation causes progressive loss of mobility as the joints become affected. Inability to fully open the mouth may cause difficulty in speaking and eating. They may also have breathing difficulties as a result of extra bone formation around the rib cage that restricts expansion of the lungs.

There are not many cases of FOP in the world; yet, one of our parishioners has it. Her name is Charis and she is a wonderful example of how to find (and give) joy and hope even in the midst of illness. She has supported our Youth Group, Campus Ministry, Sisters of Notre Dame and our parish both in kind and in prayer and the joy of her heart exudes her words and actions. In her honor, I beg you to help us raise awareness about FOP by learning more about it and supporting any efforts to treat it. You can contact Charis via email for more information and for your words of encouragement: charispinkwheels@gmail.com

Claretian Youth

We will have our Fun Day this Tuesday at 6:00pm. The theme for the month is: *Jesus Prepares a Place for You* (John 14: 1-4).

The calendar for the rest of April is:

April 19: Have Faith in God and Jesus. Fun Day

April 26: Preparing a Place for Art. Service Day

Email me for more information or questions.

Hike with Mary

Our next Hike with Mary will be Saturday, April 30. We meet in the north parking lot at 8am and caravan to the trail. While we hike, we pray the Rosary, learn about the Blessed Virgin Mary and celebrate Mass in the midst of nature. Please sign up if you would like to participate: frbyron@csufnewman.com

Care of Creation Team

We met two weeks ago to freshen up on the wisdom of Laudato Si' and plan the celebration of Earth Day. More details will be coming up soon. Please email me if you would like to join our team as we honor God's wonderful creation: another gift from God to us all.

Friday, April 22: Earth Day

In a 2020 address, Pope Francis emphasized contemplation and compassion as two irreplaceable ingredients for fostering care of creation: it refers to the idea that precisely because of our interconnectedness — with each other, with all other creatures and with creation as a whole — we are tasked with working together in mutual relationship with the created order to create harmony. This Earth Day, we invite you to "discover the tenderness of God's gaze [Laudato Si', 1]" on yourself, and on your surroundings, and allow your contemplation to lead you to compassion and action. We also invite you to say this prayer (along with all Catholics around the world) this Friday:

God of love from which we come: In the silence of contemplation, help us hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor as one cry, unified, amplified.

May we hear the cry of your creation calling out to be seen from every corner; may our practice of deep listening bring us to see all those creatures whose dignity is routinely ignored.

That, in our seeing, we might be moved from indifference to compassion, domination to collaboration, from 'mastery over' to harmonious coexistence. AMEN

Saintly Quote

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." – St. John Paul II

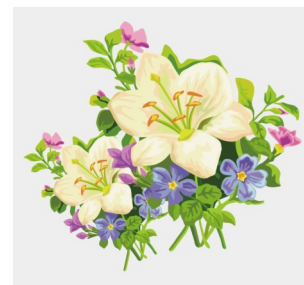
Have a Laugh

What happens if you get married on Easter? You live hoppily ever after.

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

Patricia Abernathy and Michael L. Fitzgerald
Rizal D. and Gloria Abrina
Randolph Abrina and Albert Abrina
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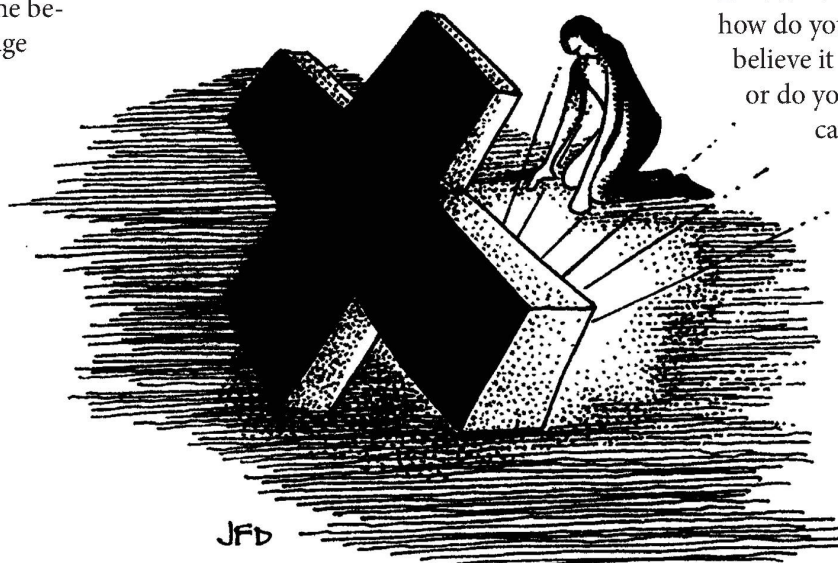
Too Good to Be True

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Acts 10:34a, 37-43 - Peter's discourse
- ▶ Colossians 3:1-4 - Mystical death and resurrection
- ▶ John 20:1-9 - Peter and the disciple at the tomb

This Easter reading from the Gospel of John is one of the most puzzling resurrection stories we have in Scripture. Then again, in all of the resurrection stories, we get the sense that the disciples were much more confused than we are to hear that Jesus was raised from the dead. We have the benefit of knowing the “end of the story” before they did. Although several times Jesus is said to have told his followers that he would be killed and then raised from the dead, the Gospel writers also told us that the apostles didn't understand what Jesus was saying. How could they have?

Mary Magdalene is a central figure in this resurrection story, as she is in all of the other Gospels. We are told she stayed with Jesus throughout his torture until he died, and all four Gospels tell us she was right there three days later when the empty tomb is discovered. Peter and a mysterious unnamed “other disciple” are a part of this story too as they discover Jesus' body is missing. They seem to realize that his corpse wasn't stolen (if it were, the burial garments surely would have gone with it). The unnamed disciple “saw and believed” but we aren't told what he believed. The passage ends suggesting the trio still doesn't understand what has happened. The seven verses that follow this passage tell us that Jesus



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“Were not our hearts burning within us?”

Sheepish Question:
So what really IS my greatest hope?

appeared to Mary Magdalene and she comes to believe he is alive again.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Imagine you were one of Jesus' followers who didn't understand his predictions about being raised from the dead. What might you have been thinking or feeling if you discovered the empty tomb?
- 2 When you hear news that seems too good to be true, how do you first react? Do you believe it and thank God for it, or do you look for reasons it can't be true?

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