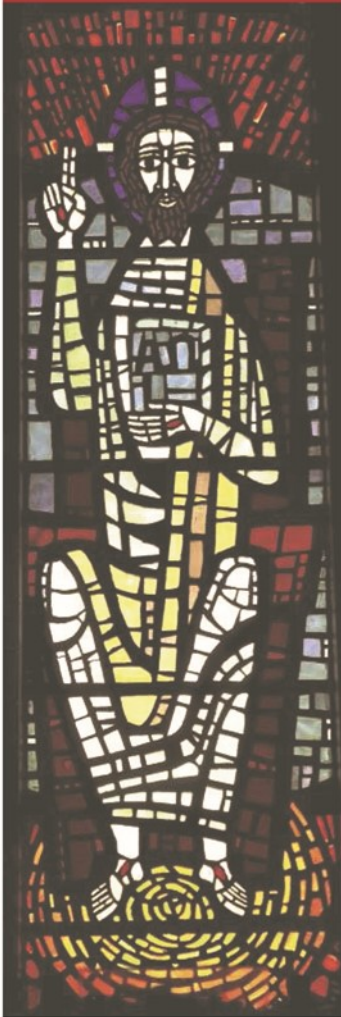


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Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

April 25, 2021

Readings: Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold."

I often meet with or hear of persons who cause me to wonder, "Are they not the members of the 'other sheep' that Jesus spoke of in today's Gospel". I recently met an elderly gentleman who had been away from the church for 40 years. He was diagnosed with a terminal illness and expressed with confidence that he was going to a good place. He may not be claimed by a church or a creed, but he seemed to know who his shepherd was.

The Church, like any institution, has its way of defining outsiders and insiders. Baptism is that dividing line of "welcome" and heresy is at the far end of "goodbye". But, even the early church recognized that Gentiles could receive the Holy Spirit without baptism and, in our present community, we know some who are baptized and confirmed and show no sign of grace operation inside of them. Once theologians taught a theology of Limbo – a place that would catch those souls who, through no fault of their own, went unbaptized.

But Jesus claimed a separate flock as His own from the very beginning of His ministry. He didn't stop to make rules about who they might be – committed Buddhists? – Faithful Mormons? – divorced and remarried Catholics – members of the LGBTQ community – and flat-out atheists who have never found a faith community to call home or a sense of peace in organized religion. Jesus knows who His people are and they know Him. We might want to be cautious about closing the door to salvation on anyone!

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.

Theology and Tacos

Join us this Thursday, April 29 for Theology and Tacos. Our topic is *Tradition vs traditions I*. Email Edgar for the meeting link.

Campus Ministry Contacts

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Storytime with Papa Deak

Please join Deacon John for a Zoom story time this Tuesday, April 27! We read a story every 4th Tuesday of the month. Please email joyoflovmoms@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

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.

Community Organizing with the Newman Center in Fresno

This week, organizations from all across Fresno will be meeting to discuss the launch of a broad-based organization that will allow members of our own community to come together and work towards positive change in our region. On Thursday evening the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) will host its inaugural "Fresno Assembly" and includes our own Fr. Byron and Bishop Brennan as key respondents at the meeting! If you're looking for a way to work for justice with our neighbors or simply want to learn more about practical issues like housing justice, environmental care, education, and many more dimensions of our Fresno life, this is a great opportunity to come and see what "broad-based organizing" means. If you'd like to attend the event, which will be held on Zoom on Thursday, April 29 at 6:30pm, please email our office at ncoffice@csufnewman.com and mention the IAF Assembly, and we will send you the registration link.

Children's Mass

Our Children's Mass is on the first Tuesday of the month in our Chapel Courtyard. It will be on Tuesday, May 4 at 6:00pm. Reservations are required to attend. Please visit our website to make your reservation.

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 joyoflovmoms@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

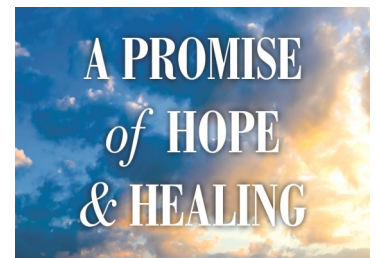
Please check your reservations to make sure that you are not booked for two different Mass times over the weekend. This will help us open up spots at our Masses for those who want to attend. If you need help cancelling your reservation at a Mass that you are no longer planning to attend, please email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

Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: Earth Day falls on Sunday. Did you know that care for God's creation is one of the basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching? Our bishops call us to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, seeing creation as a precious gift from God, something to be cherished and protected, not used and abused. They specifically teach us that abusing the earth is morally wrong. Your challenge this week is to choose one way you can be "green" and care for God's world. Maybe you will commit to bringing reusable bags to the grocery store so our oceans and landfills aren't destroyed by plastic bags. You might decide to give up bottled water and drink tap water, or stop using Styrofoam by carrying your own reusable mug wherever you go. Replacing old light bulbs with energy-efficient ones is a possibility, as are planting a tree or purchasing locally-grown produce. Whatever you decide to do, challenge yourself to make this a life-long practice, not something you do once a year when it's Earth Day.

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. 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 This Weekend

This 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. Donations can still be mailed in or credit card donations can be made on our website. 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 25

7:30am Mass
 9:30am Mass for Dolores Bauer
 11:30am Mass for Ruben Ibaretta

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Chapel
 Chapel Courtyard
 Chapel Courtyard

Monday, April 26

8:00am Mass for Katherine Facio
 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Chapel
 Google Meet

Tuesday, April 27

6:00pm Mass for All Souls in Purgatory / Deceased Members of FOSS
 6:30pm Storytime with Papa Deak

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Chapel
 Zoom

Wednesday, April 28

8:00am Mass for Johnny Fong

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Chapel

Thursday, April 29

5:00pm Confessions
 6:00pm Mass for John Murao
 6:30pm Theology and Tacos

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Chapel
 Chapel
 Zoom

Friday, April 30

8:00am Mass Int. of Michael Sundahl
 3:30pm Food Distribution
 6:30pm Young Adult Game Night

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Chapel
 East Parking Lot
 Zoom

Saturday, May 1

5:00pm Mass

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Chapel

Sunday, May 2

7:30am Mass
 9:30am Mass for John Godburn
 11:30am Mass

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

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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	\$13,876.00
April 26	\$10,365.00	Apr. 25	
April Total	\$49,473.00	April Total	\$55,572.90

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.

Prayers:

◆ 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.

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No One Forces Him

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Acts 4:8-12 - The stone that has become the cornerstone
- ▶ 1 John 3:1-2 - The children of God
- ▶ John 10:11-18 - The Good Shepherd

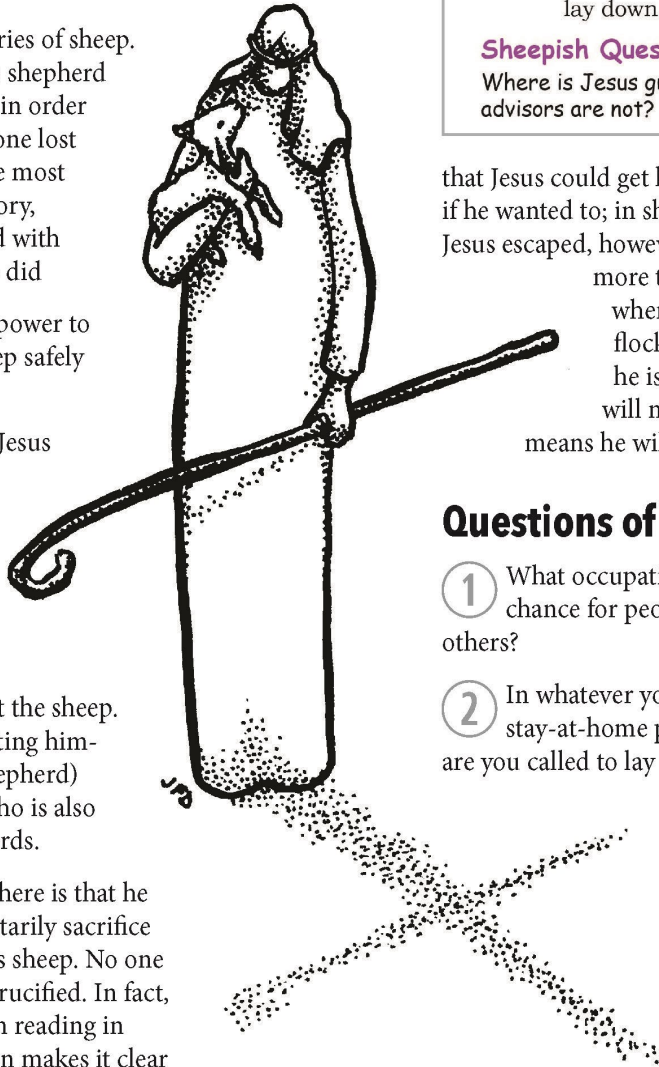
In Jesus' time and culture, raising sheep was such a common vocation that it was easy for Jesus' listeners to identify with metaphors about sheep, flocks, and shepherds. Many stories, parables, psalms, and commandments in the Old Testament revolved around sheep and shepherds. You might think here of Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want..."

Jesus also told stories of sheep. The parable of the shepherd who left 99 sheep in order to search out the one lost sheep is one of the most famous. In that story, Jesus equated God with the shepherd who did

everything in his power to bring the lost sheep safely home.

In today's gospel, Jesus is even more direct. He identifies himself as the ultimate good shepherd who is willing to die in order to protect the sheep. He is clearly equating himself (the Good Shepherd) with the Father who is also the best of shepherds.

Jesus' main point here is that he is willing to voluntarily sacrifice his own life for his sheep. No one forces him to be crucified. In fact, during the Passion reading in John's Gospel, John makes it clear



I see you have some followers, Bernice.

Lead them well.

DON'T WORRY, I KNOW MY SHEEP AND MY SHEEP KNOW ME!

THANK!!

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"I am the good shepherd and I will lay down my life for the sheep."

Sheepish Question:
Where is Jesus guiding me that other leaders or advisors are not?

that Jesus could get himself out of his predicament if he wanted to; in short, he does not have to die. If Jesus escaped, however, he would be like nothing more than a hired hand who runs away when he sees a wolf coming for the flock. Jesus tells us ahead of time that he is willing to stand fast, and that he will not abandon his sheep, even if it means he will die for them.

Questions of the Week

- 1 What occupations in today's world offer the chance for people to lay down their lives for others?
- 2 In whatever your life situation is (paid work, a stay-at-home parent, a retired person, etc) how are you called to lay down your life for others?

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