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Pentecost Sunday, Year C

June 5, 2022

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We began our Synodal Journey way back in November 2021, and since then several hundred of us have attended "Listening Sessions" facilitated by parishioners trained by the Diocese.

I was privileged to work with a very committed group in the parish who guided the discussions and took notes of what participants shared in response to the 10 questions Pope Francis had invited us to reflect on.

As requested, JoAnn LoForti and I edited and summarized our collective reports, and handed in to the Diocese 250-word capsules for each of the 10 questions. These will again be summarized as the Diocese sends to Rome its own 10-page report, reflective of the Diocesan listening sessions held in other parishes.

This does not mark an end, but barely a beginning! Many participants found the gatherings inspiring and hoped that the parish would schedule periodic "Listening Sessions" in the future.

In that spirit, there are four dates that I hope you will see as "early fruits" of our synodal journey together. In our Cafeteria, on Wednesday, June 8 at 7:00pm and Wednesday June 15 at 1:00pm, we will have a listening session around the issue of Catholic Social Teaching and Gun Violence. This was last week's front page of the Sunday Bulletin, and much more information is available on our parish website as well.

Many participants shared that "we should speak up on important issues". On June 11, at 10:00am, there will be a chance to stand in protest against Gun Violence, probably at the corner of Blackstone and Nees. Check the parish website for details as they become available.

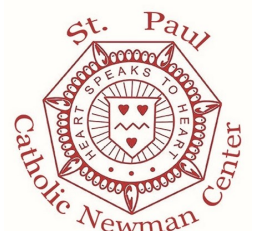
Others also called for "greater involvement with other churches on social issues". On June 29 at 7:00pm, we will be able to do just that by attending the "Interfaith Call To Action against Gun Violence" to be held at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, 4147 East Dakota Avenue, Fresno, CA 93726. Call Deacon Nancy Key at 559-269-9013 for more details.

The Synodal Listening Sessions are already revitalizing our Social Justice commitments at the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center. Please call Jim Grant (559-708-3530) for more info on the Synod and all things Social Justice that you feel called to!

In grateful solidarity,
Jim Grant

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.



Family Life Ministries

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 meets Monday mornings after Mass from 8:30am to 9:15am in the Library to reflect upon and discuss the previous Sunday's scripture readings.

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. For information email contact John Prandini at prandinij@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.**

Care for Creation

"When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. — Psalms 104:30 Take some deep breaths of fresh air on this day of Pentecost. This simple gesture has a great significance in our Christian tradition. Indeed, rhythmic breathing leads to deeper meditation, the grace of feeling God's presence. Sadly, one child in five suffers from asthma which can be caused or exacerbated by poor air quality in our cities, heavy pesticide use in agricultural areas, coal burning plants, and wildfires. Elderly people are also more at risk for lung trouble when the air quality is poor too. Be thoughtful when the forecast calls for smog: avoid using your car if possible to reduce emissions especially on those days when the air quality is poor.



Campus Ministry News!

Week of June 5-12

Young Adults Bible Study

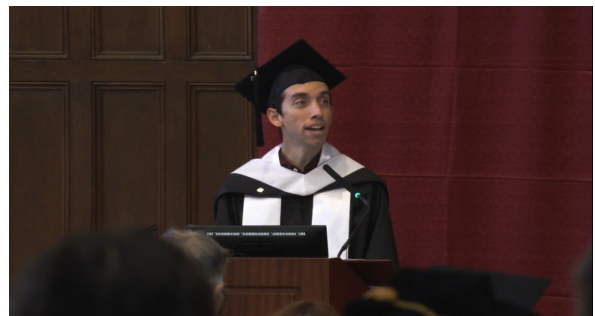
Every Monday at 6:00pm we engage in biblical reflections and conversations to strengthen our identity as followers of Christ. It is a space where you will also find other young people who desire to learn and grow with you. Come join us! We will meet inside the Student Lounge.

Job Opening - Administrative Assistant [Part-time]

The full job description and application can be found on our website. If you have any questions, please send an email to ncoffice@csufnewman.com.

Campus Ministry Contacts

Edgar Guzman, Director: edgar@csufnewman.com
Fr. Byron Macias, Chaplain: frbyron@csufnewman.com



Congratulations Edgar Guzmán!

Congratulations to our Campus Minister, Edgar Guzmán who received his masters from Fordham University.

His participation in the Graduate program of Religious Education was made possible by the Young Adult Leadership Initiative by Catholic Extension. This opportunity is given to one young adult leader in our diocese to better equip young people in leading ministries.

Edgar will continue to serve as the Director of Campus Ministry and continue partnering with the diocese to better serve youth and young adults.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 5 Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

9:30am Mass for Barbara and Su Prandini, John Godburn, Masita Costales, Int. of Beau Nicholson CNH Courtyard
 11:00am Parish Picnic CNH Courtyard

Monday, June 6 Gn 3:9-15, 20; Jn 19:25-34

8:00am Mass for Mrs. Brown Chapel
 8:30am Men's Scripture Study Library
 5:30pm Liturgy Team Mtg. Cafeteria
 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study St. John XXIII
 7:00pm Creation Care Team Mtg. Cafeteria

Tuesday, June 7 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 12:00pm Christian Meditation Community Room
 5:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal Chapel
 6:00pm Children's Mass (Mass Int. of Patrick J. Sullivan and Family) Chapel

Wednesday, June 8 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19

8:00am Mass for Eleanor Marie Avila Chapel
 7:00pm Catholic Social Teaching on Gun Violence Discussion Cafeteria

Thursday, June 9 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 4:00pm Confessions Chapel
 6:00pm Mass Int. of Fr. Byron and Fr. Paul Chapel
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Community Room

Friday, June 10 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Mt 5:27-32

8:00am Mass Int. of Sally Caglia Chapel

Saturday, June 11 Acts 11:21b-26; 12:1-3; Mt 5:33-37

5:00pm Mass for Hide Yamaguchi Chapel

Sunday, June 12 Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

7:30am Mass for Norma Marie Smith Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Jim Cook Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Maria Victoria Balli Chapel
 2:00pm Baptism Prep Class (via Zoom)
 7:00pm Mass Chapel

May Contributions

2021		2022	
May 2	\$16,289.46	May 1	\$18,412.75
May 9 ACH	\$19,440.00	May 8 ACH	\$24,558.88
May 16 ACH	\$15,904.21	May 15	\$11,321.29
May 23	\$ 9,818.71	May 22 ACH	\$18,229.63
May 30	\$15,085.00	May 29	\$12,847.94
May Total	\$63,881.13	May Total	\$85,370.49

Prayers:


- ◆ **For those who have died:** Ana Meraz
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**
 Joan Renner, Margery Toll, Kristal Lowe Limon, Abigail Love, Gary Payne, Linda Alvarez, Marianne Coons, Julissa Mojarras, Estefania Medina, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Sandra Barrie, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Meghan Vasquez, 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, Melissa Kane, Kim Bach, John Cook, Joey Perez, John Morgenroth, Phyllis Scialabba, Walt Whelan, Martin Zapata, Carl Britto, Hannah York


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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Call to Action Meeting

St. James Cathedral, in partnership with the Fresno Clergy Coalition, of which we are members of, is forming a task group on gun safety and is taking point to organize and create partnerships and strategies with other faith communities and non-governmental organizations to impact policy and create meaningful change.

CALL TO ACTION: On Wednesday, June 29 at 7:00pm at St. James Episcopal Cathedral (4147 E. Dakota Ave., Fresno, CA 93726) we are holding our first public gathering to lament our losses and plead for change. We are only one faith community, but we are one. Together, we are many. We cannot do everything but we can do something. And because we cannot do everything, we will not refuse to do something that we can do. Enough is enough!

Parish Registration

There are instances when, as a member of the parish, you must provide verification of membership at the Newman Center. This is necessary as it applies to the administration of Sacraments and the required record-keeping. For this reason, we ask you to please register as a member of the parish.

Verification (written) of membership in this non-territorial parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fresno may be provided for any baptized Catholic who fulfills any of the following:

- **registered in our parish database for a period of six months or more**
- **reference of regular parish involvement by a member of the parish pastoral staff**
- **identification as a regular member of our worshipping community (attendance at Mass on the Lord's Day) by a member of our pastoral staff**

Since we, unlike other Catholic parishes, do not have a specific territorial area, designated by parish boundaries, living in the vicinity of the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center does not automatically mean membership in this parish. (The territorial parish area in which SPCNC is located covers portions of Saint Anthony of Padua parish and Sacred Heart parish.) Hence, personal registration, active involvement and participation in worship and other activities on a regular basis are required to receive any documenting letter (e.g. for purposes of being a Catholic sponsor/godparent) of membership in SPCNC.

You can register at the front desk, or through our website: <https://csufnewman.com/about/online-registration>. **We also ask that you check in with us if you have moved, or updated any contact information so we can update our database.**

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to those who contributed to the Bishop's Annual Appeal last weekend. This fund contributes to the following areas at the Diocese: Youth / Young Adult Ministry, Catechetics, Diocesan Retreat Centers, and Vocations. We raised \$3660.82 of our \$15,000 goal. It is not too late to contribute. You can turn in donations at Mass, mail them to the office, or make donations on our website: <https://csufnewman.com/giving/credit-card-donation>. Please indicate that it is for the Bishop's Annual Appeal in the memo. Thank you for your generosity!

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Word of the Week

Justice Challenge: The spirit of Pentecost celebrates the power of forgiveness. The Scriptures say that Jesus breathed on the apostles and gave them the power to forgive and to bind. God wants no one to be bound by sin, and extends forgiveness to all who are sorry and seek God's forgiveness. But forgiving others is really hard when we are the victim of injustice. The challenge this week is to forgive so that you and your enemy will not be bound by sin. Forgiveness is a power of the Spirit, not a human power. If you find it hard to forgive, go deeper by doing what Jesus taught: pray goodness upon your enemy and do good for him/her.



Are you hurting from a past abortion experience and are in need of spiritual and emotional healing? Rachel's Vineyard weekends are a life-changing

opportunity for any person who has struggled with the spiritual and emotional pain of abortion. The retreats are for men, women and other persons effected by an abortion experience.

Upcoming retreat in Fresno area July 8-10, 2022 (English)
October 7-9, 2022 (English)

Please contact:

Jennifer | 833.776.0023 or Butcher_Jennifer@yahoo.com
(English)

Elizabeth | 559.309.8469 or emzelsdorf@gmail.com (English)

To Retain or Not Retain?

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Acts 2:1-11 - Descent of the Holy Spirit
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 - Many gifts, one Spirit, and the analogy of the body
- ▶ John 20:19-23 - Appearance to the disciples
- ▶ or John 14:15-16, 23b-26 - The Advocate

Scripture gives us two different accounts of the coming of the Holy Spirit to read from today. One is from the author Luke in the Acts of the Apostles, which we hear in the first reading. The second is from John's Gospel. How the apostles historically received the gift of the Spirit (tongues of fire or Jesus' breath) is less important than what resulted when the Spirit filled them.

The coming of the Holy Spirit sparked a tremendous change in the lives of the disciples. Whether they received the Spirit when Jesus breathed on them (just as the first human came to life when God breathed into him) or when a great wind brought tongues of fire to them, they became the best versions of themselves. Before the coming of the Spirit, they were a fearful, closed group, hiding out, paralyzed to continue Jesus' ministry of healing and teaching. Once Jesus came to them and offered them his peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, they immediately transformed. Rejoicing replaced fear, and the willingness to move outward to minister to others replaced their desire for safety.

The beauty of the Spirit's working in the disciples' lives is that God didn't need them to become different people. They were still a motley crew of illiterate fisherman from an area of the country not known for anything of significance. What they learned is that regardless of their



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“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

Sheepish Question:
How can I better energize the Holy Spirit dwelling within me?

lack of education, wealth, or social status, God could do incredible things with and through them. Jesus didn't ask them to continue his work of building the Kingdom of God by themselves. From the day of Pentecost on, they had an Advocate to teach them, strengthen them, and embolden them.

Questions of the Week

① Have you ever had the experience of moving from fear or timidity into a courageous actor in a particular situation in your life? To what do you attribute the change?

② Have you ever known or heard about others whose lives dramatically changed because the Spirit moved them in some way? Please share.

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