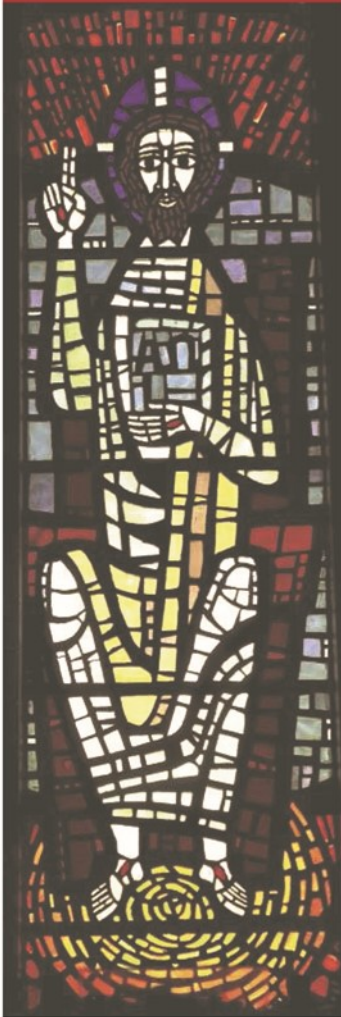


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## First Sunday of Advent, Year C

November 28, 2021

Readings: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

### The Deacon's Speakin'

*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

*We may be able to control our own personal practices and even our parish culture, but we'll never be able to control how other people observe the weeks leading up to Christmas. We can ensure that we omit the "Gloria" at Mass during Advent, but people will still sing and play Christmas songs in their homes and social gatherings. No matter how long you keep from putting up your own Christmas tree, many others will have theirs fully decorated by Thanksgiving. And no amount of preaching will convince the majority of people that they should be spending more time in quiet prayer than in shopping for gifts and going to Christmas gatherings.*

*As much as the Church would like all Christians to keep a prayerful, sober watch in anticipation of the coming of the Lord, we can't become "Advent police" just because of the urgency of vigilance. We, however, must be vigilant that our behavior and attitudes are respectful and loving to all. One way we can do this is to learn and participate in some of the Advent practices of cultures that are different from ours.*

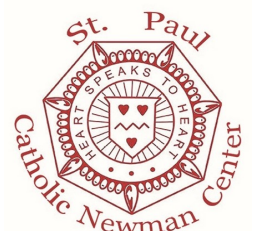
*As those who help shape the unique spirit of Advent in our communities, let's help one another be attentive to God's presence all around us so that our hearts may not become drowsy from our anxieties.*

*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

## Selling Bible Diaries

Thank you for all your support in sponsoring our Bible Diaries for our Campus Ministry students. We sold all 150 diaries with 50 going to the Catholic clubs at both community colleges and both universities.

### YOUNG ADULT MASS CALENDAR

|                    |  |                               |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>November 28</b> | <b>6:30pm - Confessions</b>                      | <b>7pm - Young Adult Mass</b> |
| <b>December 5</b>  | <b>6:00pm - Rosary for Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> | <b>7pm - Young Adult Mass</b> |

### **Campus Ministry Contacts**

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Fr. Byron Macias, Chaplain: [frbyron@csufnewman.com](mailto:frbyron@csufnewman.com)

## Catholic Charities Truck Help

We are in need of volunteers for our Catholic Charities Truck at all Masses. The truck comes once a month on the third weekend of the month. It will take about an hour of your time before or after Mass. If you are available to help, please contact Brian Hall at [brianh@technicon.net](mailto:brianh@technicon.net).

## Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: This week marks the beginning of Advent. We are challenged by the Scriptures to be alert and vigilant, and to recognize that the Messiah the Jews prayed for would bring justice to our world. The first reading describes Jerusalem in the era of the Messiah as "The Lord Our Justice." Your challenge this week is to reflect on how you have helped bring more justice into the world, and to pay attention (being very vigilant) to an injustice that exists in your local community. Then decide as a household one specific step you can take to end the injustice and uphold the human rights of all.

## Creation Care Tips

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world..." —Luke 21:25-26 When we hear news these days of terrible natural disasters — floods, hurricanes, droughts, wildfires, etc.—it is easy to feel fearful and worried about the future of our world. Sometimes our fear can paralyze us. When that happens, it can help to do something, anything, to combat the changes happening in our climate. Rather than feel powerless, decide on at least one thing you can do to be a better steward of creation, whether it's eating less meat, reducing your car trips, touring a recycling plant, starting a compost bin, or anything else you can think of that reduces your environmental impact.

## 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 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. For information contact John Prandini at [prandinij@csufnewman.com](mailto:prandinij@csufnewman.com) [csufnewman.com](http://csufnewman.com)

### **Family Life Ministries**

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. For information contact John Prandini, Director of Ministries at [prandinij@csufnewman.com](mailto:prandinij@csufnewman.com).

### **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](mailto:prandinij@csufnewman.com).

## 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 last Adult sessions for FF&F for 2021 will be held on November 30 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

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

## From Fr. Byron

Happy New Year! The Church Calendar starts its new year with the First Sunday of Advent and in the Gospel this weekend we hear Jesus say, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy." When I came to the States 20 years ago I didn't know the difference between DayQuil and NyQuil. One day I felt I was under the weather, so I took a couple of NyQuils on my way to school and you can infer how the rest of the day went. I had neither the motivation nor the energy to do anything, and that drowsiness lasted for most of the day!

Perhaps Jesus is inviting us to learn the difference between the things that awaken us to good or keep us drowsy to them. Don't be like me, please, and avoid the things that can keep you drowsy to hope, kindness and humility. After all, that's what Advent and Christmas are all about. God humbled himself in his kindness to give you hope... and hope – as St. Paul writes in Rom. 5:5, "Hope never disappoints!"

### Livestreaming Masses

Please talk to me if you would like to help me livestream the Sunday Mass for those who are unable to attend Mass in person: [frbyron@csufnewman.com](mailto:frbyron@csufnewman.com)

### Care for Creation Meeting

Join us this Wednesday, December 1 at 6:00pm in Cardinal Newman Hall for a meal and a conversation as to how we can be better stewards of God's beautiful and sacred creation. All are welcome! If you would like to join us online, click here <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85266489444> at 7:00pm. Contact Jim Grant or me for more info.

### Guadalupe Novena

Journey through the wonderful history of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe beginning this Friday, December 3 at 6:00pm in the Chapel. This can be a wonderful Advent practice of giving (time) and also to offer it up for any intention you may have in your heart. Please see the schedule on the right side of this page.

### Adult Confirmation Retreat

We have about 38 young adults in our Confirmation Program. We will have a retreat this Saturday, 9:00am to 1:00pm. Please pray for them and the team. If you would like to donate some hot food (breakfast burritos and coffee, etc.), please email me: [frbyron@csufnewman.com](mailto:frbyron@csufnewman.com)

### Thank you!!!

I was able to attend Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh last Saturday night. I lit a candle for all of you, parish family – And I even heard a couple of confessions there! Thanks for your prayers and support. It is good to be back!

### Saintly Quote

"Resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die." — Saint Augustine

### Have a Laugh!

A little boy was listening to a long and excessively boring sermon in church. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?"

## Women's Guild News

The Women's Guild is pleased to announce the new officers for 2021-2022.

President - Terri VanderDussen

Vice President - Lisa Baldis

Secretary - Kay Elliott

Treasurer - Susan Greathouse

We are looking forward to a busy and fun year. If you are interested in joining the Guild, there are Membership forms at the reception desk. Dues are \$20 a year.

## Storytime with Papa Deak

Deacon John (aka Papa Deak) will be sharing a six week storytime with us for all of Advent and Christmas. He will read one Tomie de Paula book a week. We will meet with Papa Deak via Zoom from 7:00pm to 7:30pm on the following nights (Christmas pajamas optional!):

Wednesday December 1

Wednesday December 8

Wednesday December 15

Tuesday December 21

Tuesday December 28

Wednesday January 5

Please email [joyoflovmoms@gmail.com](mailto:joyoflovmoms@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

## Heart Speaks to Heart Program

THANK YOU for your response to our recent renewal program "Heart Speaks to Heart"! We are humbled and grateful for your continued commitment to St. Paul Catholic Newman Center. Our parish remains vibrant, engaged, and Christ-centered in the Eucharist and in serving one another because of your generosity. God's work is never done! Your prayerful response both materially and spiritually is setting the groundwork as we advance our plan for the future and continue our critical ministries and service programs. St. Paul Catholic Newman Center continues to grow as a strong, faith-filled stewardship community because of parishioners like you!

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Schedule

| Date            | Time   | Location |
|-----------------|--------|----------|
| Friday, 12-3    | 6:00pm | Chapel   |
| Saturday, 12-4  | 6:00pm | Chapel   |
| Sunday, 12-5    | 6:00pm | Chapel   |
| Monday, 12-6    | 6:00pm | Chapel   |
| Tuesday, 12-7   | 6:50pm | Chapel   |
| Wednesday, 12-8 | 6:50pm | Chapel   |
| Thursday, 12-9  | 6:00pm | Chapel   |
| Friday, 12-10   | 6:00pm | Chapel   |
| Saturday, 12-11 | 6:00pm | Chapel   |

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, November 28

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

|         |  |        |
|---------|--|--------|
| 7:30am  | Mass for Rose Barretto                 | Chapel |
| 9:30am  | Mass                                   | Chapel |
| 11:30am | Mass for Isaac Carrillo (and Baptisms) | Chapel |
| 12:45pm | Baptisms                               | Chapel |
| 3:00pm  | Igbo Mass                              | Chapel |
| 6:30pm  | Prayer Activity (Confessions)          | Chapel |
| 7:00pm  | Young Adult Mass                       | Chapel |

## Monday, November 29

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

|        |                          |        |
|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| 8:00am | Mass for Elizabeth Korth | Chapel |
| 6:00pm | Evening of Remembrance   | Chapel |
| 6:00pm | Young Adult Bible Study  | CNH    |

## Tuesday, November 30

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

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

## Wednesday, December 1

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

|        |                                     |                |
|--------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| 8:00am | Mass                                | Chapel         |
| 6:00pm | College Night                       | CNH 101        |
| 6:00pm | Scriptural Rosary                   | Community Room |
| 6:30pm | PAIN                                | Cafeteria      |
| 7:00pm | Creation Care Team Mtg. (via Zoom)  |                |
| 7:00pm | Storytime with Papa Deak (via Zoom) |                |

## Thursday, December 2

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

|        |                                 |         |
|--------|---------------------------------|---------|
| 4:00pm | Confessions                     | Chapel  |
| 5:00pm | Finance Council Mtg. (via Zoom) |         |
| 5:30pm | Ignation Spirituality           | CNH 101 |
| 6:00pm | Mass                            | Chapel  |
| 6:30pm | Music Rehearsal                 | Chapel  |

## Friday, December 3

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

|        |                                    |        |
|--------|------------------------------------|--------|
| 8:00am | Mass for Faustino and Lupe Pineda  | Chapel |
| 8:30am | Sacred Heart Devotion for Families | Chapel |
| 6:00pm | Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena       | Chapel |

## Saturday, December 4

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

|        |                              |         |
|--------|------------------------------|---------|
| 7:30am | SoulCore                     | Library |
| 8:00am | Adult Confirmation Retreat   |         |
| 5:00pm | Mass for Stan Cardenas       | Chapel  |
| 6:00pm | Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena | Chapel  |

## Sunday, December 5

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

|         |                              |             |
|---------|------------------------------|-------------|
| 7:30am  | Mass for Bob Palacios        | Chapel      |
| 9:30am  | Mass for Dan Chambers        | Chapel      |
| 10:00am | HS Confirmation Class        | CNH 101-103 |
| 11:30am | Mass for Lai Pham            | Chapel      |
| 5:00pm  | Bilingual Mass               | Chapel      |
| 6:00pm  | Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena | 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           | \$19,381.96        |
| Nov. 15           | \$9,396.25         | Nov. 21 ACH       | \$17,069.36        |
| Nov. 22 ACH       | \$9,652.15         | Nov. 28           |                    |
| Nov. 29           | \$10,096.24        |                   |                    |
| <b>Nov. Total</b> | <b>\$55,885.89</b> | <b>Nov. Total</b> | <b>\$69,517.83</b> |

\*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:** Sandy Ullmann, Anthony Pisen, Carmen Mejia
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:** Margery Toll, Frances Garcia, Serafin Munoz, Joe Calandri, Doreen M. Kawaguchi, Suzanne Swanson, Fr. Joe Baca, Kristal Lowe Limon, John Robles, Jessica H., Olivia King, 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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# If You Die Tomorrow?

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

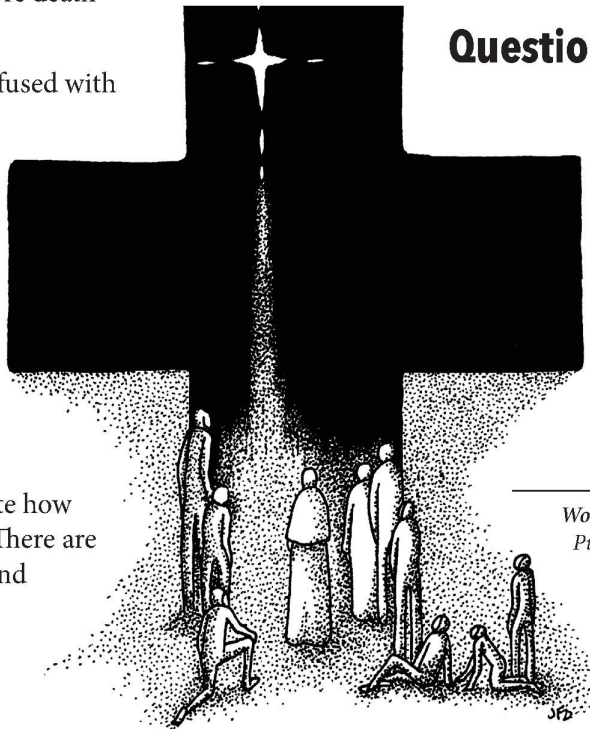
- ▶ Jeremiah 33:14-16 - Restoration of Jerusalem
- ▶ 1 Thess. 3:12-4:2 - Plea for growth in holiness
- ▶ Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 - Coming of the son of man

Advent always begins with a Gospel reading in which Jesus tells his listeners to be on guard, alert, and watchful. In that context, Jesus was referring to his Second Coming and the end of the world as we know it. The gospel writers and Jesus' followers were certain Jesus meant this would happen in their lifetimes.

Two thousand years later, we don't usually assume that the world will end at any moment, so what are we to be vigilant and on guard for?

We may not be worried about the apocalypse happening tomorrow, but we can still take Jesus' words to heart because none of us know when we or our loved ones will die. Anyone who has ever received the news of a frightening medical diagnosis or had a friend or relative receive one will recognize how quickly it can change our perspective. Unimportant things that we spent our time on suddenly don't seem very important in light of the love we want to give and receive before death occurs.

If our hearts are confused with distractions (read: wasting time on social media, watching Netflix, overeating or drinking, or generally spending our days doing less-than-meaningful things), Jesus wants us to reevaluate how we spend our time. There are children to read to and tuck into bed, aging parents and relatives who long for our



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“Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.”

**Sheepish Question:**  
How can I bring real hope to someone suffering in a difficult time?

companionship, friends to re-connect with, grudges and past hurts to be reconciled. Hungry people need food today, homeless men and women are longing for respect and dignity, and sick and lonely people need someone to reach out to them. How would Jesus want us to spend our time if we were to die tomorrow? Let's be alert to that.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 In what ways have you slipped into “drowsiness,” distraction, or a pattern of wasting time on unimportant matters which you would like to change?
- 2 What do you want to be more vigilant about this upcoming week? How do you think Jesus is inviting you to spend your valuable time and energy?

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