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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B | FEBRUARY 4, 2024

THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear sisters and brothers,

The prophet Job speaks with brutal, yet refreshing, honesty in today's first reading. Job struggles to find purpose in the drudgery of everyday life. The reading draws our attention to the problem of human suffering. Marks' gospel portrays Jesus in the role of healer of misery and pain. Do Job's laments sound familiar? Surely all of us have reasons to lament in our lives when we face hardship. No human being is exempt from experiencing the spectrum of emotions, including anger, frustration, boredom, and other difficult emotions.

Job demonstrates the value of bringing these emotions to prayer. God can handle cries of suffering — in fact, Scripture is filled with such prayers. Jesus responds to prayers of lamentation, although not always in the ways we hope. Today's gospel can be difficult to digest for people who prayed for healing, for themselves or for a loved one and did not experience a cure like Simon's mother-in-law. Why did I or my loved one have to suffer? Why didn't Jesus answer our prayers for a complete cure? These are the sorts of difficult, honest questions Jesus wants us to bring him. God's ways are deeply mysterious. Jesus is not Santa or a fairy godmother. He doesn't make all our wishes come true exactly as we imagine. Rather, Jesus remains close to us in our times of need. He listens to the longing of our hearts and promises healing will come in time.

A challenge laid down by the Book of Job, perhaps, is to drop our old conceptions of suffering as always and everywhere being a punishment. We should concentrate instead on encountering God in the suffering by responding to it as a just person would – with mercy and compassion when we see the suffering of others. One who is suffering needs comfort, not a philosophical discussion on the justice of God. When we experience it ourselves, we should respond with trust, praise, and humility, as difficult and challenging as that may be.

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.



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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Wednesday Student Night

Meet and connect with other students from different campuses at student dinner! This Wednesday, February 7th at 6pm in the Cardinal Newman Hall.

Student 7pm Mass

The 7pm Sunday Mass is moving toward a **student-centric celebration** of the Eucharist.

Everyone is invited, but this is an opportunity for all college students to find a Mass that speaks to them, and to step into new positions of ministry and leadership. We seek to have an intimate celebration of the Eucharist that is student focused and led by students.

Students are invited to serve as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers, ushers, music team, and more. You can email us at CatholicClub@csufnewman.com or speak to one of our student service leaders.



Student Dinner hosted by Knights of Columbus

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Bible Study

Join our Bible Study gathering Monday, February 5th at 6:00pm in the Student Lounge. We will continue to look at the Gospel of Luke. Come and learn alongside other young adults about how scripture is alive in our daily lives.

Young Adult Trivia Night

Join our trivia team as we go to Tioga-Sequoia Beer Garden in downtown Fresno at 7:00pm February 7th. We go together every first Wednesday of the month. All knowledge areas are welcome!

Fish Fry

Interested in helping alongside our young adults for Fish Fry? Contact Catholicclub@csufnewman.com

JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS

2023		2024	
January 1	\$20,305.70	January 7	\$30,113.38
January 8	\$20,299.18	January 14	\$12,403.40
January 15	\$12, 327.61	January 21	\$18,112.60
January 22	\$14,915.25	January 28	\$13, 031.52
January 29	\$9,510.29		
JANUARY 2023 TOTAL	\$77,358.03	JANUARY 2024 TOTAL	\$73,990.90

LENTEN DISCERNMENT GROUP

During Lent, we will make a Spiritual Pilgrimage using the book: "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory." In his book, the author, Matthew Kelly says: "In a world where so many people feel unseen, unheard, unworthy, Jesus generously proclaims: I see you. I hear you. I know you. You are worthy. I am with you. I care. I am yours. You are mine. During Lent, go to him, seek out time in his presence, and allow his presence to transform you." Linda Smith and Jean Nicholson will facilitate the group, which meets Thursday, Feb. 15 through Thursday, March 21, 9am - 10am. We will meet in the Community Room. If you are interested, please sign up at the reception desk.

Director of Family and Life Ministries Position

Looking for a wonderful opportunity to enrich the lives and well-being of the parishioners and families of our Newman Center parish? Contact Dan Nickerson at plc@csufnewman.com for more information or to apply.

Mr Charles Arokiasamy (of RCIA Fame) will serve as Interim Family and Life Ministries Director until a permanent hire is in place.

Bulletin and Parish Media

TO SUBMIT ANNOUNCEMENTS, ARTICLES, OR FLIERS FOR THE BULLETIN, WEBSITE, OR SOCIAL MEDIA:

Email the Newman Communications Team at communications@csufnewman.com

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Submissions are accepted no later than 12:00pm

Last Week's Special Collection for The Church in Latin America \$2,530.60

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BLESSING OF THROATS

In honor of the tradition of the Feast of St. Blaise (February 3), we will have available the Blessing of Throats following each Mass this weekend Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS NEEDED

Home Bound Ministers needed! We are needing volunteers to take Holy Communion to Newman Center parishioners who are homebound and not able to attend Mass. If you would like to be a part of this very special ministry contact our volunteer coordinator; Kendra De Luca-Leiker

at volunteercoordinator@csufnewman.com.

Parish Information

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am | 9:30am | 11:30am | 7:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday (except First Monday) / Wednesday 8:00am

First Friday (of the month) | 8:00am Thursday | 6:00pm

COMMUNION SERVICES:

First Monday / Tuesday / Thursday | 8:00am Friday (Except First Friday) | 8:00am

RECONCILIATION:

Thursday | 4:00pm to 5:45pm Saturday 3:30pm to 4:30pm or call for an appointment

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday | 9:00am to 3:00pm

MAIN PHONE LINE: 559.436.3434

FOR ANY MEETINGS OR APPOINTMENTS. PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE.

For any after hour emergency, please listen for telephone prompts to leave a message.

PRAYERS:

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

Candice Katie Jones -Anderson Jacob Pruse Tom Castellazo Elizabeth Dungy Dan Dungy Ben Novel Viola Cleo Bradshaw V L Patrick family Maryhelen Solorio Rod Mar

♥ And we pray for those who have died recently.

William "Bill" Barrett Carol Ann Ellis

If you would like to include the name of someone on this list, please contact the office or visit our website and fill out the form under the "Prayer Requests" tab.

Names of the sick / for special intentions will be published in the bulletin for four weeks, and then removed unless otherwise requested. Names of the deceased are published the week after death.



Rediscovering the Mass Series: Fr. Byron Macias, CMF and the Newman Eucharistic Revival Committee invite ALL parishioners to his first, "Rediscovering the Mass" teaching series. This special, limited-time series explores the beauty and intimacy woven into the Catholic Mass.

Mark your calendars for <u>Saturday</u>, <u>February 17</u> – immediately following the 5:00pm mass. In his inaugural presentation, "Liturgy of the Word," Fr. Byron unveils the depths of God's Word spoken through the Sacred Scriptures each Sunday. Come and rediscover this everlasting treasure of the Mass. A short Q&A will follow.

"Heart Speaks To Heart" Stewardship 2024

Please return your Commitment Cards or go online to fill one out by next weekend. We would love 100% participation, which is as easy as returning a card for each family or single parishioner!

Your support funds our many ministries and onetime gifts will support our Roof Repair (\$300,000) and church ADA Upgrades (\$90,000).

Questions? Please contact Dan Nickerson at plc@csufnewman.com or (559) 436-3434.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 4- FEBRUARY 11, 2024

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 5TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER EVERY MASS CATHOLIC CHARITIES

7:30am	Mass for Kenneth Christiansen	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for John Christopher Godburn	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
11:00am	1st Year Confirmation Class	CNH
11:30am	Mass for Ron & Barbara Barrows	Chapel
12:30	2nd year Confirmation Class	CNH
5:30pm	EM / Ash Minister Training	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Needs of the Parishioners	Chapel
8:00pm	1st Sunday Adoration & Confessions	Chapel

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

ST. AGATHA

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Student Lounge

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

8·00am	Communion Service	Chapel
	EM / Ash Minister Training	Chapel
	Faith, Family & Friends	CNH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	Community Room
5:00pm	Life of Jesus Info Meeting	Cafeteria
	College Night	CNH 101
6:00pm	Marian Movement of Priests	Chapel
6:00pm	Prayer & Life Workshop	Community Room
7:00pm	RCIA Inquiry	Library

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
8:30am	EM / Ash Minister Training	Chapel
6:00pm	Women's Guild	Cafeteria

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Bilingual Catechism Class	Community Room
5:30pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

ST. SCHOLASTICA

WOMEN'S GUILD COOKIE SALE

3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Needs & Int. Parishioners	Chapel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 6TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

WOMEN'S GUILD COOKIE SALE

7:30am	Mass for Josh Bishoff	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Dan Duprey	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
11:30am	Mass for Joseph B. Santisteven	Chapel
1:00pm	Baptism Prep Class	Library
1:00pm	Group Baptism	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Nuqui Family	Chapel

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

For the week of February 4, 2024:

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for

February 2024:

For the Terminally ill: "Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment"

—Jim Grant, Volunteer, Social Justice Advocate, jim@csufnewman.com.

THANK YOU JOHN PRANDINI FOR 18+ YEARS OF SERVICE

Family Life

Joy of Love Moms—Rooting Your Teen in the Faith—Moms Book Club

Some of the Joy of Love families have teens going through the Confirmation program and are looking for ways to connect their teens to other participants as well as come together for support in raising faith-filled teens through the high school years.

Those interested are invited to join the book club as they read through Rooting Your Teen in the Faith: A Field Guide for Catholic Parents by Kim Cameron-Smith. If you are interested in this or future meetings, please email joyoflovemoms@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School. Families and parishioners, we need your help!

We have set a tentative dates of **June 17-21**, **2024** for Vacation Bible School here at our parish!

This is a week filled with music, crafts, skits, friends, and learning about our faith together.

We are excited to resurrect this amazing Newman tradition and need to build a team of adult and youth volunteers. If you are interested in helping or want to hear more about it for your family, please join us for a planning meeting

Sunday, Feb 11 after the 9:30 mass. We will meet on the playground.

Please contact Mary Renner at csufnewman.com. with any questions. We hope to see you there!

Current...MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Welcome to Charles Arokiasamy, who will serve as Interim Family and Life Ministries Director. He can be reached at our new email:

lifeministry@csufnewman.com

Faith, Family & Friends

Faith, Family & Friends is for everyone!

So please join us in the New Year to grow in your faith and your relationship with God. You will meet many wonderful people from our parish community. We all gather - parents, youth and children - at 6:00pm in Cardinal Newman Hall. Individual class sessions will begin at 6:15pm and end at 7:15pm.

Adult Topics:

Catholicism's Pivotal Players

Sonya Sidhu will present Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism: *The Pivotal Players* during February and March meetings. She will introduce you to Pivotal Players: St. Francis of Assisi; St Thomas Aquinas; and St. John Henry Newman.

Soul Core: Body-Mind-Soul.

Soul Core incorporates stretching and light exercise movements while praying the rosary. The focus of our time together is praying the rosary; the exercises are an invitation to move our bodies, but are not a requirement - so everyone of all ability levels can participate and pray together. If you choose to join us, please bring a mat/towel, and wear comfortable clothes that allow you to move freely. Soul Core is offered to adults on Tuesday evenings, Feb. 6, 2024.

Men's Ministry

Men's Weekly Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group: meets on Monday mornings, 8:30am-9:15am after morning Mass in the Library. Prayer Ministry

Prayer Ministry

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in the Community Room, and Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm in the chapel. Please join us at the time most convenient for you!

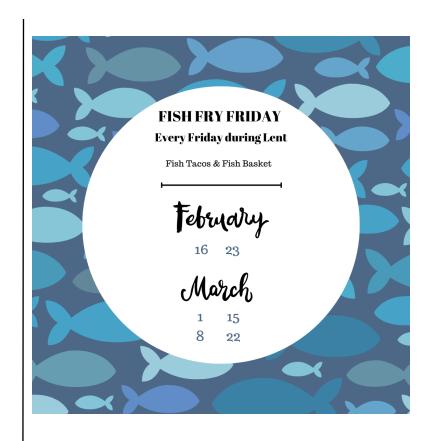


FEBRUARY 14 AT ST. PAUL CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

8:00am Mass 12:00pm Liturgy of the Word with Ashes 6:00pm Mass

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HOLY WEEK 2024



Thursday, March 28 7:00PM
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Friday, March 29 3:00PM CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Saturday, March 30 7:45PM EASTER VIGIL MASS

Sunday, March 31 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM* EASTER SUNDAY MASS

*there will be no 7:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday www.csufnewman.com

Caring for the Whole Person Initiative (CWPI)

The Caring for the Whole Person Initiative (CWPI) is launching at Newman Center. The vision created and endorsed by the California bishops is to provide resources and knowledge at the parish level to ensure that our persons and communities know that they are loved, wanted, and worthy, and will be supported in health and serious illness through to the end of life.

CWPI PRESENTATIONS

Tuesday, Feb 6 at 6:15PM CNH 102 Tuesday, Feb 20 at 6:15PM CNH 102

A small team has formed and will be working to integrate this initiative into our family ministry programs.

Two classes will be offered in February and open to all.

Tuesday evening February 6 will focus on An overview of CWPI with a focus on What is hospice and palliative care.

Tuesday February 20 will highlight Advance Care Planning topics. Presentations will be 30-40 minutes and allow time for questions.

WOMEN'S GUILD 9TH ANNUAL

Valentine Cookie Sale

The Newman Center Women's Guild is baking up a storm and will be selling boxes of homemade cookies, candies, and fudge with a beautiful handmade Valentine card all tied up with a red bow for your Sweetheart, Mom or anyone special.

\$15.00 a box After Mass on February 10 and 11.

Come and get your favorite goodies!

2ND ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY

We need your help!.

Every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday, the Eucharistic Congress Pilgrims and Campus Ministry will be sponsoring Fish Fry Dinners on Friday Nights from 5:30PM to 8:00PM.

This year, we want this to be a real parish community event, so we need your help! How can you help?

- 1) We will have Eucharistic Congress and Campus Ministry teams working the Fish Fry, but we want more parishioners to join on either the Kitchen Team, the Server Team, Set-up or Clean-Up Team. Come be a part of a good time and fellowship! Volunteer for a shift by contacting us at: catholicclub@csufnewman.com
- 2) You can donate a dessert for our Dessert Table. We ask you to follow the guide below for desserts. If your Last Name falls in the range, then drop off a dessert between 3:30 and 6:00 on that Friday.

Last Name: A-Ch Feb 16

Ci-F Feb 23

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M-O Mar 8

P-S Mar 15

T-Z Mar 22

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