

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center



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Third Sunday of Lent, Year C

March 20, 2022

Readings: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we begin our Synod Listening sessions in earnest, it's important that you are aware of what has taken place in our parish and when the upcoming sessions will be held. Below is an update provided by Jim Grant, Synod Engagement Coordinator.

*Peace and Love,
Deacon John*

Synod Listening Sessions Update as of 03/17/2022

The St. Paul Catholic Newman Center started “Synod Listening Sessions” on March 14 and 15, and so far 53 persons have shared their personal responses to the first 3 questions proposed for the Church all over the world to reflect on and send their responses to guide the Church going forward.

On Tuesday evening, March 22, Faith, Family & Friends will gather in the Chapel and then form small groups again to reflect on questions 4, 5, and 6. If you'd like to come at 7:00pm to share your responses to these questions, please call the Church Office (559-436-3434) and share your name and email address with us.

These are the 3 questions we'll respond to in small groups on March 22:

Question 4: How does our parish Mass and Communal Prayer inspire and guide our “journeying together”? Do you feel engaged in our parish's liturgy and prayer life?

Question 5: How are you as a baptized person called to participate in proclaiming the Gospel? How does our parish live the mission of proclaiming the Gospel?

Question 6: Does your parish engage with other believers and with non-believers? Is there a place for parishioners to dialogue openly? How are differing opinions addressed at the parish?

If unable to attend, responses can be written by individuals and mailed to the Parish Office to be included in our parish “Listening Sessions” responses.

If you'd like a zoom session set up for future “Listening Sessions”, please contact the Parish Office (559-436-3434).

Hoping the 53 from March 15 will return, and that many others will join us on March 22, and then again on March 29 for questions 7,8, 9 and 10!

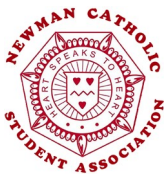
For more information on the Synod, and other ways to participate in it, please contact me 24/7:

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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.





Campus Ministry News!

Week of March 20-27

Young Adult 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.

Wednesday Student Night

Looking for a community to grow in your faith and meet other college students? Join us this week for Mass 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!

Stations of the Cross Led by Young Adults

We invite all young adults to participate in the Stations of the Cross next Friday, March 25. Let us be reminded of the meaning behind this Lenten season and the need for reconciliation with God. We will begin at 6:00pm inside the Chapel.

Social After 7:00PM Mass

Calling all students and young adults! We will be having a post-Mass social inside the Cafeteria on March 27th. Free food and an interactive activity! You don't want to miss it. :)

Campus Ministry Contacts

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Hope Blooms: A VIRTUAL Retreat for Catholic Women Healing from Betrayal Trauma April 22-23, 2022

This virtual retreat is for women seeking healing from betrayal trauma (discovering a spouse's or significant other's pornography use, infidelity, and/or sex addiction). Gather with others on Divine Mercy weekend as we lay our pain, our sorrow, and betrayals at the Lord's feet. With expectant faith, let us open our hands and our hearts to receive His merciful outpouring. Join us for this powerful virtual retreat experience. Talk topics include: Uprooting Shame and Guilt, Understanding Trauma and its impacts on body, mind, and spirit, Freedom through Forgiveness, and more. The retreat also includes small group healing prayer and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Retreat leaders are Father Allen Hoffa of Integrity Restored, Laura Ercolino of Hope's Garden, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry, Bonnie West, and Marian West Veilleux. Find the full schedule and register at <https://hopesgarden.com/hope-blooms-virtual-healing-retreats/> or email De: de@youaremadenew.com.

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 two 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.

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.

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 or text / call Dave Meyer at (559) 269-0002.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 20

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

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

Monday, March 21

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

8:00am	Mass for Angelina and Joseph Sacca	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
5:00pm	Liturgy Committee Meeting	Cafeteria
6:00pm	Grief Support	Community Room
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	St. John XXIII

Tuesday, March 22

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
12:00pm	Christian Meditation	Community Room
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	CNH & Chapel
7:00pm	Synod Meeting	Chapel

Wednesday, March 23

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

8:00am	Mass for Anastacia Sibal	Chapel
6:00pm	Scriptural Rosary	Community Room
6:00pm	College Night	CNH 101
6:30pm	PAIN	Cafeteria

Thursday, March 24

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass for Cesar Alingasa	Chapel
6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Chapel

Friday, March 25

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Lk 1:26-38

8:00am	Mass for Michael Comstock	Chapel
6:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Chapel

Saturday, March 26

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Second Collection - International Needs		
5:00pm	Mass for Love Ortega	Chapel

Sunday, March 27

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-2; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Second Collection - International Needs		
7:30am	Mass for Col. George Ishikata	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Johnny Deniz	Chapel
10:00am	HS Confirmation Class	CNH 101-103
11:30am	Mass for May Ya Vang	Chapel
11:30am	RCIA Second Scrutiny	Chapel
3:00pm	Igbo Mass	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 \$28,016.65
Mar. 14	\$13,710.00	Mar. 13	\$17,822.11
Mar. 21	ACH \$13,363.38	Mar. 20	ACH
Mar. 28	\$ 9,168.00	Mar. 27	
March Total	\$57,732.75	March Total	\$45,838.76

Prayers:

♦ **For those who have died this week:** David Martinez, Caryle Stallard

♦ **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, 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, Joe Calandri, Jeff Janzen, Maria Coronel

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.

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From Fr. Byron

I'm pretty sure that we all know what giving up is all about.

At any point of our lives, we have given up on something: maybe a relationship; maybe trying to fix a broken thing; maybe even on people or ourselves.

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells the parable of a person who planted a fig tree but gave no fruit so he wanted to give up on it. Yet, the gardener said, "Give it another chance; I will help cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it so it may bear fruit in the future."

In this Gospel, Jesus is describing himself as the gardener and us the fig trees: even though sometimes we may give up on many things, God will never give up on us. God will never give up on us because God sees things in us, potential, room for growth and fulfillment that sometimes we don't even see in ourselves. This is indeed good news: Good News! Let this Good News remind you of your dignity, worth and potential and let's give a chance to the One who will never give up on us.

Creation Team Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday, April 4 at 7:00pm. We will be sending you more information soon. Please plan to join us. #LaudatoSi

Hikes with Mary

Thank you so much for joining us this past Saturday. Save the date for the next one: Saturday, April 30!

Claretian Youth

We welcomed Diana to the Group last Tuesday and continued exploring this month's theme: "Jesus and the Devil! - Matthew 4." We had a fashion show, community games and celebrated St. Patrick's Day.

See you this Tuesday for our Claretian Youth; we will have our Service Day.

If you are interested in either joining us for World Youth Day or would like to help us create a fundraising team, please contact me: frbyron@csufnewman.com. We really need your help!

5K: Running to the Empty Tomb

Rise up early and run (or walk) to the empty tomb like the Apostles did.

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 at: frbyron@csufnewman.com.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

This Friday, March 25, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. It announces the incarnation of Christ, setting into immediate motion God's Plan of Salvation for all of us.

Did you know that this Feast is observed almost universally throughout Christianity, especially within Orthodoxy, Anglicanism, Catholicism, and Lutheranism?

Let's ask God for the Grace to be like the Blessed Virgin Mary, able to embrace God's Word and share it with all people!

Away

Please keep me in your prayers as I leave for Ecuador this Sunday evening. I am going to baptize my niece and help my parents do some retirement and pension work. God willing, I will be seeing you next week! Be good to Fr. Paul and Fr. Brian :)

Saintly Quote

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." - St. Francis of Assisi

Have a Laugh (On hiatus during Lent)

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 or 436-3434.

Second Collection Next Weekend

This collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

Easter Altar Flowers

Each Easter season, we fill our sanctuary with lilies and other seasonal plants and flowers provided by parishioners' generous donations. Please consider participating in this longtime Newman Center tradition by donating in the name of a departed loved one. Their names will appear in the Easter Weekend bulletin. Signups will be in the foyer after Masses the weekend of April 2-3.

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!



Sing for Peace

In response to the Ukrainian crisis and unrest around the world Bishop Brennan, Anna Betancourt, Fr. Greg Zubacz of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and the Diocese of Fresno invite you for an evening of song and prayer. All are welcomed to join us on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 5:00pm at Holy Spirit in Fresno. Students from Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Clovis will also share their prayer in form of Ukrainian music.

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 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 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.



St. Joseph's Table This Weekend

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 19th and March 20th with each parish community bringing non-perishable foods to a 'table' honoring St. Joseph, which will be delivered to Catholic Charities. Our table will be located in the hallway.



Creation Care Tips

During Lent the readings are full of desert imagery, especially the Old Testament readings which tell the story of the Israelites wandering in the desert for 40 long years, sometimes on the brink of death from lack of food and water. As Pope Benedict preached, "The external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast." Pope Francis' proposed solution for this is an interior conversion whereby our faith in Jesus is demonstrated by our relationship with the natural world. This week consider whether others can recognize in you a faith that moves you to action on behalf of the environment.

Weekly Justice Challenge


Justice Challenge: As we enter more deeply into Lent, we recall Jesus washing the feet of his apostles. This action contains two essential challenges for those who seek justice in the world: the challenge to serve and the challenge to be served. Jesus sets the example to serve in ways that may seem to be beneath us and calls Peter to accept service. Many great leaders, even in the corporate world, spend some of their time doing the work of the lowest paid person in the organization as an important reminder that all work is valuable. This act is also a beautiful sign that the service of these all-too-often forgotten people is well-received by the leader. Step out of your comfort zone this week and do a task that may seem to be beneath you. Experience the dignity in your simple service.

Our Lenten Journey With Luke's Gospels

This Sunday, we journey with Luke to listen to The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree. Notice the Fig Tree located next to the Ambo. This parable reminds us our God is a God of second chances for those who are willing to repent. May we listen and respond.

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 for invitations, to advertise, or for more information.



An Invitation To Pray
the Holy Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

*Meditating on
the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
Commemorating...*

The Annunciation of the Lord
(the Incarnation of the Son of God)
March 25, 2022 - 6PM

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California Family Rosary Group
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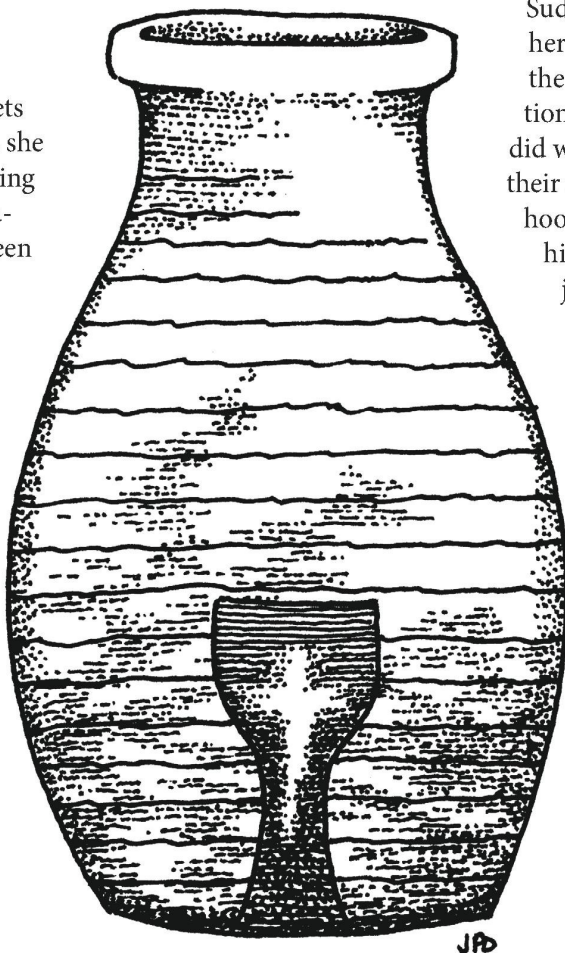
It's Not Literal

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Exodus 17:3-7 - Water from the rock
- ▶ Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 - Faith, hope, and love
- ▶ John 4:5-42 - The Samaritan woman at the well

Jesus and his people knew first hand what it was like to live in a desert locale where water was often scarce. Fetching water wasn't always a quick and easy job. It could be back-breaking and time-consuming; a never-ending chore. The matter of finding water could literally be a matter of life and death. Water was probably almost always on people's minds. It's no wonder, then, that the Samaritan woman who interprets Jesus literally when he begins talking about "living water."

It doesn't take the woman long, though, to recognize that Jesus is talking in metaphors here. Once the discussion moves to her multiple husbands, a common metaphor used by the Old Testament prophets for religious infidelity, she realizes Jesus isn't talking about literally. (The Samaritan people had been unfaithful to Yahweh by worshipping the gods of their five successive conquerors.) Jesus is talking about Yahweh, the one true God, who is the only one who can quench human's deepest thirst. The woman then moves quickly from thinking Jesus is just a typical Jew, to a prophet, to the Messiah.



Panel 1: A sheep says, "THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF ATTITUDES..." Another sheep says, "THE GLASS IS HALF FULL!" A third sheep says, "THE GLASS IS HALF EMPTY!"

Panel 2: A sheep says, "HEY! THE GLASS IS MINE!!" Another sheep says, "... MAKE THAT THREE TYPES OF ATTITUDES."

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"Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'"

Sheepish Question:
How do I experience—and respect— Christ's gift of "living water?"

Suddenly, drawing water isn't important to her anymore and she leaves her water jug at the well to tell others about Jesus. Her action is the equivalent of what the fisherman did when they encountered Jesus - they left their fishing nets, the symbol of their livelihood, to follow him and tell others about him. The Samaritan woman at the well is just as fully an apostle as they are.

Questions of the Week

- 1 What are you thirsting for in your life right now?
- 2 What feels like water to your parched soul these days? Consider the possibility that this is how God is providing "living water" for you currently

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