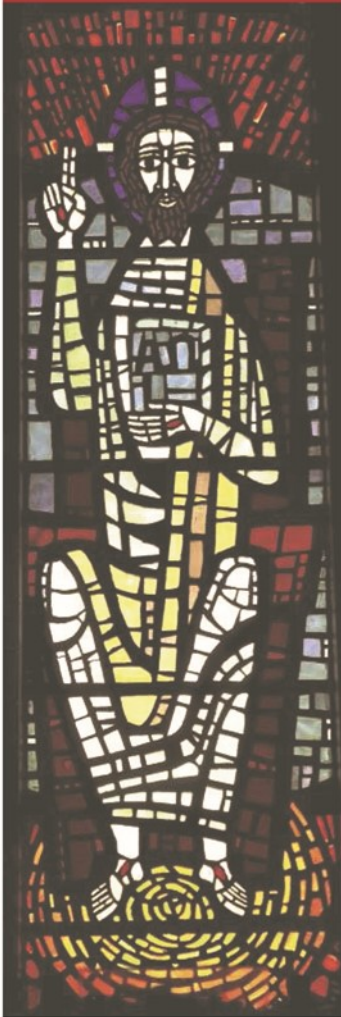


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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

June 13, 2021

Readings: Ez 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Ordinary Time – What's that? This is the Sunday when we are welcomed back to Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time actually began two Sundays ago, even though the vestments were still white and we didn't hear the phrase, "Sunday in Ordinary Time" until today.

Along with this greeting, we will sometimes hear about how it's been months since green vestments have been worn on Sundays and how after the "high point" of the year (Easter) and the great feasts of Holy Trinity and the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we're now returning to the "ordinary" days of the calendar, as if they are somehow dull and trite. Some commentators overcorrect for this by speaking about how the time isn't "ordinary" at all, but rather "extraordinary" because we'll spend many weeks being trained by the readings at Mass to be disciples of Jesus.

While that last bit is true, using the words of "ordinary" and "extraordinary" in this way is a disservice to us. The periods of the liturgical calendar known as Ordinary Time are called that because these Sundays are counted, and for no other reason! You've heard of the ordinal numbers: first, second, third, and so on. It's from these ordinal numbers that we get, in English, the name "Ordinary Time". In addition, to call these days extraordinary is using that word to mean "amazing" or "remarkable", when, in the lingo of the church, extraordinary typically means "outside of the normal, usual, or prescribed" – for instance, "extraordinary ministers" of Holy Communion are those people outside the normal, usual, prescribed ministers (those who are ordained).

These coming weeks of Ordinary Time, while not Advent, Christmastime, Lent, or Eastertime, are no less vital to the life of the church, our prayer, and our formation.

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

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 confessions or adoration followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

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.

Campus Ministry Contacts

Edgar Guzman, Director:
edgar@csufnewman.com

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

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 Charles Arokiasamy at 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 Needed

Gently used, clean clothing for kids, ages 10 to 17, both male and female, who have just arrived in Fresno. These are kids who had previously been housed in border "holding" centers while papers were being processed. Now in Fresno, they are being placed with county-approved families but need all kinds of clothing, since they come with literally "the clothes on their backs". Thanks for your compassion. "Dios les pague! God will reward you for your kindness! Clothing will be collected until Monday, June 21. Please contact the office to arrange a time to drop off items.

Note: For easier sorting and distribution, please label bags like this: T-shirts, sizes 2 - 8, or brand new underwear, boys, various sizes." Clothing is for all ages, boys and girls.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Fathers' Day is set aside to remember our fathers and the gifts we received from them and to appreciate the lessons they have taught us/ Fathers' Day is also the day designated to the annual collection for the Priest's Retirement Fund of the Diocese of Fresno. It is a time for the people of God to remember all that they have received from their priests over the years and to show their appreciation and gratitude by a generous response to this collection. Please consider donating today. Thank you for your generosity!

Live Streaming Volunteers Needed

As we prepare to transition into our indoor chapel services, we are mindful of our continued efforts to reach those unable to join us in person. To meet this ministry need, we are still looking for **volunteers to serve on our live-streaming team**. Experience with smartphones and the Facebook app helps, but is not required. We will train you and you'll be a blessing for our online audiences! Email ncoffice@csufnewman.com to let us know you're interested.

Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon.com? Amazon will give .5% of your purchase to the Newman Center through Amazon Smile. Just add "St Paul Newman Center" (no period after St) as your charitable organization on your new or existing account and shop! When you shop be sure to be on smile.amazon.com so that part of your eligible purchase can go to the church. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up. It is an easy way to give back to the church. To sign up click on the link to Amazon Smile on our website.

Asylum-Seekers Sponsorship Project (ASSP)

This is a great opportunity to live out the Gospel values by welcoming the stranger and helping them get on their feet. Introductory Zoom meetings will be held on June 24 at 5:00pm and June 27 at 1:00pm. All interested parishioners may email our office at ncoffice@csufnewman.com for the Zoom registration information. You can learn more at www.asylumsponsorshipproject.org. We thank you for considering this important opportunity. "It takes a village," to sponsor an asylum-seeker!

Faith, Family & Friends

Faith, Family & Friends is our parish religious education and faith formation program for EVERYONE - Single adults, couples, and families! 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.

For **Children and Youth** materials, contact Sr. Kathleen Drilling at skd@csufnewman.com.

Recommendation: All families with children join the Joy of Love Moms - Family Ministry led by Jakki Pucheu.

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 Joy of Love Moms Group 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.

Men's Scripture Study Group If you'd like to receive weekly emails with Scripture Reflections and Commentaries, and other Faith Formation materials, please send an email to John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com to enroll.

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.

Spiritual Direction

The Pandemic for many people has become a spiritual crisis. Spiritual Direction offers a way to process the isolation, losses, and turmoil in the world. Spiritual Directors help you find deeper meaning beyond the crisis while growing in greater intimacy with God and one another. For more information contact the office at ncoffice@csufnewman.com or 436-3434.

Claretian Youth Group

We thank all the parents who met via Zoom last Thursday, June 3 at 7:00pm. We talked about what we have done and some plans for the future. We also informed them that Claretian Youth will resume in the Fall... stay tuned!

Our latest Claretian Youth Family Time can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R84tVACTTZc>

Feel free to contact Fr. Byron for any questions and more information at frbyron@csufnewman.com.

Weekly Justice Challenge

If ever there was a "how to" manual for Christians, it is in the readings this week. Using parables and stories, Jesus tells the people how to live.

1. Have faith; a little goes a long way.
2. Love your enemies.
3. If someone asks you for something, give it and more.
4. When you do something generous, do it in secret.
5. Don't store up treasures here on earth.
6. Don't worry about it; God has everything under control.

Your challenge this week is to read the six summaries above slowly. Which one is the Holy Spirit calling you to live in a particular way now? In the words of Pope Francis, be a "living Gospel in the world" by practicing one of these six teachings of Jesus.

Catholic Charities Golf Classic



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Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Catholic Charities will not be hosting their annual classic golf tournament. In lieu of the tournament, they are hosting a raffle. Golf Tournament donations of \$500 or more made now through June 30th will be entered to win a day in paradise with your favorite foursome at one of the best public courses in the state and the country – The Links at Spanish Bay.

Every \$500 donated will count towards one entry to win. To make a donation, you can visit the Catholic Charities website, <https://ccdof.org/fresno/>, click the "donate" button, and under "Apply my donation to" click on Golf Classic. You can also mail your donation to 149 N. Fulton Street, Fresno, CA 93701 ATTN: Golf Classic.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 13 Ez 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

7:30am Mass for Msgr. Raul Sanchez Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Antonia Marie Avila Chapel
 10:30am Lector Training Chapel
 11:30am Mass for John Godburn Chapel

Monday, June 14 2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study Google Meet

Tuesday, June 15 2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48

6:00pm Mass Chapel

Wednesday, June 16 2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

8:00am Mass Chapel

Thursday, June 17 2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15

5:00pm Confessions Chapel
 6:00pm Mass Chapel

Friday, June 18 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6:19-23

8:00am Mass Chapel
 6:30pm Young Adult Game Night Zoom

Saturday, June 19 2 Cor 12:1-10; Mt 6:24-34

5:00pm Mass Chapel

Sunday, June 20 Jb 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

7:30am Mass for Ron Barrows Chapel
 9:30am Mass for John and Rose Barretto Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Lai Pham Chapel

Prayers:

- ♦ **For those who have died this week:** Stephan Lahmann
- ♦ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**

Rylee McQuay, Susan Jones, Rene and Paul Patla and Family, Fr. David Enriquez, Mary Garr, Jennifer Hidalgo, Elijah Del Prado, Christopher Evans, Angela Scialabba, Kathy Papagni, Judy Marchi, Michael Vienna, John and Kathy Brechmann, Madeline Lynes, JoAnn Myers, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Fr. Kevin Bray, Vic Telles, Deacon Mike Avila, Msgr. Anthony Janelli, Fr. John Schmoll, Sandra Barrie, Deacon Joe Parugrug, Tom Lucas, Kristal Lowe Limon, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Meghan Vasquez, Jacob Blake, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Rose Derby, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Nancy Martin, Sr. Rosa Maria Branco FHIC

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.

June Contributions

2020			2021		
June 7	ACH	\$16,494.22	June 6	ACH	\$23,469.30
June 14		\$9,455.69	June 13		
June 21	ACH	\$16,618.56	June 20	ACH	
June 28		\$8,059.00	June 27		
June Total		\$50,627.47	June Total		\$23,469.30

Liturgical Ministers Needed

If you are interest in serving as a Liturgical Minister at one of our Masses (Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Greeter, Lector) please contact Karl at karl@csufnewman.com or by calling the office at 436-3434.

Weekend Masses

Beginning next weekend, June 19-20, all Masses will be indoors at full capacity. **Reservations will no longer be required to attend Mass. Please note that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is rescinded and that will be effective as of Sunday, June 20, 2021.** From that day forward, all the Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Fresno will be obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation. For any questions, please contact the office at 436-3434 or ncoffice@csufnewman.com.

Office Closure

Our office is closed to the public due to Covid-19 restrictions. Staff members are answering phone calls and emails Monday—Thursday and checking messages on Fridays. If you need to drop anything off at the office, we 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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Retreat for Crime Survivors

Recognizing God in our Healing Journey

A Day of Reflection and Healing



Healing Mass

will be celebrated by
**The Most Reverend
Bishop Joseph Brennan**

Saturday, June 26, 2021

Time: 8am - 4pm

(Registration & Breakfast 8am - 8:45am)

St. Anthony Retreat Center, Three Rivers, CA

Please bring a photo and/or memento of your loved one.

The day will include delicious healthy food, prayer rituals, arts & crafts, and sharing.

To register, contact Maciel Godburn (559) 325-6888 or rjmaciel2019@gmail.com

COST: \$50 (Lunch included).

RSVP and mail your registration form with deposit of \$25

Registration form is on the back.

REGISTER EARLY. SPACE IS LIMITED.

People who have lost a loved one to homicide or an act of violence often live in isolation and overwhelming grief. The immensity of such emotional suffering can seem unbearable, leaving loved ones feeling alone or abandoned, including within our church.

The Crime Survivors Ministry seeks to help heal the relational harm caused by crime and violence that includes providing caring support for those suffering such a tragic loss. We would like to invite you to come and share your personal experience, thoughts, and ideas with us in a safe and caring listening environment. Together, we would like to walk with you in your grieving process and accompany you in your journey towards healing.

REGISTRATION FORM

**Retreat for Crime Survivors Recognizing God in our Healing Journey
June 26, 2021, Saturday (8am-4pm) at St. Anthony Retreat Center**

Please print clearly.

Full Name : _____

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Payment : FULL \$50 _____ DEPOSIT \$25 _____

Checks payable to: St. Anthony Retreat Center

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or mail this form with your check payment to:

Barbara Lahmann
St. Anthony Retreat Center
P.O. Box 249,
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Small and Miraculous

This Week's Readings at Mass

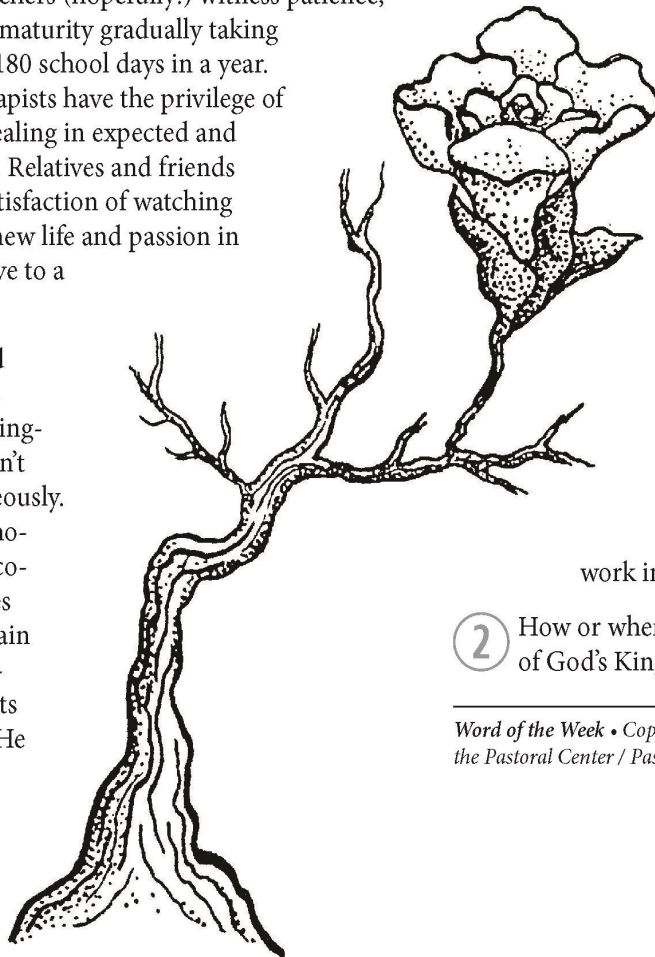
- ▶ Ezekiel 17:22-24 - Prophecy of the restoration of Israel
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 - Walking by faith
- ▶ Mark 4:26-34 - Seed grows by itself and the mustard seed

Both the first reading from Ezekiel and the Gospel reading point to God's power to turn small and seemingly insignificant things into works of great beauty, strength, and abundance. Ezekiel imagines this as God planting a tender shoot which becomes a majestic cedar tree. Jesus uses the image of the tiny mustard seed growing into a large plant that provides a haven for birds.

We don't have to be farmers or gardeners to experience how the Kingdom of God is slowly revealed. Parents have this experience when they conceive a child and are stunned by the miracle of their new baby at birth. Teachers (hopefully!) witness patience, compassion, and maturity gradually taking root throughout 180 school days in a year. Doctors and therapists have the privilege of seeing patients healing in expected and unexpected ways. Relatives and friends experience the satisfaction of watching a loved one find new life and passion in a courageous move to a second career.

As with seeds and plants, all growth takes time. The Kingdom of God doesn't appear instantaneously. Racism, sexism, homophobia, and economic inequalities still cause great pain and suffering. Because God respects human free will, He doesn't intervene and fix everything for us in a split second.

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What God *does* do is surprise us by helping the smallest of seeds to grow and flourish in time. Our task is to plant those seeds and nurture them while we watch, wait, pray, and trust that God will grow them into people, communities, organizations, and locales of beauty and strength.

Questions of the Week

① In what area of your life are you privileged to see God's work in progress?

② How or where are you asked to plant the seeds of God's Kingdom?

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