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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

November 14, 2021

Readings: Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Hearing the Cry of the Poor

A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

"This poor one cried out and the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him."

-Psalms 34: 7

Loving God,

You hear the cry of each of your children, and especially those who are poor and suffering.

We pray that we too might hear the cries of people in need:

The family crying out for food...
The migrant child crying out for his mother...
The youth crying out for education...
The farmer crying out for rains for his harvest....
The trafficked and abused, crying out for freedom...
All of who are poor and vulnerable, crying out for help...

Lord, open our hearts that we may hear the cries of the poor as you do and respond as your hands and feet on earth.

In your name we pray,

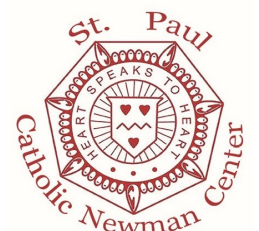
Amen

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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.



Heart Speaks to Heart Program

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card! We invite all faithful parishioners to renew their annual commitment and return a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! So far we have only received 28% of our cards.

You may return your card by:

- mailing it to the church.
- or bringing it to Mass next Sunday.
- or you may visit our parish website at csufnewman.com and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

All cards need to be returned to the parish by this Sunday, November 14.

As a friendly reminder, electronic giving is an easy, safe and secure way to support St. Paul Catholic Newman Center. To set-up a recurring weekly or monthly gift or to make a one-time donation directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website and follow the instructions. We are grateful for your support!

San Joaquin Memorial

Our online application to apply for the 2022-2023 school year is now open. You can apply by visiting our website: <https://sjmhs.org/apply-to-sjm>. We will also have an open house on November 17 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Bianca Blanchette, Director of Admissions at (559) 268-9251 Ext. 139 or bblanchette@sjmhs.org.

Right to Life Dinner

Right to Life of Central California cordially invites you to join us for our 33rd Annual Christmas Dinner and Auction on December 3, 2021 at the Fresno Convention Center. Please call the office at 229-2229 or visit us online at RTLCC.org for tickets.

Advent Invitation

During the four weeks of Advent, our parish invites families, students, friends, anyone who would like to participate at one of our Advent Wreath Candle Lighting Ritual's to sign-up. There will be a sign-up table in the hallway after each Mass on the weekends of November 13-14 and November 20-21. We can answer any questions you may have. Two volunteers are needed for each Mass. Any family that volunteers may participate as a group.

Faith, Family & Friends 2021-22

Faith, Family & Friends is the Newman Center's religious education program for EVERYONE of all ages. It offers faith formation for children, individual adults, couples, and families. Members of our parish become better acquainted and become better-educated Catholics and lifelong learners of the faith.

Parents bring their children to the Cardinal Newman Hall for check-in and then proceed to the Chapel for the Adult session. The Adult Religious Education and Faith Formation portion of FF&F is held in the Chapel and is facilitated by John Prandini, M.A. The program, Untold Blessings: Three Paths To Holiness, presents Bishop Robert Barron's three intriguing approaches to holiness which are full of untold blessings: 1) Finding The Center; 2) Realizing That You Are A Sinner; and 3) Recognizing That Your Life Is Not About You. Bishop Barron paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus Christ. The Adult sessions for FF&F will be held on the following dates: November 16 and 30 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

To register online, please go to our website by clicking this link: www.csufnewman.com. You will find registration forms for Families (Adults with children) and another for Adults (without children).

Family Life Ministries

Evening of Remembrance

The Grief Support Ministry will hold an Evening of Remembrance on Monday, November 29 at 7:00pm in the Chapel to remember and honor our loved ones who have died. The evening offers a time of quiet, prayerful reflection, inspiring readings and peaceful music. There will also be a candle-lighting ritual as we say the names of those who have died. All those who have lost loved ones and their friends are invited.

Men's Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group meets weekly on Tuesday mornings (except the first week of the month) from 8:30am to 9:15am after the 8:00am morning Mass in the Community Room to read, reflect upon, and discuss the scripture readings and homily from the previous Sunday Mass. *The first week of the month the group will meet on Monday from 8:30am to 9:15am after Mass in the Library.

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 about any of these ministries, contact John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 14 Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

7:30am Mass for Juan Avalos Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Jim Cook Chapel
 10:00am HS Confirmation Class CNH 101-103
 11:30am Mass for Rick Sanchez Chapel
 2:00pm Baptism Prep Class (via Zoom)
 6:30pm Prayer Activity (Adoration) Chapel
 7:00pm Young Adult Mass Chapel

Monday, November 15

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43

8:00am Mass Chapel
 5:00pm Liturgy Team Mtg. Library
 6:00pm Grief Support Community Room
 6:00pm Adult Confirmation Class Cafeteria
 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study St. John XXIII

Tuesday, November 16

2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

8:00am Mass Chapel
 8:30am Men's Morning Scripture Study Library
 12:00pm Christian Meditation Community Room
 6:00pm Faith, Family & Friends CNH and Chapel

Wednesday, November 17

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

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

Thursday, November 18

1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44

4:00pm Confessions Chapel
 5:00pm Finance Council Mtg. (via Zoom)
 5:30pm Ignation Spirituality CNH Patio
 6:00pm Mass Chapel
 6:30pm Music Rehearsal Chapel

Friday, November 19

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48

8:00am Liturgy of the Word Chapel

Saturday, November 20

1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

Second Collection - Domestic Needs

Catholic Charities Truck

2:30pm Hopkins—Hustedde Wedding Chapel
 5:00pm Mass for Joe Ramirez Chapel

Sunday, November 21

Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Second Collection - Domestic Needs

Bible Diary Sales

Catholic Charities Truck

7:30am Mass for Zee McCammond Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Wanda Raineri Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Lai Pham (and Baptisms) Chapel
 5:00pm Bilingual Mass (Mass for Sixto and Frances Hernandez) Chapel
 6:30pm Prayer Activity (Confessions) Chapel
 7:00pm Young Adult Mass Chapel

November Contributions

2020		2021	
Nov. 1	\$9,172.25	Nov. 7 ACH	\$33,066.51
Nov. 8 ACH	\$17,569.00	Nov. 14	
Nov. 15	\$9,396.25	Nov. 21 ACH	
Nov. 22 ACH	\$9,652.15	Nov. 28	
Nov. 29	\$10,096.24		
Nov. Total	\$55,885.89	Nov. Total	\$33,066.51

*This amount includes one time gifts for the *Heart Speaks to Heart* program. Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

Prayers:

- ◆ **For those who have died this week:** Santos Munoz, Deborah M. Binder
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**
 Serafin Munoz, Joe Calandri, Doreen M. Kawaguchi, Suzanne Swanson, Fr. Joe Baca, Kristal Lowe Limon, John Robles, Jessica H., Olivia King, Kathleen Kennedy, Anthony DeBenedetto, Eric Amador, Deacon Alan Shearer and family, Abigail Love, Olivia Arriaga, Ron Dodds, Donna Lang, Mark Lang, Deacon Ed Valdez and Family, Gary Payne, Willie Jacques, Linda Alvarez, Marianne Coons, Julissa Mojarras, Estefania Medina, Laura Willers, Fr. David Enriquez, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, John and Kathy Brechmann, JoAnn Myers, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Fr. Kevin Bray, 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

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College Pages



Newman Catholic Student Association (Fresno)



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From Fr. Byron

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree" says Jesus in the Gospel this weekend. "When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near." Perhaps Jesus is inviting us to pay attention to those fig trees that remind us that hope is near! And perhaps God is also inviting us to be hope-fig trees to others! Even though summer is nowhere near, hope is more close to us than we can imagine!

Speaking of figs, this old fig (me) needs a break. As you know, I do not take days off but save them up so this hyperactive and extroverted fig can find some time to recharge his batteries. I will be out of town November 18-23. My best friend gave me a concert ticket to my favorite pop band ever (Steps) as my birthday and Christmas gift for the next 3 years! The concert is in Glasgow on November 22. I figured that this was the time for this item to be scratched off from my bucket list and I have been saving for a year for my flight ticket. I will be jumping from airport to airport connecting flights on my way there and back; so, please keep me in your prayers (and pray for my back!) as you will be in mine, especially as I attend (and possibly celebrate) Mass there.

This coming Wednesday, Edgar and I will be preaching at Fresno Pacific to the students. Please say a prayer for us so that we can share the hope and joy the Word of God has for his people. We also thank you for your prayers for Campus Ministry: they paid off! We celebrated our second Mass at Clovis Community College and had 12 students in attendance (our highest ever!). Thank you!

Thank you also for supporting Claretian Youth. We have a group of about 10 teenagers and we are trying to learn and live out St. Anthony Claret's prayer: "God: May I KNOW you and make you known; may I LOVE you and make you loved; May I PRAISE you and make others praise you; may I SERVE you and make others serve you."

Fr. Paul and I will be hosting a Thanksgiving luncheon for students who will not be able to go home. We may need some help from you; please email me if you would like to help - frbyron@csufnewman.com.

I will miss you and I will look forward to seeing you again on the 23rd!

Saintly Quote

"We always find that those who walked closest to Christ were those who had to bear the greatest trials."- St. Teresa of Avila

Have a Laugh

Q: Where is the first baseball game in the Bible?

A: In the big inning. Eve stole first, Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel. The Giants and the Angels were rained out.

Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: This week is International Bible Week. Scripture is filled with so much wisdom and guidance on how God desires justice for the world and wants all of us to live justly. Your challenge this week is to open the Word, and find a passage on justice which speaks to you. (You can do this by paging through a particular book—like Isaiah or the Gospel of Luke—or by going to www.usccb.org/bible and doing a word search on a key aspect of justice you want to read.) Once you choose your passage, spend some time reading the text, meditating on what God is asking you to do, praying for the strength to do it, and then...just doing it!

Catholic Charities Truck Next Weekend

The Catholic Charities Donation Truck will be at the Newman Center next weekend (November 20-21) to collect donation items after all Sunday morning Masses. Donations brought to the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses can be left in the white bin in the Chapel Courtyard. Thank you for your support.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Bible Diary Sales Next Weekend

On November 21 our Campus Ministry will be selling Bible Diaries after all Masses. We would like to ask you a big favor - Would you sponsor a Bible Diary for one of our college students? You can either buy a Bible Diary for yourself and / or a college student. This can be a lifegiving gift: the gift of the Word of God. The cost is \$10 for each Bible. The Bible Diary is a book that contains all readings for all Masses of 2022 along with daily reflection, prayers, notes, saints, etc. If you would like to sponsor a Bible Diary, please bring a pen so that you can write a dedication to the student. Please talk to Edgar or Fr. Byron for more information. May God bless you for your generous heart.



Saint Paul Catholic Newman Center Giving Tree 2021

Many families in our communities continue to suffer from food insecurity. To help these families, your SOS Committee is setting up the annual **Giving Tree**. Your donation of food cards will help provide families with a Christmas meal or simply a meal or two.

Cards to **SaveMart, Foods Co, Smart & Final, and Walmart** may be donated.

We will be helping the following communities: **Orange Cove, Mendota, San Joaquin/Tranquility, Laton, St. Alphonsus, Mt. Carmel, St. Anthony Mary Claret, and Stone Soup.**

All you need to do is:

- 1. Take a tag from the tree.**
- 2. Return the tag, attached to the gift card, to the front desk by Sunday, December 12th at noon. You don't have to wait until the last minute, you can bring in your gift card donations starting right away.**
- 3. Please indicate the dollar amount of your gift on the gift card.**

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you once again for being so generous to those in need. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the office and if needed, someone will call you back.

Blessings to all from your Social Outreach Services (SOS).

12TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES & KSEE 24

Turkey Drive

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021



We need your help to collect 2,000 turkeys and \$50,000 needed to support those in the greatest of need this holiday season!

This year's need will be great due to the financial devastation that COVID-19 continues to cause for so many local families.

Just drop off your turkey at the KSEE 24 studios on November 23rd anytime between 5 a.m. - 7 p.m. or please consider becoming a Turkey Drive Sponsor! All those individuals or businesses that contribute \$500 or more will receive special recognition on KSEE24 the day of the Turkey Drive.

Turkeys and holiday meal boxes will be distributed the following day on Wednesday, November 24th at Catholic Charities at 149 N. Fulton Street, Fresno, CA 93701. Distribution will begin at 8 a.m. on a first come, first served basis and will continue while supplies last.



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Bishop Joseph Brennan
Cordially invites you to join the

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Action Platform

November 14, 2021 - World Day of Prayer for the Poor

The launch of the next phase in the Laudato Si' Action Platform. On that date, Laudato Si' Planning Guides and all related materials will be published, and members of the universal Church will be invited to make a firm commitment to creating their own Laudato Si' Plans.

I invite you all to go to the link <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org> and review the existing resources on the Laudato Si' Platform website and discern your commitment to creating a Laudato Si' Plan. You will find everything you need to begin the journey. Please register as we journey together as stewards of God's creation.

Pledge your commitment!



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FALL CLEAN-UP

**Saturday, November 20th
8am-12pm**



We need volunteers to help with a quick fall clean-up and to get our hummingbird and butterfly garden started!

We have included a list of some of the plants needed.



4 Lavender cotton
4 English lavender
1 Yarrow
6 Garden phlox
3 Russian sage

3 Purple coneflower
5 Firecracker penstemon
5 Pineleaf penstemon
5 Catmint



We are also collecting donations of toys, non-perishable foods, and cash resources, to help with our annual Christmas giveaway.

For more information on how to help or donate supplies, plants, soil, etc. email Tammy_n_us@yahoo.com or contact LAF at 559.294.1390



The Apocalypse

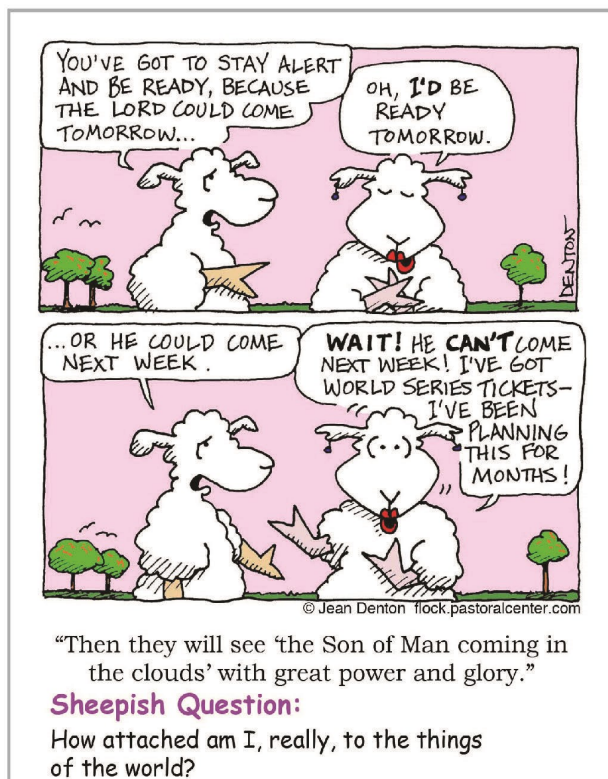
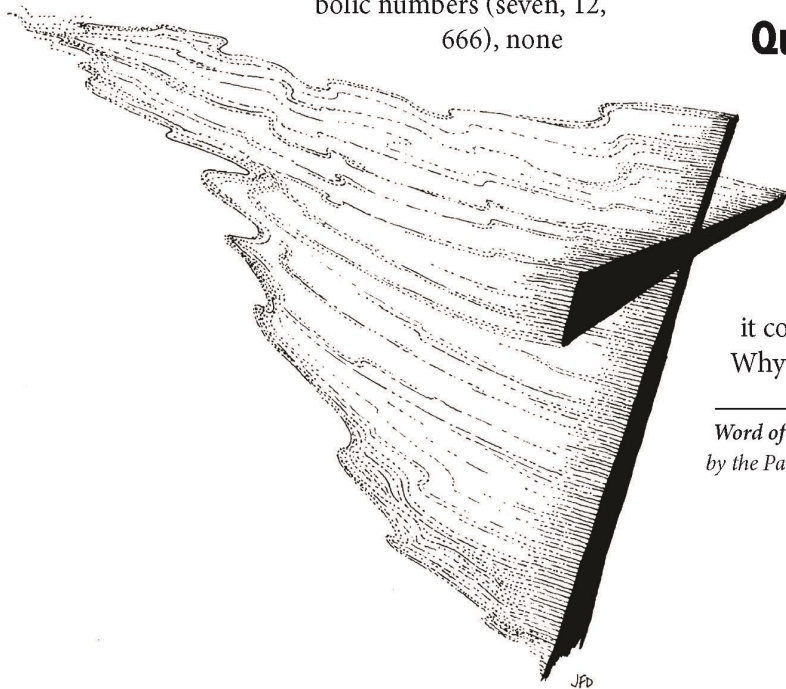
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Daniel 12:1-3 - Daniel's conclusion to the apocalypse
- ▶ Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 - Christ's eternal sacrifice
- ▶ Mark 13:24-32 - The Second Coming

Just before we get to Advent, we always hear “apocalyptic” readings about the end of the world. The first reading today from the book of Daniel and the Gospel fit into this category, as does the Book of Revelation.

Apocalyptic writing is a particular type of literature that was popular in Jewish and Christian circles from about 200 B.C. to 200 A.D. Such literature originated in times of persecution and crisis when Jews or Christians were severely threatened. It offered readers the assurance that God would ultimately overcome Satan despite the horrors of the present time. (The *Left Behind* series of books and movies is a modern-day equivalent to such ancient writings.)

Apocalyptic literature is known for its extravagant symbolism (“the stars will be falling from the sky”), supernatural visions (“They will see the ‘Son of Man coming in the clouds’”), natural disasters (earthquakes, famine, fire) and symbolic numbers (seven, 12, 666), none



“Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.”

Sheepish Question:

How attached am I, really, to the things of the world?

of which are meant to be taken literally. Scholars agree that the point of these types of readings was to encourage followers to stand firm in their faith despite threats to their lives, and to look forward to Christ's return in glory. It's encouragement we can all use with the seemingly unending onslaught of “little apocalypses” in the news this year.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Jesus' language in the Gospel reading today is very different from most of his other teachings and sayings. What your main takeaway?
- 2 Given the above explanation of apocalyptic writing, do you find it comforting and strengthening or off-putting? Why?

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