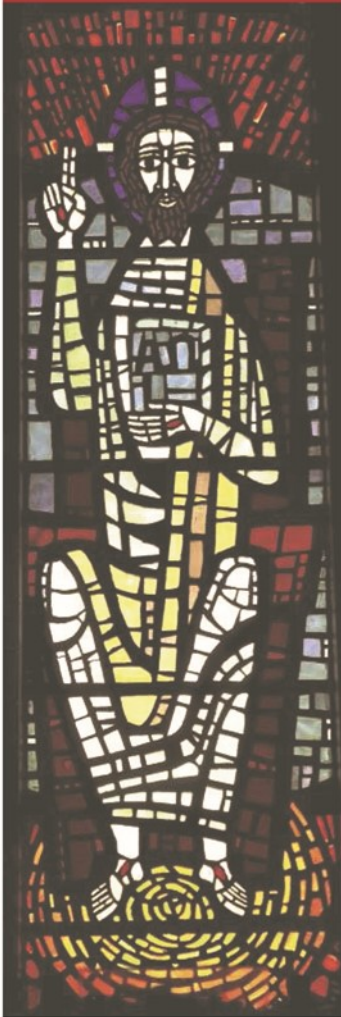


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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

August 8, 2021

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

"Stop murmuring among yourselves." The crowds around Jesus, by their murmuring, are like Elijah in the first reading, lost in the desert of unbelief. The early Israelites "murmured" - or to be more accurate - "grumbled and complained" about Moses. They were unwilling to challenge such a powerful leader head-on. Now the people of Jerusalem are muttering under their breath, questioning Jesus' origins, his claims, and his authority. Like those who complained in the desert, they will be offered bread from heaven, but they won't understand it any better.

What makes a complainer? Some are simply jealous of the leader's limelight. One who rose from their ranks is now a hero of the people, and the success of one reflects on the rest who had accepted their slavery. Others may have liked their chains. Whatever the disadvantages, the evil you know is preferable to the one you don't. Finally, some grumble because they grumble no matter which way the tide turns. They are the habitually discontent, because it's easier to criticize than to act to help oneself.

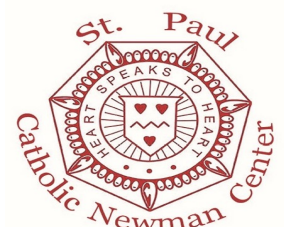
Maybe the more important question for us is, what makes a complainer stop complaining and start believing? Jesus offers bread from heaven. Acceptance of this living bread means eternal life. Too much is at stake here to stand on the sidelines and complain. Nor can we be comfortable in agreement while so many around us are still lost in the desert.

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.



Young Adult Ministries

Young Adult Mass

Are you a young adult Catholic or have a young mindset? We invite you to join us for our Young Adult Mass Sundays at 7:00pm.

What makes this Mass different?

As a Newman Center we want to create opportunities for young people to be leaders in the Church. One way is by participating in Mass as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and other roles. Tell a friend, bring them along, and we'll see you soon!

Donations

Many of you have contributed to our food pantry for students -- Thank You! These items are made available to our student community for anyone who can benefit from your generosity. Even though things have slowed down during summer we still have students who can continue to benefit from your kindness. You can bring items to the front desk when you go to Mass or arrange a drop off with Edgar or Fr. Byron.

Campus Ministry

Are you a student at Fresno Pacific University? Do you know someone who is a Catholic student at Fresno Pacific? We have a great opportunity for two students to work for FPU in helping serve the Catholic population. Please reach out to Edgar for more exciting information!

Campus Ministry Contacts

Edgar Guzman, Director
edgar@csufnewman.com

Fr. Byron Macias, Chaplain
frbyron@csufnewman.com

High School Confirmation

1ST YEAR:

Students from St. Paul Catholic Newman Center need to contact Cristina Oseguera now. Registration for first year will fill up very fast, we don't want you to miss it! cristina@csufnewman.com

Family Life Ministry

The Joy of Love Moms Group 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.

Men's Scripture Study Group If you'd like to receive weekly emails with Scripture Reflections and Commentaries, and other Faith Formation materials, please send an email to John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com to enroll.

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.

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.

We will meet Thursday evenings, September 2 through December 16, 2021, from 5:30pm until 7:00pm in Cardinal Newman Hall – Room 103. There is no fee. Participants will need to purchase the book, *The Discernment of Spirits: An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living*, by Timothy M. Gallagher, on their own prior to the first session from wherever books are sold.

To register please email John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

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 karl@csufnewman.com to let us know you are interested!

Weekly Justice Challenge

We celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary this week. Mary is considered the first disciple of Jesus. Her life tells us who she was: a mother, wife, daughter, niece, friend, neighbor, and disciple. Her presence in Jesus' life has to have been formative. Scripture reveals that Mary lived a life of generosity, compassion, forgiveness, hope, and kindness. She was the very first servant leader in the church. She gave up her own status in the community for the sake of Jesus – bearing him, raising him, teaching him and learning from him. She teaches us how to serve and how to lead. Your challenge this week is to read Luke 1: 39-56. How is God asking you to lead in a spirit of service? What is your response?

Spiritual Direction

The Pandemic for many people has become a spiritual crisis. Spiritual Direction offers a way to process the isolation, losses, and turmoil in the world. Spiritual Directors help you find deeper meaning beyond the crisis while growing in greater intimacy with God and one another. For more information contact the office at ncoffice@csufnewman.com or 436-3434.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this weekend were donated in memory of Katherine Dillon.

Parish Registration

There are instances when, as a member of the parish, you must provide verification of membership at the Newman Center. This is necessary as it applies to the administration of Sacraments and the required record-keeping. For this reason, we ask you to please register as a member of the parish.

Verification (written) of membership in this non-territorial parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fresno may be provided for any baptized Catholic who fulfills any of the following:

- **registered in our parish database for a period of six months or more**
- **reference of regular parish involvement by a member of the parish pastoral staff**
- **identification as a regular member of our worshipping community (attendance at Mass on the Lord's Day) by a member of our pastoral staff**

Since we, unlike other Catholic parishes, do not have a specific territorial area, designated by parish boundaries, living in the vicinity of the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center does not automatically mean membership in this parish. (The territorial parish area in which SPCNC is located covers portions of Saint Anthony of Padua parish and Sacred Heart parish.) Hence, personal registration, active involvement and participation in worship and other activities on a regular basis are required to receive any documenting letter (e.g. for purposes of being a Catholic sponsor/godparent) of membership in SPCNC.

You can register at the front desk, or through our website: <https://csufnewman.com/about/online-registration>. **We also ask that you check in with us if you have moved, or updated any contact information so we can update our database.**

Catholic Charities Truck Next Weekend

We will have the Catholic Charities Collection Truck out in the parking lot during all Masses the weekend of August 14-15. We are in need of assistance at all Masses. If you would like to help load the truck contact the Office at 436-3434 or send an email to ncoffice@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.

Faith, Family & Friends Registration

Faith, Family & Friends is the Newman Center's innovative approach to religious education for 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. Registrations are now available on our website and are due by August 31. There will be a parent meeting on Tuesday, September 28. If you have any questions about registrations, please contact the office at 436-3434 or ncoffice@csufnewman.com.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend there will be a second collection for St. John's Cathedral. Your donations will go towards the maintenance of our Diocesan Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity.

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 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.

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 Calendar

Sunday, August 8 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

7:30am Mass for John Horstmann Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Lai Pham Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Rudi Peterson Chapel
 2:00pm Baptism Prep Class Zoom
 4:00pm Eucharistic Minister Workshop Chapel
 5:00pm Altar Server Workshop Chapel
 7:00pm Young Adult Mass CNH 102-103

Monday, August 9 Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

8:00am Mass Int. of Tim McCarthy Chapel

Tuesday, August 10 2 Cor 9:6-10 ; Jn 12:24-26

6:00pm Mass Int. of Catherine Simone Chapel

Wednesday, August 11 Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20

8:00am Mass for Mike Reidy Chapel
 6:30pm PAIN Cafeteria

Thursday, August 12 Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21-19:1

5:00pm Confessions Chapel
 6:00pm Mass for Glen Bartolome Chapel

Friday, August 13 Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

8:00am Mass for Maria Murao Chapel

Saturday, August 14 Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

Catholic Charities Truck - East Parking Lot
Second Collection - Cathedral Maintenance
 2:00pm Madrigal - Armendarez Wedding Chapel
 5:00pm Mass for Chris Coons Chapel

Sunday, August 15 Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Catholic Charities Truck - East Parking Lot
Second Collection - Cathedral Maintenance
 7:30am Mass for Carlos Sanchez Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Joe and Trini Ramirez Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Armando Ojeda Chapel

Prayers:

- ◆ **For those who died this week:** Jack Jordan, Zee McCammond, Emmanuel Rego, Rev. Angel Sotelo
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**
 Julissa Mojarras, Mayra Cervantes, Chris Gonzales, Estefania Medina, John Schutt, 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

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Aug. 16 ACH	\$15,740.00	Aug. 15 ACH	
Aug. 23	\$10,128.00	Aug. 22	
Aug. 30	\$4,017.00	Aug. 29	
August Total	\$57,610.50	August Total	\$17,923.00


Weekend Masses


All Masses are indoors at full capacity. **Reservations are not required to attend Mass. Please note that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is rescinded.** All the Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Fresno will be obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. For any questions, please contact the office at 436-3434 or ncoffice@csufnewman.com.

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.


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He Wanted to Die

This Week's Readings at Mass

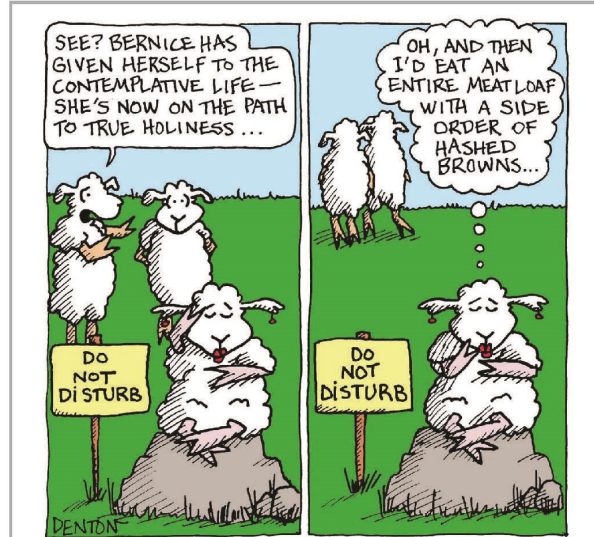
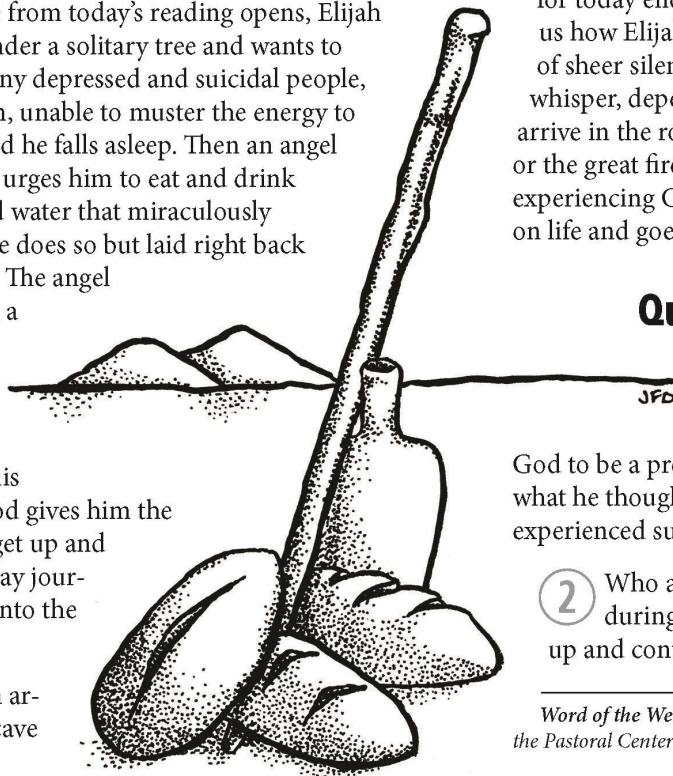
- ▶ 1 Kings 19:4-8 - Elijah's flight to Horeb
- ▶ Ephesians 4:30-5:2 - Vices to be avoided
- ▶ John 6:41-51 - Discourse on the bread of life, continued

The first reading today is a lesser-known story of the prophet Elijah, but it is one to which many of us may be able to relate. The story picks up with Elijah fleeing from Queen Jezebel who has vowed to kill him within the next 24 hours. Jezebel was married to Ahab, the king of the Israelites, but she worshipped other gods (the Baals) than the one God, Yahweh. Elijah denounced her because, through her, the Israelites had begun to turn away from Yahweh as well.

After she threatened him, Elijah fled for his life into the wilderness. He has been through an intense few years, enduring drought and famine in the land, working a miracle for a widow but then being accused of killing her son, experiencing the murders of fellow prophets, and now being hunted down by the king and queen of the land.

As the scene from today's reading opens, Elijah sits down under a solitary tree and wants to die. Like many depressed and suicidal people, he lays down, unable to muster the energy to continue, and he falls asleep. Then an angel appears and urges him to eat and drink the food and water that miraculously appeared. He does so but laid right back down again. The angel touches him a second time and urges him to eat more. This time, the food gives him the strength to get up and make a 40-day journey deeper into the wilderness.

When Elijah arrives at the cave



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"I am the bread of life."

Sheepish Question:

What if I approach the bread of life more like a wine or cheese tasting than a 3-times-a-day requirement?

on the mountain of God, he is not suicidal anymore, but he is still in despair, feeling left alone because all the other prophets have been killed, and knowing he is still targeted by the violent queen. The reading for today ends here, but the following verses tell us how Elijah then experienced God in the sound of sheer silence (or a still, small voice, or a gentle whisper, depending on the translation). God didn't arrive in the rock-splitting wind, or the earthquake, or the great fire, but in the unexpected silence. After experiencing God this way, Elijah finds a new lease on life and goes on to continue his prophetic work.

Questions of the Week

- 1 What is your reaction to reading about a biblical person who was handpicked by God to be a prophet, led a faithful life trying to do what he thought God was asking of him, and yet experienced suicidal thoughts?
- 2 Who are the angels that have come to you during a difficult time and helped you to get up and continue your journey?



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