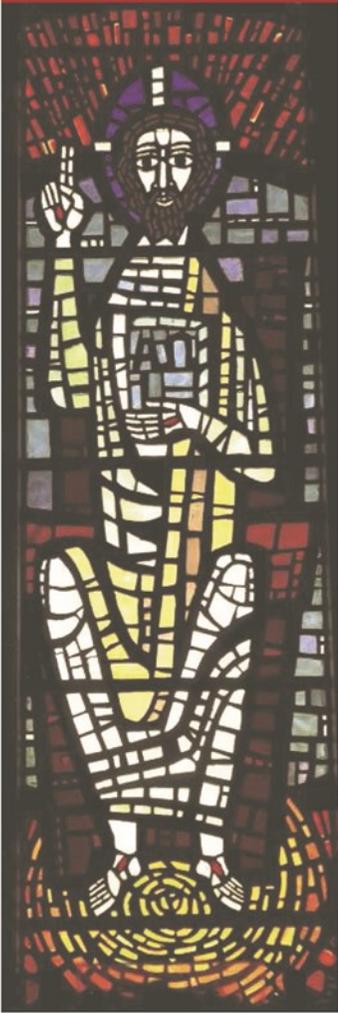


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## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

September 11, 2022

Readings: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

### ***THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'***

*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

*It was sixty nine years ago that Father Sergio Negro was given the responsibility of shepherding the Newman Club at Fresno State College. Ten years later I was privileged to serve as president of the Newman Club as we moved into the newly constructed Newman Center in the spring of 1964. What Father Negro liked to call "a valid experiment in the spirit of the Second Vatican Council", had begun.*

*The main purpose of the Center was to serve the students at Fresno State College and members of the faculty and staff of the college who would choose to associate themselves with the Center. For the last fifty eight years, Newman Center has served its purpose well. It has served, not only the students, faculty, and staff at Fresno State, but also a growing number of Catholics in the community who desired to experience this type of community. Saint Paul Catholic Newman Center has remained not only a student center but also a "non-territorial" parish. This is important because a regular territorial parish would possibly see itself first as a parish and neglect student needs.*

*It was Father Negro's wish that the Center continue to be a place for experimentation whether it be in liturgical settings or increased lay participation. Father Negro was a Renaissance man in many ways and welcomed innovation and change that comes with new ideas. I have no doubt that he would be very proud that we were the first parish in the Diocese to install a Parish Life Coordinator. He also valued greatly the contributions that women had to offer to the Church. In addition, the scholarship program that benefits deserving college students would bring him great joy knowing that the community was supporting the college students of Fresno.*

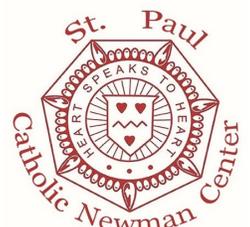
*Thank you Pere for the legacy you left us!*

*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.



# Peace and Social Justice Update

Week of September 11-17, 2022

Each week I will try to offer a one-page article on some important upcoming events, related to Peace, Social Justice, and the Roman Catholic Church.

Here's what I'd like to share about this week:

Sunday, September 11: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Founders Weekend and National Grandparents' Day  
Check out the Pope Video for July, 2022  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZ2RtdxF9mg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZ2RtdxF9mg)

12:30pm "Thinking About Becoming Deacon"  
Informational Meeting (Library)

Monday, September 12: Feast of the Holy Name of Mary  
View and share the Pope Video for January 2019  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=3WZXqCfa5NQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3WZXqCfa5NQ)

Tuesday, September 13  
Feast of St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (Istanbul) (347-407)

6:00pm to 7:00pm Faith, Family & Friends

Wednesday, September 14  
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

On 9/14/1964, the Third Session of Vatican II opened.  
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5:30pm Fresno Catholic Singles: SPCNC Cafeteria  
7:00pm to 8:30pm Introductory Meeting for those interested in Diocesan based Prison Ministry at the Fresno County Jail

Thursday, September 15  
Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows  
(Patroness of our parish in Parlier)

On this day in 1965, St. Paul VI wrote an Apostolic Letter re-establishing the Synod of Bishops. Thank you, Pope Paul and Pope Francis, for all the Synods you convened!

Friday, September 16  
Mexican Independence Day 1810  
UFW Grape Strike Boycott begins in Delano, 1965.

5:30pm to 6:30pm Food Recovery Program (SPCNC Cafeteria)  
Contact Jim Grant for more information.

Saturday, September 17

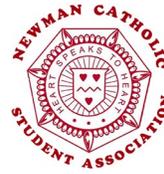
US Constitution ratified and adopted 1787

Help needed to stuff bags for the Diocesan Congress!  
9:00am to noon. 559-488-7474, ext. 107 for details.

Catechetical Appreciation Weekend

Catholic Charities Truck Weekend

Jim Grant, Volunteer, Social Justice Advocate,  
[jimgrantbc@gmail.com](mailto:jimgrantbc@gmail.com)



## Campus Ministry News!

Week of September 10 – 18

### Study Night

We could all use more productive study times, so let's make it happen together! You're invited to join other students for a Study Night where we can help one another focus and who knows, actually get stuff done! Thursday, September 15 at 6:30pm in the Student Lounge.

### Skate Night

Don't miss this!

Join us for a Skate Night on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:15pm at United Skates.

### Young Adult Bible Study:

Every Monday at 6:00pm, join other young adults to reflect and share how the word of God challenges us and is present in our lives. Come join us in the Student Lounge.

### Wednesday Student Night

Looking for a community to grow in your faith and meet other college students? Join us this week for dinner at 6:00pm and to learn about the work being done in Prison Ministry. Afterwards, we will have our Student Lounge open.

### Picture of the Week



Club Fair at Fresno Pacific

### Campus Ministry Contacts

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# Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 11 Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

## Founder's Day Weekend

7:30am Mass for Zenaida Lira Villena Chapel  
 9:30am Mass for Lai Pham Chapel  
 10:00am HS Confirmation Class CNH  
 11:30am Mass for Ferdinand Erese and RCIA Dismissal Chapel  
 12:30pm Deacon Information Meeting Library  
 2:00pm Baptism Prep Class (via Zoom)  
 7:00pm Mass Chapel

## Monday, September 12

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

8:00am Mass Int. of Patrick Nicholson Chapel  
 8:30am Men's Morning Scripture Study Library  
 5:30pm Adult Confirmation Team Mtg. Cafeteria  
 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study St. John XXIII  
 7:00pm Assisteens Fresno Meeting CNH 101-102

## Tuesday, September 13

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

8:00am Communion Service Chapel  
 12:00pm Christian Meditation Community Room  
 6:00pm FF&F CNH & Main Building

## Wednesday, September 14

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

8:00am Mass for Joey Perez Chapel  
 12:00pm Universal Christ Book Study Cafeteria  
 5:30pm Fresno Catholic Singles Cafeteria  
 5:30pm Ignatian Retreat for Busy People Community Room  
 6:00pm College Night CNH 101  
 6:30pm Prayer and Life Workshop CNH 105  
 7:00pm RCIA Inquiry Library  
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus CNH 104  
 7:00pm Matthew 25 Prison Ministry Meeting CNH 102

## Thursday, September 15

1 Cor 15:1-11; Jn 19:25-27

8:00am Communion Service Chapel  
 11:30am Serra Club Mass Chapel  
 12:30pm Serra Club Meeting Cafeteria  
 4:00pm Confessions Chapel  
 5:30pm Spirituality of the 12 Steps CNH 103  
 6:00pm Mass Int. of Suzanne Swanson Chapel

## Friday, September 16

1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

8:00am Mass for Jesus Uriel Ramirez Chapel  
 10:00am Rodriguez Funeral Chapel  
 5:30pm Food Recovery Network Cafeteria

## Saturday, September 17

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

Catholic Charities Truck  
 Second Collection - SPCNC Stewardship  
 Catechetical Appreciation Weekend  
 5:00pm Mass for Maria Trelle Gutierrez Chapel

## Sunday, September 18

Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Catholic Charities Truck  
 Second Collection - SPCNC Stewardship  
 Catechetical Appreciation Weekend  
 7:30am Mass for Fellpina Estava Chapel  
 9:30am Mass for Maria Alessandri-Cook Chapel  
 11:30am Mass for Arturo Nisperos, Baptisms, and RCIA Dismissal Chapel  
 7:00pm Mass Chapel

# September Contributions

2021		2022	
Sept. 5 ACH	\$26,023.55	Sept. 4	\$22,726.18
Sept. 12	\$15,563.44	Sept. 11 ACH	
Sept. 19 ACH	\$36,372.30	Sept. 18 ACH	
Sept. 26	\$10,517.01	Sept. 25	
<b>Sept. Total</b>	<b>\$88,476.30</b>	<b>Sept. Total</b>	<b>\$22,726.18</b>

## Prayers:

- ◆ **For those who died this week:** Rosemary Bremer
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**

Joan Renner, Margery Toll, Kristal Lowe Limon, Abigail Love, Linda Alvarez, Julissa Mojarras, Estefania Medina, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Sandra Barrie, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Dick and Jan White, Sr. Joanne Bauer, Jan Fusselman, Nyla Zender, JoAnn Myers, Monica Baker (Lucido), David Toll, Susan Olson, Mary Yoakum, Maria Coronel, Clara Marrone, Penny Mull, Judy Marchi, Raymond Ram, Nacho Flores, William Rogal, Donna Garcia, Kim Bach, John Cook, John Morgenroth, Walt Whelan, Martin Zapata, Carl Britto, Hannah York, Lisa Pinedo, Lexi Leon, Frances' Parents, Toni Schneider, Zenaida Billena, Ani Lara, Sally Caglia, Maria Sanchez, Camila Carouso, Ramona Egan, Maryjane Abella, Michelle Coyle, Nancy Georgio, Efrain Garza, Jessie Joseph Ruelas, Randy Avila, Jorge Martinez, Dr. Jim Davis, Amy Davis, Barbara Barrows, Carlos Garcia, Marian Martin, Fr. Kevin Bray, Sam Scialabba, Diane Decker, Tommy Estep, Jeri Maxwell

To better serve our Faith Family we are updating our list of prayers. **Names for the sick / special intentions will remain in the bulletin for one month then removed from the list unless otherwise notified.** If deceased, names are only published the week they died. If you have someone who is in need of prayers please contact the office at 436-3434 or go on our website and fill out the form under the "Prayer Intentions" tab.

## Parish Information

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm  
 Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am & 7:00pm  
**Weekday Masses:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00am  
 First Tuesday 6:00pm, Thursday at 6:00pm  
**Communion Services:** Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am  
**Reconciliation:** Thursday 4:00pm to 5:45pm or call the office for an appointment.  
**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm  
 CLOSED FRIDAY

## Family Life Ministries

### Joy of Love Moms

The Joy of Love Moms Group invites families to the west playground after 9:30am Mass for an opportunity for children and families to meet, socialize and play together. Please join us!

### Men's Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group

This ministry meets on Monday mornings at 8:30am in the Library after our 8:00am morning Mass.

## Prayer Ministry

### Christian Meditation

This ministry will resume on Tuesday mornings beginning September 20 from 11:00am - noon in the Community Room. Sessions include 20 minutes of silent meditation followed by a brief lesson about this ancient Christian prayer tradition and discussion. 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).

### Grief Support Ministry

The Grief Support Ministry offers spiritual and emotional support to those who are coping with the death of a loved one. There are support group sessions in the fall and spring.

The next series of Grief Support meetings begin on October 17 through November 28. The meetings are held from 5:30pm to 7:00pm on Monday evenings in the Newman Center Community Room. Registration is required.

To Register:

Email John Prandini at [prandinij@csufnewman.com](mailto:prandinij@csufnewman.com) or call through the front desk at 436-3434, ext. 107.

## Amazon Smile

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.

## Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Newman Center Stewardship Fund. Your generosity helps aid parishioners and those in our community. Thank you for your generosity.

## Liturgical Ministries

Anyone with questions about serving as an extraordinary minister of communion, lector, usher, or greeter, please contact our Liturgy Director Karl Gurney for more information.

## 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 worshipping 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.**

## Fresno Catholic Singles

We are resuming our monthly meeting and potluck on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Newman Center Cafeteria at 5:30pm. Our group is open to any unmarried Catholics in the Diocese of Fresno who are 40 years and older. For information call John at 559-960-6814.

## From Fr. Byron Macias, CMF

The Gospel today is all about you: you are the cutest, fluffiest and most perfect sheep for whom God is willing to set an entire plan of salvation so that you can have salvation, find meaning in life and be constantly reminded that you are not an accident of nature but a whole person, loved, protected and respected by God.

God doesn't mind dropping everything to become a soft lite to shine when there is darkness, a breath of fresh air when we are overwhelmed, and a shield when the Evil One wants to take away your dignity.

Please remember this Good News which burns in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and let this Good News help you do the same for others.

### THANK YOU FR. SERGIO NEGRO SCHOLARSHIP

May God reward our amazing Fr. Sergio Negro Scholarship Committee who support our Catholic Students not only to excel in the Academia but also to flourish as Catholic Young Adults; thank you for all you do for our Newman Center and for doing your part in laying strong foundations in the lives of our young students.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER

Please support our CAR WASH!!!

Our Claretian Youth attending World Youth Day will be having a CAR WASH at the parking lot under solar panels next to the parish hall.

The Car Wash will take place on Saturday, September 24 (5:00pm - 7:00pm) and Sunday, September 25 (8:00am - 2:00pm).

Donations will be accepted. Come and have your car squeaky clean and help our Youth raise the almost \$4,000 for each person to make it to WYD!

### CREATION CARE TEAM

This is a reminder to our Creation Team People. Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 6:30pm (both Zoom and in person).

### HONORING OUR POLICE

We have several parishioners who are part of the Police Department. There will be a BLUE MASS to pray for them on Friday, September 30 at 12:15pm. Mass will take place at St. John's Cathedral. I hope you can make it; otherwise please keep our good officers in your prayers.

### AWAY

Being a Claretian demands that besides our parish assignment we have Congregation assignments. On September 8 - 15, I will be traveling to Peru to meet with the Claretians from the Americas who are ministering to the Youth. In Peru, I will make time to visit the tombs of St. Rose of Lima and St. Martin de Porres and will light up a candle for you all. Please keep me in your prayers and be good to Fr. Paul!

### Saintly Quote

"The things that we love tell us what we are." — Saint Thomas Aquinas

### Have a Laugh

Top 5 Things Priests Would Love to Hear in Church

1. Hey! It's MY turn to sit in the front pew!
2. I was so enthralled; I never noticed your sermon went over time 25 minutes.
3. I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School class.
4. I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!
5. Father, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.

(From Christians Unite Clean Jokes Website)

## Adult Confirmation

Have you been confirmed (received the sacrament of confirmation)? If not, then now is the perfect time. Our Adult Confirmation formation program begins September 26. If you are 20 years old or older and haven't been confirmed, please sign up now. Registration forms are available at our website or at our front desk. If you have any questions, call Fr. Paul.

## Food Recovery Network - Friday Dinners

We are happy to announce the restarting of the Parish's Friday Dinner Ministry. We are partnering with the Fresno State University Dining Hall, the Food Recovery Program at Fresno Metro Ministry and the Vineyard Farmers Market. Our intent is to serve 80-90% of the recovered food to needy individuals every Friday evening from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Cafeteria. We are happy to have a core team of about 20 parishioners who have volunteered one Friday per month to prepare and serve a complete and wholesome meal. If you are interested in volunteering, or making a donation to cover the costs of our dinner ministry, please contact Jim Grant at 559-708-3530 or [jimgrantbc@gmail.com](mailto:jimgrantbc@gmail.com).

## We Need Your Help!

The pandemic had yet another victim. Between jail lockdowns and volunteer concerns, the presence of a Catholic ministry in the Fresno jails has all but disappeared. We are trying to rectify this problem by recruiting volunteers to conduct services for and make visits to the Catholic inmates. If you are seeking to personally encounter Jesus, guaranteed you will find Him there.

If you are at all interested in this rewarding ministry, we invite you to an **Introductory Meeting on Wednesday, September 14 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in Cardinal Newman Hall**. We will describe in depth the function of a volunteer, answer questions and guide you through completing the security clearance application. To help us prepare, please text (preferred) or call Elida Foster at (559) 288-0033 or Tien Nguyen at (559) 287-6441 to let us know that you are coming. Hope to see you there. God bless!

## Thinking About Becoming a Deacon?

Is God calling in you? Come to an informational meeting and learn more about what a deacon is and does. We will meet in the Newman Center Library this Sunday, September 11 at 12:30pm after the 11:30am Mass.

## Safety Food Handler Certification

By the Diocesan Directives, it is required that a Certified Safety Food Handler be present when any food is prepared on the premises. We wanted to make available to any Groups or Organizations the information to attain the certification. It is an online course that is a minimal cost of \$12.95 and is valid for 3 years. Go to: [www.usfoodhandler.com](http://www.usfoodhandler.com).

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## RCIA Sponsors Needed

God has blessed us with many people wanting to become Catholic. We made a call for sponsors and many responded and are already working but we now have more inquirers. So we need more 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 [rcia@csufnewman.com](mailto:rcia@csufnewman.com) or 559-286-6372. Or leave your contact information at the front office and we will follow up with you.

It is a lot of fun being a sponsor and you will find yourself learning many things you did not know about your own faith.

## 8th Annual Blue Mass

Bishop Brennan is inviting ALL FIRST RESPONDERS! Bishop Brennan will celebrate a Mass, known as the "Blue Mass", for all first responders and those who work in public safety on September 30, 2022.

The Blue Mass will be at St. John's Cathedral in downtown Fresno and will begin at 12:15pm. Those attending are encouraged to wear their uniform but can come in civilian attire if they choose. Bishop Brennan will bless all badges during the Mass and will bless department vehicles immediately after the Mass.

A lunch reception will follow after the Mass and will be hosted by the Catholic Daughters Council 2526 from St. John's Cathedral, Knight of Columbus Councils 9525, St. John's Cathedral and 16185, Holy Spirit, Fresno, and Me & Ed's Pizzeria.

All faiths are welcome. The Fresno County Sheriff's Department is coordinating an Honor Guard for the Mass and welcomes members of other public safety Honor Guards to participate with them.

Please contact Deacon Pete Marquez at 559-434-7701 for additional information.

## Policy for All Parish Communication

The Newman Center's Communication's Committee is in the process of reviewing policy and procedure for all communications (i.e. print, web, social media, etc.) within the Newman Center community. In order to ensure continuity of our mission, Catholic identity, Newman Center brand, grammar, content, standard of quality, etc. it is important to establish some guidelines and best practices. Therefore, once the Committee has determined and organized these protocols, the final draft will be publicized and available for all ministries, organizations and groups to utilize. At this time our most essential requirement of these policies is that all information associated with St. Paul Catholic Newman Center be reviewed by a member of the Communications team prior to being printed, posted, or distributed. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

## Founders Day! Celebrating Sergio P. Negro

Father Sergio P. Negro, our founding pastor, had a tremendous impact and influence on our Newman Center's growth and development. When established, the Center's main purpose was to serve students of Fresno State along with the faculty and staff of the college who chose to associate with it. However, Father Negro always envisioned the Center as, "having a responsibility to serve the entire Catholic community as well as the entire human community." An early question for the Newman Community was whether to be a collegiate parish, a traditional territorial parish, or an "experimental" open parish - a mix of collegiate and traditional, but without a defined territory. Father Negro left it to the people to decide and they chose the latter option, which received diocesan approval.

Today, we continue as a parish without boundaries, open to all families, but with a special emphasis on serving the students, faculty and staff of the area's universities and community colleges. As parishioners, each of us has made a conscious choice to attend St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, based on what our church has to offer to us, and in turn, what we can offer to the community we serve. Father Negro believed that the Newman Community had a special place in Fresno. He wrote, "I feel very strongly that there is a need for such an option in these days of turmoil, uncertainty and confusion. By its very nature and way it operates, we continue to meet the needs of many which could not have found satisfaction elsewhere." Today the needs may be different, but our mission of service hasn't changed.

We celebrate that we are an open and progressive parish; a personal parish for the college community and for those who freely choose to associate themselves with the Newman Apostolate and support its programs.

Join us in celebration as we remember and give thanks for Father Negro's enduring gift to the entire Newman Community, past and present!

## Catholic Charities Truck

The Catholic Charities Donation Truck will be at the Newman Center next weekend (September 17 - 18) 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.

## Meet Our New Sergio P. Negro Scholars

On Founders Day, you will be introduced to our two newest Sergio P. Negro Scholars. They will be "officially introduced" at our 9:30am Mass on Sunday, September 11. Both will be the recipients of \$2,500 scholarships and you will have the opportunity to meet and congratulate them at a reception immediately following Mass. They will also be introduced at the 7:00pm Mass that evening, again with a reception to follow.

Hector Rodriguez is a repeat recipient, having received a Sergio P. Negro Scholarship while completing his senior year at Fresno State, majoring in Industrial Technology. Hector, who hails from Wasco, graduated this year and has been accepted into a graduate program, allowing him to further advance his knowledge and skills in Industrial Technology. This past year, Hector served on the Leadership Council of the Catholic Student Association and has provided assistance with numerous activities. His involvement has reaffirmed and deepened his faith as well as providing a home and friendship. This coming year, he will be assisting Father Byron in developing a ministry for graduate students and young professionals.

Hector states that, now that he's graduated, he has two goals. First, he wants to stay in the Central Valley and use his knowledge and skills to improve the lifestyle of those who call this valley home. The son of field workers, he wants others in his community to be able to look and say, "He went to Fresno State and graduated, I know I can do that too." He also wants to use his knowledge to help the agricultural industry shift from practices that are harmful to our environment to those that are more eco-friendly.

Cristina Hernandez was still seventeen when she came from McFarland to attend Fresno State. When she arrived in Fresno, she immediately began a search "for a Catholic church where I could continue my religious practices." When asked specifically how she found Newman, her quick response was "I Googled it." She says she immediately felt "welcomed in this center, mostly because students are greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

While now an "old" eighteen year old, Cristina was able to achieve junior standing at Fresno State by having taken advanced placement courses taught at McFarland High School in conjunction with Bakersfield Community College. Explaining that, while it took her some time to adapt to her new environment in Fresno, she has been able to participate in activities hosted by the Center as well as attending Care Creation team meetings. As a Liberal Studies major, she also decided to volunteer with Faith, Family, and Friends last year (her first). She signed up in hopes of being an assistant but ended up as the teacher for the third graders. She states that this was a beautiful experience that she hopes to repeat. Christina's goal to return to her home town and become an elementary teacher, allowing her to expand the knowledge of her students. She hopes that she can provide them with the tools necessary to make their world a better place. She also plans to use her vocation at her local church, including becoming a catechist. She says she knows the children have many questions about their beliefs and faith as well as a great hunger for knowledge. She intends to be there to guide them in their faith and provide the information and support they need.

## Founders Weekend Invites Us to Help Our College Students

As we celebrate Founders this weekend, September 10 and 11, a Second Collection will benefit the Sergio P. Negro Scholarship Endowment Fund. Your financial support will build the endowment to sustain the scholarship program and the mission of ministry to the college community. Donations to the endowment are encouraged. (Please make checks payable to St. Paul Catholic Newman Center - Endowment Fund on the memo line.) More information will be available this weekend after each Mass when we gather for pastries and coffee as we have the past 58 years.

## 2022-2023 Sergio P. Negro Scholars

On Founders Weekend, we will introduce two very deserving students as the 2022-2023 Sergio P. Negro Scholars. Please join in congratulating them in person at a reception following the 9:30am Mass.



## From the Knights of Columbus

Sunday is the 21st anniversary of horrific tragedy that happened on September 11, 2001. As we Americans will never forget what happened, we honor those

lives lost during all the ceremonies that will be taking place all over the United States including the one in City of Clovis at the 9-11 Memorial.

The John Cardinal Newman Council 9445 of the Knights of Columbus would like to share a prayer that was said by Pope Benedict XVI at Ground Zero in New York on April 30, 2008:

Knights of Columbus  
World Day of Prayer for Peace  
September 11th

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: Peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may Live so that the lives lost... may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among all nations and in the hearts of all.

## Message from Bishop Brennan

Bishop is pleased to announce the historic event of the Consecration of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Visalia through a special video message. St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, the largest Catholic Parish Church in Northern America, will be consecrated on **Thursday, February 2, 2023**. It is located at 5099 West Caldwell in Visalia. Please go to the Diocesan website or the YouTube link to hear Bishop Brennan's entire message at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jEli78-p2w>.

## 2022 Diocesan Congress Volunteers Needed

As our Diocese prepares for our 2022 Diocesan Congress and Youth Day they are once again in need of volunteers. Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer and has not registered please register using the online link or call the Office of Formations and Evangelization at 488-7474, ext. 107. Also look for separate registration in volunteering for pre-congress needs, such as stuffing bags and other specific areas in which the Diocesan office might need assistance. Thank you and God bless, Roman Flores, Coordinator of Catechetical Ministries.

## Come and See Retreat

Is God Calling you to be a Sister? Do you wonder what being a Sister is all about? Come and See! The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to join us for a Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat in the Bay Area September 30 – October 2. For Single Catholic Women ages 18-40.

For more information contact Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. 650-949-8890 or 213-210-9903 or email [srlaguna@doc1633.org](mailto:srlaguna@doc1633.org). You can also visit our website [www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com](http://www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com)

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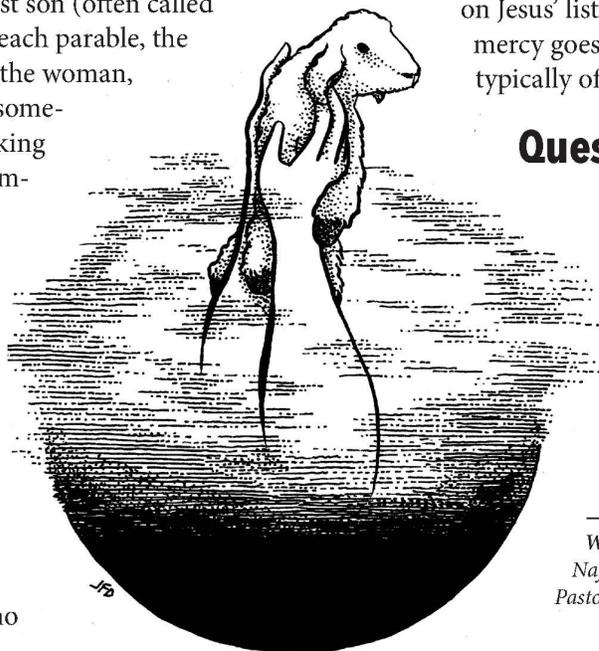
*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 - The golden calf
- ▶ 1 Timothy 1:12-17 - Paul's gratitude
- ▶ Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10 - The prodigal son

The first two readings today are a precursor of the Gospel reading. The Exodus reading shows a courageous Moses challenging God to show mercy to the "stiff-necked" Israelites, which God chooses to do. In the letter to Timothy, Paul calls himself the foremost of sinners and relates how Christ dealt patiently and mercifully with him. Jesus then tells three stories of someone seeking someone or something that is lost and celebrating when they are found. These stories are so familiar to us we may not realize how ridiculous and shocking they would have been to Jesus' original listeners. Put together, all of these stories point to God's almost unbelievable love and mercy.

As the Gospel story opens, some good and righteous people are grumbling because of Jesus' choice of company. Once again, Jesus is found hanging around with some shady characters and ne'er-do-wells of whom the religious folks don't approve. To call them on their judgments and teach them about God's ways, Jesus tells three parables that would have left them incredulous: the parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son (often called "the Prodigal Son"). In each parable, the "seeker": the shepherd, the woman, and the father, suggest something about God's shocking mercy and joy in welcoming back sinners which go far beyond what the Pharisees and scribes assumed about God.

"What man among you having a hundred sheep ... would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert ..." Jesus begins, knowing full well that no



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"Rejoice with me for I have found my lost sheep."

## Sheepish Question:

Hmm...how can I be a good shepherd?

shepherd in his right mind would risk the safety of the majority to save just one. "Or what woman having ten coins and losing one..." he continues, knowing that typically women wouldn't spend more than the lost coin was worth to celebrate with her friends and neighbors when she finds it. Finally, he tells the famous Prodigal Son story, which today still riles up "older brothers" about God's fairness. Put together, the three parables are meant to have a shock effect on Jesus' listeners, leaving no doubt that God's mercy goes far above and beyond what humans typically offer to each other.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 When have you shown someone mercy when others might not have approved of it?
- 2 When have you been on the receiving end of forgiveness and mercy even though you didn't deserve it?

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