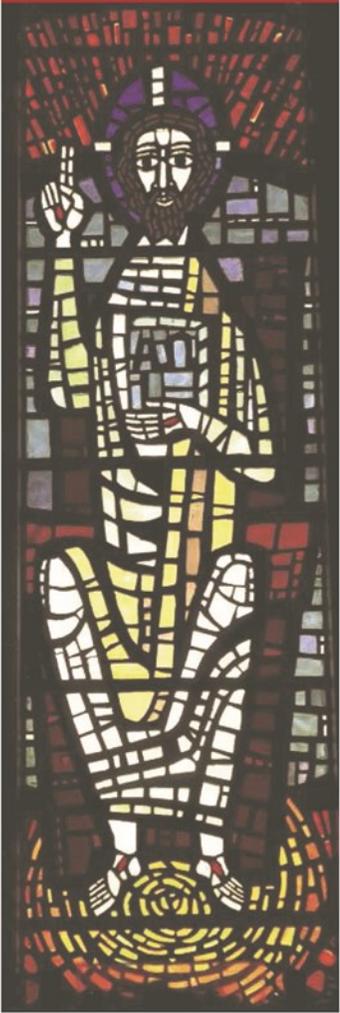


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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

July 31, 2022

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

This week's first reading provides wisdom so familiar that it might roll off us like any other commonplace aphorism. "What do we get at the end of our toil and anxiety of heart?" asks the Qoheleth, or teacher. "It's vanity, all of it!"

In my theological studies I was required to take a course on the theology of the Hebrew Scriptures. This passage was a favorite one to bring our curiosity to bear. We asked: Is this a collection of pagan Persian sayings that somehow made its way into Israel's canon? Is it the outworking of King Solomon's own wisdom, as tradition has historically asked? We learned that the Hebrew word translated here as "vanity" (hebel) is more accurately denoted as a "puff of air," and could even be taken with a wry sense of humor as, well...breaking wind. Taken either way, this isn't the kind of satisfaction that is promised over and again to Israel, to God's People. There has to be more to it.

Jesus also invites us to consider how our work and daily activities point beyond immediate sensory satisfaction. He knows that greed is a powerful motivator for people, but he also knows it works toward the hebel of Ecclesiastes. Moreover, Jesus would have plenty of evidence in his own experience of the kinds of social inequalities that this produces as the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. Does this sound familiar to us? Are we treating our blessings, harvests, and barns in the same way that Jesus describes in his teaching? What is my role in the healing of social imbalances?

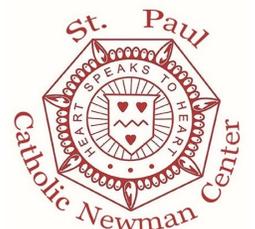
This weekend, let us remember our Holy Father Pope Francis as he begs forgiveness of Canada's indigenous peoples for the crimes and abuses of our Church's colonial past. Let us also pray that work will be done in our own country to redress the harm of Christian colonization. Finally, may we treat the sorrow, anger, and pain of our indigenous neighbors with sincere openness and contrition, and check our own defenses. As a person with indigenous ancestors myself, I pray that the painful divisions of the past will be brought into the healing embrace of Christ who, as St. Paul reminds us today, "is all in all."

Karl Gurney

Director of Liturgy

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.



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.

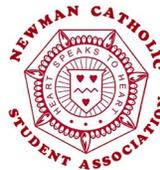
For information email: Regina Flores at rmflores39@icloud.com or John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

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 continue their summer break for the month of 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 31—August 7

Seeking Wednesday Student Night volunteers:

We begin our Wednesday Student Dinners August 31. This evening has been the bedrock of our outreach to our students, all made possible by YOU!

There are two ways to help:

Meals: You, along with 5 others will provide either a meal from a restaurant, a gift card (e.g., VISA gift card/cash), or a homemade dish (main dish, salad, or dessert).

Kitchen: You can help in preparing all that is needed to serve dinner alongside 2 other volunteers.

The commitment consists of one Wednesday a month. To sign-up you may reach out to our campus ministry administrative assistant at catholicclub@csufnewman.com. Please indicate what Wednesdays of the month and area you'd prefer to volunteer. Thank you!

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.

School Supply Drive

We are one week away from our first students returning to classes. One way we have been able to help in preparing students for their studies is easing the burden of buying school supplies. You'll find, located by the reception desk, a bin to collect donations of school supplies. Items that students most request are: pens, index cards, highlighters, pencils. Thank you!

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Adult Confirmation Help Needed

Our adult confirmation program goes from the end of September to the beginning of January.

We are looking for people to be a part of the formation team. Whether you would like to do a presentation, lead prayer, help with paperwork and phone-calling, or shop for snacks, we can use your help.

Call or email Fr. Paul if you have questions or would like to assist with this wonderful ministry.

High School Confirmation

It is that time of year for Confirmation Registration, the forms for registration will be up on the website beginning Tuesday, August 9, 2022. We are looking forward to the coming year. Please register early and complete all the steps as the classes fill up fast. Registered members of St. Paul Catholic Newman Parish will have priority.

Questions, email Sister Kathleen, SSND or Cristina Oseguera.

Weekly Calendar

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 Int. of Sally Caglia Chapel
 9:30am Mass for the Deceased Members of SPCNC Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Monte Prieto and RCIA Dismissal Chapel
 12:45pm Baptisms (Group) Chapel
 3:00pm Igbo Mass Chapel
 5:00pm EM and Altar Server Workshop Chapel
 7:00pm Mass Chapel

Monday, August 1 **Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21**

8:00am Mass for Sam Shurter Chapel
 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study St. John XXIII
 7:00pm Creation Care Team Mtg. Cafeteria

Tuesday, August 2 **Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36**

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 6:00pm Children's Mass (Mass Int. of Irma Lopez) Chapel

Wednesday, August 3 **Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28**

8:00am Mass for Rob O'Rourke Chapel
 7:00pm RCIA Inquiry Community Room

Thursday, August 4 **Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23**

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 4:00pm Confessions Chapel
 6:00pm Mass Int. of Ivonne Manzo and Leslie Manzo Chapel

Friday, August 5 **Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28**

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 8:30am Sacred Heart Devotion for Families Chapel

Saturday, August 6 **Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36**

7:30am Men's Saturday Coffee Group Cafeteria
 5:00pm Mass for Johnny Zavala Chapel

Sunday, August 7 **Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48**

7:30am Mass for Purita B. Laciste Chapel
 9:30am Mass for John Godburn Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Gary Payne and RCIA Dismissal 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	\$10,622.50
		July 31	
July Total	\$58,554.70	July Total	\$73,329.10

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, Camila Carouso, Mary Ann Goff, Ramona Egan

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.
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm
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From Fr. Byron Macias, CMF

I lived in Hopkinsville, Kentucky for about four years. The town was rather small (30,000 people). There was only one Starbucks then, a Blockbuster and a Taco Bell. Yet, what I remember most fondly were the barns. No matter where you turned to, there would be a barn to see.

During my time there I saw all kinds of barns: from old ones falling apart to brand new ones made out of metal. They stored all kinds of things: from old tractors up to hay and animals. Some of them looked neglected and I am sure they stored up trash or dead animals.

Today Jesus, in the Gospel, is talking about a particular barn: the barn of you! What is the barn of your life storing up? Jesus invites us this weekend to take a look at the things that our barns may be full of (Luke 12: 21). Sometimes it can be the old tractor that is stuck there and doesn't let hope, forgiveness or light come in. Sometimes it can be just trashy things such as pride, self-centeredness or insane vanity...

You are the most beautiful barn God has created! Carefully, God crafted you so that you can store up things that matter to God and to you. And I bet you my life that God will safeguard you, that beautiful barn from evil!

Away

Please pray for me as I accompany the Director and the Producer of the movie about Saint Anthony Claret: *Slaves and Kings: the Life of Saint Anthony Claret*. I will be their chauffeur, translator and concierge from July 31 to August 9. I can't wait to be back and be with you.

I also beg you to come and see the movie. Treat yourself to the chance to learn about the Saint that certainly changed my life (and the patron saint of cancer patients, weavers and business people).

Check out www.slavesandkingsthemovie.com for times and places.

The movie will only be showing on August 22 in English (dubbed) and on August 23 in Spanish.

Mass this Friday

There will be no Mass on Friday, August 5 but there will be a Communion Service at 8:00am followed by Eucharistic Adoration.

Saintly Quote

"Speak to God often of your business, your plans, your troubles, your fears - of everything that concerns you." –St. Alphonsus Liguori

Have a Laugh!

Which minor prophet is well-known thanks to cookies?
Famous Amos

(Young people: you may have to Google Famous Amos or ask your grandparents!)

Thank you, Search Team!

We are so blessed to have Linda Ram as our Parish Life Coordinator. I can tell you she has so much energy and an immense desire to serve you all.

Yet, Linda coming to us did not happen overnight.

Since I came here about two years ago, I knew of our parish "Search Team," who dedicated time and energy to advertise, interview and recommend people. They met constantly; they prayed and discerned a lot, and, above, all, they were driven by the love and care they have for our Community. It is only fair to acknowledge and thank them for their hard work:

Rosie Hernandez

David Meyer

Robert Lippert

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Gracias!

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.

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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 a training this Sunday, July 31 and 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.

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!

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Second Collection this Weekend

This 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.

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.

Leave Some for Others

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 - On vanity
- ▶ Col 3:1-5, 9-11 - Mystical death and resurrection
- ▶ Luke 12:13-21 - Trust in God, not in possessions

Jesus' Jewish listeners would have been immediately suspicious about the immense wealth of the rich farmer in the parable today. Any good Jew of the time would have known the common teaching in many Old Testament readings of the responsibility for land owners to share their excess produce with the poor, the widow, the orphans or the strangers. For example, Deuteronomy says "When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow ... When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt: therefore I am commanding you to do this" (Deut. 24: 19-22). Likewise, Leviticus teaches, "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien" (Lev 19:9-10). On top of these teachings were continual reminders that the first tenth of all produce should be tithed, or given back to God.

So Jewish listeners probably understood Jesus' parable as a warning against the greed of a farmer who may not have shared his excess with the poor as his religion required of him. The ending of the parable

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"Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Sheepish Question:
What action(s) might change my perspective regarding goals in life?

also reminds us that no matter how wealthy or comfortable we are in this life (maybe at the expense of the poor) we cannot take anything with us when we die. We'll never see a hearse pulling a U-Haul!

Questions of the Week

- 1 What is your first reaction to this parable? How or what do you think about the rich man?
- 2 What are you attached to in an unhealthy way which you would like to find freedom from before you die?

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