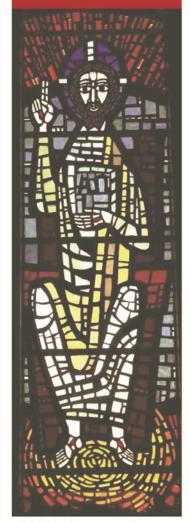
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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C

May 22, 2022

Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." There are a few important points to notice in Jesus' statement. First, we really can experience peace, a state of being where our hearts are neither troubled nor afraid. This idea probably surprises a lot of people who are caught up in our modern society's 24/7 stressful rat race. The next important point is that peace only comes from Jesus. He calls it "my peace," and says, "I leave (it) with you." If we don't look to Him for that peace, we're not going to find it! It only stands to reason that the One who came from Heaven is the only One who can give a taste of that peace here on earth.

Finally, we must note that Jesus clearly says that His peace, "is not as the world gives." When speaking of the world or "worldly," Jesus means the secular value system that is focused on short-term physical pleasure, power, and prestige. It's a view that ignores the eternal truth of God and humankind's spiritual dimension — our need for a relationship with our Creator. In short, the values of the "world" are selfish, shallow, and unfulfilling.

The world dangles "carrots" in front of us, all of which promise to provide peace and comfort and happiness. But, it's all a lie!! Just think of some of the worldly things people chase after today:

We look for comfort in food. Instead we get obesity and poor health. We look for fulfillment in casual sex. Instead we get disease, shattered emotions, destroyed families, and even death.

We look for security in money. Instead we get worry, exhaustion, and the all-too-common paranoia that comes with trying to hold on to the wealth we have. We look for prestige in being beautiful. Instead we become obsessed with appearances and depressed that the aging process can't be stopped.

The peace that Jesus gives us can be ours if we realize it is based on His view of reality – not the "worldly" view. And it's not a complicated formula. We simply need to stop focusing on ourselves for a change. If we instead focus and accept the love that Christ offers us, we will have peace.

Peace and love,

Descon John

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.



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.

Marriage Ministry

Any person or couples interested in being a part of a planning committee for Marriage Preparation and / or Marriage Enrichment programs for the 2022-23 year are invited to contact John Prandini at 436-3434 Ext. 107 or via email at prandinij@csufnewman.com. This group will meet to discuss ideas and plan classes, activities, events and retreats.

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.

Bishop's Annual Appeal Second Collection

We will have a second collection for the Bishop's Annual Appeal next weekend. This fund contributes to the following areas at the Diocese: Youth/Young Adult Ministry, Catechetics, Diocesan Retreat Centers, and Vocations. Our parish goal is to raise \$15,000. Thank you for your generosity.

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 starting this weekend and continuing weekly, we would ask everyone in attendance to wear a name tag. Name tags are available at a table in the hallway. Help us to get to know you!

Pentecost Sunday Lunch by the Knights

The Newman Center's Knights of Columbus Council will be selling hot dogs and hot dog / soda or water / chips combination plates at our upcoming Pentecost Sunday celebration. Feel free to drop by our booth to grab a bite to eat, and say "Hi" to the Knights. Let's thank and encourage them in their continuing efforts to support the many charitable causes they undertake.



Campus Ministry News!

Week of May 22-29

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]

We will begin reviewing applications this month. The full job description and application can be found on our website. If you have any questions, please reach out to Edgar or Stephanie.

Young Adults Spring Gala

The Newman Center invites all young adults (18+) throughout Fresno and Clovis to our spring gala! Come celebrate with us this Friday, May 27 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm in Cardinal Newman Hall. We'll have dinner, drinks, prizes, and a DJ. Lots of fun that can't be missed. Go purchase your tickets now! Link to RSVP: https://forms.gle/VQXrdem9YGCj2adv9

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Attention Picnic Volunteers

Thanks for signing up!

We will <u>SET UP on SATURDAY, JUNE 4 at 6:00pm</u>. We will meet in the courtyard right outside Newman Hall (by the Solar Panel Parking Lot). We will help out setting up for Mass, carry chairs, pull games out, tables and tents. We hope to get it done in about 1.5 hours. And we will <u>CLEAN UP on Sunday, June</u> 5 at 1:00pm.

You will be getting a reminder phone call or email from a member of our Creation Care Team. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



Congratulations Tony Petrosino

Fresno State awarded an honorary doctorate to parishioner Antonio "Tony" Petrosino as part of Fresno State's 111th commencement season.

Honorary doctorates are awarded on behalf of the California State University system and Fresno State in recognition of excellence and extraordinary achievement in significant areas of human endeavor that embody the objectives and ideals of the CSU system. Tony received an honorary doctor of humane letters.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 22 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

7:30amMass for Eva Burgos PaalaChapel9:30amMass for Jim FeudaleChapel11:30amMass for Teodoro Leano and ConfirmationsChapel7:00pmMassChapel

Monday, May 23 Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a

8:00am Mass Intentions for the Friend of the Silvia Chapel

Family

8:30am Men's Morning Scripture Study Chapel
6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study St. John XXIII

Tuesday, May 24 Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

8:00am Communion Service Chapel

12:00pm Christian Meditation Community Room

6:00pm First Reconciliation (FF&F) Chapel

Wednesday, May 25 Acts 17:15, 22-18; Jn 16:12-15

8:00am Mass Int. of Penny Mull Chapel 12:00pm Fresno Interfaith Climate Alliance Mtg. Cafeteria

Thursday, May 26 Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

8:00amCommunion ServiceChapel4:00pmConfessionsChapel6:00pmMassChapel6:30pmTacos and TheologySt. John XXIII

Friday, May 27 Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

8:00am Mass Chapel 6:30pm Young Adult Spring Gala CNH 101-103

Saturday, May 28 Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Bishop's Annual Appeal Second Collection

5:00pm Mass for Escolastica Rana and Saturino Rana Chapel

Sunday, May 29 Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

Bishop's Annual Appeal Second Collection

7:30am Mass for Departed Members of the Breunig Chapel

Family

9:30amMass for Patrick J. McGeeChapel11:30amMass for Mely DacuycuyChapel12:45pmBaptismsChapel3:00pmIgbo MassChapel7:00pmMassChapel

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	
May 30	\$15,085.00	May 29	
May Total	\$63,881.13	May Total	\$54,292.92

Prayers:

- For those who have died this week: Alicia Espinoza, Roberto De La Cruz, Joan Hellen
- 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

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

CLOSED FRIDAY

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From Father Byron

In the Gospel this Sunday Jesus gives us hope:

"I have told you this while I am with you.
The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all that I told you."
(John 14:23-29).

Life is unpredictable, volatile and complicated. Yet, God rises above all that and lifts us up by the hand if we let Him. That is what the disciples did: they gave Jesus a chance; they believed in their promise and they framed their lives around that promise. We too can give Jesus a chance, believe in his promise and frame our lives around it. It certainly does make our lives perfect -there is no such a thing; but the Advocate can always remind us that God will always stand by our side!

World Youth Day - Help!

Five members of our Claretian Youth have signed up to attend World Youth Day next summer. It will take place in Lisbon, Portugal. Since our youth are under age, a parent must travel with them and it costs about \$4,000 per person. Please consider supporting our WYD youth through several fundraiser initiatives they will host in the upcoming months.

We will be selling bottled water, boxed juice, and soda for \$1 during our Parish Picnic.

I beg you to help us in one (or both) of the following ways:

- -You can donate bottled water, (individual boxed juice), or any kind of canned soda and bring it to my office (up to Saturday, June 4)
- -You can purchase lots of drinks during the parish picnic!

May God reward you for your generosity!

Prayers Requested

Please keep my mom, Maria, in your prayers as she goes through knee replacement tomorrow (May 23). I will be going to Chicago tonight and help out my mom through the week. Then, on May 30 I will join my brother Claretians for our Annual Assembly; I will return on Friday, June 3. I will miss you and I will be offering up Masses for you in Chicago!

Pilgrimage!

(I don't know why but I accepted it!) I will be leading a 10-day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in August 20-30. It is in Spanish, and it costs about \$3,000 per person. If you would like to attend, please talk to Lourdes at 559-871-0932.

Update on Our Pentecost Celebration!

We are so excited that we are able to provide our parish community with a wonderful opportunity to pray and have food and fellowship as one family in faith! We will be "together in one place!" (Acts 2).

Mass will start at 9:30am.

Picnic will start right after Mass.

Our Knights of Columbus will be selling hot dog plates! There will also be a Taco Truck selling goodies. The Claretian Youth will be selling drinks.

Please bring cash!

We will have music, games for children and several booths with information regarding Earth's Day, ministries and other fun things!

You are highly encouraged to bring our own food / picnic baskets, blankets and picnic chairs (and tents) so you can feel comfortable.

Thanks to all people who have signed up to help. I will be emailing you soon. Thanks also to Karl Gurney and Fr. Paul for coordinating the Mass Celebration.

Please wear red if you can, to honor the Holy Spirit! It will be a memorable Pentecost!

Also, invite people over (maybe you can bring a friend who hasn't been to church in a while!)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me: frbyron@csufnewman.com

Saintly Quote

"May God protect me from gloomy saints." - Saint Teresa of Avila

Have a Laugh

What was Yogi bear looking for in the picnic basket? Just the "Bear" necessities.





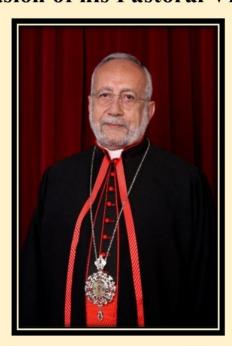




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Cordially invite you to attend a Vespers (Common Prayers of the Evening Hour) with

His Beatitude Raphael Bedros XXI Armenian Catholic Patriarch of the See of Cilicia On the Occasion of his Pastoral Visit to Fresno



6:30 P.M., Monday, May 30, 2022 St. John's Cathedral 2814 Mariposa Street Fresno, CA 93721



Reception to follow.

*** RSVP for the visit by using the QR Code or email armcathfresno@gmail.com. ***

His Beatitude will be asking for your help to relieve the suffering of Christians in Lebanon & the Middle East.

Please make checks payable to the Armenian Catholic Eparchy.

Questions: Email Bryan Tellalian at armcathfresno@gmail.com.



RETREAT FOR CRIME SURVIVORS

Walking with Jesus in your Healing Journey PSALM 23: The Lord is my Shepherd



Pls join us for a Healing Retreat on

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To register, contact **Maciel Godburn at (559) 325-6888** or send an email at **rjmaciel2019@gmail.com**.

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This Week's Readings at Mass

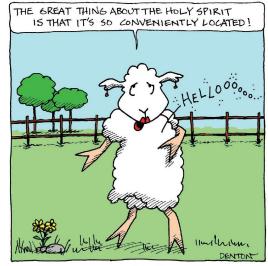
- ► Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Letter of the apostles to the gentiles
- ► Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 The new Jerusalem
- ▶ John 14:23-29 Last discourse; faithfulness to God's word

There are two main parts in the Gospel passage today. In the first, Jesus continues emphasizing what we heard last week—that if we love him, we will act like him. It is a challenging reminder that we need to back up our words with our behavior and actions. It is not enough to "talk the talk;" we also need to "walk the walk."

The second part is meant to be consoling to the apostles who know they are about to lose their leader after the Last Supper. Jesus understands the apostles are afraid and will feel lost once he is gone. Thankfully, the passage offers consolation for us when we feel afraid, lost, or unsure of what to do or say. The promise of the Holy Spirit is followed by "Peace I leave with you;

my peace
I give
to you"
which
is then
followed by
"Do not let your hearts
be troubled or afraid."

Jesus isn't promising that everything will be easy and smooth for the apostles after he leaves them. He doesn't promise them that they won't struggle just because they have the presence of the Holy Spirit within them. What he promises is that they can face their struggles with the assurance of God's ongo-



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"The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

Sheepish Question:

What reminders am I hearing from the Holy Spirit this day?

ing presence of peace and love at their core. There is much debate among Christians about which parts of the Bible should be read literally. What if we take these lines literally? What if we trust that Jesus meant what he said here?

Questions of the Week

What can you do in this upcoming week to demonstrate your love for God by your actions? How can you "walk the walk"?

Is there a situation in your life now in which you are being invited to trust more fully that Jesus is offering you peace and that he wants to free you from fear?

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