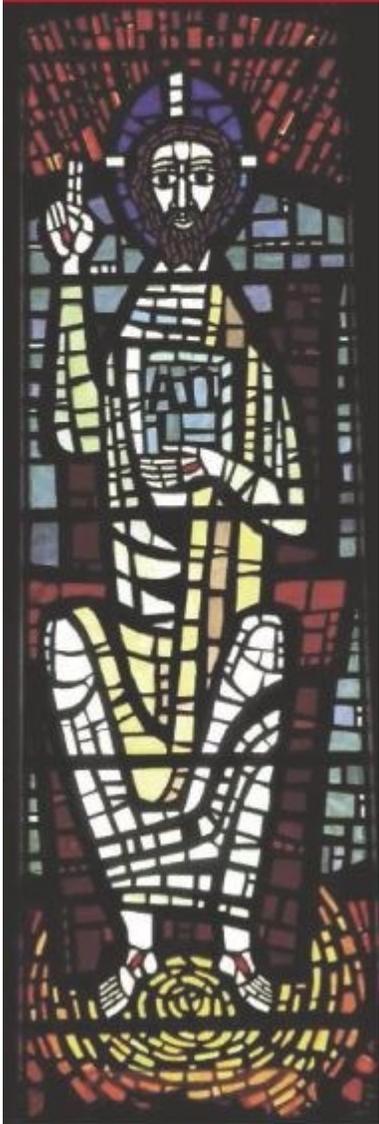


Saint Paul  
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Center



## First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016

**Readings:** Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

### Deacon's Speakin'

Dear friends,

St Paul provides us with a Lenten application of the passage from Romans. Just as Israel expressed gratefulness for the goodness of God in their behalf, so are we called, especially in this season, to gratefully proclaim of how the promises of the covenant have come to fulfillment in Jesus. This is the real reason for the self-examination and confession of sins associated with Lent. This purification is not an effort to merit God's grace, but something done out of sheer gratitude that our relationship depends on the unfailing love and generosity of God.

Luke's passion narrative reminds us that Satan was active throughout Jesus' ministry and especially at the end of his life. He is very clear that we also are not exempt from temptation. He notes in the discourse that Jesus gives to his disciples after the Last Supper (22:31-32) that "Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat." This section also contains three temptations that continue to plague the church (22:21-38). Jesus' temptations aim at correcting any false impression of Jesus and the nature of His "messiahship." However, the temptations mentioned at the Last Supper are some of the basic temptations of disciples down through the ages and states ways in which we often persist in betraying Jesus. We do this by a desire for worldly greatness, a fear of sacrifice and suffering, and an inability to read the signs of the times. It definitely sounds like the message we have been receiving from Pope Francis!

At the beginning of Lent, the gospels for all three cycles are on the temptations of Jesus. These are not petty temptations—nothing as minor as temptations to anger or to lust. They involve the meaning of human life and how we live the life that God has given us. Jesus was wrestling with the meaning of His life and what God expected of Him after His baptism. He needed to decide how to live out the vocation that was His. The same is true of us. In Philippians 2:6-11 St Paul points out the alternatives. We can, like Jesus, avoid trying to grasp at equality with God. Or we can be like Adam and Eve, who allowed themselves to be seduced by the temptation to be "just like God." Our tendency as human beings is to do our own thing, to resist any limitations on our freedom, to make our own rules. That is the temptation we need to overcome.

Peace,

Deacon John

### Mission Statement

Gifted by God, called by Christ and 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.

## Valentine Cookie Sale

Our Women's Guild's 3rd annual Valentine cookie sale happens after every Mass on the weekend of Feb. 13-14. A beautifully wrapped box of cookies, ready for your family to enjoy or to give to someone special, is just \$15.



## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lent is a "very acceptable time" for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation if we have not done so in a while. There are several local parishes which schedule Lenten services of Penance, with priests available for individual celebration of the Sacrament. We will note these in our weekly parish bulletin and on our website.

**Please note:** we will **not** have the usual Tuesday hour for the Sacrament of Reconciliation here at St. Paul's during Holy Week (Tuesday, March 22) and Easter week, Tuesday, March 29th. It's advisable to call the office on any Tuesday you may be planning to come for the Sacrament as there may be a change in schedule that week. Our priest is always available for celebration of the Sacrament by appointment. Call the parish office or leave a voicemail for Fr. Norris 436-3434, ext. 109

## Newman Center Young Adults

Theology on Tap - Feb. 18 - John Gerardi from Family Life Council will be helping us make sense of the many laws that make abortion legal and the history behind them. Bring your favorite brew, a dinner/snack to share and join us in Cardinal Newman Hall beginning at 6:30pm.



Join us after the 7pm on Feb. 21 for our Young Adult meeting. We will be talking about future events and starting to plan the Easter Egg hunt for our Newman Community.

## High School Youth Group

In observance of Presidents' Day, Feb. 15, we will not have our Youth Group. See you next week!

## Lydia's House

Lydia's House will meet Saturday, February 20, in CNH 103 from 9:00am to Noon. The title of the program is "Ecco Village: A Green Solution for the Homeless". All women are welcome. Please share some baked goods or cut-up fruit. Bring along your coffee or tea cup. For more information call Sally Adlesh at 324-9608.

## F.Y.I.

- Monday, February 15 is Presidents' Day and Mass this morning will be at 8am. The Newman Center will be closed for the holiday.
- During Lent join us for Adoration 6pm to 9pm & Stations of the Cross beginning at 7pm

## Family Life Ministry

For Men's Scripture study group, evening meditation and Tai Chi meeting days and times please refer to the calendar. Please note there is a \$10/month fee for Tai Chi.

Contact John Prandini: 436-3434 ext. 107  
prandinij@csufnewman.com

## College Ministries

Enjoy a delicious **free dinner** every week, plus a guest speaker, Mass, service project or fun! We **meet 6pm-8pm every Wednesday in Cardinal Newman Hall** (the big building behind the church!).

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**Wednesday, Feb. 17: Dinner followed by Speaker  
Chris Fiorentino on Service**

**Feb. 24: Dinner followed by a Service Project  
March 2: Mass followed by dinner**

## EMMAUS

Meet in the Annex after 7pm Mass each Sunday to talk about the readings and the homily with other college students. Make some new friends and start your week out right!

## Es-Tu-Dios

We are a bilingual catholic student organization. We study the word of the Lord, and we maintain our faith through prayer. We invite Young adults and anybody who may be interested in joining us. Our first meeting will be February 28, in the Annex from 5:45pm - 6:45pm. Join us, meet new people, & learn more about the Catholic faith.

Contact - [estudios.fresnostate@gmail.com](mailto:estudios.fresnostate@gmail.com). Blessings!

## Hungering for Opportunity

This week, CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives - at home and around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

## 2nd Collection

Next week, our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, social media, podcasts, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

# Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday, February 14</b>		<b>Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13</b>
7:30am	Mass for Matthew Wilson	Chapel
9:00am	Mass for Bob Wise	Chapel
11:00am	Mass for Emil Noack	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass	Chapel
<b>Monday, February 15</b>		<b>Lv 19:1-2,11-18; Mt 25:31-46</b>
8:00am	Mass Intentions of Frances Heffernan	Chapel
<b>Tuesday, February 16</b>		<b>Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15</b>
7:00am	Mass for Rose Beltramo	Chapel
7:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Community Room
9:00am	Beginning Tai Chi for Arthritis	CNH 102-103
10:15am	Tai Chi for Arthritis	CNH 102-103
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	Cardinal Newman Hall
7:00pm	College Confirmation	Annex
<b>Wednesday, February 17</b>		<b>Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32</b>
7:00am	Mass Intention of Arlie McDaniel	Chapel
6:00pm	College Night	Chapel
6:00pm	Scriptural Rosary	Community Room
6:00pm	Prayer & Life Workshop	CNH 105
7:00pm	Interfaith Meditation	Library
<b>Thursday, February 18</b>		<b>Est C:12,14-16,23-25; Mt 7:7-12</b>
7:00am	Mass	Chapel
9:00am	Beginning Tai Chi for Arthritis	CNH 102-103
9:00am	Scripture Study - Gospel of Matthew	Cafeteria
10:15am	Tai Chi for Arthritis	CNH 102-103
11:15am	Christian Meditation	CNH 104
3:00pm	College Study Group	Library
5:30pm	Tai Chi - short form	CNH 102-103
6:30pm	Theology on Tap	CNH 101
7:00pm	Tai Chi - long form	CNH 102-103
7:00pm	LGBTQ Catholic Ministry	Community Room
<b>Friday, February 19</b>		<b>Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26</b>
7:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
6:00pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria
6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Chapel
<b>Saturday, February 20</b>		<b>Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48</b>
8:30am	RCIA Retreat	Community Room
9:00am	Lydia's House	CNH 103
9:00am	Tai Chi - long form	St. John XXIII
5:00pm	Mass for Rose Barretto	Chapel
<b>Sunday, February 21</b>		<b>Gn 15:5-12,17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36</b>
7:30am	Mass	Chapel
9:00am	Mass for Gary Stoeckle	Chapel
11:00am	Mass for William Terhaar	Chapel
4:45pm	High School Confirmation Class	Cardinal Newman Hall
7:00pm	Mass	Chapel
8:00pm	Emmaus	Annex

## Prayers

- + **Mass Intentions:** Earleen VanderDussen, Bob Wise, Emil Noack, Matthew Wilson
- + **Please pray for healing of our loved ones who are ill:** Deacon Julian Ponce, Lynne Rodriguez, Mel Solano, Maurice Cameron, Art Fernandez, Cathy Martin, Vaness French, Stephanie Schwab, Shirley Lea, Sue Noonkester (daughter of Alice Terhaar), Ollie Mae & Tom Godburn, Ernie Lee, Kenny Smith, Horace Spann, Kyle Springer

## Faith, Family & Friends

This Tuesday, Feb. 16th,  
Faith, Family & Friends – our parish community's Religious Education and Faith Formation evening for **EVERYONE** meets again.

Join us in Cardinal Newman Hall from **5:30-6:00pm** to eat your pre-ordered pizza or your own food with family & friends. Then at **6:00pm** we will begin our opening program with music, song, announcements, raffle prizes and prayer.

At **6:15pm** the children will be dismissed to attend their age-specific classes and the adults will return to Cardinal Newman Hall for their choice of the following class options:

**Family Life Topic:** Grace-Based Parenting by Jen Toler Smith, PhD.

**Catholic Faith Topic:** Intentional Discipleship by Sr. Kathleen.

**Scripture Topic:** Acts of the Apostles by Deacon John Supino.

**All adults and families are invited.**

**Adults, you do not have to have a child in religious education to take part in FF&F.** Faith formation is a life-long process that never ends.

Please join us to develop and share your faith with other members and families of the Newman Center.

## Contributions for Feb. 6 - 7

5:00pm	\$1,609
7:30am	\$3,718
9:00am	\$2,628
11:00am	\$2,703
7:00pm	\$587
Received by Mail	\$1,375
Electronic Donations	\$3,470
Online Donations	\$500
<b>Total Sunday Contributions</b>	<b>\$16,590</b>
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$12,853</b>

## A Huge Thank You!!

I would personally like to thank everyone who lent their time and talents decorating for last Saturdays' Mardi Gras Dinner. Many compliments were received throughout the night and all of you are the reason. Thank you again for making this years dinner a huge success! - Andrea Ricci

## Grief Support

The Grief Support group will begin its winter session on Monday, February 29 at 7pm in the Community Room. For five Mondays we'll be processing the loss of loved ones. If you know people who might benefit from this support, tell them about us.