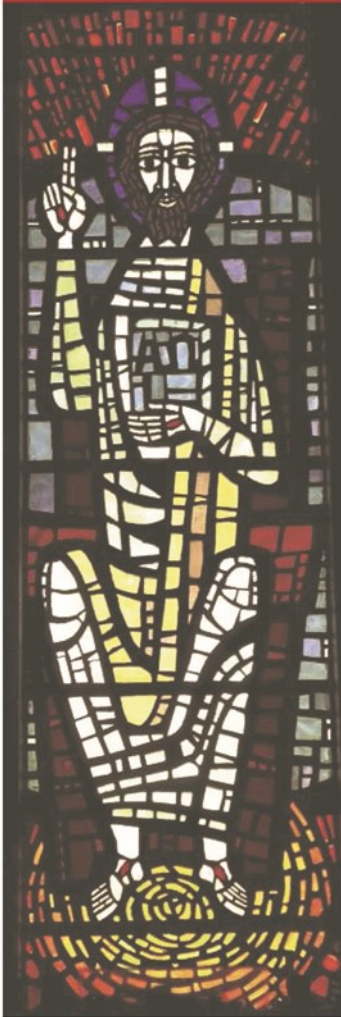


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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Year B

May 30, 2021

Readings: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In an attempt to understand the Holy Trinity, I went to the Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Bible and found this definition with a wonderful closing sentence which sets the tone for my thoughts this week. "The mystery of the Holy Trinity exists in this – that God being numerically and individually one, exists in three Persons, or, in other words, that the divine essence, which is one and the same in the strictest and most absolute sense, exists in three Persons really distinct from each other, and yet each really identical with the same divine essence. . . Each person is really distinct from the other, each is the true, eternal God and yet there is only one God. We can understand how three individual men are distinct from each other and yet possess humanity in common. The unity of three divine Persons is altogether different. When we speak of them as one God, we mean not only that each is God, but that each is one and the same God. This is the mystery of the Trinity, incomprehensible to any created intelligence." No kidding!!

When we consider the Trinity with the above definition we are informed point-blank that we're not going to make any serious inroads into the How of it all. Still, it's our human nature to try to explain the How. And so we liken the Trinity to a three leaf clover, or as a friend of mine who says that whenever he comes across "3 in 1 oil" in the hardware store, he thinks of the Trinity – one can of oil fulfilling three purposes. There are numerous other human and humorous attempts to explain the Trinity.

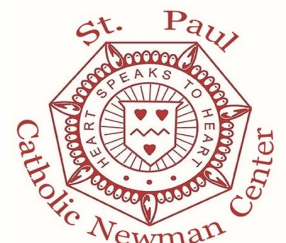
Rather than trying to do the impossible, I think we should speak of the joy of our Triune God who creates us out of love. God did not need to create mankind. It was not a necessity. It was God's choice and God's delight. We can approach this mystery with humility and a sense of wonder and respect. Jesus is God – made man. He called God, "Father" and promised to send the Holy Spirit who would remind His disciples about Jesus. Each of us has been baptized into the life of the Trinity and we must continue to let that meaning unfold each day of our lives.

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

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

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 contact Charles Arokiasamy at 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.

Food Distribution

We have a drive-thru food distribution every Friday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Bags are distributed in our east parking lot to each vehicle. The entrance to the parking lot is at the east side gate and vehicles exit through the south gate. Please make sure to wear a mask. **Thank you to Catholic Charities for providing the food that is distributed at no cost to our parish.**



Children's Mass

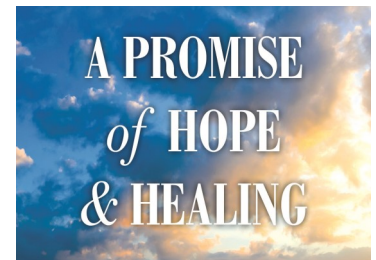
Our Children's Mass is on the first Tuesday of the month in our Chapel Courtyard. It will be on Tuesday, June 1 at 6:00pm. Reservations are required to attend. Please visit our website to make your reservation.

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Do you shop on Amazon.com? Amazon will give .5% of your purchase to the Newman Center through Amazon Smile. Just add "St Paul Newman Center" (no period after St) as your charitable organization on your new or existing account and shop! When you shop be sure to be on smile.amazon.com so that part of your eligible purchase can go to the church. **We earned \$195.25 this last quarter.** Thank you to everyone who has already signed up. It is an easy way to give back to the church. To sign up click on the link to Amazon Smile on our website.

A Promise of Hope and Healing

Thank you to those who still continue to give donations to our campaign. We have collected \$214,622.70 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.

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

Asylum-Seekers Sponsorship Project (ASSP)

This is a great opportunity to live out the Gospel values by welcoming the stranger and helping them get on their feet. Introductory Zoom meetings will be held on June 24 at 5:00pm and June 27 at 1:00pm. All interested parishioners may email our office at ncoffice@csufnewman.com for the Zoom registration information. You can learn more at www.asylumsponsorshipproject.org. We thank you for considering this important opportunity. "It takes a village," to sponsor an asylum-seeker!

Faith, Family & Friends

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

For **Children and Youth** materials, contact Sr. Kathleen Drilling at skd@csufnewman.com.

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

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 Joy of Love Moms Group 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 requesting to be put on their email mail list.

Men's Scripture Study Group If you'd like to receive weekly emails with Scripture Reflections and Commentaries, and other Faith Formation materials, please send an email to John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com to enroll.

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.

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 or 436-3434.

Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: The Feast of the Visitation is celebrated on May 31st. This feast reminds us of what an incredibly good role model Mary was and is. There she was, newly-pregnant with the Savior of the world, and what did she do? She went off to help her old cousin Elizabeth, who also happened to be pregnant. Mary's response to God's call to be the mother of his son was to live in service to others. Then, when she greeted Elizabeth, she proclaimed the Magnificat. She revealed her understanding of God's preferential care for the poor and vulnerable of our world. Your challenge this week is to emulate Mary. Who needs you to serve? Is it an elderly neighbor who needs a conversation, or a room dusted and vacuumed, or grocery shopping? Is it a member of the family who needs a hug? Is it the local soup kitchen which needs volunteers, food items, or other donations? What can you do this week to practice the Visitation in your life?

Catholic Charities Golf Classic



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Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Catholic Charities will not be hosting their annual classic golf tournament. In lieu of the tournament, they are hosting a raffle. Golf Tournament donations of \$500 or more made now through June 30th will be entered to win a day in paradise with your favorite foursome at one of the best public courses in the state and the country – The Links at Spanish Bay.

Every \$500 donated will count towards one entry to win. To make a donation, you can visit the Catholic Charities website, <https://ccdof.org/fresno/>, click the "donate" button, and under "Apply my donation to" click on Golf Classic. You can also mail your donation to 149 N. Fulton Street, Fresno, CA 93701 ATTN: Golf Classic.

Blood Donations Needed

The Central Valley blood supply is critically low. Consider donating if you can. The Central California Blood Center needs donors of all blood types. Donations will immediately help community members in need from all walks of life and ease the stressful burden of our front-line health care workers. Online scheduling is simple through their website where you can select an appointment location, date and time that fits your schedule. <https://www.donateblood.org/> or call (559) 389-5433.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 30 Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

7:30am Mass for Marks Lively Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Jim Cook Chapel Courtyard
 11:30am Mass for Joanne Lippert Chapel Courtyard

Monday, May 31 Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-56

Office Closed

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

Tuesday, June 1 Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17

6:00pm Children's Mass Chapel

Wednesday, June 2 Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mk 12:18-27

8:00am Mass Chapel

Thursday, June 3 Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Mk 12:28-34

5:00pm Confessions Chapel
 6:00pm Mass Chapel

Friday, June 4 Tb 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37

8:00am Mass Chapel
 3:30pm Food Distribution East Parking Lot
 6:30pm Young Adult Game Night Zoom

Saturday, June 5 Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mk 12:38-44

10:00am First Communion Chapel Courtyard
 5:00pm Mass Chapel

Sunday, June 6 Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

7:30am Mass for Marks Lively Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Leo Meyer Chapel Courtyard
 11:30am Mass for John Godburn Chapel Courtyard

Prayers:

- ◆ **For those who have died this week:** Mary Sainz
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**
 Fr. David Enriquez, Mary Garr, Jennifer Hidalgo, Elijah Del Prado, Christopher Evans, Angela Scialabba, Kathy Papagni, Judy Marchi, Michael Vienna, John and Kathy Brechmann, Madeline Lynes, JoAnn Myers, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Fr. Kevin Bray, Vic Telles, Deacon Mike Avila, Msgr. Anthony Janelli, Fr. John Schmoll, Sandra Barrie, Deacon Joe Parugrug, 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.

May Contributions

2020		2021	
May 3	\$8,430.00	May 2	\$16,289.46
May 10 ACH	\$18,840.00	May 9 ACH	\$19,440.00
May 17 ACH	\$15,355.00	May 16 ACH	\$15,904.21
May 24	\$7,822.00	May 23	\$9,818.71
May 31	\$7,145.01	May 30	
May Total	\$57,592.01	May Total	\$61,452.38

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 to the public due to Covid-19 restrictions. Staff members are answering phone calls and emails Monday—Thursday and checking messages on Fridays. If you need to drop anything off at the office, we 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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It's Okay to Be Conflicted

This Week's Readings at Mass

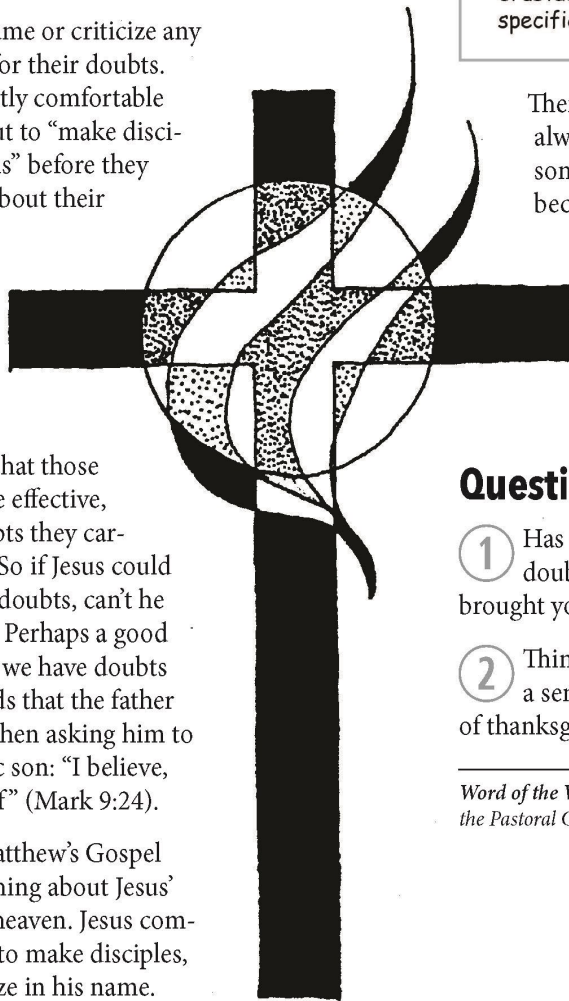
- ▶ Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 - Proofs of God's love
- ▶ Romans 8:14-17 - Children of God through adoption
- ▶ Matthew 28:16-20 - Commission of the Apostles

The Gospel reading today is from the very last verses of Matthew's Gospel. The eleven disciples (Judas is no longer with them) have the experience of both worshipping and doubting. We don't know whether some of them worshipped Jesus while others doubted him, or if all of them had the conflicting experience of worshipping and doubting simultaneously. Either way, this detail by Matthew can be helpful to anyone in the 2,000 years since then who has struggled with doubts about Jesus.

Jesus doesn't shame or criticize any of the disciples for their doubts. He seems perfectly comfortable sending them out to "make disciples of all nations" before they are 100% clear about their faith. Because we and two billion other Christians in the world today worship

Jesus, we know that those 11 disciples were effective, despite any doubts they carried with them. So if Jesus could work with their doubts, can't he work with ours? Perhaps a good prayer for when we have doubts include the words that the father spoke to Jesus when asking him to heal his epileptic son: "I believe, help my unbelief" (Mark 9:24).

Interestingly, Matthew's Gospel doesn't say anything about Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Jesus commissions the 11 to make disciples, teach, and baptize in his name.



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"Go and make disciples of all nations."

Sheepish Question:
Crustaceans aside, to whom does Jesus send me, specifically?

Then, his last words are "behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Obviously, something happened to his body physically because we can no longer see Jesus, but we are left with the promise that he is, and will always be, with us invisibly. His words bring us full circle to the promise before his birth that he would be "Emmanuel," meaning "God is with us."

Questions of the Week

- 1 Has there been a time(s) when you have doubted Jesus, God, or your faith? What brought you through that period?
- 2 Think about a time when you have experienced a sense of God or Jesus with you. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for that gift of awareness.

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