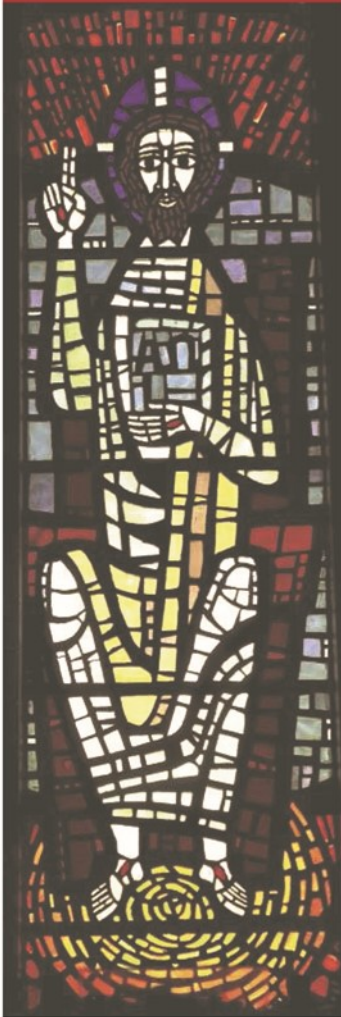


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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

October 31, 2021

Readings: Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The more we know about Catholic Social teaching, the more equipped we are to express our catholic faith in powerful ways.

What is the Church's official teaching on care for God's Creation? According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, (USCCB) "We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored."

What Does Scripture say about care of Creation? In Genesis 1:31 we are told "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good." Humanity was given a mandate to "Be fertile and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion ... over all the living things that crawl on the earth" (Gen 1:28) and ... to cultivate and care for it." (Gen 2:15)

Pope Francis clarified that although Christians have at times incorrectly interpreted the Scriptures, today we must forcefully reject the idea that God gave humanity absolute domination over other creatures (Laudato Si, 67). The Pope reiterates that the texts require humans to cultivate, care, protect and preserve the environment which implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature: "Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations." Pope Francis chose as his namesake, St Francis of Assisi who also cared deeply for creation as part of his choice to live an authentic Christianity.

Catholic social teaching associated with care for creation is concerned with a broad range of current events including global warming and climate change. Additionally, as Catholics we are also challenged to be mindful of the ways climate change affects the poorest of the poor, whose ability to survive is based on living off the land, which is most vulnerable to being impacted by global warming.

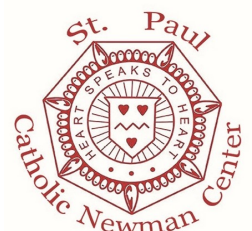
Whether looking into solar power, eating clean, or taking time to recycle; we encourage you to look for simple ways to care for the environment today as a powerful way to practice your Catholic faith! Another important thing to remember - pray persistently for the success of the efforts of Pope Francis and world leaders as they work to save our planet! Thank you and God bless.

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!

Week of October 31—November 7

Second Collection for Campus Ministry

This Sunday we will be holding a second collection for our Campus Ministry. Your gift will help cover important expenses and maintain many of our services we provide for college students to grow in faith. If you are unable to donate this week, we will continue having this special collection on the months with a 5th week. We thank you for your generosity and support.

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 31	6:30pm - Confessions	7pm - Young Adult Mass
November 7	6:30pm - Adoration	7pm - Young Adult Mass

Campus Ministry Contacts

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Picture of the Week!



Fr. Paul speaking at Tacos & Theology

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 31

Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

7:30am	Mass for John Barretto	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for John Godburn	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Maria Valdez	Chapel
3:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel
6:30pm	Prayer Activity (Confessions)	Chapel
7:00pm	Young Adult Mass	Chapel

Monday, November 1

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Solemnity of All Saints' - Not a Holy Day of Obligation

8:00am	Mass for Sixto Hernandez	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
6:00pm	Grief Support	Community Room
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	St. John XXIII

Tuesday, November 2

Wis 3:1-9; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

12:00pm	Christian Meditation	Community Room
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends / Children's Mass (Mass for Deceased Members of SPCNC)	Chapel

Wednesday, November 3

Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

8:00am	Mass for Tim England	Chapel
6:00pm	College Night	CNH 101-102
6:00pm	Scriptural Rosary	Community Room
6:30pm	PAIN	CNH 103
7:00pm	SJM Junior Ring Ceremony	Chapel

Thursday, November 4

Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10

4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:30pm	Ignation Spirituality	CNH Patio
6:00pm	Mass for Pat Brown	Chapel
6:30pm	Women's Guild	Cafeteria
6:30pm	Music Rehearsal	Chapel

Friday, November 5

Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

8:00am	Mass Int. of SPCNC Staff	Chapel
8:30am	Sacred Heart Devotion for Families	Chapel

Saturday, November 6

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15

Football Parking - Boise State v. CSUF 4:00pm

7:30am	SoulCore	Chapel Courtyard
9:00am	College Retreat	CNH
5:00pm	Mass for Stan Cardenas	Chapel

Sunday, November 7

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

7:30am	Mass for Cara Zamanianpour	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for David Aguirre	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Alfred Mendoza	Chapel
5:00pm	Bilingual Mass (Mass for Susan Kuhn)	Chapel
6:30pm	Prayer Activity (Adoration)	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	\$25,503.80
Oct. 18 ACH	\$9,210.00	Oct. 17 ACH	\$20,562.35
Oct. 25	\$8,568.00	Oct. 24	\$9,997.54
		Oct. 31	
Oct. Total	\$48,737.00	Oct. Total	\$74,546.86

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

Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: In Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus proclaim the greatest commandment of loving God with our whole beings. But then Jesus adds the second greatest: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Your challenge this week is to think about how loving God and loving neighbor are inseparable. Then choose one neighbor (near or far) who needs help. It might be spiritual, financial, emotional, physical, or something else. Reach out to this neighbor and offer your assistance. It's a great way to show how much you love God!

Prayers:

- ◆ **For those who have died:** Muriel Wolf, Maria Trelles Gutierrez
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**
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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Heart Speaks to Heart Program

Thank you to those who have turned in their commitment cards. Our goal is 100% participation. If you have not had a chance to fill out your commitment card, you may visit our parish website at csufnewman.com and complete an electronic Commitment Card or you can mail your card to the church. Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center!

Children's Mass

As Catholics, the saints play an important role as heroes in our family story. We hope your family will join us in celebrating All Saints Day with our Faith Family! We will have the opportunity to dress up as Saints at the Children's Mass on Tuesday, November 2 at 6:00pm! We hope you will enjoy this fun tradition of dressing up as saints each year. We are pretty informal about it and nothing too impressive is needed. Kids can even just bring something that symbolizes the saint. Check out <https://www.catholicicing.com/?s=all+saints+day+games> for ideas and inspiration! **Please note that this Mass is a part of our FF&F schedule.**

Daylight Savings Ends - November 7

Remember your clocks FALL BACK one hour next Sunday. Be sure to adjust your time pieces before retiring Saturday evening. Enjoy your extra hour's sleep.

Advent Volunteers

We are looking for one or two volunteers to help us put two Advent Wreaths together and prepare the banners for Advent. If you enjoy doing liturgical things for our parish family and would like to help, please call Linda Smith at 229-6231. Thank You.

Football Parking

Church parking on Saturday, November 6 will only be available in the east parking lot and north parking lot (as space permits).

Women's Guild

REMINDER: The next meeting of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center Women's Guild is scheduled for Thursday, November 4 at 6:30pm in the Cafeteria. We welcome all the women of the Parish to join the Guild. Please feel free to come out, learn more about the Guild, its mission, community involvement and accomplishments. We will be accepting membership forms and the yearly dues of \$20.00 at the door. We look forward to a great year and hope to see you there.

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 9, 16, 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

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 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. No pre-registration is needed, just register when you arrive. For more information contact John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

Prayer Ministries

Christian Meditation will begin meeting weekly on Tuesday, November 9 at 12 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.

From Fr. Byron

Save the Date

Bishop Brennan will be here in two weeks on Friday, November 12 for Adoremus, when we have Adoration, prayer and Confessions to all people from the Diocese. Also, our first hike with the Virgin Mary will be on Saturday, November 13 from 8:00am to 1:00pm. If you are interested, please talk to Fr. Byron.

A Special Celebration for our Parish Family!

When I was assigned here and moved in, I met this amazing woman whose faith, zeal for the voiceless, dedication and commitment to the children really raised the bar for my own ministry and faith: Sister Kathleen, SSND.

Sister Kathleen welcomed me, showed me some ropes and put me to work!

Her Religious Order, the School Sisters of Notre Dame is a worldwide religious institute of Roman Catholic sisters founded in Bavaria in 1833 and devoted to primary, secondary, and post-secondary education. Their life in mission centers on prayer, community life and ministry. They serve as teachers, lawyers, accountants, nurses, administrators, therapists, social workers, pastoral ministers, social justice advocates and more.

The School Sisters of Notre Dame are known by the abbreviation "SSND".

Much of their work has been in schools and a wide variety of assignments: spiritual direction, retreats, adult basic education, RCIA programs, pastoral care among Hispanics, in hospitals, and among the disadvantaged, language interpreting, outreach to native Americans and to migrants (also founding an Immigrant and Refugee Women's Program), and on mission to Honduras, Hungary, Sierra Leone, Ghana, and Japan. Empowering underserved women has been a special effort of theirs. Their involvement in migrant services is evidenced in their hosting at the US-Mexican border a conference for Shalom, an international network for justice, peace, and integrity of creation.

More than 3,000 School Sisters of Notre Dame serve in thirty-four countries in Europe, North America, Latin America, Asia, Africa and Oceania.

We have hit the jackpot by having Sister Kathleen with us. Please say a prayer for her and congratulate her on the anniversary of the Foundation of her Religious Congregation, which took place last October 23. *Ad multos annos!* (188 years so far!)

A Holy Quote

"To dare to risk something – small or great – because of deep trust in God and in others is a gift possessed by holy people. In the lives of such people, a decisive moment occurs in which the way of God is clear; from that moment, they dare anything and everything to do what they understand to be God's will. They do this because of their absolute trust in their God who calls and works in and through them, even through their weakness and sinfulness."
- Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, Foundress of the SSND's.

Second Collection Last Weekend

Thank you for your participation! Thank you for answering your baptismal call to witness for mission on World Mission Sunday! Our parish offered \$2,483.94 to the Society for the Propagation of Faith for the missionary work of the Church—a real blessing for the missions! Please continue to pray for the missionaries and for the people to whom they bring the "Good News" of Jesus. May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit!

SoulCore

SoulCore is offered on the first Saturday of each month from 7:30am to 8:30am. Initially, sessions will be held in the grassy courtyard outside the Chapel. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring an exercise-style mat. Participants may also bring small hand weights (optional). All Diocesan safety guidelines will be followed. There is no fee to participate. Register when you arrive. Emergency contact information and a waiver are required to participate.

• What is SoulCore?

SoulCore is a movement that strengthens the body & soul by combining the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching, and functional movements. SoulCore is a sensory experience that may combine candlelight, aromatherapy, music, and sacred art, providing participants the opportunity to nourish body, mind & soul while contemplating the mysteries and fruits of the rosary.

SoulCore is a movement all its own. It is based on Christian meditation, which is always focused on the life of Jesus Christ. It is about "filling" the mind & soul, specifically with the life, virtues, and Word of Christ. Our Lady's desire is always to lead us closer to her son Jesus. As a Marian apostolate, SoulCore imitates her in striving to draw others closer to Christ through deeper reflection on His life and virtues in the rosary

RCIA

If you interested in becoming Catholic or know of someone who may be interested, this is a good time to start RCIA. Please leave contact information at the front desk and we will follow up, or you can contact Charles Arokiasamy – 286 -6372 or by email rcia@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 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 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.

God, Neighbor, and Self

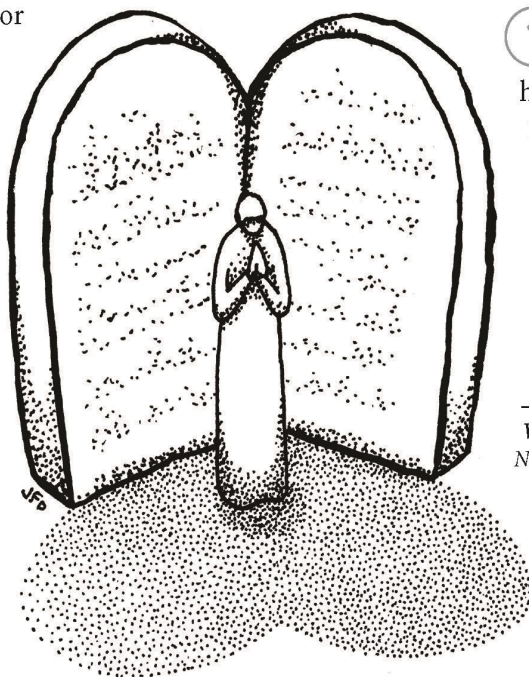
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Deuteronomy 6:2-6 - The Great Commandment
- ▶ Hebrews 7:23-28 - Jesus, the eternal high priest
- ▶ Mark 12:28b-34 - The Greatest Commandment

The law that Moses proclaims in the first reading comes in the chapter after the listing of the Ten Commandments; it is sometimes called the *Great Commandment*. “Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.” This commandment is so central to Jews that it is referred to as the *Shema* prayer. The name is taken from the first word of this verse in Hebrew, meaning “hear” or “listen.” Jesus himself would have recited it many times, beginning in his childhood.

The rabbis, scribes, and Pharisees of Jesus’ day were somewhat like police officers, lawyers, and judges today; their professions revolved around teaching, enforcing, interpreting, and debating laws—in their case, the 613 laws in the Old Testament. So when a scribe approached Jesus to ask him which is the first of all the commandments, Jesus didn’t have to think twice—of course it would be the *Shema*. The surprise would have been that Jesus immediately added a second half to this great commandment: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Interestingly, Jesus didn’t make up the second law here; he is quoting Leviticus 19:18.

When it came to interpreting laws, Jesus didn’t back away from the usual Jewish debates even though he wasn’t a part of the religious hierarchy of his day. He knew the laws of the Old Testament just as well as the highest trained authorities. What Jesus was able to do better than most, and what he spent much of his time doing in his teaching, was helping others put the laws in their proper con-



DO YOU EVER GET AN ITCH DEEP DOWN INSIDE?

YEAH, IT HAPPENS QUITE OFTEN.

I THINK IT'S A YEARNING FOR GOD...

USUALLY IT TURNS OUT I'VE BEEN EATING POISON IVY.

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“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.”

Sheepish Question:
How do I describe my yearning for God?

texts. He had no patience for officials who found fault with those who committed minor infractions (such as not washing the outside of a cup correctly). More important to him were the laws that focused on how to love. He was a master at putting the laws together to keep the focus on loving God, self, and others.

Questions of the Week

- 1 What does it mean to you to love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength? How do you try to do that?
- 2 For some people, it is easier to love and respect their neighbor than to love and respect themselves. Which do you find easier? Why?

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