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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

February 27, 2022

Readings: Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Far too many of us love to apply the Scriptures to everyone else but ourselves. We hear a homily and think, "I sure wish so and so had heard it. He really needs it." We read some convicting verse in scripture or a book and decide to send it in a letter to a friend who "needs to hear it".

What are we doing? We're becoming "eye-inspectors" looking for wooden beams in other people's eyes when we have a whole "lumber yard" in our own! We need to become "I" inspectors. Inspect yourself first. Look into your own life. Search your own heart. Apply the scriptures to yourself!

And it's not just the failures of others. It's also the insignificant concerns we focus on instead of the glaring sins in our life. How sad it is that we get so worked up about sports and the weather and our physical ailments, yet ignore the glaring deficiencies in our own souls. The things in life we get upset about are trivialities compared to our intense spiritual needs.

Don't overlook your own failures by focusing on the failure of others. This week's gospel has a lot of one-liners, but if you take each on its own terms, there's a larger picture that shows us we can't focus on others before we focus on bringing the best out of ourselves. You can't guide a blind person until you, yourself, can see. You can't point out someone else's faults until you have identified your own shortcomings. And you can't give people the good fruit of your own labor if you haven't made any good fruit.

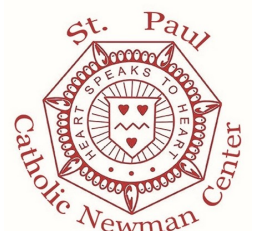
Last week's gospel was about how we treat others and this weeks is about how we treat ourselves. Jesus is inviting us to be honest and assess ourselves with a critical eye.

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!

Week of February 27-March 6

Young Adults Bible Study

On Monday evenings at 6:00pm, we host a Young Adult Bible Study to discover the word of God together. We are currently studying the Gospel of Mark. Join us as we grow together in our faith.

Ash Wednesday Services

As we begin this new Lenten season, let us be reminded of our human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God. We will provide ash distribution services at these designated times and campus locations:

10:00am | Fresno Pacific University

12:15pm | Fresno City College

3:30pm | Clovis Community College

Wednesday Student Night

Looking for a community to grow in your faith? Join us this week for a Lenten reflection activity inside Cardinal Newman Hall beginning at 6:00pm. In observance of Ash Wednesday we will have a Lenten dinner.

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Ash Wednesday

Lent is just around the corner. We invite you all to begin this season of prayer and repentance with us on Ash Wednesday, March 2. We will be offering three services: Mass at 8:00am, Mass at 12:15pm celebrated by Bishop Brennan, and Mass at 6:00pm, all of which will offer distribution of ashes. If you are unable to stay for these services or want to come by another time, we are offering "Drop-In Ashes" where you can receive ashes and a short prayer and blessing right here in the church. Come by anytime between 9:00am and 5:00pm. If any of you are interested in helping with any of these services or with administering Drop-In Ashes, please contact our Director of Liturgy, Karl Gurney: karl@csufnewman.com.

Catholic Charities Truck

The Catholic Charities Donation Truck will be here this weekend, **February 26 -27** 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.

Faith, Family & Friends

Faith, Family & Friends meets this Tuesday, March 1 for our monthly Children's Mass! Please join us in the Chapel at 6:00pm. Please note that masks are required. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Family Life Ministries

Men's Saturday Coffee Group will meet Saturday morning, March 5 from 7:30am to 9:00am in the Cafeteria for coffee and to share our collective spiritual wisdom as we form friendship bonds with other men on our individual spiritual journeys. We will reflect on how we can do all things through Christ if we turn our lives and wills over to the care of God.

Men's Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group meets Monday mornings after Mass from 8:30am to 9:15am in the Library.

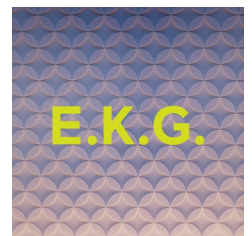
The Grief Support Ministry offers spiritual and emotional support to those who are coping with the death of a loved one. The next series of Grief Support meetings will begin on Monday, March 21 through Monday, April 11. The meetings are held from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Monday evenings in the Community Room. If you are interested in attending, please contact John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

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 prandinij@csufnewman.com.

EKG Podcast

Sister Kathleen and Edgar Guzmán dialogue all things about faith. You're invited to dive into their clumsy conversations and journey together. Look up EKG or St. Paul Catholic Newman Center anywhere you listen to podcasts. If the previous sentence left you confused, head to our website, scroll to the bottom of our page and you can find the play button there. Happy listening!



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 27

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Catholic Charities Truck

7:30am	Mass for Deceased Members of the Lopez Family	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Chuck Quinlan	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Arturo M. Balli	Chapel
11:30am	RCIA	Community Room
12:45pm	Baptisms (Group)	Chapel
3:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel
6:30pm	Prayer Activity	Chapel
7:00pm	Young Adult Mass	Chapel

Monday, February 28

1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27

8:00am	Mass for Frank and Julia Corollo	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	St. John XXIII

Tuesday, March 1

1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
12:00pm	Christian Meditation	Community Room
5:00pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
6:00pm	Children's Mass (Mass for Dick Owen)	Chapel

Wednesday, March 2

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Ash Wednesday— Drop in Ashes 9:00am to 5:00pm

8:00am	Mass for Deceased Members of the Lopez Family (with Ashes)	Chapel
12:15pm	Mass (with Ashes)	Chapel
5:30pm	Scriptural Rosary	Community Room
6:00pm	College Night	CNH 101
6:00pm	Mass (with Ashes)	Chapel
6:30pm	PAIN	CNH 103

Thursday, March 3

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:30pm	The Hero Within	CNH 101
6:00pm	Mass Int. of Jose Antonio Ramirez	Chapel

Friday, March 4

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

8:00am	Mass for Fr. Joseph Heffernan	Chapel
8:30am	Sacred Heart Devotion for Families	Chapel
6:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Chapel

Saturday, March 5

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

7:30am	Men's Saturday Coffee Group	Cafeteria
7:30am	SoulCore	Chapel Courtyard
11:00am	Butchert Funeral	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Maria Carla Alessandri-Cook	Chapel

Sunday, March 6

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

7:30am	Mass for Dominic F. Aiello	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for John Godburn	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Eugene J. Donoghue Jr.	Chapel
11:30am	RCIA Rite of Sending	Chapel
6:30pm	Prayer Activity	Chapel
7:00pm	Young Adult Mass	Chapel

February Contributions

2021		2022	
Feb. 7	\$20,593.06	Feb. 6	\$32,474.82
Feb. 14 ACH	\$ 9,225.50	Feb. 13 ACH	\$22,038.14
Feb. 21 ACH	\$11,165.27	Feb. 20 ACH	\$18,049.85
Feb. 28	\$12,199.66	Feb. 27	
Feb. Total	\$53,183.49	Feb. Total	\$72,562.81

Prayers:

- ◆ **For those who have died:** Roberta Sweeden, Richard Ford
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**
 Sr. Ana Rosa Guzman, Joan Renner, Margery Toll, Frances Garcia, Kristal Lowe Limon, Jessica H., Olivia King, Olivia Arriaga, Abigail Love, Ron Dodds, 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 Dundy, Isabel Wiggins, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Sr. Rosa Maria Branco FHIC, Dick and Jan White, Randy Trejold, Jose Murillo, Piper Linden, Jose Guadalupe Solorio, Jennifer Payne, John Schutt, Bobbie Sweeden, Jeff Janzen, Kitty Culleton, Catherine Simone, Tommie Huettmann, Melvin Helm family, Don Dallas family, Tom & Summer Quiroz Family, Joe Calandri, Rob Hyatt, Danny Hyatt, Sr. Joanne Bauer, Deacon Steve and Angie Taylor, Deacon Jim Rooney, Jan Fusselman, Nyla Zender, Brittany Baeza, Alma Alba, Deacon Rick DeLeon and Family, Michael Ford, JoAnn Myers, Monica Baker (Lucido), Scott Alston, Daniel Xavier Huidor, Deacon Kelly Canelo and Family, Jo Carol, Debbie Ross, Tom Sommers, David Toll, Fr. Ricardo Magdaleno, Ernie Peterson, Susan Olson, Ken Barnes and Family, Mercedes Gallegos, Ramona Egan

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RCIA

Sponsors Needed

God has blessed us with many people wanting to become Catholic. We have three candidates and eight catechumens in the catechumenate and another five in Inquiry. In two weeks these five inquirers will go through their Rite of Acceptance but have run out of sponsors. We desperately need another five sponsors. If you are a practicing Catholic and have received baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist, you qualify. If you are interested in serving as a sponsor and share your faith with these new candidates and catechumens, or if you have questions about sponsoring, please contact Charles Arokiasamy at rcia@csufnewman.com or 559-286-6372. Or leave your contact information at the front office and we will follow up with you. It is a lot of fun being a sponsor and you will find yourself learning many things you did not know about your own faith.



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 rcia@csufnewman.com or 559-286-6372.

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.

Our Lenten Journey With Luke's Gospels

Today, Ash Wednesday, we begin our season of Lent with the Sign of the Cross traced on our forehead. Notice the wooden cross near the altar. A bowl of ashes is placed at the foot of the cross to remind us of our commitment to pray, sacrifice, and give alms during Lent. May this symbol remind us to reflect on the way Jesus is inviting us to walk with him during the six weeks of Lent.

Creation Care Tips

"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush."—Luke 6:43-44 Here is an ecological proof: we know a tree by its fruits. But we must acknowledge the fact that many of this generation would not be able to tell a pear tree from a cherry tree, peach tree, or plum tree, not to mention bushes like the raspberry, blueberry, and blackberry. Consider planting a fruit tree or bush in your yard to provide an unforgettable learning experience for children, as well as a harvest to feed the family. Think about the pies you will be able to enjoy. Think about making jam to preserve the harvest. You will be living in a delectable garden! Check with a local nursery, a neighbor who is a gardener, or the Master Gardeners at your local extension agency for suggestions on the best varieties to grow in your area.

Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: Sunday's Gospel has Jesus challenging us about critiquing the speck in our brother's eye when we have a wooden beam in our own. This speaks to Jesus' sense of humor, but also to his passion for seeing everyone as created in God's image. As Pope Francis would say, "Who are we to judge?" Your challenge this week is to think of a person or a group of people whom you have judged. Spend some time in prayer and reflection, recalling that they are children of God and looking for signs of goodness that you may not have seen before. Then pray for them sincerely and honestly, asking God to bless them and help them to grow deeper in their love for him.

Job Opportunity: Parish Administrator (Parish Life Coordinator)

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center (SPCNC) seeks a Parish Life Coordinator to manage the operations of our Parish. Our mission is to reach out to and serve college students as well as to serve the faithful who have chosen to be a part of our vibrant parish community. Requires five years' experience in management including supervising others, and a bachelor's degree, preferably in management or a related area. For more information visit website csufnewman.com or text / call Dave Meyer at (559) 269-0002.

Parish Information

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00am

First Tuesday 6:00pm, Thursday at 6:00pm

Communion Services: Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am

Reconciliation: Thursday 4:00pm to 5:45pm or call the office for an appointment.

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm
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Church Contribution Statements

If you did not receive your contribution statement via email or mail, please pick up your contribution statement at the front desk. If you received it via email, it will not be printed at the front desk. If you would like to receive your future contribution statements via email, please give your email address to the office. Thank you.

From Fr. Byron

It is so good to be back home! Thanks for all your prayers while I was in Chicago preaching the Mission Novena in honor of Saint Jude. It was an honor to place all your petitions physically by the relic of the saint. While in Chicago, people were asking me about our parish and how were the people here. I told them the truth. I told them that you are trees!!! I told them that you all are shaping my priesthood by your testimony of faith, which is manifested by the fruits I see in you: from your kindness to volunteering in a ministry; from your silent prayer to singing a church hymn; from your generosity to your involvement in a Gospel cause.

This is precisely what the Gospel is all about this weekend. Our spirituality is measured by our fruits, that is, how we live life empowered by the Gospel values. You are God's wonderful trees, called to give that fruit that inspire people like me to believe in goodness and above all, to believe in God!

3K - 5K Easter Run!

Do you or anyone in your family want to join me for a special sunrise prayer service and a run / jog / walk toward the empty tomb on Easter morning? If you are intrigued by the idea, or if you would like to help me make it happen, or if you would like to celebrate the greatest day of the Catholic Church in such a kinetic way, please email me at frbyron@csufnewman.com or give me a call. Let us literally run to the empty tomb on Easter morning!

Claretian Youth

We want to thank Elise Nicoletti for donating cool Claretian Youth tee shirts to our youth. We thank you for your generosity and for supporting our youth as we strive to know, love, praise and serve God.

Last week the Claretian Youth wrote care notes to our homebound as part of our service day. Patrice Loretta did an amazing job facilitating the service project. We meet on Tuesdays (except the fifth Tuesday) at 6:00pm in the St. John XXIII Student Lounge.

Liturgies this Week

We have our Children's Mass this Tuesday at 6:00pm with Fr. Paul. All are welcome!

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We will have Masses at 8am (Fr. Byron); 12:15pm (Bishop Brennan) and 6pm (Fr. Paul). We will also have Prayer Services/Masses at Fresno Pacific University at 10:00am; Fresno City College (12:00pm) and Clovis Community College (3:30pm). Help us spread the word so everyone gets their ashes! Also, please let me know if you have a homebound family member who would like to receive ashes and I will do my best to swing by and do it. Also, this Friday is First Friday and we have our Sacred Heart Devotion. Join us at 8:00am for Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. All are welcome.

Saintly Quote

"It is not hard to obey when we love the one whom we obey." - Saint Ignatius Loyola

Have a Laugh

A Protestant moves into a Catholic neighborhood. It's a pretty open-minded and welcoming community, and everyone gets along great.

The first time an issue presents itself is when Lent rolls around. During Lent, the Catholics in the neighborhood all swear off red meat. Every day at lunch, however, as his neighbors were eating cold tuna sandwiches, the Protestant would grill himself a big, juicy steak that could be smelled throughout the neighborhood.

Several weeks into Lent, the Catholics met after Mass to discuss the issue. They didn't want to be unneighborly, but the smell was really driving them crazy.

Then, one of them comes up with a suggestion: since the Protestant moved to a Catholic community, maybe he'd be open to converting. While it wouldn't fix the problem that year, it would make next year's Lent go much more smoothly. After much debate, they agree to bring the offer to the Protestant.

To their surprise and delight, he is completely open to converting. He goes through the process and gets baptized as a Catholic. The entire neighborhood shows up for his confirmation, where the priest splashes him with holy water while saying, "You were born a Protestant ... you were raised a Protestant ... and now you're a Catholic."

The next year goes smoothly, and the whole neighborhood gets along great. Then, Lent rolls around again. As everyone is at home with their cold tuna sandwiches, a smell permeates the air: charcoal, wood chips, STEAK. Confused, everyone rushes over to the convert's house.

They find him standing over his grill, a juicy steak cooking away. He's splashing the slab of meat with beer, and the neighbors hear him speaking in a solemn voice.

"You were born a cow ... you were raised a cow ... and now you're a fish."

(Have a Laugh section will be gone during Lent.... See you in Easter! Also, email me your Catholic Jokes to share the gift of clean laughter with each other)

Your Petitions Placed by the Relic of Saint Jude:



Judge It By Its Fruit

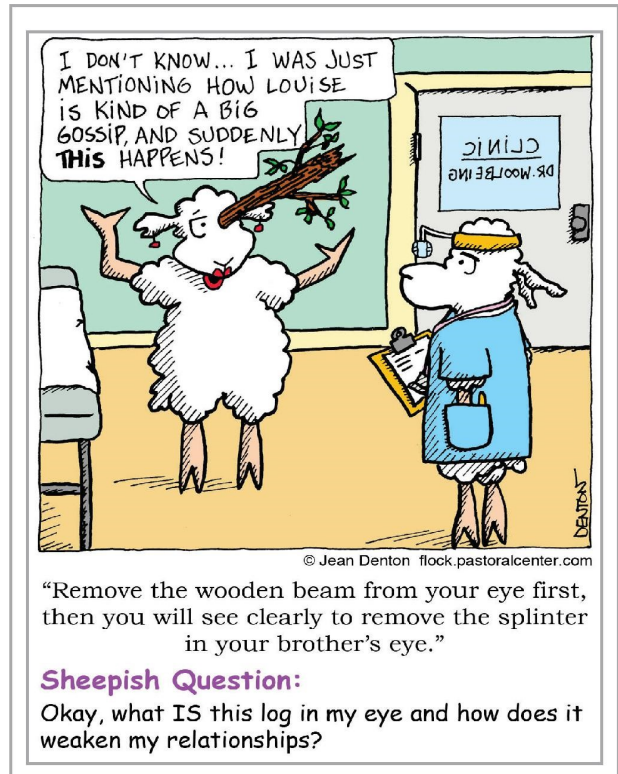
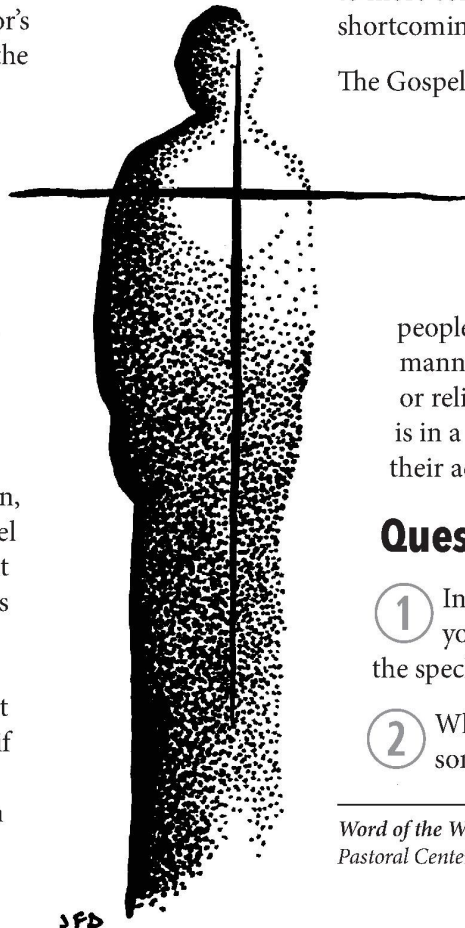
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Sirach 27:5-8 - All tested by their speech
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 - Glorification of the body
- ▶ Luke 6:39-45 - All known by their works

As is often the case, the first reading and the Gospel reading are connected in theme. The first encourages us to judge people by their words, not their physical appearance, because their speech reveals their interior life. Just as good fruit grows from a tree well-cared for, someone who cultivates a good character will speak from that place of goodness. Two centuries later, Jesus echoes the same theme, expanding on it with further examples.

Jesus' teachings today give a very concrete challenge to all his disciples down through the ages that is often hard for us to hear. Rather than point out the faults of another — “the speck in your neighbor's eye”—we are asked to notice the wooden beam in our own eye. Of course, we may want to believe that our neighbor has the beam in his eye, while we either have only a speck or maybe even think we are completely clear-sighted!

The paradox is that when we quit focusing on someone else's faults to remedy our own, we will probably no longer feel the need to stand in judgment of anyone else. Just before this passage, Jesus stated, “Stop judging and you will not be judged.” That statement might seem almost impossible, but if we concentrate on taking the wooden beam out of our own eye that might naturally lead



to more compassion and understanding of others' shortcomings.

The Gospel passage ends with Jesus picking up on a theme in the first reading from the Book of Sirach. Both remind us that we can know a tree by its fruits—good trees will produce good fruit, but rotten trees will not. Though the world may judge people by their “appearance” (their skin color, manner of dress, sexual orientation, language, or religion), Jesus asks us to look deeper to what is in a person's heart. Ultimately, their words and their actions will reveal what is there.

Questions of the Week

- 1 In what kinds of situations do you find yourself getting caught up in focusing on the specks in other people's eyes?
- 2 What good fruits have you seen produced by someone who is genuinely a “good tree”?

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