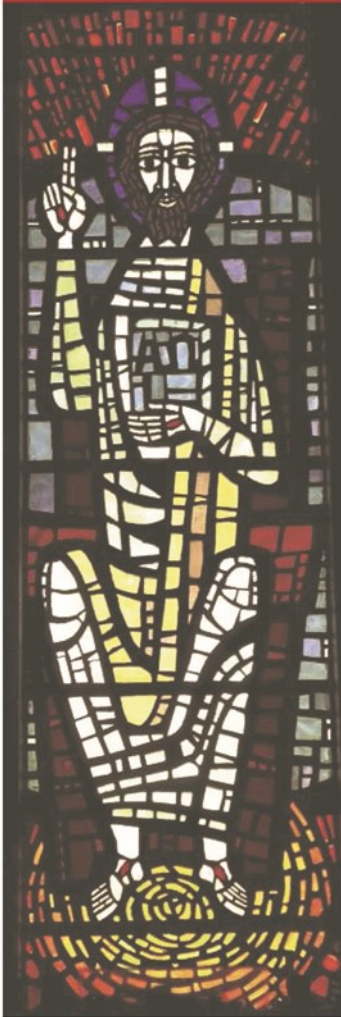


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Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B

March 21, 2021

Readings: Jer 31: 31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

The Deacon's Speakin'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

St. Joseph is an ordinary saint, comparable to many ordinary heroes of daily and family life, who go about their lives doing what is expected of them with kindness. These ordinary people often carry out their duties behind the scenes, not drawing attention or praise to themselves, but do the work assigned to them without complaint.

Joseph's role is not great in many ways, but it's fundamental to human salvation. His son, Jesus, would "save His people from their sins". Joseph's duty was to accept God's will and "to name Him, Jesus". Joseph didn't have a major role in saving the world, but he supported his family for this necessary and essential role.

Joseph, whose day-to-day life is not known to us for the most part, helped raise Jesus and taught him the carpenter trade, as fathers had for generations. Joseph also took Jesus to the local synagogue to hear and learn to read from the Scripture, bringing Him up in the Torah and the commandments of God.

The goal of attaining eternal life in God's kingdom is something meant for us to participate in, not through heroic acts or being the center of attention, but by remaining faithful to God's call and carrying out daily mundane tasks just like Joseph. We work in the background doing what's asked of us because it's in the ordinariness of ordinary life that we build up the kingdom. We are called, like Joseph, to do our part – unseen and unheralded.

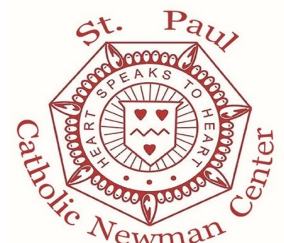
In this year dedicated to St. Joseph, let us ask God to follow his footsteps protecting the vulnerable and serving the lowly.

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!

College Night

Join us this Wednesday for our Student Night. Visit our webpage or social media bio for the link!

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

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edgar@csufnewman.com

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



March Events

Hope we see you there!

- 12 Game Night. Virtual. 6:30pm
- 12 Stations of the Cross. Virtual. 5 pm
- 20 Lenten Afternoon retreat. Virtual. TBA
- 20 St. Patrick's Day Social. Virtual. 6:30pm
- 24 Art Night. Virtual. 6 pm
- 25 Taco's and Theology. Virtual. 6:30 pm
- 26 Movie Night. Virtual. 6:30pm

Weekly Events

- Wednesday 6pm Student Night. Virtual.
- Sunday YA Mass 7pm. in person.
- Monday YA Bible Study 6pm. Virtual.



Spring Break Activities

March 29th - April 4th

- Monday YA Bible Study, Virtual, 6pm
- Thursday Rosary Craft Night, Virtual, 6:30pm
- Friday Night Game Night, Virtual, 6:30pm
- Sunday Night 7 pm
In person Mass



Faith, Family & Friends

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



During this time when we are unable to meet together in large groups, 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.

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

For additional information contact

Adults: John Prandini, MA at prandinij@csufnewman.com

Children: Sr. Kathleen Drilling at skd@csufnewman.com

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

As we live out our Lent this year, we will hold a special Reconciliation Service this year. Frs. Paul and Byron will hold Confessions on March 23, 24 and 25 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm at our regular Confession site (outside the Cafeteria on the patio).

To help you prepare an examination of conscience, we will post a video reflection/examination on our parish website and social media. You do not need to make reservations.

Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to do a good spring cleaning of the heart! Also, please help us spread the word. Please contact Fr. Byron for more information by emailing frbyron@csufnewman.com.

Mass Reservations

Please check your reservations to make sure that you are not booked for two different Mass times over the weekend. This will help us open up spots at our Masses for those who want to attend. If you need help cancelling your reservation at a Mass that you are no longer planning to attend, please email Jenna at jenna@csufnewman.com.

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 Ignatian Spirituality Group has begun a weekly online Ignatian Spirituality Retreat for Everyday Life. Weekly Zoom meetings are held for those wishing to be included. Email John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com for details on how to enroll and participate.

The Joy of Love Moms' Group is a family ministry led by moms. To join Joy of Love Moms email Jakki at joyoflovemoms@gmail.com.

Men's Scripture Study Group

If you'd like to receive weekly emails please send an email to John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com to enroll.

Meditation Opportunities

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.

Storytime with Papa Deak

Please join Deacon John for a Zoom story time this Tuesday, March 23! We read a story every 4th Tuesday of the month. Please email joyoflovemoms@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Altar Flowers

Each Easter season, we fill our sanctuary with 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 at the check-in table after Mass next weekend (March 27-28). Donations can also be made by mailing in a payment along with the name of a departed loved one (please mail by Friday, March 26), or by making a donation online by Wednesday, March 31 (please put the name of the deceased in the description e.g. Flowers in Memory of John Smith).

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 21 Jer 31: 31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

7:30am Mass Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Lai Pham Chapel Courtyard
 11:30am Mass for Kenny Locke Chapel Courtyard

Monday, March 22 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

8:00am Mass Chapel / Facebook
 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study Google Meet

Tuesday, March 23 Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

2:00pm Confessions East Patio
 6:00pm Mass Chapel / Facebook
 6:30pm Storytime with Papa Deak Zoom

Wednesday, March 24 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

8:00am Mass Chapel
 2:00pm Confessions East Patio
 6:00pm College Night Zoom

Thursday, March 25 Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

2:00pm Confessions East Patio
 6:00pm Mass Int. of Glen Schott Chapel
 6:30pm Theology and Tacos Zoom

Friday, March 26 Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

8:00am Mass Chapel
 3:30pm Food Distribution East Parking Lot
 6:00pm Stations of the Cross Chapel / Facebook
 6:30pm NCYA Movie Night Zoom

Saturday, March 27 Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

5:00pm Mass for Gary Marsella and Bob Caswell Chapel

Sunday, March 28 Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

7:30am Mass Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Maria Morales Chapel Courtyard
 10:00am HS Confirmation Class Zoom
 11:30am Mass for Reuben Ibaretta Chapel Courtyard

Prayers:

◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**

Mildred Moens, Timothy Hacker, Diana Mora, Msgr. Anthony Janelli, Fr. John Schmoll, Daniel Padilla, Anna Trevino, Sandra Barrie, Deacon Joe Parugrug, Mark Lang, Nancy VanGalder, 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.

March Contributions

| 2020 | | 2021 | |
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| Mar. 1 | \$17,894.05 | Mar. 7 ACH | \$21,491.37 |
| Mar. 8 ACH | \$29,313.83 | Mar. 14 | \$13,710.00 |
| Mar. 15 | \$11,873.17 | Mar. 21 ACH | |
| Mar. 22 ACH | \$6,257.00 | Mar. 28 | |
| Mar. 29 | \$4,139.00 | | |
| March Total | \$69,477.05 | March Total | \$35,201.37 |

Weekend Masses

Saturday Mass is celebrated indoors at 5:00pm in the Chapel. Sunday Masses are celebrated at 7:30am indoors in the Chapel and at 9:30am and 11:30am outdoors in the Chapel Courtyard. Reservations are required to attend Mass. Reservations can be made online by visiting our website.

Live Streaming

Sunday Mass is live streamed at 9:30am. Daily Masses are live streamed at 8:00am on Mondays and at 6:00pm on Tuesdays. All Masses are streamed on Facebook Live. Look for us under "St. Paul Catholic Newman Center".

Office Closure

Our office is closed due to Covid-19 restrictions. Staff members are working remotely and checking emails and phone messages. If you need to drop anything off at the office, we now 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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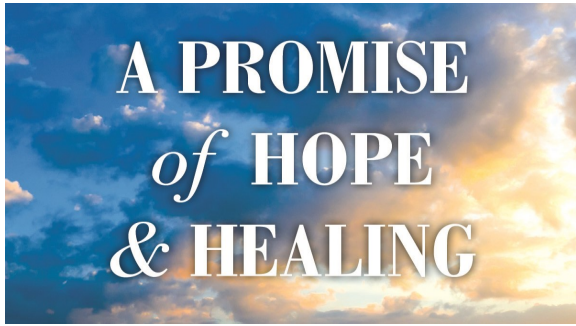
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Newman Catholic Student Association (Fresno)



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Thank you to those who still continue to give donations to our campaign. We have collected \$209,602.70 which is 97.16% of the amount pledged. There is still time to fulfill your commitment.

Electronic giving is the preferred, easy, safe and secure way to give to our parish. To schedule a recurring electronic gift directly from your bank account or credit card, please contact Carol at carol@csufnewman.com.

Please remember to make your payments accordingly. Thank you again for your generous support of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center!

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You can make your donations to our parish through several portals. Sign up to make your donation to the Newman Center via electronic funds transfer (ACH), credit card, PayPal, or your banks online banking system. You can designate your donation to Sunday Contributions and / or special gifts automatically made weekly or monthly. One can also schedule reoccurring online donations. For more information send an email to Carol at carol@csufnewman.com. We appreciate your support!

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 send an email to 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.

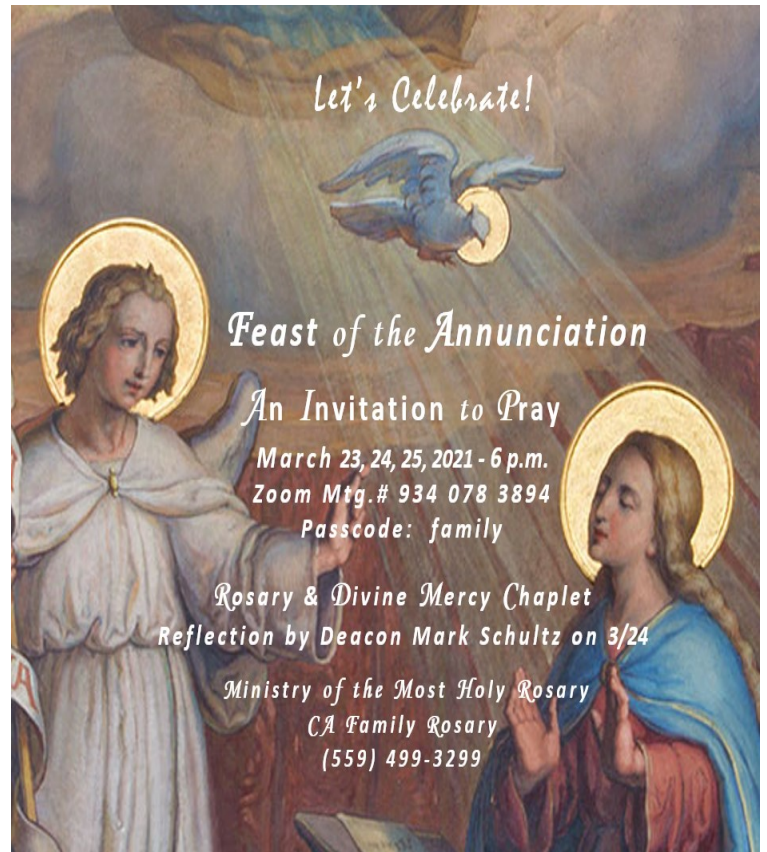
If you are a baptized Catholic, spread the word and consider becoming a sponsor of those seeking Christ.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help us with the following positions for the Saturday 5:00pm Mass and Sunday 7:30am Mass: a bathroom monitor and ushers. We also need ushers at the Sunday 11:30am Mass. If you are able to help, please contact Jenna at jenna@csufnewman.com.

Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: March 22 is World Water Day. The foundation of all Catholic social teaching is respect for the life and dignity of every human person. Fundamental to both life itself and life lived with dignity is access to clean water. Around the world, millions of people—elderly people, children, and all ages in between—suffer because of a scarcity of water. Your challenge this week is two-fold. First, examine how your family uses water. Do you conserve it as a precious and God-given resource which is not unlimited? Pay attention to how much water you waste (e.g., letting water run while you are brushing your teeth instead of just using it to get your toothbrush wet at the beginning and to rinse at the end). Then on Saturday, discuss how you can limit your use of water and commit to it—at least for the rest of the Lenten season. Secondly, decide on one way you can support people in areas of the world which do not have clean water. You might want to research particular programs of Catholic Relief Services which help people dig wells or purify contaminated water. (Go to www.crs.org for details). Then make a donation on behalf of those denied dignity by helping them receive life-giving water.



Farmers Can Understand

This Week's Readings at Mass

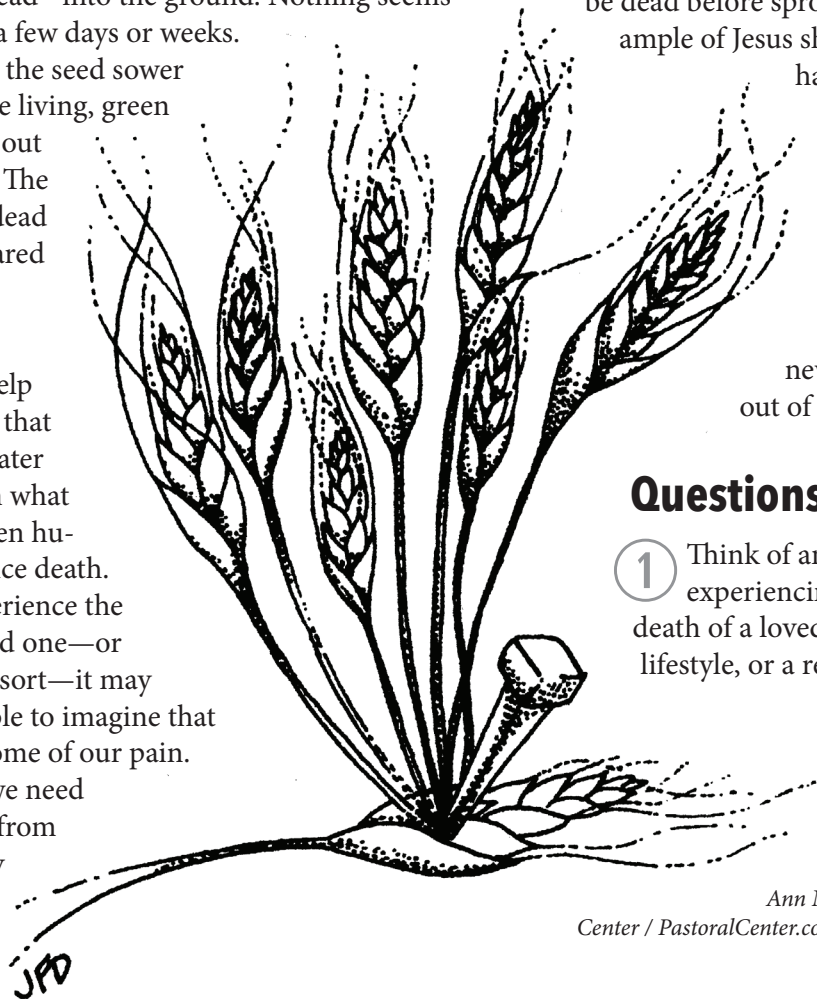
- ▶ Jeremiah 31:31-34 - The new covenant
- ▶ Hebrews 5:7-9 - Jesus, compassionate high priest
- ▶ John 12:20-33 - A grain of wheat must die

In Jesus' day and time, almost everyone who heard him would have had farming experience, or at least been exposed to the farming life. It meant that Jesus could use examples and images from agriculture that would be easy for most people to understand. He does this in today's gospel reading when he reminds his listeners that "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit" (Jn 12:24).

For those of us in today's world who haven't had the experience of planting seeds, we have missed out on this amazing miracle. A person plants seeds—which appear to be dead—into the ground. Nothing seems to happen for a few days or weeks.

Then, one day, the seed sower wakes up to see living, green shoots poking out of the ground. The seeds weren't dead like they appeared to be.

Jesus uses this metaphor to help us understand that something greater is at work than what we can see when humans experience death. When we experience the death of a loved one—or a death of any sort—it may seem impossible to imagine that new life can come of our pain. That is when we need this reminder from Jesus. Not only do we know that seeds appear to



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"He learned obedience from what he suffered."

Sheepish Question:
What must I do to conform my heart to Jesus' heart?

be dead before sprouting again, we have the example of Jesus showing us that death does *not* have the final say. We may not want to let someone or something in our life go, but we can do so in an act of faith. We can choose to act in faith and to act despite our feelings of pain and hopelessness, trusting that God can bring new life in some unforeseen way out of death.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Think of an example from your life of experiencing new life after a death (the death of a loved one or the death of a dream, a lifestyle, or a relationship). What happened?
- 2 In what area(s) of your life are you still awaiting new life after a death?

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