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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

October 17, 2021

Readings: **Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you for accepting Pope Francis' invitation to implement his 2015 Encyclical On Care For Our Common Home, and for all our brothers and sisters, especially those most vulnerable and marginalized.

On May 25, 2021, the Holy Father gave us the Laudato Si Action Platform (LSAP), a seven-year journey of ecological conversion in action (<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>).

We are invited to embark on this journey together with the seven sectors:

1. Families
2. Parishes and dioceses
3. Educational institutions
4. Hospitals and health care centers
5. the economy
6. organizations and groups
7. Religious orders.

Our journey will be inspired by Encyclical and guided by the 7 Laudato Si Goals:

1. Cry of the Earth
2. Cry of the Poor
3. Ecological Economics
4. Simple Lifestyles
5. Ecological Education
6. Ecological Spirituality and
7. Community Engagement with Participatory Action.

The LSAP envisages a shared journey leading to a peoples' movement from below contributing to the critical mass needed for radical societal transformation. As Pope Francis reminds us, "All of us can contribute as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her culture, experience, involvements and talents" (Laudato Si, #14)

The Laudato Si Action Platform will create a space for the universal Church- and "every person living on this planet" (L.S. # 3) to respond to the global emergency we are facing, which the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) addressed in its "Code Red" warning in its Report this past August.

On October 4, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we began a 40-days LSAP prayer and promotion campaign, and the enrollment of participants in the platform will begin on November 14- the Global Day of Prayer for the Poor.

I warmly invite all of you to join the LSAP and actively support it. The Laudato Si Action Platform offers an opportunity to develop existing efforts while also inspiring and supporting communities only beginning the journey towards integral ecology.(L.S. #137-162).

May God bless all our humble efforts for the care of our common home and the most vulnerable members of our common household, and we take the opportunity to confirm our closeness and availability.

Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson,
Prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for Integral Human Development
(edited for brevity by Jim Grant, Creation Care Team Co-Chair with Fr. Byron Macias, C.M.F.)

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!

Week of October 18 - October 24

Seeking Wednesday Student Night volunteers:

As many of you may know, Wednesday Student Night Dinners have been up and running for the past few weeks. This event has brought in numerous students from the community to come together and take a break from their studies. However, we are in GREAT need of help in two areas: in the kitchen to serve students and volunteers who are willing to either bring in a meal from a restaurant or provide a general gift card (e.g., VISA gift card/cash), please reach out to our Campus Ministry administrative assistant at catholicclub@csufnewman.com to sign up. Thank you!

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.

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!

YOUNG ADULT MASS CALENDAR

October 24	6:30pm - Adoration	7:00pm - Young Adult Mass
October 31	6:30pm - Confessions	7:00pm - Young Adult Mass

Campus Ministry Contacts

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Picture of the Week!



Mass team at Clovis Community

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 17

Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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 (Mass Int. of Peter Sharkey)	Chapel
6:30pm	Prayer Activity (Adoration)	Chapel
7:00pm	Young Adult Mass	Chapel

Monday, October 18

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

8:00am	Mass for Virginia Holloway	Chapel
6:00pm	Adult Confirmation Class	Cafeteria
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	St. John XXIII

Tuesday, October 19

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38

8:00am	Mass for David Aguirre	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study Group	Library
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	Chapel

Wednesday, October 20

Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

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

Thursday, October 21

Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:30pm	Ignation Spirituality	CNH Patio
6:00pm	Mass for Cara Zamaniapour	Chapel

Friday, October 22

Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59

8:00am	Mass for Zee McCammond	Chapel
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Saturday, October 23

Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9

Second Collection - World Mission Sunday

Football Parking - Nevada v. CSUF 4:00pm

5:00pm	Mass for Esmeralda Salazar	Chapel
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Sunday, October 24

Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Second Collection - World Mission Sunday

7:30am	Mass for Vincente Velo Paala	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Jim Cook	Chapel
10:00am	HS Confirmation Class (via Zoom)	
11:30am	Mass for Mary Bejarano	Chapel
6:30pm	Prayer Activity (Confessions)	Chapel
7:00pm	Young Adult Mass	Chapel

Prayers:

◆ **For those who have died this week:** Maria Valdez (wife of Deacon Ed Valdez)

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

Kathleen Kennedy, Anthony DeBenedetto, Eric Amador, Guy Nicoletti, 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

October Contributions

2020		2021	
Oct. 4	\$13,443.50	Oct. 3	\$18,483.17
Oct. 11 ACH	\$17,515.50	Oct. 10 ACH	\$25,503.80
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	\$43,986.97

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

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, The Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in the next week's collection for The Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Daily Mass Time Change

Our Tuesday Mass schedule is the following: first Tuesday of the month remains at 6:00pm for the Children's Mass. The remaining Tuesdays of the month are at 8:00am.

Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: Saturday is National Make a Difference Day (celebrated the fourth Saturday in October). All of us want to leave our mark on the world in some way. Your challenge this week is to choose one action you can take to make a difference in the life of a person who is a victim of injustice in your community. It might be a student victimized by bullying, or a worker who is denied a fair wage. You may see racism alive and well and choose to do something to break that cycle. Whatever you choose, see if you can make a difference so someone experiences more justice than he or she did before.

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College Pages



Newman Catholic Student Association (Fresno)



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From Fr. Byron

It is good to be back, and I missed you!

Last Wednesday we celebrated Mass at Clovis Community College for the first time! Though we didn't have much of an attendance, the first step has been taken! Keep praying for our Campus Ministry.

Last Thursday we started a radio show on Spanish Radio Bendita Eucaristia 1550 AM called "Camino Claret." This is a Spanish radio show for Catholic young adults. One of our students (and CSA Officer) Zyrya and I are venturing into this new evangelization opportunity; so, pray for us!

Next week, on October 24, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Anthony Claret, the founder of the Claretians. He was the ultimate energizer bunny, and all he wanted was to preach the Good News using all means possible. Please pray for Claretian Missionary vocations. Fr. Paul and I will have display tables with goodies for you and ways to become involved with our ministries. You can learn more about the Claretians and our Saint here: <http://www.claret.org/en/> St. Anthony Claret, pray for us!

Claretian Youth

Be on the lookout for an email with more details on our program. Sorry we had to cancel last week; we can't wait to see you!

From Saint John XXIII

"Men are like wine-some turn to vinegar, but the best improve with age." ...



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!

Interfaith Alliance Thanksgiving

The Interfaith Alliance of Central California is hosting its Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Festival on Saturday, November 20 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Wesley United Methodist Church Outdoor Courtyard, 1343 E Barstow Ave, Fresno, CA 93710, right across the street from St. Paul Catholic Newman Center. This year's Thanksgiving celebration will be a kid-friendly, family-friendly festival with games, music, crafts, and food! All are welcome! For any questions, please contact Rev. Norman Broadbent: norman.broadbent@gmail.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!

This Tuesday, October 19, parents will bring their children to the Cardinal Newman Hall Courtyard for check-in. Classes will be in person. Parents will proceed to the Chapel for class after drop-off.

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 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).

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.

Football Parking

Church Parking on Saturday, October 23 will be available in the east parking lot and north parking lot (as space permits) only.

Laudato Si Action Platform

When you click on to <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/> , you will find everything you need to begin the journey:

A 6-minute video of Pope Francis describing the LSAP and inviting us to join

The 7 Laudato Si Action Platform Goals well described

Beginning the journey

A way to register under one of the 7 “sectors” which best suits you

Community Articles

A List of the LSAP Partners, Steering Board, Advisors, Working Group Members

A description of the Process

A link to Impactful Actions (hopefully chosen by November 14 as part of your Plan

The tool bar is amazing with these different options:

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Resources (hundreds, and available in 10 different languages)

Events (In person and remote)

More Info (Answers to all your questions!)

Pledge Your Commitment

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center will be participating in the LSAP as a parish Creation Care Team in many ways, including our Community Gardens.

One immediate way to participate is to pray for one of the 7 Laudato Si Action Platform “sectors” each day. It will be found on the other side of this insert.

If interested in participating in any way to implementing Pope Francis’ Laudato Si Action Platform at home, at the parish, or in our greater community please contact Jim Grant, jimgrantbc@gmail.com.

*“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.



To Serve or Be Served?

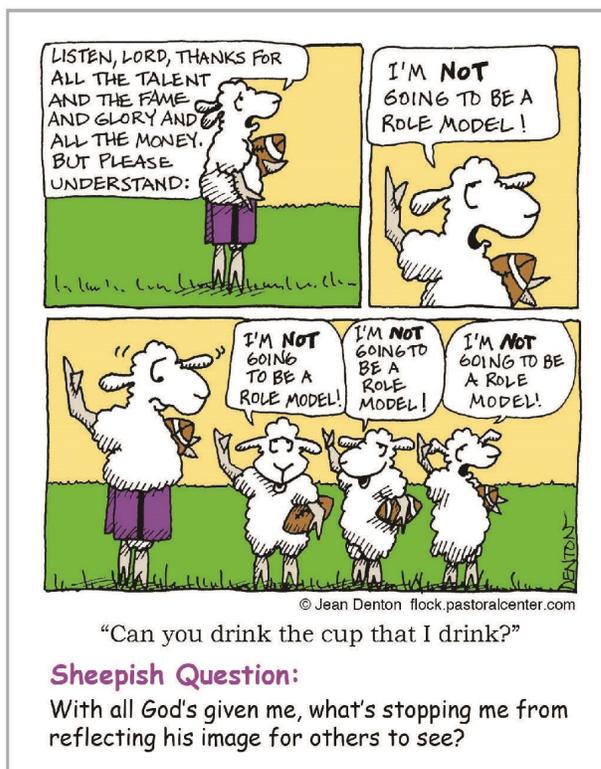
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Isaiah 53:10-11 - The suffering servant
- ▶ Hebrews 4:14-16 - Jesus, compassionate high priest
- ▶ Mark 10:35-45 - Ambition of James and John

Mark's Gospel, more than any of the other three Gospels, paints a picture of the twelve apostles as a bumbling, immature group that keeps getting things wrong, misunderstanding their teacher, and arguing amongst themselves.

The passage today follows immediately after Jesus' third prediction of his upcoming death. How do the disciples respond? James and John change the subject and ask for a special favor—they each want a position of honor when Jesus comes into his glory.

As usual, Jesus turns their thinking upside down. Now is not the time to talk about glory. Now is the time to be realistic about how the world treats people who speak up for justice and work for peace. The Old Testament was clear that prophets who spoke truth to power were often killed. Jesus realizes his apostles will face similar opposition, and he asks them if they are willing to risk such suffering. As readers, we get the feeling James and John don't know what they are committing themselves to when they say they can



drink the same cup as Jesus. They just want to get to the glory.

It is not surprising that the other disciples get upset with James' and John's power-grab, and their anger leads to yet another lesson by Jesus about the alternative nature of God's kingdom. Jesus raises up the position of lowly servants and demotes the rulers. He puts the slave first and the first last. He is clear that rather than racing to the top, the apostles should be humbling themselves to serve.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Have you been or are you in a "race to the top" in some particular area of your life? How does it leave you feeling?
- 2 In what area of your life are you being called to serve more rather than be served?

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