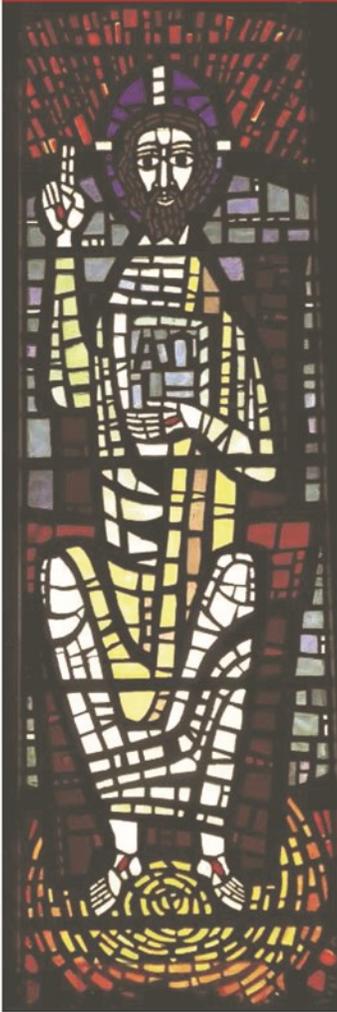


# St. Paul Catholic Newman Center



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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR A | FEBRUARY 26, 2023

The portion of the story of Creation that we hear in today's first reading offers a primordial account of sin, one that explains to God's people Israel just how their predicament came to be. As a testimony against the foreign gods of Babylon that sent them into captivity, Israel understands itself in humility instead of arrogance. Adam and Eve are separate from the knowledge of good and evil, which up to this point is tended and cared for by God alone. By contrast, the gods of Babylon create humankind out of the broken pieces of other slain gods, and the heroic human Gilgamesh triumphs over both hell and heaven. To me, this is a necessary reminder that chaos is sometimes more apparent than goodness, and that the ways that we pursue order and completion often go against what God has already planted in our most intrinsic being. Rather than struggling against the gods and forces of heaven, Adam and Eve must choose whether or not to trust God's provision for them. In the language of story and deep oral tradition, Israel understands itself as suffering the consequences of self-sufficiency.

As we enter this Lenten season together, perhaps we may ask God how we can depend more on him in specific ways. For many of us, this will dovetail with a practice of fasting or other penance. For some of us, we will embrace a *positive* action each day to bring us more in line with the good that God shows us. One friend gives us coffee; another goes to the gym every day. St. Paul tells us that we, who are all in the same boat when it comes to our inability to save ourselves, are liberated by the actions of one person, Jesus. The letter to Romans helps us think about the difficult question of how Christ is both human and divine, and how important it is that He is both! The very human sin of Adam is more than made up by the very human obedience and sufferings of Jesus. We are invited to relate to Jesus as both our human brother and our divine savior who conquers the consequences of the deep past and painful present that lingers around all of us.

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Before the ashes are washed from our faces on Wednesday, many of us were probably frustrated by a particular situation at work, something we see on the news, or maybe a conversation with a family member. Some of us carry deep grief and struggle to find the crack of light that we had hoped for in this season. We felt the burden of our inability to fix everything. Our flesh bears many such burdens, but we need not bear those alone. Our Lenten practice helps us to turn away from the things that trip us up and focus on the mystery of love that is being nurtured into new life each day in Christ. As Pope St. Gregory the Great says, "be not anxious about what you have, but about what you are."

Karl A. Gurney, M.A. | Director of Liturgy

### 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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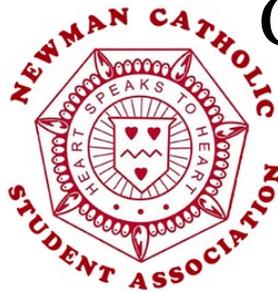
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## CAMPUS MINISTRY

# News!

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19 TO FEBRUARY 26

## YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join our session this Monday, February 27 at 6:00pm, as we begin the gospel of Luke!

## WEDNESDAY STUDENT NIGHTS

All students are invited to our Student Night this Wednesday, February 28. Dinner at 6:00pm followed by Mass. Our community is always looking to grow, join us!

## CAMPUS MINISTRY CONTACTS

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## ST. PAUL CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

### The Holy Eucharist-Challenge and Comfort

#### 3-DAY PARISH MISSION

#### MARCH 6-7-8, 2023

*Attending Evening Sessions only... does offer full participation  
Morning Sessions are additional time for individuals that can attend*

### MONDAY, MARCH 6

8:00am Mass "The Greatest Commandment"  
6:00pm "Mercy Now—Freedom Forever"  
Parish Penance Service

### TUESDAY, MARCH 7

8:00am Communion Service "Christ for Us—Holy Sacrifice"  
6:00pm "Christ for Us—Holy Sacrifice"  
Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

8:00am Mass "Good Grief—Letting go of a Loved One gracefully"  
6:00pm "God with Us—Real Presence"  
Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction

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*From*

## FR. BYRON MACIAS, CMF

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It puzzles me that the Devil is able to use something as sacred as Scripture to tempt Jesus himself! This certainly paints a full picture of the Evil One: if he is able to tempt the Son of God, imagine what he would do to us!

Indeed, it seems that we live with the temptations (and not the music group), but with the constant threat that the Devil will do anything to tempt us. He would even use good things to tempt us.

And it all comes down to this: the Devil can and will tempt us all He wants, but he could never make us! That's what Jesus is teaching us this weekend. Freedom is the most beautiful gift God has given us; and God stands by that gift. Jesus, as a human man, was in the desert for 40 days, hungry, cold and lonely: such a state of vulnerability. Still, the Devil could not make him fall. If even God respects our freedom, such a limited being as the Devil could never (and will never) get in there!!!

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### HIKE WITH MARY

We will meet at the church parking on Saturday, March 4 at 8:00am to travel to our hiking destination northwest of Auberry. Come and pray the Rosary and celebrate Mass in God's creation with us. This month's hike is suitable for the new hikers and experienced ones.

Sign up with Ryan or Jessica Borunda at: [borunda.ryan@gmail.com](mailto:borunda.ryan@gmail.com) or with me: [frbyron@csufnewman.com](mailto:frbyron@csufnewman.com)

Also, unlike other trails, this trail has a parking fee but Jessica and Ryan are going to help out anyone who would like to go but isn't financially able to put in the money.

See you Saturday!

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### PRAYER FOR OUR CAMPUS MINISTRIES

I want to thank our Edgar, Karl and Karina, who went to all college campuses in the city to celebrate Ash Wednesday with students, faculty and staff.

I also want to thank our own volunteers who offered prayer services and Distribution of Ashes all day long here at the parish. I think we had over a thousand people coming. Thanks to all who helped ministering to the people and making them feel at home, especially our amazing doorkeepers, Jane and Steve Toon!

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BURRITOS THIS WEEKEND!

Please support our Knights of Columbus in their next Breakfast Burrito this weekend after all morning Masses.

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### GOODBYE

Last week will be my last weekend before I depart for my mini-sabbatical program. I will leave on March 8 and (hopefully) will return by June 10, 2023. I will be at the door after all Masses tomorrow and I would love to see you before I leave.

I will miss you. You have shaped my priesthood and I am going to this program because I want to do a better job for each one of you.

Please keep me in your prayers and feel free to drop me an email: [frbyron@csufnewman.com](mailto:frbyron@csufnewman.com) I will also do my best to post my weekly Homilies for Busy People in my YouTube channel: Fr. Byron Macias, CMF.

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### HERMIT

Mary Fotheringham, whom many of you will recognize as a lector and member of the RCIA Team has been discerning a call to the eremitic life for several years. We hope that you will join us for a special Mass at the Newman Center, where Mary will be consecrated as a diocesan hermit by Bishop Joseph Brennan.

Although this Thursday's event has been postponed due to Bishop Brennan having to travel out of town, please check the calendar and bulletin for the new day and time for this special Mass of Consecration.

Everyone is invited to please come and join Mary as she perpetually vows to become a hermit!

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### SAINTLY QUOTE

"Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul, except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry" –St. Francis de Sales

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### HAVE A LAUGH

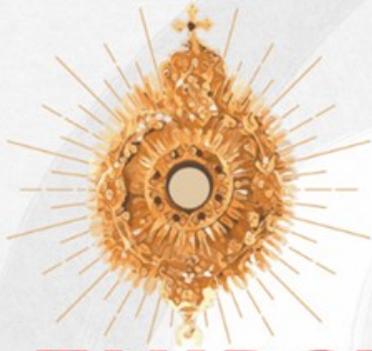
The pastor always used the phrase, "It might be worse," when some calamity would come his way. One day a friend said to him, "I've something to tell you, and you won't be able to use your favorite phrase. I dreamt last night that I died and went to hell." "It might be worse," said the preacher. The friend came unglued: "man alive, how could it be worse?" to which the pastor replied: "it might be true."

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### HIKE WITH MARY

*Saturday, March 4 from 8:00am to 11:00am!*

Sign up with Ryan or Jessica Borunda at [borunda.ryan@gmail.com](mailto:borunda.ryan@gmail.com) or with me: [frbyron@csufnewman.com](mailto:frbyron@csufnewman.com)



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## YEAR OF THE DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

More information can be found on the diocesan website, as well as by contacting the parish office. We pray that all who engage in this pilgrimage will be united in prayer!

FRESNO-METRO VICARATE

**The Shrine of St. Therese  
February 26 - March 5  
Daily Activities, Liturgies  
and Devotions**

**Everyone is invited to attend  
any of Liturgies or Devotions**



*Join us every Friday for our...*

**Lenten Fish Fry!**

MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

**5:00pm to 8:00pm  
Chapel Courtyard**

*All proceeds to benefit ...*

**Young Adult World Youth Day**

*Thank you for your Support!*

## PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

For the week of February 26 through March 4, 2023

- **Lenten Resources:**  
<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent/>
- **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February 2023:**  
"We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those in need"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5uRUQDiJ-g>
- **Sunday, February 26**  
1st Sunday of Lent, Year A  
Matthew 4: 1-11  
Jesus was tempted by food, celebrity, and riches. What are your worst temptations? What will you do, or not do, to encounter and accompany Jesus on his journey to Calvary?  
Knights of Columbus Burrito Breakfast, Benefitting Pregnancy Care Center  
2012 Trayvon Martin is killed by a "stand your ground" vigilante.
- **Monday, February 27**  
World Sustainable Energy Day  
1965 Malcom X is buried
- **Tuesday, February 28**  
6:00pm Faith Family & Friends  
Vatican II: Document on the Liturgy, part.1
- **Wednesday, March 1**  
Zero Discrimination Day
- **Thursday, March 2**
- **Friday, March 3**  
Feast of St. Katherine Drexel (1858-1955)  
[https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=1931948](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=1931948)  
President Harry Truman desegregates  
The Military with Executive Order 9981  
5:00pm-8:00pm Fish Fry for World Youth Day  
Chapel Courtyard  
5:30pm-6:30pm Dinner in Newman Cafeteria  
Join us for our Dinner for the Needy this week!  
When you see what we do, you may want to volunteer monthly! (see Matthew 25:31-46)  
6:30pm Stations of the Cross
- **Saturday, March 4**

For so much more,  
visit the SPCNC website: [CSUFnewman.com/ministries](http://CSUFnewman.com/ministries)  
and scroll down to "Peace and Social Justice"

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

*Pope Francis calls us to spread the  
Word of God wherever possible.*

The web streaming team does just that and we are looking to add to our team. If interested please contact Larry Renner at [rennla57@gmail.com](mailto:rennla57@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office to leave a message.

## FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTIONS

2022		2023	
February 6	\$32,474.82	February 5	\$21,131.89
February 13 <b>ACH</b>	\$22,038.14	February 12	\$16,951.44
February 20 <b>ACH</b>	\$18,049.85	February 19	\$13,697.18
February 27	\$13,059.34	February 26	
<b>FEBRUARY 2022 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$85,622.15</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2023 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$51,780.51</b>

## SAVE THE DATE

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER  
Women's Guild Retreat 2023

**"The Power of Prayer"**

*Presentation | Reflection | Prayer*

March 25, 2023

8:30am to 1:00pm

Cardinal Newman Hall

\$25 includes Brunch

## PARISH REGISTRATION

There are times you may need to provide verification of membership at the Newman Center, especially regarding the reception of any Sacraments and Church law that requires strict record-keeping. For this reason, we ask you to please register as a member of the parish. To qualify for any verification the following criteria is required:

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 St. Paul Catholic Newman Center.

**You can register at the front desk,  
or through our website.**

**We also ask that you check in  
with the Parish Office to periodically  
verify your contact information.**

**It is important that we have everything  
current in our records.**

# Current...

## MINISTRY PROGRAMS

### Lenten Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina or Holy Reading is an ancient and ever-new way to be present with Scripture which helps us to move into a deeper place to listen from the heart and respond to the Holy Spirit's invitation. During the weeks of Lent, you are warmly invited to join a circle of parishioners as we spend an hour together with the Sunday Gospel. We will meet on Wednesday mornings, March 1 through April 5, from 8:45am to 9:45am after morning Mass in the Community Room. The group will be facilitated by Lynn Baker.

### Faith, Family & Friends

Faith, Family & Friends is the Newman Center's Religious Education and faith formation program for EVERYONE of all ages - Children, High School Youth and Adults. Faith, Family, and Friends meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

All Children's classes meet in Cardinal Newman Hall, Claretian High School Youth Group meets in St. John XXIII, and the Adult Group Sessions meet in the Main Building. *Please arrive in time to have all participants in their classes by 6:00pm – Children and Adults.*

**Adult Sessions:** Family Life Topic: Couple Communication Skills with Dave & Cheryl Belden; Scripture Topic: Read, Reflect and Discuss the Up-Coming Sunday Scripture Readings with Tina and Matt teNyenhuis; Catholic Faith Topic: The Story and Promise of Vatican II with Deacon John Supino and Jim Grant.

### Men's Ministry

**Men's Weekly Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group:** This ministry meets on Monday mornings at 8:30am in the Library after our 8:00am morning Mass.

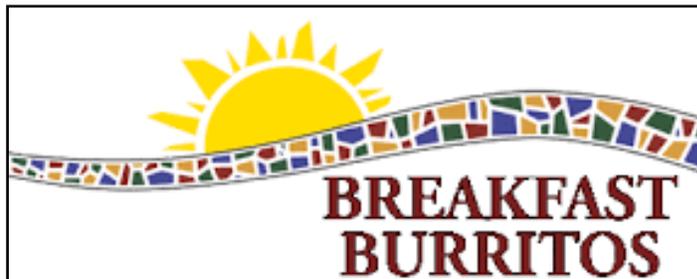
For more information on any of these programs or to register, please contact John Prandini, Director of Ministry at [prandinij@csufnewman.com](mailto:prandinij@csufnewman.com).

## RECONCILIATION

ADDITIONAL HOUR HAS BEEN ADDED  
ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON  
FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

### NEW WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Thursday 4:00pm to 5:45pm  
Saturday 3:30pm to 4:30pm



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BURRITO BREAKFAST

#### Benefitting the Pregnancy Care Center

The Knights of Columbus John Cardinal Newman Council 9445 would like to announce that on Sunday, February 26 we will be selling Breakfast Burritos in the Cafeteria of the Newman Center. We invite you to come out after the 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am Masses and enjoy a great breakfast bacon or sausage breakfast burrito with your choice of coffee or orange juice.

The price will be \$7.00 with 50% of the proceeds benefiting the Pregnancy Care Center. We are also asking if you can also drop off some items that they are currently needed, such as toddler outfits and bibs, hanging toys, teething rings, rattles, etc, Lovies, Cuddlers and winter blankets. Even if you are not able to stop by the breakfast, please contact the Knights of Columbus if you would like to make a donation.

The Pregnancy Care Center offers compassionate help to women and men through free pregnancy medical and support services; educates our community on healthy relationships; and provides resources for healing to those who have experienced reproductive loss. The Center also helps Women and Men after pregnancy. We accept all forms of payment Cash, Credit Cards and Checks, so please plan and come out to help support this great cause.

## POLICY FOR ALL PARISH COMMUNICATION

The Newman Center's Communication's Team 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 guidelines and best practices. Therefore, all information associated with St. Paul Catholic Newman Center must be reviewed by a member of the Communications Team prior to being printed, posted, or distributed. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

All bulletin information must be submitted  
by 10:00am Wednesday to guarantee  
insertion in Sunday's bulletin.  
Email to [Communications@csufnewman.com](mailto:Communications@csufnewman.com).

# PRAYERS:

† For those who died this week: Tina Bandoni, Nita Hernandez, Richard Sexton, Angelina Di Maio, and Bishop David O'Connell

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

Brian Allen	Mary Beth Hall
Monica Baker (Lucido)	Julia Jaquez
Barbara Barrows	Magdalena Lovejoy
Roxanne "Roxy" Castillo	Jo Ann Myers
Bridget Coates	Susan Olson
Teresita De Leon	Raj Prasad
Dan Dungy	Hector Daniel Rodriguez
David Dungy	Shonda Scheldt
Pam Dungy	Kristin Torres
Janet Fusselman	Mary M. Wamaitha
Beau Gendron	

To better serve our Faith Community we try to update our list of prayers regularly. Therefore, we have the following policy:

Names for the sick / special intentions will be published in the bulletin for four weeks, then removed unless otherwise notified or requested.

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 559-436-3434 or go on our website and fill out the form under the "[Prayer Requests](#)" tab.

## Parish Information

WEEKEND MASSES:

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00pm

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



WEEKDAY MASSES:

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

COMMUNION SERVICES:

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday | 9:00am to 3:00pm  
 Friday | 9:00am to 12:00 noon

PARISH TELEPHONE:

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FOR ANY MEETINGS OR APPOINTMENTS,  
 PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE.

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

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

*Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Matthew 4:1-11*

7:30am	Mass for Ron Dodds	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Jim Cook	Chapel
	Confirmation Prep Year One	Cardinal Newman Hall
11:30am	Mass for David and Jeanette Libeu	Chapel
	RCIA Rite of Sending	Chapel
	RCIA Dismissal	Community Room
	Confirmation Prep Year Two	Cardinal Newman Hall
3:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Needs and Intentions of the Parishioners	Chapel

**Knights Burrito Breakfast**

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

*Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/Matthew 25:31-46*

8:00am	Mass for Jack Shutt	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
5:30pm	Grief Support	Community Room
	Liturgical Committee Meeting	Library
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	St. John XXIII Student Lounge
7:00pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Library

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

*Isaiah 55:10-11/Matthew 6:7-15*

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	Cardinal Newman Hall Community Room, Library, Cafeteria

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

*Jonah 3:1-10/Luke 11:29-32*

8:00am	Mass for Michelle Giannetta	Chapel
8:45am	Lenten Lectio Divina Series	Community Room
9:30am	Marion Movement of Priests	Cardinal Newman Hall 104
5:30pm	Ignatian Retreat for Busy People	Community Room
6:00pm	College Night	Cardinal Newman Hall 101/103

## THURSDAY, MARCH 2

*Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Matthew 7:7-12*

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
12:00pm	The Passion and The Cross Book Study	Cafeteria
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass	Chapel

**NOTE: 7:00pm Consecration Mass changed to March 16**

## FRIDAY, MARCH 3

*Ezekiel 18:21-28/Matthew 5:20-26*

8:00am	Mass for Maysen Leatherwood	Chapel
8:30am	Sacred Heart Devotion for Families	Chapel
9:00am	Adoration	Chapel
5:00pm	Fish Fry	Chapel Courtyard
5:30pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria
6:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Chapel

## SATURDAY, MARCH 4

*Deuteronomy 26:16-19/Matthew 5:43-48*

7:30am	Men's Saturday Coffee Group	Cafeteria
3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Blanche Corgiat	Chapel

## SUNDAY, MARCH 5

*Genesis 12:1-4a/2 Timothy 1:8b-10/Matthew 17:1-9*

7:30am	Mass for John Cavanagh	
9:30am	Mass for John Godburn	
11:30am	RCIA Dismissal	
11:30am	Mass for Roy Giovannoni	
7:00pm	Mass for Needs and Intentions of the Parishioners	

## SPECIAL MASS OF CONSECRATION

POSTPONED UNTIL **THURSDAY, MARCH 16** DUE TO

AUXILIARY BISHOP DAVID O'CONNELL'S FUNERAL

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2: MASS AT 6:00PM**

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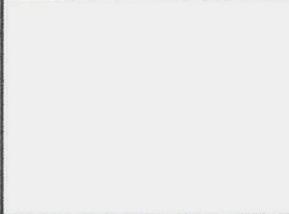
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