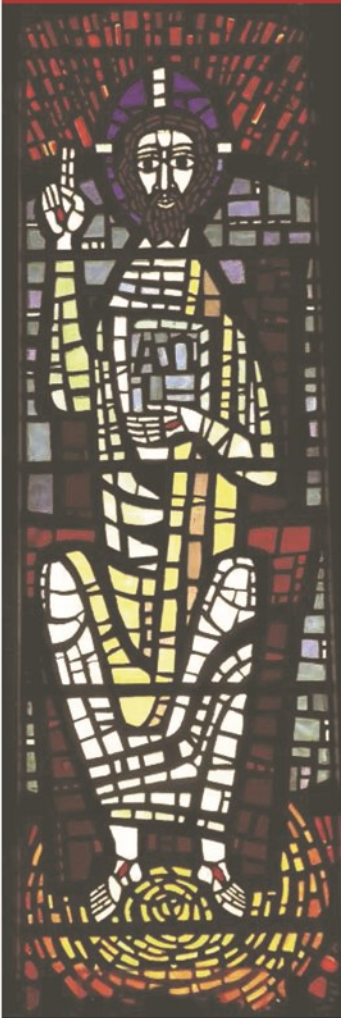


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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

July 24, 2022

Readings: Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

**“... ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.” Luke 11:9**

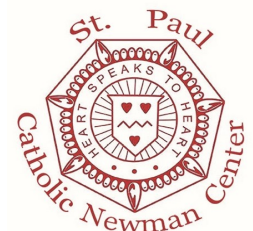
Sometimes we do not know what we are looking for or what life brings. We can only have faith that God will continue to transform us with whatever He has designed for us. I never anticipated that my life would bring me to this endeavor. That I would be given an unexpected and surprising opportunity to serve such a dynamic and faith-filled community. As I reflected on this week's Gospel, I thought to myself that a few months ago I began to quietly knock on a door that I was not quite sure God intended to be opened for me, therefore once again placing my trust in God's will. What I do know is that throughout the years of work and ministry my passion and efforts have been to serve God in whatever capacity I am able to do at the time. More importantly, I have learned that I am called to do God's will and not mine. Although, at times I still need to remind myself of that. What I have come to realize over the years is that when I am truly determined to adhere to God's plan... life can become so much more fulfilling and easier to maneuver. That is not to say that it does not have any ups and downs or turmoil, but knowing that when I allow room for God, then things usually become less complicated and much more manageable.

As I completed my first week in my new position, as Parish Life Coordinator, I have had the opportunity to meet with all of the staff and so many wonderful volunteers and I can sincerely say that St. Paul Catholic Newman Center has a treasure-trove of talented and invested individuals. I have enjoyed my first week and how supportive and accommodating everyone has been in helping me become acquainted with the daily routines of the Newman Center. I wanted to thank everyone for the very warm welcome at all the Masses and hospitality during last weekend. There were a lot of warm smiles, but also a lot of people to meet so please don't be offended if I forget anyone's name. It may take me a while to get to become familiar with everyone.

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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.



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Although, I hope to be able to meet each of you over the upcoming months, I realized that many individuals wanted to know a little more about me. So, I will give you a very brief background on my upbringing. I was born and raised in the San Joaquin Valley. After high school, I attended a local junior college and then moved to Southern California and graduated from California State University, Long Beach. After college I started my own business as a graphic designer until I relocated back to the Valley. I then continued to work as a graphic designer until deciding to go back to school to work on a master's degree. While working on my degree, I was employed as a Catholic School teacher. I received my Master's Degree at Santa Clara University in the Pastoral Ministry Graduate Program with a dual major. I then worked for the Diocese of Fresno at the Pastoral Center in the Office of Formation and Evangelization in administration as Catechetical Coordinator and later as School of Ministry Coordinator. I left the Diocese to care for my parents and spent the next two years traveling between Mexico and California upon which time I returned to Fresno as Vice-Principal for St. Anthony of Padua School. Which now brings me to St. Paul Catholic Newman Center and my current position as your new Parish Life Coordinator.

I am so grateful and blessed to be here. My goal is to serve the community to the best of my ability while remaining mindful of God's will. Please know that I am available for an appointment by phone or in person if you feel the need to speak with me. My hope is that we always work together in being focused to love, serve, praise and glorify God in all we do as a community.

Many blessings,

Linda Ram

Ignatian Retreat for Busy People

Join us in this spiritually invigorating 34-week Ignatian Spirituality Retreat specifically designed for busy people. Experience your relationship with God coming alive in the midst of everyday life and discover a freedom and peace too often out of reach in the modern world. This can be a self-directed online retreat or you can choose to meet with others to enrich your experience in a supportive group setting to share your insights gained each week.

The Retreat begins with an in-person orientation on Wednesday, September 7 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Newman Center Community Room. Each Sunday thereafter, you will be provided with an online link to the week's retreat materials that takes only 10 - 20 minutes to read or listen to. Retreat Fee: A \$20 materials fee for retreat materials.

Weekly optional discussions will be held on Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Community Room and will be facilitated by John Prandini, MA - Director of Ministries.

To Register or for information: email John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

Pope Francis' Prayer for Ukraine

At the closing of the General Audience on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, Pope Francis recited a special prayer petitioning for an end to the war in Ukraine.

The Vatican News reported the following and provided a translation of the prayer:

“The Pope pleads with God to forgive all of humanity for the brutality of war, which he said turns our hands—created to care and tend the earth—into instruments of death. Before reciting the prayer, Pope Francis invited Christians to “ask God for forgiveness and to grant peace” amid the pain of the war in Ukraine.”

Pope Francis' prayer for an end to the war in Ukraine:

Forgive us for war, O Lord.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners!
Lord Jesus, born in the shadows of bombs falling on Kyiv,
have mercy on us!*

*Lord Jesus, who died in a mother's arms in a bunker in
Kharkiv, have mercy on us!*

*Lord Jesus, a 20-year-old sent to the frontlines, have mercy
on us!*

*Lord Jesus, who still behold armed hands in the shadow of
your Cross, have mercy on us!*

Forgive us, O Lord.

*Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails with which we
crucified Your hands, as we continue to slake our thirst with
the blood of those mauled by weapons.*

*Forgive us, if these hands which You created to tend have
been transformed into instruments of death.*

Forgive us, O Lord, if we continue to kill our brother;

*Forgive us, if we continue like Cain to pick up the stones of
our fields to kill Abel.*

*Forgive us, if we continue to justify our cruelty with our labors,
if we legitimize the brutality of our actions with our pain.*

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You! Hold fast the
hand of Cain!*

Illumine our consciences;

May our will not be done;

Abandon us not to our own actions!

Stop us, O Lord, stop us!

*And when you have held back the hand of Cain, care also for
him. He is our brother.*

O Lord, put a halt to the violence!

Stop us, O Lord!

Amen.

Need Help to Sponsor Mission Priest

Fr. Benjamin Okon, from the Missionary Society of St. Paul will be in our parish for a Mission Appeal on the weekend of August 13-14, 2022. Father will need a place to stay from August 12-14. If anyone has a guest house or would like to sponsor Fr. Ben, please contact Fr. Byron. May God reward you for your hospitality!

Book Study: The Universal Christ

How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe by Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM.

- **When:** This book study begins on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, and will continue on Wednesdays for 10 sessions through October 26, 2022.
- **Where:** Newman Center Cafeteria, 1572 E. Barstow Ave., Fresno, CA 93710
- **To Register:** Please contact John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.
- **Please purchase the book in advance and read the Introduction "Before We Begin".**
- **Facilitated by:** John Prandini, M.A., Director of Ministries
- **Registration Deadline:** August 22, 2022
- **No fee.**
- **Bring your lunch and a friend!**

Prayer Ministry

Prayer & Life Workshops explore a variety of ways to pray and how prayer can transform how we think, pray, and live. Workshops include 15 sessions of various prayer traditions to lead you into a deeper and more loving experience with God through Christ Jesus. Workshops are facilitated by Prayer & Life Workshop Guide Regina Flores.

Fall Prayer and Life Workshops: Weekly Workshops on Wednesday evenings, August 10 through November 16, 2022 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Cardinal Newman Hall, Room 105.

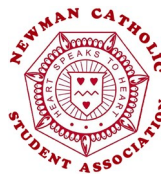
For information email: Regina Flores at rmflores39@icloud.com or John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

Family Life Ministries

The Joy of Love Moms Group invites families to the west playground after 9:30am Mass for an opportunity for children and families to meet, socialize and play together. Please join us!

Men's Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group This ministry will take a summer break during the month of July and will resume on **Tuesday mornings beginning August 9 at 8:30am.**

Christian Meditation This ministry will take a summer break during the months of July and August and will resume in September after Labor Day on Tuesdays - TBD. Sessions include 20 minutes of silent meditation followed by a brief lesson about this ancient Christian prayer tradition and discussion. 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.



Campus Ministry News!

Week of July 24-31

Young Adults Bible Study

Every Monday at 6:00pm we engage in biblical reflections and conversations to strengthen our identity as followers of Christ. It is a space where you will also find other young people who desire to learn and grow with you. Come join us! We will meet inside the Student Lounge.

Campus Ministry Contacts

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

Candle Stand

Have you noticed something new within the walls of our church? Katherine Dillon, beloved member of the Women's Guild, left many fine gifts of love, devotion to her faith and joy to our parish. She was active in the Women's Guild since its inception and when she passed December 2020, remembrances were made in her honor to the Women's Guild. In an effort to give something that would truly reflect on Katherine's way of life and in discussion with her family the Women's Guild purchased a candle stand memorial. Katherine lit candles often and had a habit of lighting a candle whenever she visited a new place while vacationing. It is with this gift that we remember a charitable woman and provide a serene prayerful, inviting environment for the parishioners to light a candle and pray for an intention. It is our sincere desire as the Women of the Guild, our parishioners find this symbolic tradition one that is a welcome and comforting acquisition. The candle stand is located in Mary's Room.

Eucharistic Minister and Altar Server Workshop

Are you interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister or Altar Server? Are you currently serving but would like a refresher on best practices? There will be two trainings coming up: the first is on Sunday, July 31 at 5:00pm, and the second is the following Sunday, August 7 at 5:00pm. Trainings will be held in the Chapel for both positions. If you have any questions, or if you cannot make either training but would still like to be trained to serve, please contact Liturgy Director Karl Gurney karl@csufnewman.com.

Name Tags

Ever see a familiar face at church and just can't remember their name? It happens to all of us! That is why we would ask everyone in attendance to wear a name tag. Name tags are available at a table in the hallway. **Please remember to bring yours back every Sunday.**

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 24 Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

7:30am Mass for Purita B. Laciste Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Sister Clare Therese Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Lillia Mauricio and Baptisms Chapel
 11:30am RCIA Dismissal Chapel
 7:00pm Mass Chapel

Monday, July 25 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

8:00am Mass for Sylvia Foraker Chapel
 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study St. John XXIII

Tuesday, July 26 Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 6:00pm Family Movie Night CNH 102

Wednesday, July 27 Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46

8:00am Mass Int. of Newman Staff Chapel
 7:00pm RCIA Inquiry Community Room

Thursday, July 28 Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 4:00pm Confessions Chapel
 6:00pm Mass for Clint Madron Chapel

Friday, July 29 Jer 26:1-9; Jn 11:19-27

8:00am Mass Int. of Herman Barretto Chapel

Saturday, July 30 Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12

Second Collection - Bishop's Annual Appeal
 5:00pm Mass for All Souls in Purgatory Chapel

Sunday, July 31 Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Second Collection - Bishop's Annual Appeal
 7:30am Mass Chapel
 9:30am Mass Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Monte Prieto Chapel
 3:00pm Igbo Mass Chapel
 5:00pm EM and Altar Server Workshop Chapel
 7:00pm Mass Chapel

July Contributions

2021		2022	
July 4	\$17,450.17	July 3	\$21,273.10
July 11 ACH	\$19,343.33	July 10 ACH	\$22,017.35
July 18 ACH	\$14,913.68	July 17 ACH	\$19,316.15
July 25	\$ 6,847.52	July 24	
		July 31	
July Total	\$58,554.70	July Total	\$62,606.60

Prayers:

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


Joan Renner, Margery Toll, Kristal Lowe Limon, Abigail Love, Linda Alvarez, Julissa Mojarras, Estefania Medina, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Sandra Barrie, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Dick and Jan White, Sr. Joanne Bauer, Jan Fusselman, Nyla Zender, JoAnn Myers, Monica Baker (Lucido), David Toll, Susan Olson, Mary Yoakum, Olivia King, Maria Coronel, Clara Marrone, Penny Mull, Judy Marchi, Raymond Ram, Nacho Flores, William Rogal, Donna Garcia, Kim Bach, John Cook, Joey Perez, John Morgenroth, Walt Whelan, Martin Zapata, Carl Britto, Hannah York, Lisa Pinedo, Lexi Leon, Frances' Parents, Dolores Monahan, Toni Schneider, Bill Simon, Zenaida Billena, Ani Lara, Sally Caglia, Maria Sanchez


To better serve our Faith Family we are updating our list of prayers. **Names for the sick / special intentions will remain in the bulletin for one month then removed from the list unless otherwise notified.** 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 Intentions" tab.

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.
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From Fr. Byron Macias

A couple of months ago I shared with you about going to Chicago to be with my mother for her surgery. You were all caring and would tell me encouraging words and offer prayers for my mom's prompt recovery. Yet, one parishioner told me, "Pray for endurance!" Endurance! The trying part of a surgery is what comes afterwards: the time and effort it takes for the body to heal. Endurance!

It takes endurance to keep up with medicines, do the therapy, gather patience, and deal with the actual wound.

In the Gospel this Sunday, the disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray. Yet, Jesus not only gives them the Our Father but goes deeper into the essence of prayer: endurance: "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Luke 11: 9)

The spiritual life is about endurance; it is about keep trying, keep asking and keep hoping; the spiritual life is about endurance! Look at the lives of the saints: I can think of St. Teresa of Calcutta who endured for thirty years to get an answer to her prayer!

The door opens; the answer comes, what we seek will be found; I don't know when, but it happens! In the meantime, let's endure in our prayer; after all, prayer is never in vain!

Claretian Youth

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we have a ticket for you to see the Movie "Slaves and Kings: The Life of Saint Anthony Claret" on Monday, August 22. Parents, soon you will receive another email with more details about the movie! Also, pray for our benefactors so that they may be rewarded for their generosity.

Diocesan Magazine –Share About your Ministry!

The Diocesan Magazine is asking for articles about the different ministries. If you would like to write about what you do in your ministries (and include a picture), this is your chance! (I beg you!). Share the goodness and all the wonderful things that happen in your ministry! Your article can be up to 150 words and you can either email it to me or cccl@dioceseoffresno.org. Deadline is August 8th, 2022. More information at: <https://dioceseoffresno.org/cccl-magazine-submissions>.

Thanks Bishop Joe

Let's offer a prayer of thanksgiving for Bishop Joe Brennan, who spent two weekends in a row with us to both thank Deacon John and welcome Linda Ram!

Claret Movie

My Claretian Province asked me to work in the promotion of the Claret Movie in the US (I'm not that thrilled about the extra work, but obedience is obedience :)). As such, I will be accompanying the Movie Director, Pablo Moreno, along with the Producer in a press tour July 30 - August 9. I believe I will be their translator (heaven help us!). I will miss you next week, but will be back soon.

Saintly Quote

"I am not afraid... I was born to do this!" - Saint Joan of Arc

Have a Laugh!

Why did Adam and Eve do math every day?
They were told to be fruitful and multiply.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Our parish goal is \$15,000 and we have raised \$4,665.82 so far. Please give generously to help us reach our goal. Thank you.

Books Available

We are in the process of freeing up space in our library. People are welcome to look at the books and take any they would like. We would like for them to be put to good use and find a good home. Books will be available in the front lobby for you to take this weekend.

Second Collection Last Weekend

Thank you to those who gave to the second collection benefiting Peter's Pence last weekend. We raised \$2,868.90.

Paypal

We will no longer offer PayPal as a payment option as of Sunday, July 31. We do offer payments via USAEpay and can even setup recurring credit card donations. Please contact Carol for more information at carol@csufnewman.com or 436-3434.

Mission Appeal

Our church is missionary by nature. Each of us as baptized Catholics are called to share in the work of evangelization. The diocese of Fresno collaborates with mission groups every year to raise fund for their missions through a program called the Missionary Cooperative Plan. The group assigned to our parish this year is the Missionary Society of St. Paul. **Fr. Benjamin Okon, MSP** will be speaking to us from the Missionary Society of St. Paul on the weekend of August 13-14. There will be a second collection to support them in their work.

The **Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP)** is a congregation of priests founded in Nigeria in 1977. The Society now has 293 priests. They are working in eleven countries of Africa, (South Africa, Malawi, Botswana, Cameroon, Liberia, Chad, Central African Republic, The Gambia, Nigeria, Kenya and Southern Sudan), Grenada in the West Indies, the United States, England, Sweden and Ireland. They also have over 120 seminarians in their seminary in Nigeria.

Their mission in Malawi provides rehabilitation and support for over 300 orphans who lost their parents due to AIDS. They need our financial assistance to continue this mission. They also need funds to: 1) provide freshwater wells, and education in rural communities of Chad, Malawi, South Sudan, Kenya and Nigeria; 2) Sponsoring seminarians, our future priests; 3) Supporting priests in the founding / building of new churches. Your support to this worthy cause will be an immense encouragement to the Missionary Society of St. Paul to as they continue to take the good news to those desperately in need of it. May God bless you!

Find out more about them on www.mspfathers.org.

SPCNC SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT

July 26, 2022



Cardinal Newman Hall

- 5:30pm – Bring your own dinner and join other families by sharing a table together before the movie – bottled water and lemonade provided
 - 6:15pm – Movie Starts (run time approx. 110 minutes.)
- Ice Cream Sundaes for Dessert – We will provide the ice cream, bring your favorite topping(s) to share
- And for added fun, we will have a Karaoke Machine so we can all Sing Too!
 - Your favorite blanket, pillow, or stuffed animal is welcome.
 - Chairs will also be set up for those who wish

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What Is Our Deepest Desire?

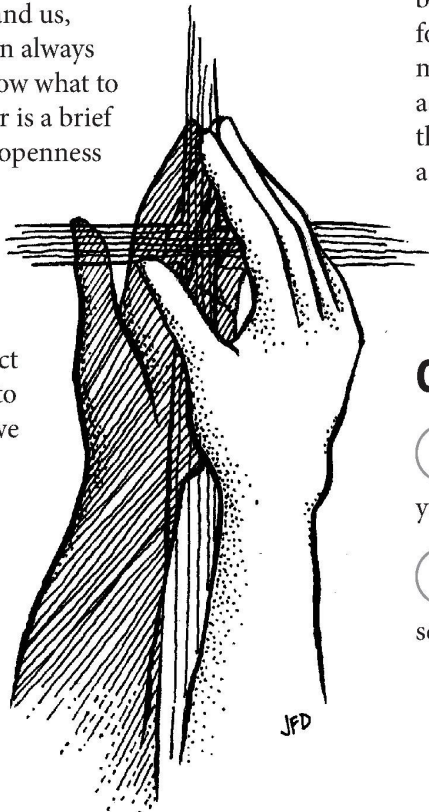
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Genesis 18:20-32 - Abraham intercedes for Sodom
- ▶ Colossians 2:12-14 - Sovereign role of Christ
- ▶ Luke 11:1-13 - The Our Father

The theme of asking God with boldness for what one needs runs through the first reading and the Gospel today. As a Jewish boy growing up, Jesus would have learned the stories of the many Old Testament figures who were unafraid to ask God directly and boldly for what they wanted: Isaiah, Moses, Hannah, Jeremiah, and here, Abraham, to name just a few. Jesus internalized the message, came before his Father with honesty and boldness (“take this cup from me”), and taught his disciples they can ask with confidence for what they need too.

For all Christians out there who believe it is selfish to pray for what they want and need, today's Gospel reading challenges that. First, Jesus teaches his disciples, and us, some brief lines we can always use when we don't know what to pray. The Lord's Prayer is a brief summation of praise, openness to God's will, request for what we need, and desire for forgiveness as well as a willingness to forgive. It is a perfect prayer to focus on or to fall back upon when we are otherwise at a loss for how to pray.

Jesus also gives us great freedom in not limiting us to the words of the Our Father. He gives us permis-



sion to ask, seek, and knock, without telling us what we can or can't ask for. Fifteen hundred years later St. Ignatius taught that our deepest desires are also God's deepest desires for us and it is okay to ask for them! The challenge is to identify the true desires beneath the superficial desires. Sometimes we desire food when we aren't hungry, or mindless entertainment when we are lonely. In those situations, we can ask “What is the desire behind those desires?” and then bring that to prayer. “God, what I really want is a greater sense of meaning and fullness in life,” or “I want a friend, a partner, a companion.” God may not answer us with chocolate cake or a Netflix series, but Jesus assures us that we will find what we are really asking for.

Questions of the Week

- 1 When have you asked God for something and received it, even if it didn't come in the form you imagined?
- 2 What are you asking God for these days? Or, what do you want to ask God for that might seem like a “big ask”?

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