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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

January 31, 2021

Readings: DT 18: 15-20; 1 COR 7: 32-35; MK 1: 21-28

The Deacon's Speakin'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I just finished reading the recent encyclical letter of Pope Francis entitled "Fratelli Tutti". It was inspired, Pope Francis states, by Saint Francis of Assisi. The letter is devoted to fraternity, social friendship, and the love we should extend to all people. Pope Francis writes, "I have sought to make this reflection an invitation to dialogue among all people of good will."

The Holy Father chose the parable of the Good Samaritan to encourage his readers to take his message "to heart". This call to love appears throughout all of the New Testament, but nowhere is it more evident than the story of the man who is assaulted by thieves and left badly injured on the side of the road. We all know the "rest of the story".

The Pope states, "Today we have a great opportunity to express our innate sense of fraternity, to be Good Samaritans who hear the pain of other people's trouble rather than fomenting greater hatred and resentment. . . Let us seek out others and embrace the world as it is, without fear of pain or a sense of inadequacy, because there we will discover all the goodness that God has planted in human hearts. Difficulties that seem overwhelming are opportunities for growth, not excuses for a glum resignation that can lead only to acquiescence. Yet let us not do this alone, as individuals. The Samaritan discovered an innkeeper who would care for the man; we too are called to unite as a family that is stronger than the sum of small individual members. For 'the whole is greater than the part, but it is also greater than the sum of its parts'. Let us renounce the pettiness and resentment of useless in-fighting and constant confrontation. Let us stop feeling sorry for ourselves and acknowledge our crimes, our apathy, our lies. Reparation and reconciliation will give us new life and set us all free from fear.

The Samaritan who stopped along the way departed without expecting any recognition or gratitude. His effort to assist another person gave him great satisfaction in life and before his God, and thus became a duty. All of us have a responsibility for the wounded, those of our own people and all the peoples of the earth. Let us care for the needs of every man and woman, young and old, with the same fraternal spirit of care and closeness that marked the Good Samaritan."

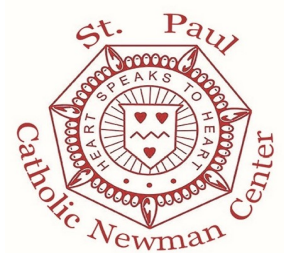
I'm hoping that this little excerpt from "Fratelli Tutti" will inspire you to read this wonderful letter and its message of love.

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.



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 joyoflovemoms@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

World Day for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 and in parishes over the weekend of February 6-7, 2021. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Baptism Prep Class

Our next Baptism Preparation Class will be Sunday, February 14 at 2:00pm via Zoom. The cost is \$10 per person. If you would like to attend, please contact Jenna at jenna@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.

The Joy of Love Moms' Group is a family ministry led by moms. To join Joy of Love Moms email Jakki at joyoflovemoms@gmail.com.

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.

Mass Requests

If you would like to schedule a Mass request for 2021, please contact Jenna at jenna@csufnewman.com. The suggestion donation is \$10 per Mass.

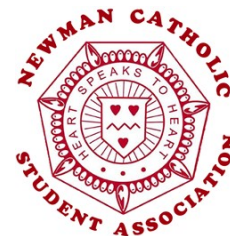
Children's Mass

Our Children's Mass is on the first Tuesday of the month in our Chapel Courtyard. This month, we will have Liturgy of the Word with Communion instead of Mass. It will be on Tuesday, February 2 at 6:00pm. Reservations are required to attend. Please visit our website to make your reservation.

Daily Mass and Confessions

Please note that Daily Mass is cancelled for February 1, 3, 4, and 5. Also **Confessions are cancelled this week** due to Fr. Byron and Fr. Paul being on retreat. Daily Mass will resume on Monday, February 8 and Confessions will resume on Thursday, February 11.

Campus Ministry News!



Wednesday Student Night

Join us this Wednesday for our Student Night. We'll check-in and see how the semester is treating us so far and learn a bit of a saint we celebrated this past week -- St. Thomas Aquinas!

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 a prayer activity followed by Mass at 7:00pm

YOUNG ADULT MASS CALENDAR

January 31	6:30pm - Confessions	7:00pm - Young Adult Mass
February 7	6:00pm - Adoration	7:00pm - Young Adult Mass

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.

Mission Trip

Thanks to all the people who attended our first meeting last weekend. If you are still interested, email Fr. Byron at frbyron@csufnewman.com. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 14 at 7:30pm.

Campus Ministry Contacts

Edgar Guzman, Director: edgar@csufnewman.com

Fr. Byron Macias, Chaplain: frbyron@csufnewman.com

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 31 DT 18: 15-20; 1 COR 7: 32-35; MK 1: 21-28

9:30am Mass for Jane Irwin Chapel Courtyard
 11:30am Mass for Joe Camoroda Chapel Courtyard

Monday, February 1 HEB 11: 32-40; MK 5: 1-20

6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study Google Meet

Tuesday, February 2 MAL 3: 1-4; HEB 2: 14-18; LK 2: 22-40 or 2: 22-32

6:00pm Children's Mass Chapel Courtyard

Wednesday, February 3 HEB 12: 4-7, 11-15; MK 6: 1-6

6:00pm College Night Zoom

Thursday, February 4 HEB 12: 18-19, 21-24; MK 6: 7-13

Friday, February 5 HEB 13: 1-8; MK 6: 14-29

3:30pm Food Distribution East Parking Lot
 6:30pm Young Adult Game Night Zoom

Saturday, February 6 HEB 13: 15-17, 20-21; MK 6: 30-34

Sunday, February 7 JB 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1 COR 9: 16-19, 22-23; MK 1: 29-39

9:30am Mass for John Godburn Chapel Courtyard
 11:30am Mass for Deacon Albert Montejano Chapel Courtyard

Prayers:

- ♦ **For those who have died this week:** Maria Rouse, Frances Hernandez, Elmer (Bud) Richter
- ♦ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**
 Barbara LaBaugh, Nancy VanGalder, Donna Garcia, Chris Elias, Deacon Mike Avila, Jeannine Kim, Tom Lucas, Rhonda Weakland, Frank Esquivel, Kristal Lowe Limon, Fr. Joaquin Arriaga, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Meghan Vasquez, Msgr. Scott Daugherty, Deacon Trinidad Guadarrama, Jacob Blake, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Rose Derby, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Nancy Martin, Sr. Rosa Maria Branco FHIC, Lou Freeman

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.

January Contributions

2020		2021	
Jan. 5	ACH \$26,162.78	Jan. 3	\$28,062.05
Jan. 12	\$12,535.99	Jan. 10	ACH \$19,438.31
Jan. 19	ACH \$29,850.17	Jan. 17	ACH \$12,113.06
Jan. 26	\$10,778.27	Jan. 24	\$8,549.00
		Jan. 31	
Jan. Total	\$79,327.21	Jan. Total	\$68,162.42

Weekend Masses

Sunday Masses are celebrated at 9:30am and 11:30am in the Chapel Courtyard. Reservations are required to attend Mass. Reservations can be made online by visiting our website.

Live Streaming

Sunday Mass is live streamed at 9:30am. Daily Masses are live streamed at 8:00am on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and at 6:00pm on Tuesday and Thursday. All Masses are streamed on Facebook Live. Look for us under "St. Paul Catholic Newman Center".

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.

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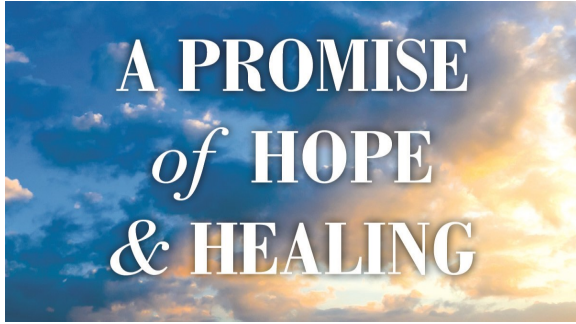
College Pages



Newman Catholic Student Association (Fresno)



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A Promise of Hope and Healing

Although our campaign has ended, thank you to the generosity of our parishioners; we are still receiving new and additional pledges. We have received \$209,378 in pledges and have received 94% of that amount.

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!

Weekly Justice Challenge

The Responsorial Psalm for Sunday is "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Hard hearts are not open to conversion. They don't enter into another person's pain or suffering. They aren't compassionate. Remember that the word compassion means to "suffer with." Your challenge this week is to reflect on your own heart. Is it hardened? Or do you feel compassion when you see a homeless person, a hungry child, a victim of racial or religious prejudice, or an immigrant in fear of being deported? Choose one person who is a victim of injustice, and walk in his/her shoes. Try to feel what that person is feeling. Then commit to one action you can take to help fight the injustice this person faces every day.

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.

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.

Donations

You can make your donations to our parish through several portals. Sign up to make your donation to the Newman Center via electronic funds transfer (ACH), credit card, PayPal, or your banks online banking system. You can designate your donation to Sunday Contributions and / or special gifts automatically made weekly or monthly. One can also schedule reoccurring online donations. For more information send an email to Carol at carol@csufnewman.com. We appreciate your support!

World Marriage Day

World Marriage Day falls on Sunday, February 14, 2021.

This year, we will be hosting a Virtual World Marriage Day Celebration, featuring photos of anniversary couples and a special message from Bishop Brennan at 3:00pm. The Celebration will be shown on Facebook Live so that family members can watch as well.

Each couple will receive a certificate honoring their special day as well as a prayer card from Bishop Brennan.

Couples can register online at <https://form.jotform.com/RoseHernandez/2021-WMD>

They Liked Listening to Him!

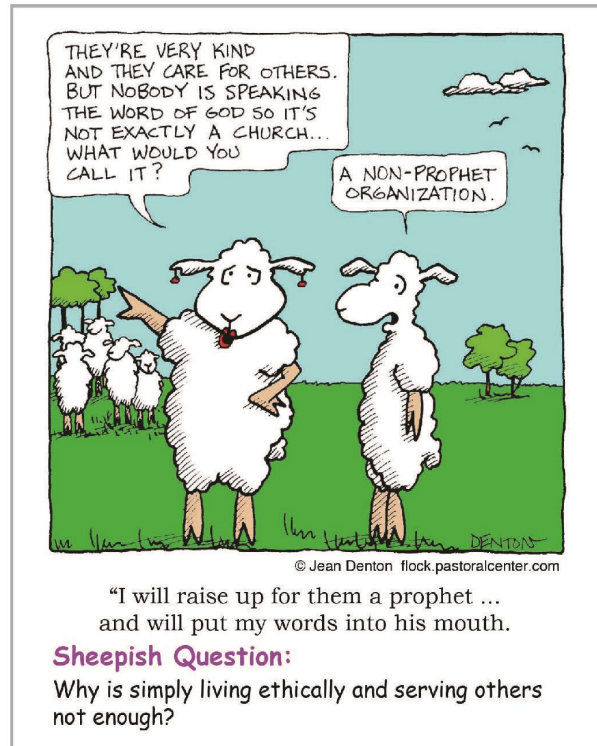
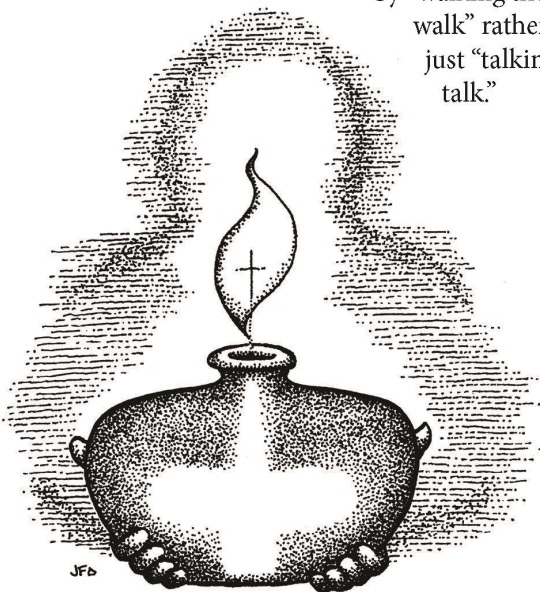
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Deuteronomy 18:15-20 - A prophet like Moses
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 - The state of virginity
- ▶ Mark 1:21-28 - Cure of a demoniac

It's easy to be impressed by all the miracles Jesus worked: he healed the sick, raised the dead, gave sight to the blind, and fed thousands starting with only a small amount of bread. What we might not always catch from hearing the gospels is what an amazing speaker and teacher Jesus was.

We've probably all had a mix of good, average, and bad teachers in our day. The bad ones might have bored us as they taught something that didn't seem very relevant. Maybe they didn't seem interested in us as individuals. Maybe they were rigid in the classroom. Perhaps they talked like know-it-alls and didn't have patience with students who "didn't get it" or didn't follow their directions exactly.

Then there are the great teachers. They are excited about what they are teaching, and they get the students excited about it too. They care about their students as individuals. They offer support and encouragement, but also expect a lot from their students, who usually rise to the occasion. Great teachers win the respect of their students by "walking the walk" rather than just "talking the talk."



In this reading Mark gives us a glimpse of what people thought of Jesus as a teacher. For someone who didn't have all the fancy education that the scribes and Pharisees had, Jesus amazed and astonished the crowd with his words. The gospel doesn't tell us exactly what Jesus taught that day, but whatever it was thrilled and excited his listeners. They recognized him as having authority beyond the religious leaders who usually preached during their synagogue services. On top of that, Jesus matched his teaching with his actions when he healed the man with an unclean spirit. No wonder his fame spread throughout the whole region. People recognize a great teacher and leader when they see one.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Talk about great teachers you've had in your life. What made them so good? Can you imagine Jesus having these same qualities as a teacher?
- 2 What do you think the difference was between Jesus teaching "as one having authority" and the teachings the people were used to by the scribes?

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