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## Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B

May 2, 2021

Readings: Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

### THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

*"You are pruned because of the word that I spoke to you."*

*The Bible is a book used by so many in different ways. For some it's a sacred object, to be placed on a table and revered, but not read. For others it's a weapon, its phrases to be thrown at enemies in judgment and condemnation. The Bible may be a shield to be worn in battle. It may be used for study in groups, a collection of ancient myths, or meaningful words to live by. But when it's proclaimed at Mass, the Bible serves as a primary tool for believers. It cuts through our excuses, tears down our defenses, brings an end to meaningless ambitions, and challenges us to bear fruit for the reign of God. As much as we'd like to use its fiery words against others, it's intended to be a tool to feed our spirits and fire our hearts to follow Christ.*

*This is why the Liturgy of the Word holds such an important and prominent place at Mass. It is as essential as the sacrament we consume at the Eucharistic table. The Word is broken open as a parallel to the breaking of the bread. It reminds us that Christ is present in the Scripture we hear and share. Both God's word and flesh are our food. No meal for Catholics is complete without the two.*

*The metaphor of the pruning tool helps us to understand more deeply the role of the Word in our Eucharist. It's not simply a recounting of our history, or operating instructions for our journey of discipleship, but a vital and dedicated intervention of God's will in our lives.*

*God acts in the Word, bringing life to those who listen!*

*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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## Thank You!

"Dear Fr. Byron and St. Paul Catholic Newman Center (Fresno) supporters,

On behalf of the Mothers Helping Mothers Central California, I want to thank you for supporting our "Fill the Backpack" Donation Drive. We know that the many homeless refugees and all the children all who are "waiting in line" in Tijuana -- some in shelters, all patiently awaiting U.S. asylum hearings -- will be extremely grateful for your wonderful generosity! All the personal items you donated -- toothbrushes, toothpaste, mini first-aid kits, hand wipes, sanitizer, masks, soaps & sponges, socks and many other personal care items will express your care, concern, and compassion in a very significant way to these families. These are the daily hygiene products that will make life a little easier while they wait in often harsh, crowded, and very uncomfortable surroundings.

We especially thank you for your quick response -- you donated 88+ filled backpacks with just about a week's notice -- in time for our trip on April 30 to Tijuana! We also thank you for the coloring pages, folders, school paper, pens, and crayons. We will let you know when we get back how our trip went and share photos with you, if you like. We also invite you to visit our facebook page: [www.facebook.com/Mothers-Helping-Mothers-Central-California](http://www.facebook.com/Mothers-Helping-Mothers-Central-California)

Muchísimas gracias!

M. Gloria Hernández, Delia Salas-Vásquez and the whole team at Mothers-Helping-Mothers, Central California

P.S. Last but not least, thank you for the financial contribution, which will help us with travel expenses and the unanticipated needs of the children and homeless we serve.



## Claretian Youth!

Thanks to all the youth who attended our CY (Claretian Youth) Mass and meeting last month!

Our next gathering is on Tuesday, May 18 at 6:00pm in the Cardinal Newman Hall Courtyard!

May's Theme: "Jesus Heals a Boy Possessed by an Impure Spirit" – Mark 9, 14

Registration are still open! Just click here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWnLJ\\_q7IPCvOALFeRrEY-GK9UTRZwLgaKaAt02PXjtcq40g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWnLJ_q7IPCvOALFeRrEY-GK9UTRZwLgaKaAt02PXjtcq40g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628)

Help us spread the word!

## Claretian Youth Group Parents

Tuesday, May 18 at 6:00pm, Fr. Byron will gather and preside over CY Mass and Meeting outside of St. John XXIII Hall, in the Cardinal Newman Hall Courtyard. The parents of those High Schoolers are invited to attend our parish's weekly Tuesday Mass at 6:00pm in the Chapel, followed at 6:30pm by a Reflection and Discussion session in the Chapel Courtyard led by John Prandini. These sessions will help parents accompany their child on their spiritual journey. The themes discussed will mirror those covered during the Youth Group meetings.

## Sergio P. Negro Scholar Applications

Applications for Sergio P. Negro Scholarships for the 2021-22 academic year are now available on the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center website. The Sergio P. Negro Endowment Fund was established in honor of our founding priest who had a deep and abiding commitment to education. The Endowment Fund anticipates awarding up to four \$2,500 scholarships to deserving students for the academic year. To be eligible, you must be either an upper division undergraduate or a graduate student preparing to use your knowledge and skills to witness and minister to others. This is meant to be inclusive of many vocations and forms of service including education, medicine, social services, etc. A pre-condition is that you must have either been raised within or are currently affiliated and active with our St. Paul Catholic Newman Center Parish beyond attending Mass. An overall GPA of 2.5 or greater is also required.

**The deadline for applications to be received is Saturday, May 15, 2021.** They may be submitted electronically to [Scholarship@csufnewman.com](mailto:Scholarship@csufnewman.com) or mailed to St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, 1572 E. Barstow Ave., Fresno, CA 93710. **In all cases, applications and accompanying documents must be typed.** Final selection of awardees will be through an interview process.

For questions call 436-3434 or email [scholarship@csufnewman.com](mailto:scholarship@csufnewman.com).

## 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](mailto: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 [joyoflovmoms@gmail.com](mailto:joyoflovmoms@gmail.com) requesting to be put on their email mail list.

For additional information contact

Adults: John Prandini, MA at [prandinij@csufnewman.com](mailto:prandinij@csufnewman.com)  
Children: Sr. Kathleen Drilling at [skd@csufnewman.com](mailto:skd@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](mailto: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](mailto:prandinij@csufnewman.com) for details on how to enroll and participate.

### Men's Scripture Study Group

If you'd like to receive weekly emails please send an email to John Prandini at [prandinij@csufnewman.com](mailto: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](mailto:christianmeditation@csufnewman.com). The group is facilitated by Benita Lankford.

## A Promise of Hope and Healing

Thank you to those who still continue to give donations to our campaign. We have collected \$214,322.70 which is 98% 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](mailto:carol@csufnewman.com).

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

## Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: On May 1st we honor St. Joseph as the patron saint of workers. Did you know that May 1 is also Holocaust Remembrance Day? That might sound grim; after all, who wants to remember something so unspeakably evil? But the maxim that those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it has been proven true time and time again in human history. Remembering the holocaust is one way to ensure that we never again experience a similar event. Your challenge this week is to reflect on the holocaust which took place in Hitler's Germany. Discuss as a household what you know about it. Research why it happened, and how Hitler got so many people caught up in trying to exterminate an entire race of people. Then ask yourself what little steps of prejudice and hatred led up to the big "Final Solution" of seeking extinction for the entire Jewish people. Commit yourself and your family to confronting one of the little steps towards racism or prejudice wherever you see it. This might be as simple as standing up to people who make jokes at the expense of a particular group of people; it could mean advocating to oppose regimes across the world which engage in genocide. Whatever you decide to do, hold all of the victims of the holocaust in your heart as you work to make sure that history does not repeat itself. Help insure that the victims did not die in vain.

## 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](mailto:ncoffice@csufnewman.com) or 436-3434.

# Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday, May 2</b>	<b>Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8</b>
7:30am Mass	Chapel
9:30am Mass for John Godburn	Chapel Courtyard
11:30am Mass	Chapel Courtyard
<b>Monday, May 3</b>	<b>1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14</b>
8:00am Mass Int. of Leo Smith	Chapel
6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	Google Meet
<b>Tuesday, May 4</b>	<b>Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a</b>
6:00pm Children's Mass (Mass for Thomas Uriarte)	Chapel
<b>Wednesday, May 5</b>	<b>Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8</b>
8:00am Mass Int. of Janette Smith	Chapel
<b>Thursday, May 6</b>	<b>Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11</b>
5:00pm Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm Mass	Chapel
<b>Friday, May 7</b>	<b>Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17</b>
8:00am Mass Int. of Robert and Kara Smith	Chapel
3:30pm Food Distribution	East Parking Lot
6:30pm Young Adult Game Night	Zoom
<b>Saturday, May 8</b>	<b>Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21</b>
5:00pm Mass for Ignacio Ho	Chapel
<b>Sunday, May 9</b>	<b>Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17</b>
7:30am Mass for Hank Robledo	Chapel
9:30am Mass for Lai Pham	Chapel Courtyard
11:30am Mass for Gregorio Aguilera	Chapel Courtyard

## Prayers:

- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**  
 JoAnn Myers, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Fr. Kevin Bray, Paty Bretado, Kristijan, Laura Johnson, Vic Telles, Deacon Mike Avila, Timothy Hacker, 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.

# April Contributions

2020		2021	
April 5 <b>ACH</b>	\$15,899.00	Apr. 4	\$23,578.05
April 12	\$8,977.00	Apr. 11 <b>ACH</b>	\$18,118.85
April 19 <b>ACH</b>	\$14,232.00	Apr. 18 <b>ACH</b>	\$13,876.00
April 26	\$10,365.00	Apr. 25	\$8,148.23
<b>April Total</b>	<b>\$49,473.00</b>	<b>April Total</b>	<b>\$63,721.13</b>

## 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.

## 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](mailto:ncoffice@csufnewman.com).

## Volunteers Needed

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

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### College Pages



Newman Catholic Student Association (Fresno)



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# Human Beings, Not Human Doings

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Acts 9:26-31 - Saul visits Jerusalem
- ▶ 1 John 3:18-24 - The actions of believers
- ▶ John 15:1-8 - The vine and the branches

We hear often from John's Gospel during the Easter season, and Jesus' message to us includes many invitations to abide, rest, and remain in him. The other Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke have Jesus giving us many directions for the actions we should be taking as his followers: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, love your enemies, forgive others repeatedly, turn the other cheek, etc. They are Gospels for "human doings." John's Gospel, on the other hand, is a Gospel for "human beings."

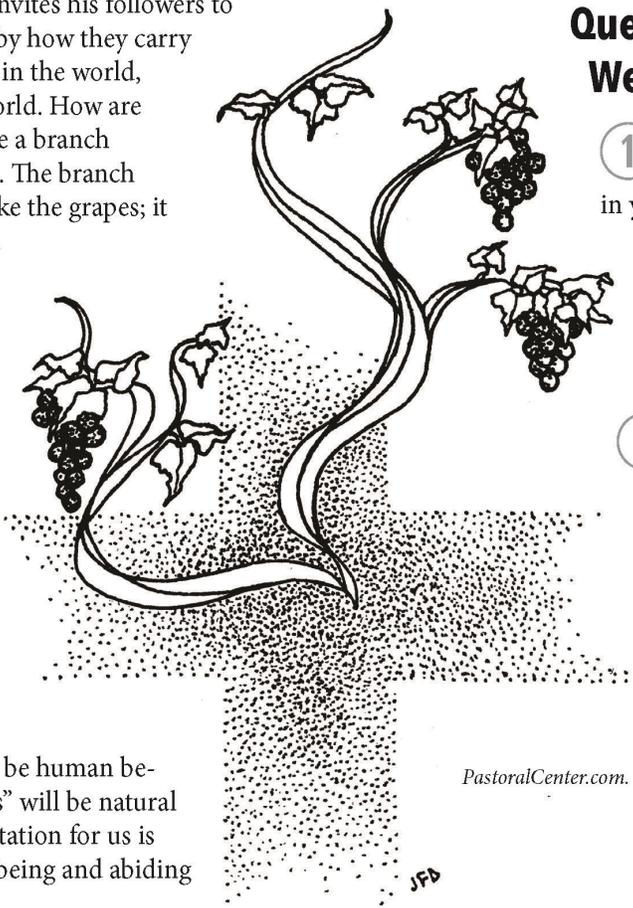
In John, Jesus repeatedly invites his followers to express their discipleship by how they carry themselves—how they *are* in the world, not what they *do* in the world. How are we to be in the world? Like a branch on a grape vine, Jesus says. The branch doesn't *do* anything to make the grapes; it simply remains connected to the vine and allows itself to be pruned. If the branch stays connected, all it has to do in order to bear fruit is to be open while God works the miracle of creating the grapes.

Jesus is calling us to trust that if we do our primary "work" of remaining in him and allowing him to remain in us, then God's works will automatically flow through us. If we can be human beings first, then our "doings" will be natural outcomes of that. The invitation for us is to relax into that sense of being and abiding with Jesus.



“By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

**Sheepish Question:**  
What rewards of my relationship with God can I share with others?



## Questions of the Week

- 1 Which do you more naturally gravitate toward in your sense of discipleship: “doing” things or “being” a particular way? Put another way, are you naturally more active or contemplative?
- 2 When you consider abiding with/resting in Jesus, what comes to mind for you? How might you build more time for that into your life?

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