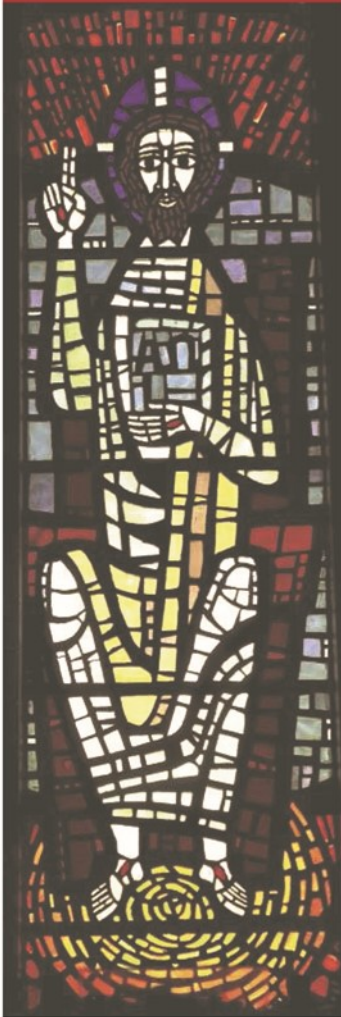


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## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

January 30, 2022

Readings: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

*Dear Newman Community,*

*As we begin the New Year 2022, I want to invite all of you to become involved with the upcoming Synod on Synodality in any way that you can. Here are a few ways to get started:*

*Visit the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center Synod Website which includes resources from the Vatican and from the Diocese of Fresno to help all of us better understand what the Synod is all about, and why it is so important for the universal Church, our local Diocese, and our own parish "to listen, as the entire People of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church".*

*Register for one of the upcoming Training for Facilitators and Note-Takers on*

*Wednesday, February 9th at 10:00am*

*Wednesday, February 9th at 6:30pm*

*Thursday, February 10th at 6:30pm*

*Link to register:*

<https://form.jotform.com/RoseHernandez/facilitatornote-taker-workshop>

*Register for the February 24 event with Pope Francis which should be especially important for us as a Newman Center serving University Students!*

*Register for the February 17 Saint John Henry Newman Lecture on the Loyola University Chicago website.*

*Contact me, Jim Grant (jimgrantbc@gmail.com) for any further questions you may have!*

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Greetings from The Hank Center. We are excited to share our Spring 2022 Calendar.

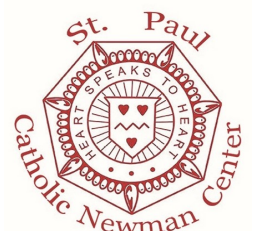
Our featured event this Spring will be [Building Bridges: A Synodal Encounter Between Pope Francis and University Students](#) which will be a direct conversation between the Pope and university students from North, Central, and South America. This historic encounter between the Pope and university students from North, Central, and South America will address salient challenges of our times. The Pope will dialogue with these university students who will share concrete educational projects that seek to justly transform environmental and economic realities.

The Hank Center is honored to co-host this event. All are welcome to join us in this momentous event. Register [here](#).

To register for other Hank Center events, including our upcoming Saint John Henry Newman Lecture please visit our [website](#).

### 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 January 30 - February 6

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## Young Adults' Bible Study

Monday, January 31 at 6:00pm. Join other young adults for a bible study session to discover the word of God and grow in your faith together.

## Seeking Wednesday Student Night volunteers:

As many of you may know, our Wednesday Student Night Dinners are officially back and running. This event has brought in numerous students from the community to come together and take a break from their studies. However, we are in need of more volunteers who are willing to either bring in a meal from a restaurant or provide a general gift card (e.g., VISA gift card/cash). If you are interested in supporting us, please reach out to Stephanie Beas, our Campus Ministry Administrative Assistant, via email: [catholicclub@csufnewman.com](mailto:catholicclub@csufnewman.com). Any questions or concerns on the responsibilities, we'd be more than happy to answer them. Thank you!

## Second Collection for Campus Ministry

Thank you all for your generosity in the second collection for our Campus Ministry. Your gift will help cover important expenses and maintain many of our services we provide for college students. If you were unable to donate this week, we will continue having this special collection on the months with a 5th Sunday. We thank you for your generosity and support.

## **Campus Ministry Contacts**

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## Faith, Family & Friends

### Faith, Family & Friends - Canceled Until February 8

As Covid cases are surging all around us, the parish has decided to cancel all Faith, Family & Friends sessions until Tuesday, February 8.

All FF&F Groups: Children, Claretian High School Youth, and the Adult Group will not meet until Tuesday, February 8. This cancellation also includes the Children's Mass that was scheduled for February 1.

All FF&F groups and class sessions will resume on Tuesday, February 8 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

We pray that you will all be safe and healthy!

## Family Life Ministries

**Men's Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group** meets on Mondays after morning Mass from 8:30am to 9:15am in the Library.

### **Adult Religious Education and Faith Formation**

John Prandini invites you to join in on a series of classes to explore the Sacraments of the Church - *Past & Present*. During each session, we will view a short educational video on each Sacrament, followed by a discussion and Q&A session. It is open to all parishioners! Members of the Adult Confirmation program and RCIA are especially invited and welcomed. Classes are on Tuesday evenings beginning February 8 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the Chapel. Class dates: February 8, February 15, February 22, March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29. No registration or fee is required.

### **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.u

For information email contact John Prandini at [prandinij@csufnewman.com](mailto:prandinij@csufnewman.com).

**Men's Saturday Coffee Group** will meet Saturday morning, February 5 from 7:30am to 9:00am in the Cafeteria for coffee, to share our collective spiritual wisdom as we form friendship bonds with other men on our individual spiritual journeys.

## Electronic Funds Transfer

Sign up to make your donation to the Newman Center via electronic funds transfer. Have your Sunday contribution, second collection, and / or your special gift donation automatically made weekly or monthly with a credit card. **One can also schedule recurring online donations.** For more information call Carol at 436-3434.

## Creation Care Tips

"If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing." —1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Sometimes environmentalists can be accused of being downright rigid and judgmental in their manner of living a "green life" and trying to persuade others to do the same. Spend some time this week remembering the reason(s) behind your efforts to tread more lightly on the earth. It's probably because you love and cherish this marvelous, stunning world which God created. Enjoy a film from the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital (DCEFF) this week, as a reaffirmation of your love for God's creation. <https://dceff.org/watchnow>.

## Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: Next week we honor St. Paul Miki, whose feast falls on February 6. St. Paul Miki was crucified for his faith in Jesus, but he, like Jesus, forgave his murderers as he hung on the cross. Your challenge this week is two-fold. First read a brief but very inspiring biographical sketch of St. Paul at <https://bit.ly/paul-miki>. Then spend some quiet time reflecting on a person or persons in the world who cause suffering or even death to others. Lift that person or those persons up in your prayers. Remember, Jesus told us to love our enemies and pray for our persecutors!

## Foundations Course for RNs

The Diocese of Fresno is once again offering the Foundations course for RN's wishing to become certified as a Faith Community Nurse (FCN). This course is being offered March 3-6, 2022. Completing the FCN Foundations course will enable an RN to begin and manage a Health Ministry program within their respective parish as well as provide 34 CEU's. If interested and would like additional information please contact: Roxanna Stevens RN, FCN at [Roxanna@dioceseoffresno.org](mailto:Roxanna@dioceseoffresno.org) or 488-7474, ext.108 JoAnn LoForti, RN, FCN at [jloforti@dioceseoffresno.org](mailto:jloforti@dioceseoffresno.org); or 488-7474, ext. 108.



## THE DIOCESE OF FRESNO IS HIRING!

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Learn more:

<https://dioceseoffresno.org/office-of-human-resources/>

## 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](http://csufnewman.com) or text / call Dave Meyer at (559) 269-0002.

## RCIA

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](mailto: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.

## Secular Franciscans

St. John the Baptist Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order invites all to Online Contemplative Morning Prayer: Daily from 6:00am to 7:00am.

Liturgy of the Hours is shared on the screen.

Short pauses are observed throughout. 20 minutes of silent prayer after the Liturgy of the Hours.

For Details and to request the Zoom Link, please email or call Everardo Pedraza, OFS at [fct.ofs@gmail.com](mailto:fct.ofs@gmail.com) or 559-230-9736. All are welcome!

## Amazon Smile

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# Weekly Calendar

**Sunday, January 30** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

## Second Collection - Campus Ministry

7:30am Mass for Maria DeLaLuz Torres Lopez Chapel  
 9:30am Mass for Ricardo and Carmelita Sunga Chapel  
 11:30am Mass for Gladys Toce Chapel  
 3:00pm Igbo Mass Chapel  
 7:00pm Young Adult Mass Chapel

**Monday, January 31** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

8:30am Men's Morning Scripture Study Library  
 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study St. John XXIII

**Tuesday, February 1** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

8:00am Communion Service Chapel  
 12:00pm Christian Meditation Community Room

**Wednesday, February 2**

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

8:00am Communion Service Chapel  
 6:00pm College Night CNH 101  
 6:00pm Scriptural Rosary Community Room  
 6:30pm PAIN Cafeteria

**Thursday, February 3**

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

8:00am Communion Service Chapel  
 5:30pm The Hero Within CNH 101

**Friday, February 4**

Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

8:00am Communion Service Chapel

**Saturday, February 5**

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

7:30am SoulCore Chapel Courtyard  
 7:30am Men's Saturday Coffee Group Cafeteria  
 5:00pm Mass for Deceased Members of the O'Sullivan Family Chapel

**Sunday, February 6**

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

7:30am Mass for Lai Pham Chapel  
 9:30am Mass for John Godburn Chapel  
 10:00am HS Confirmation Class (via Zoom)  
 11:30am Mass for Rick Sanchez and RCIA Rite of Acceptance Chapel  
 6:30pm Prayer Activity Chapel  
 7:00pm Young Adult Mass Chapel

# January Contributions

2021		2022	
Jan. 3	\$28,062.05	Jan. 2	\$23,472.00
Jan. 10 <b>ACH</b>	\$19,438.31	Jan. 9 <b>ACH</b>	\$25,019.38
Jan. 17 <b>ACH</b>	\$12,113.06	Jan. 16 <b>ACH</b>	\$13,713.42
Jan. 24	\$8,549.00	Jan. 23	\$10,606.27
Jan. 31	\$9,140.55	Jan. 30	
<b>Jan. Total</b>	<b>\$77,302.97</b>	<b>Jan. Total</b>	<b>\$72,811.07</b>

## Prayers:

- ◆ **For those who have died this week:** Reed Waddell, Carrie Lou Butchert, Amy Steele, Roy Giovannoni, Irven Rule
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**  
 Sr. Ana Rosa Guzman, Joan Renner, Margery Toll, Frances Garcia, Fr. Joe Baca, Kristal Lowe Limon, Jessica H., Olivia King, Olivia Arriaga, Abigail Love, Ron Dodds, Donna Lang, Mark Lang, 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, Jacob Blake, Dan Dungy, 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 John Supino, Deacon Jim Rooney, Jan Fusselman, Nyla Zender,

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### College Pages



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## From Fr. Byron

There's a song that says "even in the midst of all joy, you can also find sorrow." In the Gospel today, Jesus is having the approval and praise from all the people in the synagogue. And minutes later, these very people are leading him to the brow of the town to kill him! In life, we have days and days. Some days are going fine and then something falls through. And, at that moment, we can get discouraged or angry. Well, I got news for you... Good News! Even Jesus had bad days! Yet, he did not give into them. Just as he walked away from all these people who wanted to kill him (to show us that there is always a way out), this is a wonderful prefiguration of his promise to us: although when we even find sorrow in the midst of joy, Jesus offers us hope – hope that there is something greater than sorrow, pain and sadness. That is his promise. Let's embrace it with all our might; hope is God's presence in our heart and it will always make us pull through!

### Community Garden

We thank Chris De Leon for speaking after Masses this weekend. Please join us for a meeting on Monday, February 7 at 7:00pm (via Zoom) to be part of history! Leave your legacy by being part of our St. Paul's Community Garden! Please email me: frbyron@csufnewman.com or Jim Grant: jimgrantbc@gmail.com to sign up.

### Claretian Youth

We hope to resume the Claretian Youth Group by February 8. In the meantime, check your email to watch the Claretian Youth videos we are sending. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

### Office Hours

I'm always available to meet with you at any time! Yet, I will do my best to stay in the Office on Thursdays from 9:00am to 11:45am. You can always call the office or email me for appointments.

### Suitcases

If you have any used suitcases you don't use, I can use them! I will be going to Ecuador for 5 days in late March to baptize my niece. Since I am going, I have been collecting some used clothes and school supplies for the poor there. I can use a couple of 62 inches suitcases. Thank you so much.

### Claretian Retreat

Fr. Paul and I will be going on our annual retreat with our US and Canada Claretians. Please keep us in our prayers as we will keep you in ours.

### Vocation Awareness / Attention Children!

February 2 is the international Day of Vocation Awareness. On this day, please pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life. I am sure your prayers for vocation will touch a young heart anywhere in the world. Please help the Church find ministers to serve the Good People of God.

Because of this, I would like to ask our children to write a letter to a seminarian and a religious sister in formation. These are the men attending seminary now and the women in formation houses. They can address the letter to "Dear Seminarian" or "Dear Sister" and I will make sure they can be delivered to them.

The letter can say something like "I am praying for you... thank you for committing yourself to God... etc." It can also be a drawing. Please do not write the sender's address. Email me if you have more questions.

Also, come to think about it, adults can also write, too! Deadline: Friday, February 4. You can drop the letters at the front office. Thanks.

### Campus Ministry

We started off our semester last week with the blessing of students, faculty and staff. Please spread the word among college students and young adults about Bible Study on Mondays at 6:00pm and College Nights at 6:00pm on Wednesdays. Edgar Guzman, Campus Ministry Director, along with the student leaders, has set up an amazing calendar of activities for the semester, and he can use your help. Please email him at edgar@csufnewman.com if you would like to help. Thank you so much!

### SoulCore

If you have time, this Saturday at 7:30am come and pray with SoulCore. This is a very comprehensive manner to pray from our rich Catholic Devotions and strengthen our spirituality. For more info, contact John Prandini.

### Saintly Quote

"The endurance of darkness is the preparation for great light." – St. John Bosco (his feast is tomorrow, January 31).

### Have a Laugh

Father Byron went out one Saturday to visit his church members. At one house it was obvious that someone was home, but nobody came to the door even though the pastor had knocked several times. Finally, the pastor took out his card and wrote "Revelations 3:20" on the back of it, and stuck it in the door: {Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him and him with me.} The next day, the card turned up in the collection plate. Below the pastor's message was the notation "Genesis 3:10": {I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid and I hid myself.}

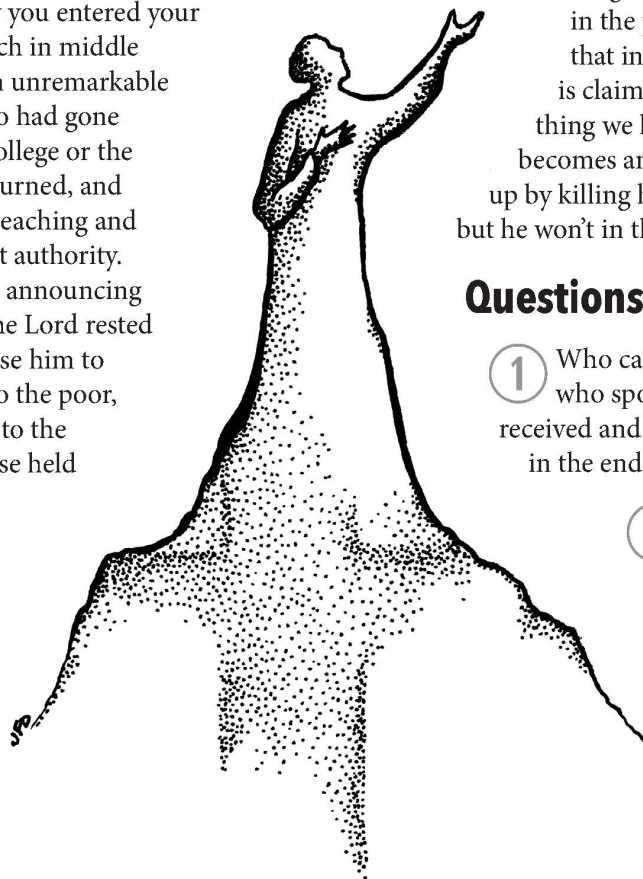
# The Hometown Boy

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 - Prophet consecrated to God
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 - Love never fails
- ▶ Luke 4:21-30 - Beginning of preaching; rejection by the townspeople

This Gospel reading is a continuation of what we heard last week when Jesus read to his hometown people from the scroll of Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Lk. 4:18-19). At first, the crowd is amazed at his words and responds positively to him. Then they start questioning where this simple hometown boy got his authority and confidence from because they knew his father was "just" a simple carpenter with no particular reputation, power, or prestige.

Imagine if one day you entered your little country church in middle America to find an unremarkable local farm boy who had gone away (but not to college or the seminary), had returned, and was on the altar preaching and teaching with great authority. Then imagine him announcing that the Spirit of the Lord rested upon him and chose him to bring good news to the poor, proclaim freedom to the oppressed and those held captive, and give sight to the blind. That was the sense of astonishment Jesus was getting upon his return to his hometown.



“They will fight against you but not prevail... for I am with you to deliver you.”

**Sheepish Question:**  
How can I be more courageous in defending what is loving and good?

Jesus knows he is now being misjudged by his history instead of his words and actions. He goes on to point out that the prophets in the past were judged the same way, and that infuriates the crowd because now he is claiming to be a prophet too. The next thing we know, the previously receptive crowd becomes an angry mob who wants to shut him up by killing him. This time he manages to escape, but he won't in the future.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Who can you think of who is/was a prophet who spoke the truth but wasn't always well received and perhaps was even attacked or killed in the end?
- 2 Have you ever been misjudged because of your background or history? How so?

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