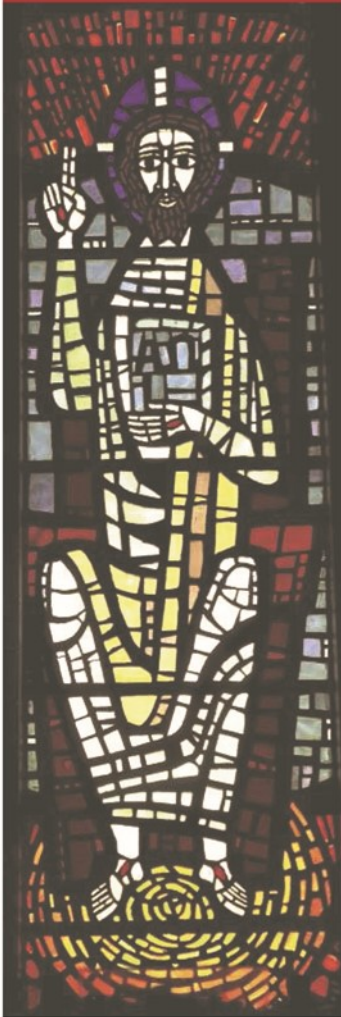


# St. Paul Catholic Newman Center



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## Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

March 13, 2022

**Readings: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36**

Dear Newman Community,

Beginning this week (March 13), the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center will begin the "Listening Sessions" which are the heart of the "Synodal Process" which Pope Francis has called the Church to spend the next 2 years developing.

"Synod" means "Same path or Walking together" and it is the Holy Father's proposal to prepare for the Bishops' Synod in October 2023 by having Catholics (and interested non-Catholics) across the world respond to 10 questions on the parish and diocesan levels in 2022.

Parish "Listening Sessions" will take place in March, April, and May 2022 with a ten page summary of parish responses handed in to the Diocese by June 1. The Diocese will then review all parish reports and summarize them in a ten page diocesan report which will be sent to Rome no later than August 1, 2022.

The 2,000 Diocesan reports will be reviewed in Rome from August 2022 through October 2023. In that month Bishops and other Catholic leaders from around the world will meet to produce a Final Document for Pope Francis' review.

The Synod on Synodality is "not an event, but a process that involves in synergy the People of God, the College of Bishops and the Bishop of Rome, each according to their proper function".

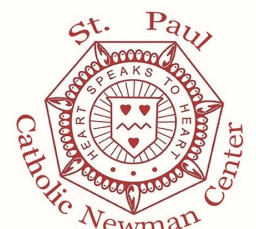
**THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE SYNOD PROCESS IS NOT THE "COMPILING OF THE REPORTS" BUT WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE "LISTENING SESSIONS" WHEN THE PEOPLE OF GOD, INSPIRED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, SHARE WHAT FILLS THEIR HEARTS WITH JOY ABOUT THE CHURCH AND WHAT BREAKS THEIR HEART ABOUT THE SAME CHURCH. WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS IN THESE GROUPS AND HOW THE LOCAL CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED IS HOW THE "SYNOD PROCESS" WILL GUIDE THE CHURCH GOING FORWARD.**

The St. Paul Catholic Newman Center staff will begin with listening sessions on March 14, and parish members will reflect on questions 1,2 and 3 on March 15, questions 4,5 and 6 on March 22, and questions 7,8,9,10 on March 29. "Faith Family and Friends" will meet in Chapel from 6:00-7:00 PM on those evenings, and other parish members who call the parish office to register (559-436-3434) will be able to meet on those evenings and respond to those questions from 7:00-8:00 PM.

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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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Here are the ten questions related to ten different aspects of Church life which participants will be invited by facilitators to respond to personally on those Tuesday evenings, and at other times which will be offered during April and May:

1. What is the quality of our journeying together? How could we improve it?
2. Are we listening to each other? Whom do we need to listen to more? The young? Women? Minority groups?
3. Are we invited to speak out and share our concerns with charity and boldness? What would encourage you and others to participate more fully?
4. Do our parish Masses and other communal prayers strengthen our sense of community and mission and inspire our “journeying together”?
5. Rooted in our Baptism, are we prepared and supported and welcomed to participate in the mission of proclaiming the Gospel?
6. Is there a place for parish members to dialogue openly, including with those who have suffered in silence? Which persons and groups do we need to learn from?
7. What can we learn from other churches and believers? How well does your parish “journey together” with other communities of faith? What makes this difficult?
8. How does your parish identify pastoral goals, and steps to achieve them? Do you feel valued and invited to share? What steps can we take together?
9. How does your parish exercise discernment in decision making and prayerful listening and obedience to the Holy Spirit?
10. How does your parish prepare you to be a missionary disciple of Jesus Christ? As we form ourselves in synodality, where will our next steps take us?

I hope the Synodal Process and these “Listening Sessions” sound as exciting to you as they do to me. Please pray for the success of this global commitment to “communion participation and mission” and call the Parish Office if you want to join future “Listening Sessions” beginning with the ones on March 15, March 22, and March 29 at 7:00pm in the Chapel. Check the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center Synod Website for Synod updates and future “Listening Sessions” or contact me personally if you have any questions or suggestions about how to invite those no longer involved with the parish or the Church, because inclusion and listening to those of the fringes is a major goal of this “Synodal Process”.

Let us all commit to becoming a Synodal, Listening Church, beginning today!

Jim Grant, Synod Engagement Coordinator  
[jimgrantbc@gmail.com](mailto:jimgrantbc@gmail.com)  
559-708-3530



## Campus Ministry News!

Week of March 13-20

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### Young Adults Bible Study

We meet 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.

### Wednesday Student Night

Looking for a community to grow in your faith and meet other college students? Join us this week for a WYD info session and a dinner inside Cardinal Newman Hall beginning at 6:00pm. Afterwards, we will have our Student Lounge opened to provide a space for studying or to pick up school materials!

### Campus Ministry Contacts

Edgar Guzman, Director: [edgar@csufnewman.com](mailto:edgar@csufnewman.com)

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## Church Contribution Statements

If you did not receive your contribution statement via email or mail, please pick up your contribution statement at the front desk. If you received it via email, it will not be printed at the front desk. If you would like to receive your future contribution statements via email, please give your email address to the office. Thank you.

## Job Opportunity: Parish Administrator (Parish Life Coordinator)

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center (SPCNC) seeks a Parish Life Coordinator to manage the operations of our Parish. Our mission is to reach out to and serve college students as well as to serve the faithful who have chosen to be a part of our vibrant parish community. Requires five years' experience in management including supervising others, and a bachelor's degree, preferably in management or a related area. For more information visit our website [csufnewman.com](http://csufnewman.com) or text / call Dave Meyer at (559) 269-0002.

## Faith, Family & Friends

**Faith, Family & Friends** is the Newman Center's Religious Education and faith formation program for EVERYONE of all ages - Children, HS Youth & Adults. All FF&F groups and class sessions meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. All Children's classes meet in Cardinal Newman Hall, Claretian High School Youth Group meets in St. John XXIII, and the Adult Group Session will meet in the Chapel. No registration is required to attend the Adult Sessions.

Adult Sessions for the next three weeks will be "Listening Sessions" as we proceed with the Church's Synodal process of listening to members of the Church so it can respond to the needs of the people more effectively and faithfully in the future.

### **Family Life Ministries**

#### **Adult Religious Education and Faith Formation**

Our series exploring the *Sacraments of the Church - Past & Present* will pause for three weeks as we use this time to provide "Listening Sessions" as we proceed with the Church's Synodal process of listening to members of the Church so it can respond to the needs of the people more effectively and faithfully in the future. Our exploration of the Sacraments will resume on April 12, 19 & 26 on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the Chapel. No registration or fee is required.

**Men's Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group** meets Monday mornings after Mass from 8:30am to 9:15am in the Library.

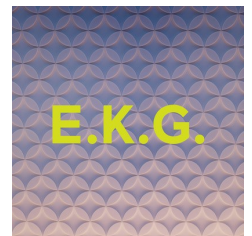
The Grief Support Ministry offers spiritual and emotional support to those who are coping with the death of a loved one. The next series of Grief Support meetings will begin on Monday, March 21st through Monday, April 11th. The meetings are held from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Monday evenings in the Community Room. If you are interested in attending, please contact John Prandini at [prandinij@csufnewman.com](mailto:prandinij@csufnewman.com).

### **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](mailto:prandinij@csufnewman.com).

## EKG Podcast

Sister Kathleen and Edgar Guzmán dialogue all things about faith. You're invited to dive into their clumsy conversations and journey together. Look up EKG or St. Paul Catholic Newman Center anywhere you listen to podcasts. If the previous sentence left you confused, head to our website, scroll to the bottom of our page and you can find the play button there. Happy listening!



# Weekly Calendar

**Sunday, March 13** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

7:30am Mass for Magdalena Berman Chapel  
 9:30am Mass for Sandy Ullmann Chapel  
 10:00am HS Confirmation Class CNH 101-103  
 11:30am Mass for David Quezada Chapel  
 7:00pm Young Adult Mass Chapel

**Monday, March 14** Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

8:00am Mass for Gloria Paolina and Claire Paolini Chapel  
 8:30am Men's Morning Scripture Study Library  
 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study St. John XXIII

**Tuesday, March 15** Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

8:00am Communion Service Chapel  
 12:00pm Christian Meditation Community Room  
 4:00pm Hall of Fame Mtg. Cafeteria  
 6:00pm Faith, Family & Friends CNH & Chapel  
 7:00pm Synod Mtg. Chapel

**Wednesday, March 16** Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

8:00am Mass Int. of Palmer Nicholson Chapel  
 10:00am Dodds Funeral Chapel  
 6:00pm Scriptural Rosary Community Room  
 6:00pm College Night CNH 101  
 6:30pm PAIN Cafeteria

**Thursday, March 17** Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

8:00am Communion Service Chapel  
 11:30am Serra Club Mass and Mtg. Chapel and Cafeteria  
 4:00pm Confessions Chapel  
 5:30pm The Hero Within CNH 101  
 6:00pm Mass for Lorenza Laurente Chapel

**Friday, March 18** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

8:00am Mass for Victoria Palacio Chapel  
 6:00pm Stations of the Cross Chapel

**Saturday, March 19**  
 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Catholic Charities Truck**  
 8:30am RCIA Retreat CNH 101  
 5:00pm Mass for Santiago Ortega, Sr. Chapel

**Sunday, March 20** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

**Catholic Charities Truck**  
 7:30am Mass for Rosa Oida Chapel  
 9:30am Mass for Lai Pham Chapel  
 9:30am RCIA First Scrutiny Chapel  
 11:30am Mass for Christy Sweeden Cooper Chapel  
 7:00pm Young Adult Mass Chapel

## 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  
 CLOSED FRIDAY

# March Contributions


2021		2022	
Mar. 7	ACH \$21,491.37	Mar. 6	ACH \$27,721.65
Mar. 14	\$13,710.00	Mar. 13	
Mar. 21	ACH \$13,363.38	Mar. 20	ACH
Mar. 28	\$ 9,168.00	Mar. 27	
<b>March Total</b>	<b>\$57,732.75</b>	<b>March Total</b>	<b>\$27,721.65</b>


## Prayers:

- ♦ **For those who have died:** Anastacia Sibal
- ♦ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**  
 Sr. Ana Rosa Guzman, Joan Renner, Margery Toll, Kristal Lowe Limon, Jessica H., Abigail Love, Gary Payne, Linda Alvarez, Marianne Coons, Julissa Mojarras, Estefania Medina, Laura Willers, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, John and Kathy Brechmann, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Fr. Kevin Bray, Msgr. Anthony Janelli, Sandra Barrie, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Meghan Vasquez, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Sr. Rosa Maria Branco FHIC, Dick and Jan White, Randy Trejold, Jose Murillo, Jose Guadalupe Solorio, Tommie Huettmann, Melvin Helm family, Don Dallas Family, Sr. Joanne Bauer, Deacon Steve and Angie Taylor, Deacon Jim Rooney, Jan Fusselman, Nyla Zender, Brittany Baeza, Alma Alba, Deacon Rick DeLeon and Family, JoAnn Myers, Monica Baker (Lucido), Scott Alston, Daniel Xavier Huidor, Deacon Kelly Canelo and Family, Jo Carol, Debbie Ross, Tom Sommers, David Toll, Fr. Ricardo Magdaleno, Ernie Peterson, Susan Olson, Ken Barnes and Family, Mercedes Gallegos, Ramona Egan, Shannon Wong, Mary Yoakum, Jeff Ferramisco, Olivia King, Esther Gutierrez, Anthony Contino


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. 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.


## Follow us!

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### College Pages

 Newman Catholic Student Association (Fresno)

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## From Fr. Byron

Have you ever fallen asleep during Mass? I'm not sure about you but I have (and actually I am sure; I see you all from up there :)). It's okay; we are all human beings. It even happened to Peter, James and John in the Gospel this weekend. Jesus takes them up to pray and Jesus is Transfigured. Then Peter wakes up and sees what's happening: He is beholding the Son of God and the greatest representatives of the Law and the Prophets.

Peter fell asleep. How many times we, too, can fall asleep in our spiritual life? This could happen, and if it does; we can always count on the hope that – like Peter - we too will wake up.

Let's ask God for the grace to remain awake to behold God in our lives. And let our lives help others do the same.

### Hikes with Mary

Our next *Hike with Mary* will be on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 8:00am. Please sign up by email: [frbyron@csufnewman.com](mailto:frbyron@csufnewman.com)

### Away

Please keep me in your prayers as I travel home to Ecuador from March 21 - 27. I will meet my parents in Chicago and then travel together with them to our town, Riobamba in Ecuador. I am going to baptize my niece Maggy; and my parents have to do some retirement paperwork and need my help. Thanks for the clothes and suitcases for the poor. I am taking two suitcases with some clothes and toiletries on your behalf to share with the less fortunate. Fr. Brian Culley, CMF, will be helping out this week and next weekend so be nice to him :) . I will miss you; please say a prayer for me and my family now and then.

### Claretian Youth

We welcomed Alyssa to the Group, and certainly we had a good time destroying the piñata of sin and enjoying the graces (candy and gifts) that come when we destroy sin. See you this Tuesday for our Claretian Youth. This month's theme: "Jesus and the Devil!" - Matthew 4. This Tuesday we will have our fun day.

### 5K: Running to the Empty Tomb.

Our First *5K Run / Walk to the Empty Tomb* will take place on Easter Sunday (April 17) at 6:00am. We will start off with a Dawn Prayer Service. To register or to volunteer please email me: [frbyron@csufnewman.com](mailto:frbyron@csufnewman.com).

### Saintly Quote

"Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort me and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."  
- St. Patrick

**Have a Laugh** (On hiatus during Lent)

## Prayer for Ukraine

The people of Ukraine are crying out for help, and it seems like nobody is listening.

I invite everyone to join in the battle to save Ukraine.

Please pray a Rosary each day for the people of Ukraine. There is a spiritual side to everything and there is certainly a spiritual battle being waged for the hearts and souls of everyone.

Let's join the battle

It doesn't cost anything but your time.

You don't have to go overseas,

you can sit in the comfort of your own home and just PRAY.

There's POWER in prayer and God

can certainly bring good out of the horror that is being played each day on the TV news.

Please join me every day to offer up a Rosary for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine

Please pass this invitation on to all of your friends. Thank you and God Bless you

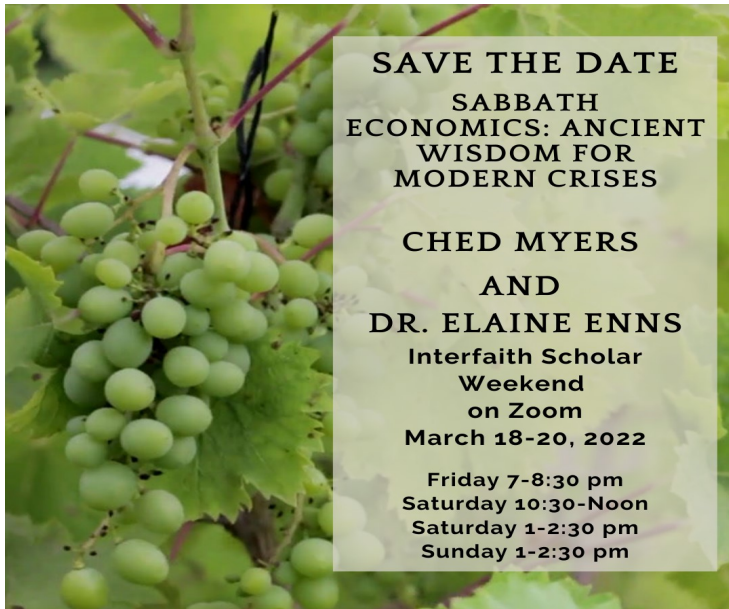
Deacon Scotty

## Catholic Charities Truck

The Catholic Charities Donation Truck will be at the Newman Center March 19 - 20 to collect donation items after all Sunday morning Masses. Donations brought to the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses can be left in the white bin in the Chapel Courtyard. Thank you for your support.

## Homebound Eucharistic Ministry,

We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers to visit and take communion to the sick and homebound. This is a rewarding and grace-filled ministry. We will train you and you can visit the sick and homebound during the week or on the weekend. You can put in as much or as little time as you have available. If this sounds like a ministry for you please contact Deacon Bill at [bill@csufnewman.com](mailto:bill@csufnewman.com) or 436-3434.



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**Weekend**  
**on Zoom**  
**March 18-20, 2022**

**Friday 7-8:30 pm**  
**Saturday 10:30-Noon**  
**Saturday 1-2:30 pm**  
**Sunday 1-2:30 pm**

## RCIA

### Sponsors Needed

God has blessed us with many people wanting to become Catholic. We have three candidates and eight catechumens in the catechumenate and another five in Inquiry. In two weeks these five inquirers will go through their Rite of Acceptance but have run out of sponsors. We desperately need another five sponsors. If you are a practicing Catholic and have received baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist, you qualify. If you are interested in serving as a sponsor and share your faith with these new candidates and catechumens, or if you have questions about sponsoring, please contact Charles Arokiasamy at [rcia@csufnewman.com](mailto:rcia@csufnewman.com) or 559-286-6372. Or leave your contact information at the front office and we will follow up with you. It is a lot of fun being a sponsor and you will find yourself learning many things you did not know about your own faith.



### 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 [rcia@csufnewman.com](mailto:rcia@csufnewman.com) or 559-286-6372.

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.

## Our Lenten Journey With Luke's Gospels

This second week of Lent, Luke's Gospel leads us up a high mountain with Jesus, Peter, James, and John. Jesus is Transfigured before them. A large cloud descends over the three disciples and God speaks to them: "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased". May we listen and respond to the Holy Spirit's call to prayer, sacrifice, and giving alms.

## 25th Annual Jo Ann Stephens Memorial Golf for Life Tournament

Right to Life of Central California's 25th Annual Golf Tournament is Monday, April 25 at Fort Washington Golf and Country Club. The tournament entry fee is \$175.00. Entry fee includes lunch, dinner, green fees, golf cart and tee prizes. There will be a prize drawing. Call 229-2229 or visit our website [www.RightToLifeCA.org](http://www.RightToLifeCA.org) for invitations, to advertise, or for more information.

## St. Joseph's Table

In this Year of St. Joseph, Bishop Joseph V. Brennan invites the parishes of the Diocese of Fresno to join him in celebrating St. Joseph's Table at all weekend Masses of March 20th and March 21st, with each parish community bringing non-perishable foods to a 'table' honoring St. Joseph, which will be delivered to Catholic Charities.



## Creation Care Tips

Besides perhaps fasting from sweets, caffeine, or alcohol during Lent and being more conscious of those who are hungry some or most days, this is the perfect time to be more intentional about cutting food waste. Almost 30-50% of food produced globally is wasted. With food waste comes the waste of water, energy, and land. Are you served too much food at a restaurant? Be sure to bring it home and enjoy it again the next day. Only buy large quantities of an item if you know you can finish it before it goes bad. If you have too many leftovers for yourself or your family, bring some to a neighbor who might welcome the gift. If you have extra produce from your garden or fruit trees, donate it to a local food bank or look for a gleaning group that will pick the excess and donate it for you.

## Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: Luke's Gospel retells the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. God tells the apostles to listen to his beloved son, Jesus. We too are called to listen to him, and to follow him as missionary disciples. Your challenge this week is to listen to Jesus' call to be people of justice and service. How can you live out Jesus' teaching that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for him? Who needs love and support in your life?

## Diocese of Fresno Job Opportunity

Real Estate Coordinator - Assist the Property Manager in the management of diocesan real estate including purchase and donation acquisitions, sales, leasing, title, CCR's, Easements, ROW's, taxes payments, tax exemptions, and municipal entitlements. Reports directly to the Diocesan Property Manager. For more information visit: <https://dioceseoffresno.org/employment/>



# Listen, Even if You Don't Understand

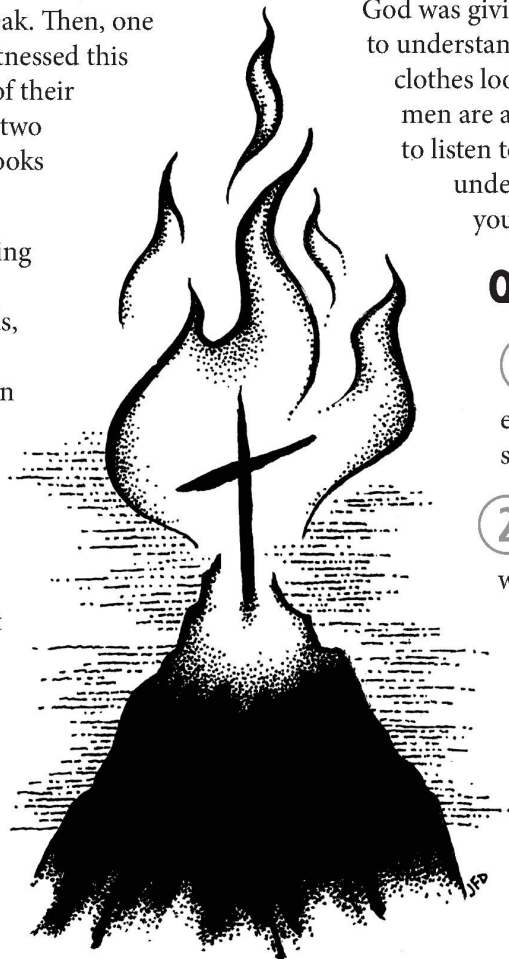
*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 - The covenant with Abram
- ▶ Philippians 3:17-4:1 - Christ our goal
- ▶ Luke 9:28b-36 - Jesus transfigured

As the apostles followed Jesus around the land of Galilee, they would have had plenty of ordinary moments with a seemingly average human: hiking from town to town, looking for places to camp or sleep, meeting all sorts of different people and sharing meals and wine with them, praying in synagogues on the Sabbath, etc. Then there were the incredible experiences that would have convinced them Jesus was more than an ordinary human: feeding crowds of thousands, healing the sick and crippled, speaking words of forgiveness that Jews thought only God could speak. Then, one day, three of the apostles witnessed this mysterious transfiguration of their friend on a mountaintop as two people from their history books appeared with him.

The experience was something the apostles couldn't have understood with their minds, yet they were asked by the voice from the cloud to listen to Jesus. They were asked to trust in him, to listen to him, and to follow him, even though he was such a mystery to them.

The transfiguration may not have cleared up any of the apostles' questions about Jesus' identity, but they were still asked to trust in this person who was bringing healing, freedom, and new life to so many people. It's as if



“Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a savior.”

**Sheepish Question:**  
God has kept his promise, but how am I doing with mine?

God was giving them a gift in saying “You don't have to understand how this is happening, how Jesus' clothes look whiter than white, or how two dead men are alive here. What I do want you to do is to listen to him.” Only that. Don't worry about understanding with your head. Follow with your heart.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Have you had any experience of being asked to trust Jesus/God even though you couldn't understand something with your mind?
- 2 In what ways is God inviting you to give up trying to understand his workings so that you can more freely follow Jesus' call to you?

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