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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

September 26, 2021

Readings: Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We can be so eager to define who is in and who is outside of the group. There seems to be something in our DNA or human development that wants to create and protect the tribe – the clan – the group! You've probably heard it said, "If you're not with us, you're against us." This differentiation is intended, among other things, to rally the group and to warn those against harming the group. But Jesus doesn't draw the lines so simply. For Him, "Whoever is not against us is for us." That leaves a pretty large group.

For Jesus, the group is expansive and we should be too. In the United States not many people are actively against Christians. To be sure, there are parts of the world where being a Christian can be a death sentence. Rather than look for enemies and seek to find those who are against us, Jesus tells his disciples essentially that by their actions you shall know them. If someone is not part of the group, but is still performing the actions of the members of the group, that person is with us. The disciples continue to misunderstand Jesus and that misunderstanding is met by His teaching them values contrary to their expectations.

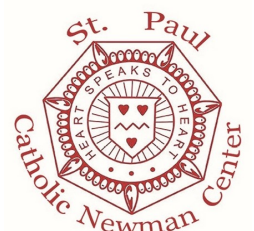
The apostle, John, has tried to stop someone who seemed to be invoking Jesus' name to cast out a demon. At first sight John's concern seems to have some merit. But, remember the ongoing battle among the disciples as to who is the greatest among them. Jesus responds by condemning the disciples' jealousy and intolerance, warning against an elite view of discipleship that diminishes or even seeks to eliminate the good done by "outsiders".

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.



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.

Second Collection this Weekend

The USCCB is asking that all dioceses in the USA consider a special collection for the needs of the Church in Haiti. The recent earthquake followed by further devastation by a hurricane has resulted in great hardship and loss of life in Haiti. Our second collection will be held this weekend, September 25-26. We thank you in advance for your generosity in responding to the needs of our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

Faith, Family & Friends Teachers Needed

Faith, Family & Friends is looking for teachers and helpers to help on Tuesday nights. For one hour a week you can walk with our children on their journey of Faith. If you are interested in helping we have a [survey available on our website to fill out](#). You can also contact the front desk or email Sister Kathleen, SSND at skd@csufnewman.com.

Adult Sacrament Prep

Our Adult Sacramental Preparation program prepares baptized Catholics for the sacraments of Confirmation, and/or Eucharist and Reconciliation. Classes begin October 4, 2021, and run through January 2022. For more information contact Deacon Bill Lucido at bill@csufnewman.com, Edgar Guzman at edgar@csufnewman.com, or call the office at 436-3434. Registration forms will be available in the office and on our website.

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.

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.

FF&F Parent Meeting

There is a parent meeting for Faith, Family & Friends this Tuesday, September 28 at 6:30pm via Zoom. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

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 10:00am to 12:00pm 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.

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

From Fr. Byron

Claretian Assembly

Fr. Paul and I will be attending our Annual Claretian Assembly from September 27- October 1. It is a virtual assembly and while we will be in town, we will not be available since the assembly will take place during different time zones. **Please note that we have asked the Deacons to celebrate Liturgy of the Word with Communion during the weekdays.** Please hold us in prayer as we try to learn, pray and discern how to serve you better. **We will not be having Confessions on September 30.**

Campus Ministry Administrative Assistance

We welcome Dulce Beas, our new Campus Ministry Administrative Assistant. Dulce is a qualified young woman with a heart of gold and plenty of administrative and ministerial experience. Dulce will be working directly with Edgar. Welcome!

Time Off

I will be out of town October 2-11. As you know, I don't take days off so I save them up to recharge to serve you better. I will be visiting with a good friend of mine, Fr. Daniel Dillard, vocation director for the Diocese of Owensboro, KY. He is my bestie and traveling buddy! After two years, we were due for a reunion. Please pray for us so we can come back in one piece! Make sure to look after Fr. Paul, Miles, Jelly and Pickles for me!

Upcoming Activities

Be on the lookout if you are interested in being part of a Discernment Group for young adults: Hiking with the Blessed Virgin Mary or a Catholic 5K with a St. Paul Catholic Newman Center Twist. If you are interested in both participating or volunteering, please shoot me an email at frbyron@csufnewman.com.

A beautiful quote from St. John 23!

"In this world of ours, every believer must be a spark of light, a center of love, a vivifying ferment for the mass; and it will be that all the more as, in the depths of his being, he lives in communion with God."

Have a Laugh

Which kind of corn holds the highest position in the catholic church?
Popecorn

Sunday Humor

The Los Angeles Times reported on a flight cancellation that resulted in long and impatient lines at the ticket counters. One man angrily pushed his way to the front of the line and demanded a first-class ticket immediately. "I'm sorry, sir," the ticket agent said, "but I'll have to take care of the people who were ahead of you in line." The irate man pounded his fist on the counter and demanded, "Do you have any idea who I am?" Whereupon, the ticket agent picked up the public address microphone and said, "Attention, please! There is a gentleman at the ticket counter who doesn't know who he is. If there is anyone in the airport who can identify him, please come to the counter." The people waiting in line burst into applause, and the man retreated.

--Rev. Bill Bausch, in A World of Stories for Preachers and Teachers

Scriptural Rosary

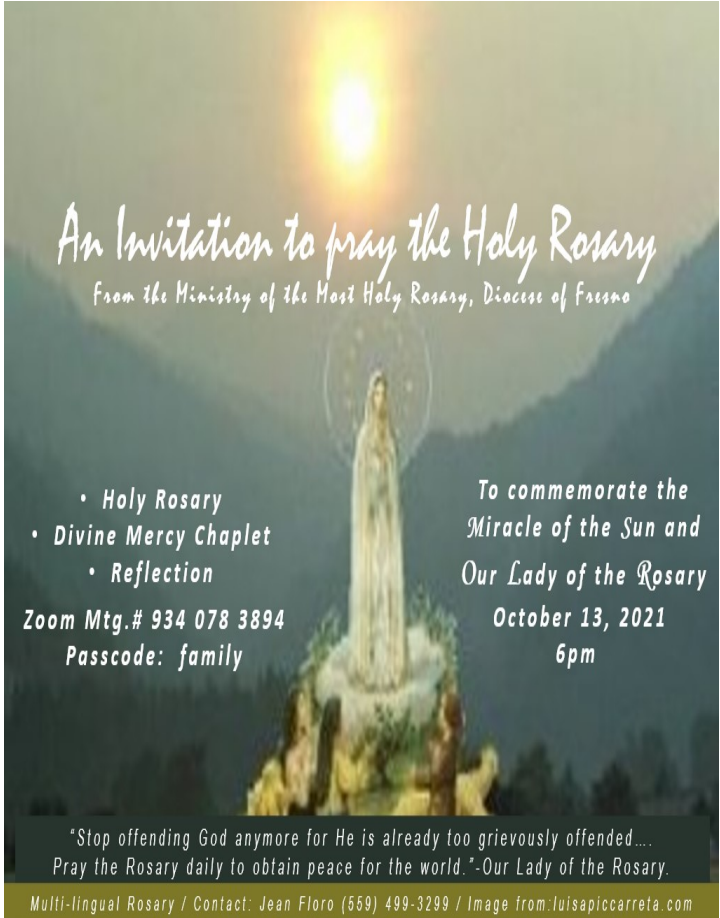
Spend Forty-Five minutes for Mary, our Mother. Starting Wednesday, October 6 at 6:00pm, the Wednesday weekly Scriptural Rosary will be held in the Community Room. You are invited to come and participate in this devotional prayer to our Blessed Mother as we pray for our parish, community and personal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

Foundations Course for RNs

The Diocese of Fresno is once again offering the Foundations course for RN's wishing to become certified as a Faith Community Nurse (FCN). This course is being offered March 3-6, 2022. Completing the FCN Foundations course will enable an RN to begin and manage a Health Ministry program within their respective parish as well as provide 34 CEU's. If you are interested and would like additional information about this program, please contact Roxanna Stevens RN, FCN at roxanna@dioceseoffresno.org or 488-7474, ext.108 JoAnn LoForti, RN, FCN at jlforti@dioceseoffresno.org or 488-7474,ext. 108.

Respect for Life Mass

We commemorate the opening of Respect for Life Month with a rosary and Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Brennan. Join us on Saturday, October 2 at Holy Spirit Church. The rosary will begin at 8:00am followed by Mass at 8:30am. All are invited to attend or join us online at www.holyspiritfresno.org.



An Invitation to pray the Holy Rosary
From the Ministry of the Most Holy Rosary, Diocese of Fresno

- Holy Rosary
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Reflection

Zoom Mtg.# 934 078 3894
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To commemorate the
Miracle of the Sun and
Our Lady of the Rosary
October 13, 2021
6pm

"Stop offending God anymore for He is already too grievously offended...
Pray the Rosary daily to obtain peace for the world." -Our Lady of the Rosary.

Multi-lingual Rosary / Contact: Jean Floro (559) 499-3299 / Image from luisapiccarreta.com

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 26 Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Second Collection - Haiti

7:30am Mass for Josephine Esquivel Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Micaela Avila Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Mary Bejarano Chapel
 3:00pm Igbo Mass Chapel
 6:00pm Prayer Activity Chapel
 7:00pm Young Adult Mass Chapel

Monday, September 27

Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50

8:00am Liturgy of the Word Chapel
 5:00pm Liturgy Team Mtg. Cafeteria
 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study St. John XXIII

Tuesday, September 28

Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56

6:00pm Liturgy of the Word Chapel
 6:30pm FF&F Parent Meeting (via Zoom)

Wednesday, September 29

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51

8:00am Liturgy of the Word Chapel
 6:00pm College Night CNH 101
 6:30pm PAIN Cafeteria

Thursday, September 30

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12

5:30pm Ignation Spirituality CNH Patio
 6:00pm Liturgy of the Word Chapel

Friday, October 1

Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16

8:00am Liturgy of the Word Chapel

Saturday, October 2

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Mt 18:1-5, 10

8:00am Adult Confirmation Retreat St. John XXIII
 5:00pm Mass for Stan Cardenas Chapel

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

Prayers:

- ◆ **For those who have died this week:** Jose Manuel Castellanos, Johnny Deniz
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**
 Abigail Love, Olivia Arriaga, Ron Dodds, Rick Lang, Jan Fusselman, Deacon Ed Valdez and Family, Gary Payne, Willie Jacques, Ted & Marcia Falk, Linda Alvarez, Marianne Coons, Tom Kane, 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

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	
Sept. Total	\$60,749.93	Sept. Total	\$77,959.29

Increased Offertory Program

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about our upcoming renewal program *Heart Speaks to Heart*. This effort continues to be very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center. We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on October 9 and 10. If you have any questions regarding the *Heart Speaks to Heart* Program, please feel free to contact the parish office at 436-3434.

Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: St. Vincent de Paul's Feast Day is September 27. This saint once wrote, "I am for God and the poor." In mid-life, Vincent underwent a transformation which caused him to dedicate the rest of his life to those in need. He taught his followers that we encounter Christ in the needs of our poor neighbors, stating that "The poor are your masters and you are their servants." Your challenge this week is to interview someone in poverty and let them tell you what they most need. You might consider serving at a soup kitchen or shelter to find your "master," the person to whom you are going to listen. Then really do listen—with your heart as well as your head—to this person's wisdom and experience. Try your best to do what he/she recommends to help the poor get out of their situation.

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Afflicting the Comfortable

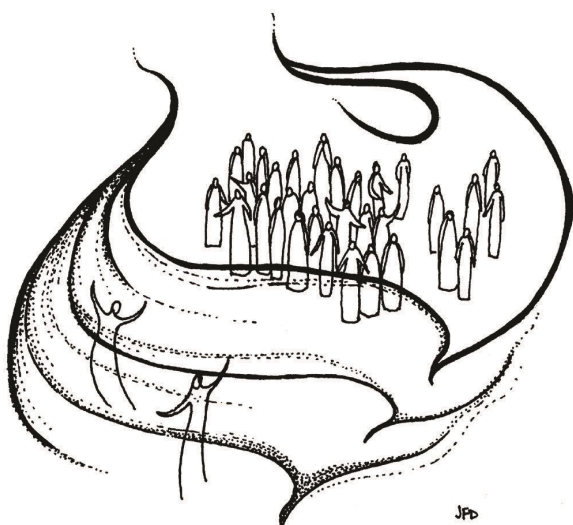
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Numbers 11:25-29 - Sharing the gift of prophecy
- ▶ James 5:1-6 - Saving the right focus
- ▶ Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 - Whoever is not against us is for us

Once again we focus on a lesser known passage from the Letter of James. It is one of those Bible passages that “afflicts the comfortable and comforts the afflicted.”

James’ strong words for the rich are perfectly in line with Jesus and passages in the Old Testament warning about making money by dishonest means, putting our security in worldly goods and accumulating wealth while neglecting the needy.

In fact, Jesus told more parables about economic injustice than he did about any other topic. His parable about Lazarus called out the sinfulness of one man being extravagantly wealthy while another man didn’t have enough to eat. Jesus critiqued the farmer who built bigger barns to store his harvest only to die suddenly. (If he had such abundance, maybe he hadn’t followed the Old Testament laws about sharing his harvest with the poor.) Another time, Jesus exposed the religious authorities who gave the required tithes but “neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith” (Mt. 23:23).



In the same way, James condemns the rich who have stored up material goods that will only rot away. (“You’ll never see a hearse pulling a U-Haul. You can’t take anything with you.”) He also criticizes those who have lived in pleasure and luxury because they have defrauded others. Although we may be tempted to ignore this reading, assuming it doesn’t apply to us, perhaps there is something here for us to acknowledge if we look deeper.

Questions of the Week

- ① In what ways do people today continue to defraud, cheat, or take advantage of others, some of which may be socially acceptable (ex: paying less than a living wage to house cleaners, babysitters, or gardeners; skimping on tips for waiters; indirectly paying below minimum wage to farmworkers who pick produce, etc.?)
- ② What invitation do you hear in this passage to change the way you relate to money or possessions?

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