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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

October 3, 2021

Readings: Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This week I want to remind you of the importance of our role in battling the effects of climate change. Let us pray this prayer as that reminder!

Peace and love,

Deacon John

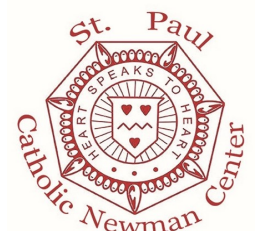
Laudato Si' Action Platform: How U.S. Catholics Can Participate

Creator God, source of all life,
We praise and thank you for the many gifts of this day.
For the blessing of your presence
In each star in the sky and every flower in the field;
In each creature who roams our common home and
every grain of wheat that nourishes;
In each drop of water which sustains us and every person
who loves and cares for us.
God of mercy and compassion, forgive us for the times that we fail to recognize
your presence among us.
Forgive us our blindness to the daily miracle of creation.
Forgive us our deafness to the cries of Earth and those made poor by our greed.
Forgive us our hardness of heart that separates us one from another
God of abundance, we pray, give us the grace to know that we are ONE in you.
Give us the grace
To welcome your creatures abandoned and forgotten
To care for our common home; and
To live in right relationship
with you, our God,
with neighbors near and far, and
with all of your wondrous creation.
Give us the grace to become your beloved community.
Gracious God, we ask this through the power of your Great and Holy Spirit
whose breath gives life to the world.

~ Sr. Ann Scholz, SSND
Laudato

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.



Young Adult Mass

Every Sunday, we host a young adult Mass at 7:00pm. This is an opportunity for students, young adults, and young professionals to come together and be among others our age giving thanks to God. Join us before Mass at 6:00pm for a prayer activity followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

Claretian Youth

We are looking forward to welcoming our High School Youth, ages 14-18 to Claretian Youth! This year we will kick off the brand new program, "Claret Way". We will meet weekly on Tuesdays (except on the 5th) at the same time as Faith, Family and Friends. We will follow the convening protocols of Faith, Family and Friends, and then we will gather in the Cafeteria for our meetings.

This is our Claretian Youth Calendar for October 2021:

October 5 Mass
No meeting after Mass.

October 12
Theme: The Wedding at Cana

October 19
Fun Day at Cana
Practice your Air Guitar and Conga Line moves and dance moves in general as we celebrate the Wedding at Cana! We will play the *Water into Wine* game so wear comfortable clothes.

October 26
Service Day at Cana
We will think of, pray for, and help marriages - especially the ones in trouble!

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

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 prizes for our fun days. Contact Fr. Byron for more info.

Newman Center is Hiring

Parish Life Coordinator

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, a Vatican II oriented parish, seeks a replacement for Deacon John Supino after 12 years of successful leadership in his position as Parish Life Coordinator. He will be retiring once the position is filled. The Parish Life Coordinator role will administer to the business and managerial needs of the parish, lead the various parish functions and support the vision of outreach and ministering to college students, young adults and anyone choosing to be part of this parish family. Please access the Newman Center website by clicking this link www.csufnewman.com/parish-life-coordinator. There you will find the job description and application process. For questions, please e-mail Dave Meyer at dmeyer@centralmedsolutions.com.

Women's Guild Meeting Announcement

We are back and excited to reconnect, forge new friendships and start anew at our first scheduled meeting October 7 at 6:30pm in the Cafeteria. With great pleasure I would like to extend an invitation to all the women of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center to consider joining the Women's Guild. For new potential members please feel free to come out, learn more about the Guild, its mission, community involvement and accomplishments. JoAnn LoForti

RCIA

God has blessed us with many people wanting to become Catholic. We have three candidates and catechumens in the catechumenate and eight in Inquiry. Those eight will go through their Rite of Acceptance but we only have three sponsors. We desperately need another five sponsors. If you are a practicing Catholic and have received baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist, you qualify. If you are interested in serving as a sponsor and share your faith with these new candidates and catechumens, or if you have questions about sponsoring, please contact Charles Arokiasamy at Charles.arok@icloud.com or leave your contact information at the front office. It is a lot of fun being a sponsor and you will find your own faith enriched.





Heart Speaks to Heart Program

This week you will receive a newsletter introducing our renewal program "Heart Speaks to Heart". On Commitment Weekend, October 9 and 10, we invite each of you to participate in this important program and

help us respond to God's great gift of love. We ask that you please review this newsletter and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help St. Paul Catholic Newman Center by renewing your annual commitment to financially support our ministries, further our mission, and reinforce our future.

We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included along with the newsletter for you to:

- mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing
- or bring your card to Mass next Sunday
- or you may visit our parish website at csufnewman.com and complete an electronic Commitment Card

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to a priest or a deacon, please indicate so on your card and we will be in contact with you.

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

Faith, Family and Friends

Faith, Family and Friends begins this week with our monthly Children's Mass! Please join us in the Chapel at 6:00pm. Please note that masks are required. If you have any questions, please contact the office.



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Do you shop on Amazon.com? Amazon will give .5% of your purchase to the Newman Center through Amazon Smile. Just add "St Paul Newman Center" (no period after St) as your charitable organization on your new or existing account and shop! When you shop be sure to be on smile.amazon.com so that part of your eligible purchase can go to the church. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up. It is an easy way to give back to the church. To sign up click on the link to Amazon Smile on our website.

Faith and Blue

The Fresno Police Department would like to partner with the parishioners of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center by having a community donation drive benefiting Catholic Charities. The Fresno Police Department is participating in the national Faith and Blue event where law enforcement partners with faith-based organizations from all walks of life to promote positive community interactions to all faiths. Fresno Police Officers will be in the Chapel Courtyard on October 10 between Masses to have a cup of coffee, answer questions, and to help Catholic Charities gather donations from the community.

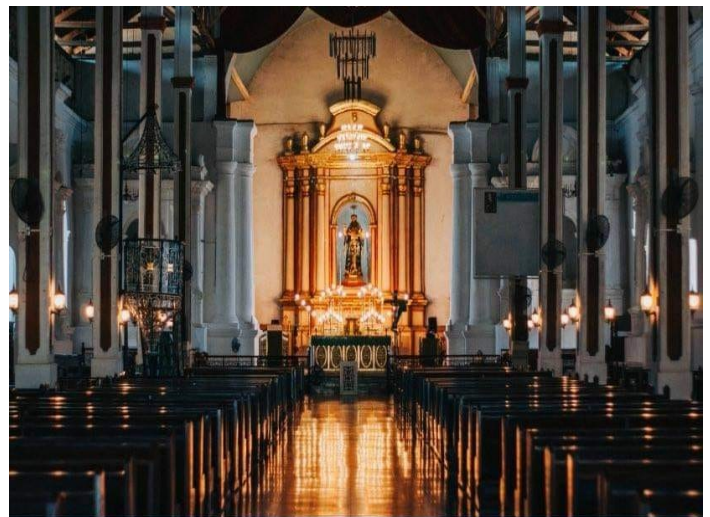
Any questions please contact Detective Miriam Rose at 559-621-6434.

Daily Mass Time Change

Beginning 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.

Baptism Prep Class

Our next Baptism Prep Class is on Sunday, October 11 at 2:00pm. The cost is \$10 per person and meets the requirements for both parents and Godparents to baptize their children. To register click here: [Baptism Prep Class Link](#).



ADOREMUS

**Friday October 8th @ 6:30PM
with Bishop Joseph V. Brennan**

**Join us for a night of Adoration,
reconciliation, and worship!
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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 3 Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

7:30am Mass for Jose Guadalupe Sanchez Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Andre Aguilar Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Alfred Mendoza Chapel
 5:00pm Bilingual Mass (Mass for Teresa Espinosa) Chapel
 6:00pm Prayer Activity Chapel
 7:00pm Young Adult Mass Chapel

Monday, October 4

Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Lk 10:25-37

8:00am Mass Int. of Michael Sanchez Chapel
 8:30am Men's Morning Scripture Group Cafeteria Patio
 8:45am Blessing of the Animals Front Lawn
 10:30am Deniz Funeral Chapel
 12:15pm Blessing of the Animals Front Lawn
 6:00pm Blessing of the Animals Front Lawn
 6:00pm Adult Confirmation Cafeteria
 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study St. John XXIII

Tuesday, October 5

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

6:00pm Children's Mass (Faith, Family & Friends) Chapel

Wednesday, October 6

Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

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

Thursday, October 7

Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

4:00pm Confessions Chapel
 5:30pm Ignation Spirituality CNH Patio
 6:00pm Mass Chapel
 6:30pm Women's Guild Meeting Cafeteria

Friday, October 8

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

8:00am Mass Chapel
 6:30pm Adoremus CNH Courtyard

Saturday, October 9

Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

"Heart Speaks to Heart" Commitment Weekend

7:30am Men's Saturday Coffee Group Cafeteria Patio
 2:30pm Nash - Farnessi Wedding Chapel
 5:00pm Mass for Rev. Angel Sotelo Chapel

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

"Heart Speaks to Heart" Commitment Weekend

Faith and Blue- Chapel Courtyard

7:30am Mass for Ron Barrows Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Deceased Members Class of SJM Chapel
 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)
 6:00pm Prayer Activity Chapel
 7:00pm Young Adult Mass Chapel

September Contributions

2020		2021	
Sept. 6	ACH \$22,274.43	Sept. 5	ACH \$26,023.55
Sept. 13	\$8,995.00	Sept. 12	\$15,563.44
Sept. 20	ACH \$19,901.98	Sept. 19	ACH \$36,372.30
Sept. 27	\$9,578.52	Sept. 26	\$10,517.01
Sept. Total	\$60,749.93	Sept. Total	\$88,476.30

Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: October 4th is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis is one of our most beloved and familiar saints. One of his greatest passions was care for God's creation— nature, animals, the solar system. Francis saw God's love reflected in all created things. Your challenge this week is to choose one part of God's creation which is threatened by human greed, neglect, or abuse. Commit to taking one action to preserve and treasure this God-given resource. For example, you might choose water and then make a plan for using less water when you shower or brush your teeth. You might choose animals and make a donation or volunteer time at your local animal shelter. Whatever you choose, include a prayer of gratitude to God for this special part of God's creation.

Prayers:

- ◆ **For those who have died this week:** Susan Kuhn, Joseph Rodriguez
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:** Mary Shearer, Abigail Love, Olivia Arriaga, Ron Dodds, Rick Lang, Jan Fusselman, 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

Thank you for holding Fr. Paul and I in prayer last week during our Annual Claretian Assembly. The Claretians in USA-CANADA convene twice a year to pray, discern and learn how to be more effective ministers to you all.



Marian Congress

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; among others. Feel free to grab a registration form right by the Campus Ministry Board in the lobby. You can find more info in the bulletin or talk to Fr. Byron.

Celebrating Saint Francis of Assisi

Don't forget to bring your animals to be blessed this Monday, October 4 at 8:45am, 12:15pm, or 6:00pm. The 6:00pm celebration will include a special celebration of the closing of the Season of Creation led by Jim Grant and the clergy. All are welcome!

Bilingual Mass

This weekend we will have our bilingual Mass at 5:00pm. Come and experience the Catholicity of our Church! Bilingual Masses take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:00pm.

Scriptural Rosary

Spend Forty-Five minutes for Mary, our Mother. Starting Wednesday, October 6 at 6:00pm, the Wednesday weekly Scriptural Rosary will be held in the Community Room. You are invited to come and participate in this devotional prayer to our Blessed Mother as we pray for our parish, community and personal requests.

Family Life Ministries

Men's Saturday Coffee Group will meet Saturday morning, October 9 from 7:30am to 9:00am on the Cafeteria Patio for coffee, and to share our collective spiritual wisdom as we form friendship bonds with other men on our individual spiritual journeys. We will reflect on how we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us, even in our powerlessness.

Men's Scripture Reflection & Discussion Group meets Monday mornings after morning Mass from 8:30am to 9:15am on the Courtyard Patio.

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 at 6:00pm 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.

Parish Registration

There are instances when, as a member of the parish, you must provide verification of membership at the Newman Center. This is necessary as it applies to the administration of Sacraments and the required record-keeping. For this reason, we ask you to please register as a member of the parish.

Verification (written) of membership in this non-territorial parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fresno may be provided for any baptized Catholic who fulfills any of the following:

- **registered in our parish database for a period of six months or more**
- **reference of regular parish involvement by a member of the parish pastoral staff**
- **identification as a regular member of our worshiping community (attendance at Mass on the Lord's Day) by a member of our pastoral staff**

Since we, unlike other Catholic parishes, do not have a specific territorial area, designated by parish boundaries, living in the vicinity of the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center does not automatically mean membership in this parish. (The territorial parish area in which SPCNC is located covers portions of Saint Anthony of Padua parish and Sacred Heart parish.) Hence, personal registration, active involvement and participation in worship and other activities on a regular basis are required to receive any documenting letter (e.g. for purposes of being a Catholic sponsor/godparent) of membership in SPCNC.

You can register at the front desk, or through our website: <https://csufnewman.com/about/online-registration>. **We also ask that you check in with us if you have moved, or updated any contact information so we can update our database.**

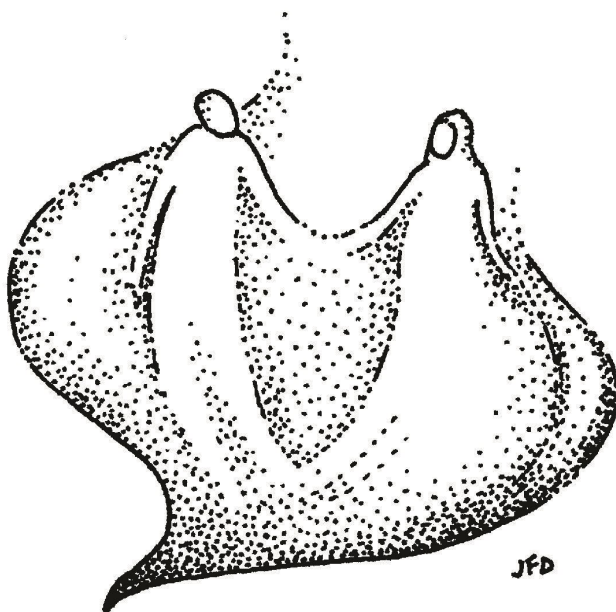
What About Divorce?

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Genesis 2:18-24 - Second story of creation, the creation of woman
- ▶ Hebrews 2:9-11 - Jesus' exaltation through abasement
- ▶ Mark 10:2-16 - Question of divorce and Jesus blessing the children

The Old Testament reading from the second creation story was the ancient Hebrews' explanation for why men and women have intercourse and how new families form. Three thousand years later, it didn't "work" for everyone. However, it was a piece of the common understanding about marriage when the Pharisees quizzed Jesus about his thoughts on the subject.

According to Jewish law at the time, divorce was legal, but there was an ongoing debate about just what constituted the grounds for a divorce. In that patriarchal culture, men had the power to divorce their wives, but women did not have that option. Because women were the "property" of their fathers or husbands, a divorce would jeopardize her survival. She would have no way to support herself and her children and it would have been a scandal for another man to marry her. Jesus understood the danger that divorce posed for women and he called out the Pharisees' "hardness of heart" on this point.



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“Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.”

Sheepish Question:
How can I be more conscientious about my role in God's creation?

He also reminded his listeners of the divine purpose of marriage: to be joined together in love, and he ended with the now-famous line “Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate” (Mk. 10:9). The important question for Catholics, then, is whether a couple was truly joined together by God.

Unfortunately, millions of people know the pain of a marriage ending. Divorce doesn't discriminate between “good Christians” and “mediocre Christians.” Jesus would be the first to offer compassion and sensitivity to anyone who knows the suffering of divorce, and we do well to heed his teaching “Do not judge so that you may not be judged” (Mt. 7:1).

Questions of the Week

- 1 What is your initial reaction to Jesus' response about the legality of divorce?
- 2 What does the following statement mean to you? “Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

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