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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

October 10, 2021

Readings: Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The article below is an excerpt from EarthBeat, subsidiary of The National Catholic Reporter.

Peace and Love,

Descon John

Deacon John

To heal the Earth, we must begin by sowing seeds of life by Alex Mikulich

In her book *Who Really Feeds the World?: The Failures of Agribusiness and the Promise of Agroecology,* Shiva notes that 40% of greenhouse gas emissions causing climate change are from fossil-fuel-based industrial agriculture. She adds that agribusiness is waging war on biodiversity — by eviscerating as much as 90% of agricultural biodiversity — and a war on humanity by creating a food system in which 1 billion people are "permanently hungry" and another billion suffer from "food-related diseases" like obesity.

By contrast, Shiva writes, local farming communities produce 70% of the world's food and "reflect diverse agroclimatic features" that protect biodiversity while developing diverse food cultures at the same time.

The movement Shiva initiated in India, Navdanya, has created more than 150 seed banks and trained more than 1 million farmers in "chemical-free, biodiversity-based organic farming". This kind of local organic farming has "increased nutrition twofold", and organic farmers earn 10 times more than commodity growing farmers because they do not waste money on chemicals and commercial machinery, Shiva says.

Indeed, Shiva's leadership of the Navdanya organization in India since 1987 demonstrates the power of Gandhian nonviolent transformation through cultivation of seed diversity, living soil and food sovereignty.

Rishi Kumar, a farmer who has helped create hundreds of gardens in Los Angeles and serves as executive director of the Sarvodaya Institute, promotes gardening as a way of individual and collective healing, offering tips for starting at home.

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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.



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The Sarvodaya Institute also cultivates gardening through its mission to end "colonial aggression against communities of color as the underlying cause of damage and destruction to our body" and commits to the "disassembly and decomposition of colonial power structures through all of our work". Struggles for racial and ecological liberation are one, as I argue in my forthcoming book.

As we take individual initiative to sow living seed and soil, may we recognize Jesus' invitation to understand how the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds, but when it grows becomes a large bush where the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches, as Matthew's Gospel says.

May all birds of the sky, bees, worms and grubs of the soil, and all creatures dwell in our gardens throughout Mother Earth, so all of our human and nonhuman kin may thrive. We are called to sow, share and multiply seeds of hope and healing for ourselves and all life.

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 Library 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.

For information contact John Prandini, Director of Ministries at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

The Grief Support Ministry offers spiritual and emotional support to those who are coping with the death of a loved one. The next series of Grief Support meetings will begin on Monday, November 1 through Monday, November 22. The meetings are held from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Monday evenings in the Community Room. The series will end with an Evening of Remembrance in the Chapel on November 29. For more information contact John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

Catholic Charities Truck

The Catholic Charities Donation Truck will be at the Newman Center next weekend (October 16-17) 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.



Heart Speaks to Heart Program

Thank you for celebrating Commitment Weekend with us! Your annual commitment to our parish through our "Heart Speaks to Heart" renewal program will continue to bring life to our community. If

completing your Commitment Card was not possible at Mass, you may visit our parish website at csufnewman.com and complete an electronic Commitment Card or you can mail your card to the church.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center!

Daily Mass Time Change

Beginning this Tuesday, October 12, our Tuesday Mass will be at 8:00am except the monthly Children's Mass which will remain the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm.

Red Mass

Bishop Joseph Brennan will celebrate this year's Red Mass on Friday, October 15 from 12:10pm to 12:45pm at Saint John's Cathedral. "Let Us Rejoice in God's Mercy" is this year's theme for the annual Red Mass. The Red Mass is a special Mass for the Judges, Lawyers, Legislators, other public officials dating back centuries to mark the beginning of court session. All persons are welcome to attend. Complimentary to-go lunches will be given out after Mass. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. If you would like more information, please contact Frank Nunes at 436-0850 or by email at info@NunesLaw.com.

Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: On October 11 we honor Pope Saint John XXIII. This is the pope who shepherded the Second Vatican Council. He also wrote several encyclicals, one in his last year of life in which he focused on war and peace. In Pacem in Terris (or Peace on Earth), Pope John wrote that the root cause of war is people not getting the resources they need to live a life of dignity. We know that there are enough resources in the world to support all of God's people. But some have too much while others don't have the barest necessities of life. Your challenge this week is to ask yourselves (as individuals and households) if you have too much, if you overuse resources while people around the globe are starving or living in despair. If you answer yes to this question, choose one thing you have which you can donate to someone in need. Drop it off at the St. Vincent de Paul Society or a local shelter to take one step toward ensuring lasting peace in our world.

Campus Ministry News!

Week of October 11 - October 17

Bible Study

Monday evenings at 6:00pm, we host a Young Adult Bible Study to discover the word of God together. We are currently studying the Gospel of Mark. Join us as we grow together in our faith. We meet in St. John XXIII.

Wednesday Student Nights

Calling all college students! We are hosting weekly Student Nights on Wednesdays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for students to gather for prayer, discussion, and fellowship. This is a great way for young people to take a break from their busy lives and to be with others. Dinner is provided!

Newman Sport Nights

This week we will be hosting our very first Newman Sport Night in the Newman Hall Courtyard. Join us for a fun Volleyball Tournament on October 15 starting at 6:30pm. All skill levels are welcome!

Young Adult Mass

Sunday evenings, we host a young adult Mass at 7:00pm. This is an opportunity for students, young adults, and young professionals to come together in celebrating Mass.

YOUNG ADULT MASS CALENDAR

October 17	6:30pm - Confession	7:00pm - Young Adult Mass
October 24	6:30pm - Adoration	7:00pm - Young Adult Mass

Campus Ministry Contacts

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

Picture of the Week



Blessing of the animals

From Fr. Byron

I will be back in the office tomorrow, October 11 and will be looking forward to serving you. I was able to attend Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral last Sunday and you were in my prayers, mind and heart.

Marian Congress

Hope you join us for the 27th Annual Marian Eucharistic Conference on October 22, 23, 24, 2021. It will be held at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District (808 4th Street, Clovis, California). Speakers include: Most Rev. Joseph Brennan; Msgr. Patrick McCormick; Deacon Steve Greco; Fr. Tony Ricard; Fr Jim Blount; Fr. Dennis McManus, etc. You can find out more info at http://holycrossministries.net/ Feel free to grab a registration form right by the Campus Ministry Board in the lobby.

Claretian Youth - Help!

As we kick off Claretian Youth, I would like to ask for your help. We need some snacks and drinks. We also need holy cards, pens, markers, board games and small prices for our fun days. You can contact me for more information, or you can drop your donations at the parish office. See note about Claretian Youth in this bulletin.

The Saints Say

"If God created shadows it was to better emphasize the light."-St. John XXIII

Have a Laugh

Four Catholic priests are sharing a private compartment on a train. They decided to confess their biggest flaw to each other. The first priest confesses that he spends most of his money shopping. The second priest explains that he blows his money at the casino. The third priest confesses that he spends his salary on expensive hobbies. They have opened their souls and revealed their deepest secrets. They look to the last priest and he says, "I am a gossip and I can't wait to get off this train."

Claretian Youth

We are looking forward to seeing you this Tuesday to learn about Jesus's First Miracle according to the Gospel of John: The Wedding at Cana!

Come to read the Scripture and learn about it; deepen your Catholic Faith; get to know about St. Anthony Claret and the Claret Way and have fun as we celebrate our faith, youth and God's presence into our lives.

Claretian Youth will meet in the student lounge - St. John XXIII (thanks Edgar for allowing us to be there!).

Parents and families will continue receiving the Family Time video series as usual. For registration questions, please contact John Prandini. You will have to register under Faith, Family and Friends.

Please email Fr. Byron for questions: frbyron@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. Because FF&F is family centered, it is mandatory for at least one parent or guardian to attend with their child(ren). Children are never allowed to be dropped off and picked up. Sacramental preparation programs for First Communion and Reconciliation are a part of FF&F. Please join us!

The Adult Religious Education and Faith Formation portion of FF&F will be held in the Chapel and will be facilitated by John Prandini, M.A. The program, *Untold Blessings: Three Paths To Holiness*, will present 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, "the One who is...Jesus Christ". The greatest calling for all of us is to be a saint. Our ultimate path to holiness is full of untold blessings.

The Adult sessions for FF&F will be held on the following dates: October 12, 19, 26; November 9,16, 30 from 6:00pm to 7:15pm.

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).

Catholic Professional and Business Club

The Catholic Professional & Business Club of the Diocese of Fresno will be conducting a membership drive next weekend, October 16 and 17. Our club is an opportunity to share our faith, network with other Catholics, and deepen our relationship with God. Each month we gather to network and listen to awe-inspiring speakers in person and from around the country that will motivate and encourage us to live an exemplary Catholic lifestyle. Membership is only \$48 a year. For more information or to join please look for our table in the hallway or contact RosaMaria Henry at 288-6640. Also visit our website at www.cpbcfresno.org.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 10 Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 Faith and Blue—Chapel Courtyard 8:00am to noon

7:30am Mass for Ron Barrows Chapel
9:30am Mass for Deceased Members of SJM Class of 1960/ 1961
9:30am RCIA Rite of Acceptance Chapel
10:00am HS Confirmation Class (via Zoom)
11:30am Mass for Marylin M. Lamanuzzi Chapel
2:00pm Baptism Prep Class (via Zoom)
6:30pm Prayer Activity (Adoration) Chapel
7:00pm Young Adult Mass Chapel

Monday, October 11 Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

8:00am Mass for Will Duke Chapel 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study St. John XXIII

Tuesday, October 12 Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

8:00amMass for Stephanie FarrughiaChapel8:30amMen's Morning Scripture Study GroupLibrary6:00pmFaith, Family & FriendsChapel

Wednesday, October 13 Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46

8:00am Mass for Thomas Lucas Chapel 6:00pm College Night CNH 101

6:00pm Scriptural Rosary Community Room

6:30pm PAIN Cafeteria

Thursday, October 14 Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

4:00pmConfessionsChapel5:30pmIgnation SpiritualityCNH Patio6:00pmMass for Marks LivelyChapel

6:00pm Knights of Columbus Community Room

Friday, October 15 Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

8:00am Mass for Steven Carrillo Chapel

Saturday, October 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

Catholic Charities Truck

2:00pm Martinez - Ramirez Wedding Chapel 5:00pm Mass for Rick Sanchez Chapel

Sunday, October 17 Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45 Catholic Charities Truck

7:30am Mass for Manuel and Maria Fernandes Chapel
9:30am Mass for Tim and Loretta England Chapel
11:30am Mass for Lai Pham Chapel
5:00pm Bilingual Mass Chapel
6:30pm Prayer Activity (Confessions) Chapel
7:00pm Young Adult Mass Chapel

October Contributions

2020		2021		
Oct. 4	\$13,443.50	Oct. 3	\$18,483.17	
Oct. 11 ACH	\$17,515.50	Oct. 10 ACH		
Oct. 18 ACH	\$9,210.00	Oct. 17 ACH		
Oct. 25	\$8,568.00	Oct. 24		
		Oct. 31		
Oct. Total	\$48,737.00	Oct. Total	\$18,483.17	

Donations

You can make your donations to our parish through several portals. Sign up to make your donation to the Newman Center via electronic funds transfer (ACH), credit card, Paypal, or your banks online banking system. You can designate your donation to Sunday Contributions and / or special gifts automatically made weekly or monthly. One can also schedule reoccurring online donations. For more information send an email to Carol at carol@csufnewman.com.

Prayers:

 Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:

Eric Amador, Guy Nicoletti, Deacon Alan Shearer and family, Abigail Love, Olivia Arriaga, Ron Dodds, Rick 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 the Lord does not build the house, in vain do the builders labour."
(Psalm 127:1)

PRAYERS based on the LAUDATO SI' GOALS for Communities Joining the Laudato Si' Action Platform

Sunday - Parishes and Dioceses



Lord of Creation, we pray for our parishes and dioceses, that they may be attentive to the *Cry of the Earth* and promote clean energy, ensure clean air and water for all, protect your creation, and its biodiversity and climate, in particular. May we re-discover our original vocation as carers of our common home and of one another.

Monday - Families



Lover of the poor, we pray for all families that they may be "the place in which life – the gift of God – can be properly welcomed and protected". May they be especially attentive to the *Cry of the Poor* and work toward the fullness of life for all, especially for the most vulnerable and neglected members of our common family.

Tuesday - Economy



Provident God, help us bring "together the different fields of knowledge, including economics," and promote "new models of integral development". May we work towards a new economic paradigm at the service of common good, "leaving no one behind".

Wednesday - Hospitals





Caring God, we pray that our institutions, especially our hospitals and health care centres, may grow in the capacity to care. May we all understand and value how concrete gestures and *simple lifestyles* make it possible for others to live and flourish.

Thursday - Educational Institutions



God of Knowledge and Virtue, assist us to "grow in solidarity, responsibility and compassionate care." May our schools and universities, in particular, promote education that can help to restore "harmony within ourselves, with others, with nature and other living creatures, and with God."

Friday - Groups & Organizations



Triune God, help our movements, NGOs, communication centres, and all groups that work for the common good, to develop a *spirituality* of global solidarity which flows from the mystery of who you are, an interconnected community of love.

Saturday - Religious Orders



God of communion, enables us to become *communities* of participatory action and advocacy, for the Earth and the poor. Enable our religious communities, in particular, to be prophetic servant leaders in the care of our common home and of the least among us.





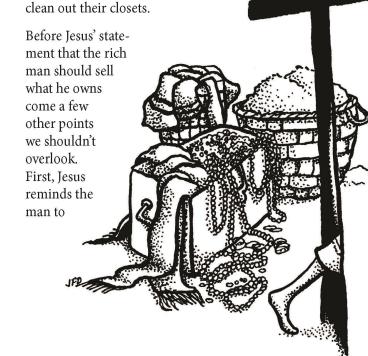


Is Jesus Asking the Same of Us?

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Wisdom 7:7-11 Solomon and the riches of wisdom
- ► Hebrews 4:12-13 God's living word
- ► Mark 10:17-30 The danger of riches–Jesus and the rich man

This story of the rich man who goes away sad because "he had many possessions" is one of the most provocative stories in the Gospels. In the last 2,000 years, countless people have given away their riches (if not all of their possessions) to serve Jesus more freely. Famous people like Saint Francis, Saint Mother Teresa, Dorothy Day, and Oscar Romero chose to live with little to follow their callings. So have countless other "unknowns," such as Jesuit Volunteers, international aid workers, Catholic sisters, missionaries, etc. During that same period, millions of others have heard or read this passage and felt guilty because they haven't sold everything and given to the poor. Many wonder if Jesus is asking the same thing of them that he asked of the rich man. Hopefully, the story prompts some honest soul-searching, whether or not readers sell their cars and





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"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Sheepish Question:

Which of God's rules have I ignored or broken lately?

obey the commandments. Do we follow these ourselves? If not, maybe this is the place for us to start, before we put our house on the market. Second, Jesus looked at the rich man with love even before

asking him to give up his possessions.

(No one can ever read this passage and say that Jesus disapproves of rich people.) Can we believe Jesus looks upon us like this first, before asking us to give anything up to follow him?

Questions of the Week

Have you ever given up something that was dear to you (possessions, a chance to make more money, a relationship, social status, etc.) which then enabled you to follow God's call more freely? Please share.

What in your life now is "holding you hostage" so that you are not free to follow an invitation from God? What might Jesus be inviting you to let go of or say goodbye to so you can move forward with more freedom?

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