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Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

April 18, 2021

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

THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We enjoy being unique; we like having it “our way”. Whether it’s the clothes we wear, the car we drive, or the home we live in – we want it to be “us”, not like everyone else. Religion is subject to the same prejudices. Ask people what it means to be a good Christian and you’ll get a variety of answers, many of them contradictory. We like to pick and choose from the teaching of Jesus what suits our beliefs and purposes. Father Paul often comments that we (I) often praise a commentary on some controversial or challenging topic because we (I) agree with it. We often approach the gospels for comfort and avoid their challenges. The first disciples of Jesus were no different.

Today’s readings from the Acts of the Apostles reveals once more how difficult it was for Jesus to be understood. Some of His closest followers thought He was going to be a great military leader; they didn’t want to hear Jesus talk about being a “shepherd”. Some thought He was going to bring political control over the earth; they didn’t want to hear about being “servants”. To the very end, many of His followers thought He would teach the Romans a lesson in respect.

In today’s gospel, Jesus has difficulty convincing His own friends that it was really He standing before them, risen and alive. As Luke puts it, “they were startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost”. Obviously the apostles were trying to see Jesus in their own way. Even after Jesus allowed them to touch Him to show it was He “in the flesh”, “they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed”. The reading goes on to say that Jesus “opened their minds to understand”. He had to show His disciples that their ideas and expectations were nothing more than an attempt to make Him and His message over into their way of thinking.

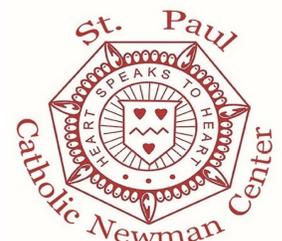
We, too, have to realize that many of our beliefs and ideas about Jesus and His message may be “our way” rather than His. We are not following our Lord as much as we are accommodating Him. There are times we feel our Christian beliefs and ideals have failed us or that our faith didn’t deliver on its promises. We fail to note, however, that what usually lets us down is our own particular way of believing.

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.



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.

ATTENTION GRADUATING STUDENTS AND TRANSFER STUDENTS!

The Campus Ministry wants to celebrate our students graduating next month. We also want to walk with our transfer students in their transition.

If you are graduating or transferring (or if you know of anyone doing so) please let Edgar know at edgar@csufnewman.com or Fr. Byron at frbyron@csufnewman.com.

Campus Ministry Contacts

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Fr. Byron Macias, Chaplain:
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Claretian Youth

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

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

The theme is: "Jesus Lost and Found"

Registrations are still open! Just



click here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWnLJ_q7IPCvOALFeRrEY-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

This 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.

Sergio P. Negro Scholar Applications

Applications for Sergio P. Negro Scholarships for the 2021-22 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 up to four \$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 Saturday, May 15, 2021. 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.

For questions call 436-3434 or email scholarship@csufnewman.com.

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April 24 - Saturday

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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 and a greeter at the Sunday 11:30am Mass. If you are able to help, please contact Jenna at jenna@csufnewman.com.

Mass Reservations

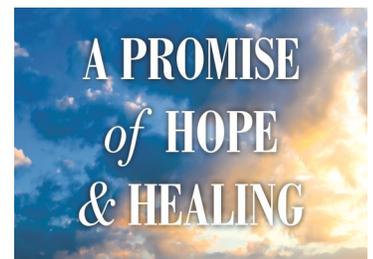
Please check your reservations to make sure that you are not booked for two different Mass times over the weekend. This will help us open up spots at our Masses for those who want to attend. If you need help cancelling your reservation at a Mass that you are no longer planning to attend, please email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

Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: April 18 is Vocations Day. In Sons and Daughters of the Light, our U.S. Catholic Bishops encourage young adults to answer the universal call to holiness, community, and service. While each person lives out his/her vocation through a particular lifestyle—marriage, priesthood, religious life, or single life—we are all called to holiness, community, and service. This means that service is not just for confirmation candidates. It is part of lifelong discipleship. Your challenge this week is to focus on the call to service. Is service a regular part of your life—as an individual, but also as a family or household? How often do you serve? Where do you serve? Is there one particular cause to which you can give more of your time and talent for the good of those in need? If there is, then just do it because the JUST do it—they serve others!

A Promise of Hope and Healing

Thank you to those who still continue to give donations to our campaign. We have collected \$214,322.70 which is 98% 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!

Housing Needed for a Family

We have a family from Lebanon that is in need of an apartment or a house to rent by the end of the month. If you know of someone who has something available, please call the office or email Deacon John at deak@csufnewman.com.

Backpack Donations

Mothers Helping Mother's Central California will be going to Tijuana at the end of April to take much needed supplies to the shelters housing people who are awaiting their asylum hearings. We are asking parishioners to fill backpacks with personal hygiene products such as: shampoo/conditioner, soap, deodorant, pads, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, lotions, hand sanitizer, masks, etc. Please contact the office if you would like to drop off items during the week. We will also have bins by the check in table after Mass this upcoming weekend (April 24-25). All items must be dropped off by Monday, April 26.

Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon.com? Amazon will give .5% of your purchase to the Newman Center through Amazon Smile. Just add "St Paul Newman Center" (no period after St) as your charitable organization on your new or existing account and shop! When you shop be sure to be on smile.amazon.com so that part of your eligible purchase can go to the church. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up. It is an easy way to give back to the church. To sign up click on the link to Amazon Smile on our website.

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Second Collection Next Weekend

Next week, we will take up a collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your support of this appeal eases the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

RCIA

Interested in becoming Catholic?

If you have never been baptized or if you are baptized in another denomination but would like to become Catholic, please contact Charles Arokiasamy at ncoffice@csufnewman.com.

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.

Blood Donations Needed

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.

<https://www.donateblood.org/> or call (559) 389-5433.

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.

Weekly Calendar

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 Carmencita Abaquin Chapel Courtyard
 11:30am Mass for Lai Pham Chapel Courtyard

Monday, April 19 Acts 6:8-15 ; Jn 6:22-29

8:00am Mass for Julien Armenta Chapel
 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study Google Meet

Tuesday, April 20 Acts 7:51-8:1a ; Jn 6:30-35

6:00pm Claretian Youth Group Mass CNH Courtyard
 6:00pm Mass Chapel / Facebook
 6:00pm Claretian Youth Group Parent Reflection Chapel Courtyard

Wednesday, April 21 Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

8:00am Mass Chapel

Thursday, April 22 Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

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

Friday, April 23 Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

3:30pm Food Distribution East Parking Lot
 6:30pm Young Adult Game Night Zoom

Saturday, April 24 Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

1:00pm High School Confirmation Mass CNH Courtyard
 3:00pm High School Confirmation Mass CNH Courtyard
 5:00pm Mass Chapel

Sunday, April 25 Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

7:30am Mass Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Dolores Bauer Chapel Courtyard
 11:30am Mass Chapel Courtyard
 1:00pm Baptisms Chapel

Prayers:

- ◆ **For those who died this week:** Andrea Fuentez
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**
 Diana Mock, Fr. Kevin Bray, Paty Bretado, Kristijan, Laura Johnson, Vic Telles, Deacon Mike Avila, Timothy Hacker, 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.

April Contributions

2020		2021	
April 5 ACH	\$15,899.00	Apr. 4	\$23,578.05
April 12	\$8,977.00	Apr. 11 ACH	\$18,118.85
April 19 ACH	\$14,232.00	Apr. 18 ACH	
April 26	\$10,365.00	Apr. 25	
April Total	\$49,473.00	April Total	\$41,696.90

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.

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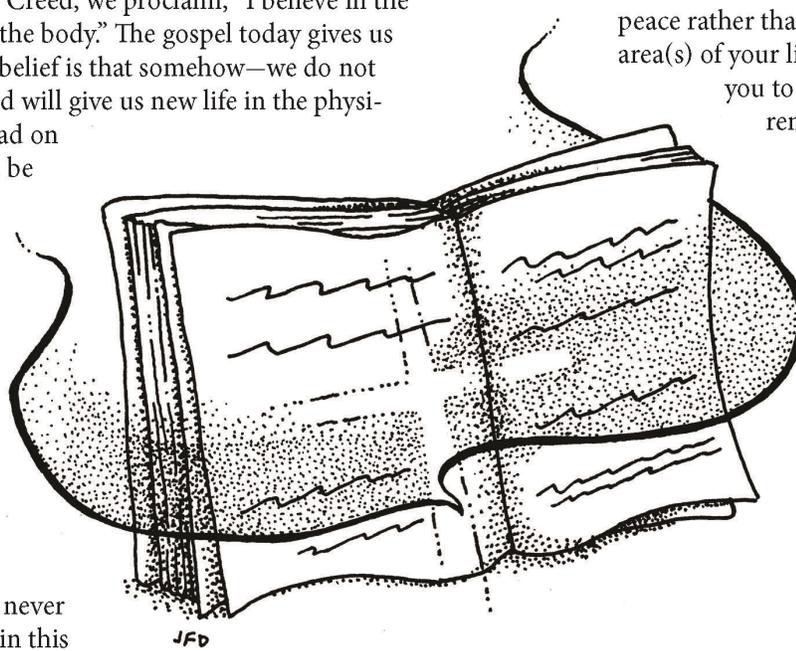
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 - Peter's speech on Jesus' resurrection
- ▶ 1 John 2:1-5a - Keeping the commandments
- ▶ Luke 24:35-48 - Jesus appears to the Eleven

Just like last week, we get another reminder that the risen Jesus offers peace to his friends and disciples. In this reading, they are still struggling with fear, doubt, and confusion about what they have experienced over the last three days. Rather than criticizing them for their doubts or misunderstandings, Jesus begins this encounter with them with his famous words "Peace be with you." Before he does anything else, he wants them to have that gift. Once the peace is given, *then* he can answer their questions. It is only after they receive his peace that they can come to believe that this person in front of them—whom they thought was a ghost—is really their risen friend.

Jesus takes care to show the disciples that he is still in a physical body. They can feel him with their own fingers. They can see the nail wounds in his hands and feet. They watch him eating fish. Jesus wants to be clear with them that he is not just a bright spirit floating around the earth.

In the Apostles' Creed, we proclaim, "I believe in the resurrection of the body." The gospel today gives us that hope. Our belief is that somehow—we do not know how—God will give us new life in the physical bodies we had on earth. They will be recognizable, as Jesus was recognizable after his resurrection, and they will still show the marks of our wounds, but those wounds will be healed. We will never be able to explain this



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"He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world."

Sheepish Question:
Have I considered that maybe God's ALREADY done something for me?

hope and this belief with our minds, but then again, neither could the disciples have explained it rationally to others.

Questions of the Week

① Jesus responds to his friends' doubts and confusions by offering peace rather than criticism. In what area(s) of your life might God be inviting you to accept peace rather than remain troubled?

② What difference does it make for you to believe in the resurrection of the body, not just a resurrection of the soul or spirit?

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