St. Paul Catholic Newman Center



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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B August 22, 2021

Readings: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

Dear Newman Center Family,

Next month we will celebrate the Season of Creation and you can be part of it!

Since 1989, the Orthodox Church has been celebrating the month of September, up through the Feast of St. Francis, October 4th, as the Season of Creation.

In 2015 Pope Francis wrote his landmark encyclical "Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home". The Roman Catholic Church has been a major partner in this global effort to celebrate creation by committing to "Hear the cry of the earth, the cry of the poor".

This year St. Paul Catholic Newman Center wants to join millions of people of good will across the globe to see what we can do to start to address personally, locally, and communally, the grave ecological challenges facing us.

For that reason, we are planning to form a Creation Care Team here at the Newman Center. If you would like to join us on this urgent project, here are a few things we hope you'll do:

1. For much more information, resources and videos on climate change, creation care teams, and the U.S. Catholic response to Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical on Care for our Common Home, visit www.catholicclimatecovenant.org

2. For a five minute summary of Laudato Si, please watch: Top Ten Takeaways from Laudato Si: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=a lqFTYLc 4</u>

3. Sign up to join us on September 8th at 7:15PM for a kickoff virtual meeting to get to know each other and share our vision together. Please RSVP here: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/</u> d/14OY_gprM5cPpGi6wzNVkRHEbCrqWFBFwceCO7LfFk4M/viewform? edit_requested=true

4. Join us on September 8th at 7:15pm, using this link: <u>https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85712412875</u>

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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.



5. Visit the parish website for weekly updates and resources to help us all to better "care for the earth and care for the poor", beginning in September.

6. Sign up to attend a webinar with Dr. Katherine Hayhoe, September 10 at 3:00pm.

To register, click here: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-</u> conversation-with-climate-scientist-dr-katharine-hayhoetickets-159246389237

7. Join us for our in person Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals at St. Paul Catholic Newman Center on Monday, October 4 at 8:30am (after Mass), 12:15pm, and 6:00pm.

Contact either one of us anytime for more information about the Season of Creation and what we hope to do here at the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center to truly celebrate it!

In solidarity,

Fr. Byron Macias (<u>frbyron@csufnewman.com</u> 773-554-1222)

Jim Grant (jimgrantbc@gmail.com 559-708-3530)

Co-chairs, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center Creation Care Team

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 <u>ncoffice@csufnewman.com</u>.

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.

Newman Center is Hiring Parish Life Coordinator

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, a Vatican II oriented parish, seeks a replacement for Deacon John Supino after 12 years of successful leadership in his position as Parish Life Coordinator. He will be retiring once the position is filled. The Parish Life Coordinator role will administer to the business and managerial needs of the parish, lead the various parish functions and support the vision of outreach and ministering to college students, young adults and anyone choosing to be part of this parish family. Please access the Newman Center website by clicking this link www.csufnewman.com/parish-lifecoordinator. There you will find the job description and application process. For questions, please e-mail Dave Meyer at dmeyer@centralmedsolutions.com.

Campus Ministry Administrative Assistant

The Campus Ministry Administrative Assistant is responsible for maintaining on-site student support services, administrative support for the Campus Ministry Director (CMD), and coordination of ministry activities in the afternoon, evening and weekends as needed. Weekly total hours of 19.75 at \$16.00 starting pay. Send resumes to Edgar Guzmán, Campus Ministry Director, 436-3434 Ext. 108, edgar@csufnewman.com.

Altar Flowers This Weekend

The flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Bill and Bessie Patton.

Fr. Byron Away

Dear St. Paul Family,

I will be out of town August 21-23. I will be going to Chicago to visit with my parents. Please pray for me and my family during these days; everything is fine. Please note that we will have Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Tuesday and Wednesday (August 22 and 23).

Can't wait to see you back on Thursday!

Peace, Fr. Byron

Tacos and Theology

Thursday, August 26 at 6:30pm. In Person: St. John 23 Student Lounge Via Zoom: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81572220537</u> Come and learn about the Virgin Mary and: Historicity; Scripture and Apocrypha; The Church (Dogmas, Understanding); Mary in the History of the world; Apparitions and the many Avocations; Devotions. Contact Fr. Byron for questions and more information! See you there!

Campus Ministry News!

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Donations Needed

Wednesday Student Nights

We need food for our students gathering for our Wednesdays Student Nights. Please help us feed them!

Here is how you can help:

1) Sign up for a designated week by contacting Edgar Guzmán

2) You can purchase a meal (5 people) from a restaurant or fast food chain and bring it to the Newman Hall on Wednesday after 5pm.

You can donate a gift card to any restaurant or fast food chain and drop it off at the front office throughout the week (Monday - Thursday from 9:00am to 3:00pm).

Because of COVID restrictions, we cannot accept hot meals made at home; we can either cook it here or purchase it from a restaurant.

Student Lounge

As the school semester begins we will continue offering our study lounge to students and others. As an added bonus we like to offer a few snacks and drinks. If you'd like to donate an item(s) see our list below.

microwavable ready meals
water bottles
snack size chips
granola bars
pastry snacks

School Supply Drive

Our annual school supply drive is underway. Many stores still have their school supplies on sale. This drive not only benefits our students but also the Renaissance Scholar Program at Fresno State. We continue to partner with them to help the many students who have aged out of the foster care system and plan to continue their education. You may drop off items at the front office.

Thank you so much for being part of this mission; may God reward you for your generosity.

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 a prayer activity followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

August 29	6:30pm—Confessions	7pm - Young Adult Mass
September 5	6:30pm - Adoration	7pm - Young Adult Mass

YOUNG ADULT MASS CALENDAR

Campus Ministry Contacts

Edgar Guzman, Director: edgar@csufnewman.com

Football Parking Passes Available

Season parking passes for the Newman Center are now available for a guaranteed spot at all six home games for \$150. If you would like to purchase a pass, please contact the office at 436-3434 or ncoffice@csufnewman.com for more information.

Volunteers Needed

We need help with Sunday hospitality after Sunday morning Masses. We need volunteers to serve donuts and coffee after each Mass following Covid-19 guidelines. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jenna at jenna@csufnewman.com.

Weekly Justice Challenge

If there is a message to hear this week, it is about being ready. The parables foretell the end of the world... be ready for you don't know when that might be. For Christians, that means we need to believe in, think about, and do the right things in life; we need to have our priorities in order. So what does this include? Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit those in prison and give drink to those who are thirsty. Spend your life doing these things and you will be prepared. Why is that? These things shape our hearts and make us humble and willing to put others before ourselves. They help us to see the face of Christ in our midst. It is the crazy paradox of being a Christian. To be first, you must be last. To be a leader, you must be a servant. Are you ready? What are you spending your time on these days? The challenge this week is to look at your calendar... personal and family. How are you spending your time? Read Matthew 25:31-46, and make sure some of those things make it on your calendar each week.

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 frontline 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.

OLPH Job Position

Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) is looking for a parttime Maintenance Worker with experience. Please contact: Jacqui Ramirez at 559-299-4270 or email at: jacqui@olphclovis.org.

To download an application please go to our website at: <u>www.olphclovis.org</u> it is on the home page. We look forward to hearing from you!

Faith, Family & Friends 2021-22

Faith, Family & Friends is the Newman Center's innovative approach to religious education for EVERYONE of all ages. It is adult oriented, family centered religious education and faith formation for our whole parish community. It offers faith formation for children, individual adults, couples, and families. Members of our parish become better acquainted and become better educated Catholics and lifelong learners of the faith. Adults have their choice of educational offerings in the topic areas of Scripture, Catholic Faith, and Family Life (Relationships/Parenting).

Because it is family centered, it is mandatory for at least one parent or guardian to attend with their child(ren). Children are never allowed to be dropped off and picked up. Sacramental preparation programs for First Communion and Reconciliation are a part of FF&F. Please join us!

To register online, please go to our website by clicking this link: <u>www.csufnewman.com</u>. You will find registration forms for Families (Adults with children) and one for Adults (without children).

The first mandatory meeting for parents with children will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:30pm.

FF&F sessions for EVERYONE (Families and Individual Adults) will be held from 6:00pm to 7:15pm beginning October 5th!

Family Life Ministry

Ignatian Spirituality: Spiritual Discernment for Everyday Living. This course will introduce you to St. Ignatius of Loyola and to a deeper understanding of his rules for spiritual discernment as a guide in your everyday life. Meetings will be held Thursday evenings, September 2 – December 16, 2021 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in Cardinal Newman Hall – Room 103. No Fee. Facilitated by John Prandini, Director of Ministries.

Participants need to purchase the book, *The Discernment of Spirits: An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living, by Timot*hy M. Gallagher on their own prior to the first session from wherever books are sold. To register contact John Prandini at <u>prandinij@csufnewman.com</u>.

Men's Scripture Reflection Discussion Group will begin meeting Monday mornings, September 13, after 8:00am Mass from 8:30am to 9:30am in the Library. Facilitated by John Prandini.

Live Streaming Volunteers Needed

As many of you know, the livestream Masses have enabled us to connect with so many people otherwise unable to join us in person. To meet this ministry need, we are still looking for volunteers to serve on our live-streaming team. Experience with smartphones and the Facebook app helps, but is not required. We will train you and you will be a blessing for our online audiences! Email our Liturgy Director Karl Gurney at <u>karl@csufnewman.com</u> to let us know you are interested!

Weekly Calendar

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Sunday, August 22					
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69					
7:30am Mass	Chapel				
9:30am Mass for Jim Cook and Baptisms	•				
11:30am Mass for Peppino Caracciolo 7:00pm Young Adult Mass	Chapel Chapel				
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Monday, August 23	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22				
8:00am Mass	Chapel				
Tuesday, August 24	Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51				
6:00pm Liturgy of the Word	Chapel				
Wednesday, August 25	1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32				
8:00am Liturgy of the Word	Chapel				
6:00pm College Night	CNH 101				
6:30pm PAIN	Cafeteria				
Thursday, August 26	1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51				
5:00pm Confessions	Chapel				
6:00pm Mass for Donna Mae Kudamik	Chapel				
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	Chapel				
6:30pm Tacos and Theology	St. John XXIII				
Friday, August 27	1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13				
8:00am Mass for Dalyn Pedersen	Chapel				
Saturday, August 28	1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30				
5:00pm Mass for Jim Vas Dias	Chapel				
Sunday, August 29					
	1b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23				
7:30am Mass for Nunzio & Alma Tarantin					
9:30am Mass for Zee McCammond	Chapel				
11:30am Mass for Andre Aguilar	Chapel				
12:45pm Baptisms	Chapel				
3:00pm Igbo Mass	Chapel				
5:00pm Altar Server Workshop	Chapel				

August Contributions

2020		2021	
Aug. 2	\$9,121.50	Aug. 1	\$17,923.00
Aug. 9 ACH	\$18,604.00	Aug. 8 ACH	\$20,215.11
Aug. 16 ACH	\$15,740.00	Aug. 15 ACH	\$10,196.11
Aug. 23	\$10,128.00	Aug. 22	
Aug. 30	\$4,017.00	Aug. 29	
August Total	\$57,610.50	August Total	\$48,334.32

Homebound Eucharistic Ministry

We are happy to announce the Diocese has reopened our Ministry to the Homebound. We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers to visit and take communion to the sick and homebound. This is a rewarding and grace-filled ministry. We will train you and you can visit the sick and homebound during the week or on the weekend. If this sounds like a ministry for you please contact Deacon Bill at bill@csufnewman.com or 436-3434.

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. <u>We earned</u> <u>\$217.02 this last quarter</u>. It is an easy way to give back to the church.

Prayers:

7:00pm Young Adult Mass

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

Tom Kane, AJ Pasma, Julissa Mojarras, Mayra Cervantes, Chris Gonzales, Estefania Medina, Laura Willers, Fr. David Enriquez, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, John and Kathy Brechmann, JoAnn Myers, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Fr. Kevin Bray, Deacon Mike Avila, Msgr. Anthony Janelli, Fr. John Schmoll, Sandra Barrie, Deacon Joe Parugrug, 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

Chapel



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Freedom to Choose

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ► Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Decide today whom you will serve
- Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 Christian wives and husbands
- ► John 6:60-69 Effect of the bread of life discourse

The Judeo-Christian tradition believes in human free will. In the garden of Eden, Adam and Eve chose freely to disobey God and eat of the forbidden tree. Yes, Eve was tempted by the serpent, but she didn't have to eat the fruit; she chose to, and so did Adam.

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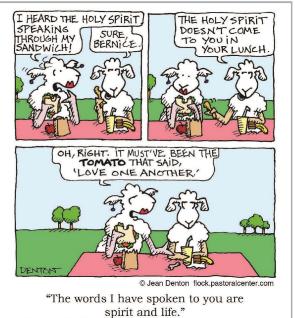
In the first reading from the Book of Joshua today, Joshua reminds the people that they have the freedom to choose whom they want to worship. They can worship the Lord God who brought them out of slavery in Egypt or they can worship the gods of the people where they live. Joshua gives the people a choice but tells them, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15).

Jesus also respects the free will of the people he encounters. Throughout the Gospels, he invites people to follow him (fisher-

men, tax collectors, the rich young man, etc.), but he never forces them.

In the Gospel reading to-

day, Jesus knows he has stirred up a great controversy when he declared that people must eat his flesh and drink his blood in order to have eternal life. It is not surprising that at this point in the Gospel some people who had been following him decide to turn away from him because they can't accept this teaching. He allows them to walk away freely and then asks the twelve apostles, "Do you also wish to go away?" Peter replied, "Lord, to whom



Sheepish Question:

Where are the words of spirit and life that I hear today coming from? What are they?

can we go? You have the words of everlasting life" (Jn. 6:68).

Jesus offers us the same freedom to choose for ourselves whom we will worship. If we choose

to follow him, he wants us to do it freely, without being "guilted" into it or doing it out of coercion or force. Jesus will not override our free will.

Questions of the Week

What are other "gods" in our society that you are tempted to worship (money? a particular career path? education? possessions?)?

Jesus offers us the same invitation as the disciples. Do we still want to follow him, even if we can't wrap our minds around his teaching about the Bread of Life? Why?

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