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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A | APRIL 16, 2023

"IT IS A MEANS TO AN END, NOT AN END IN ITSELF"

Have you ever really contemplated what this phrase implies? Many times, we hear a "cliché" and just take it for granted. I thought of this expression this week as we welcomed approximately 80 individuals (young and old) to come into full communion with the Church here at the Newman Center. It is such a blessing to witness the excitement and joy experienced during this significant event in their lives. Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist complete the Sacraments of Initiation which bring us into the fullness of the Church. But "when Confirmation is celebrated separately from Baptism, its connection [is expressly stated] by the renewal of baptismal promises." (CCC 1321) Many people have a misleading notion that Confirmation is the completion or conclusion of a process, but it is far from that. It is a moment leading us into transition, change, and growth as we become "more perfectly bound to the Church" [and is] ...necessary for the completion of baptismal grace." [Confirmation enriches us] with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." (CCC 1285) We become full members of the Mystical Body of Christ and are called to be missionary witnesses of Christ. This is just the beginning for many of us.

Signs, symbols, ritual actions, and words all signify and suggest the graces that flow from each particular sacrament. Although each Sacrament is distinctive and unique, they are all interdependent upon each other. One of the most common rituals used during a Sacrament is anointing. Holy Oil is used to anoint us and during Confirmation, the Chrism oil is applied to seal us with the Holy Spirit. Anointing with oil has many implications for its effects, but the one impression that has always remained with me is how oil can leave a permanent spot, a mark that is distinguishable, durable, and cannot be removed. It is said that Confirmation (like Baptism) imprints our soul with an "indelible spiritual mark", a characteristic or attribute that Jesus has marked us with the seal of His Spirit. All of this strengthens us and points us toward a deeper union with Christ and fortifies our bond with the Church as we become members of the Mystical Body of Christ.

That is why this phrase "It is a means to an end, and not an end in itself," struck me as a fitting expression for understanding this "sacramental" moment as we come into the fullness of the Church. We cannot define this one event as the culmination of a process or the summit of a journey, but as an approach, a method, or a means in order to achieve a much greater and more significant goal... to become members of Christ, so that with Him, we form one Mystical Body.

Welcome to all of our newest members! Many blessings, Linda Ram



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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WEEK OF APRIL 16 - 23

YOUNG ADULT SPRING GALA

Calling all young adults and college students! You are invited to join your peers on May 12 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm for the end of the year Gala! Come take a walk on the Red Carpet in the Cardinal Newman Hall for dinner, dancing, drinks and a raffle! One ticket for \$30 or two for \$50! Reserve your ticket by using the link on the Newman website, or at our Instagram newmancenter fresno by May 7!

WORLD YOUTH DAY: A WORD FROM A PILGRIM

My name is Jennifer Ibarra, I'm a nursing major and I'm currently working as a tech in the NICU at Valley Children's Hospital. I want to go to Portugal because I want to grow closer to Christ and deepen my faith. I'm hoping to make new friends during the trip and learn new things not only about a different culture but about the Catholic Church as well.

RUMMAGE SALE

Spring is upon us! The World Youth Day Young Adult group would like to assist with your spring cleaning this year by accepting any of your gently used items. All items collected will be featured in our Rummage Sale, to be held on Saturday, April 29 from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Support the group by donating any of your gently used items to the Rummage Sale bin by the front office. April 22 will be the last day to drop off any donations. Thank you for your continued prayers and support! Any questions please contact CatholicClub@csufnewman.com .

STUDY NIGHT

Come join the college group for a night of productive studying and homework! Study night provides a quiet, peaceful environment surrounded by peers for students to concentrate on school work. There will be coffee and snacks provided. Please Join Us on April 20 at 6:00pm in the Lounge!

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us for our session this Monday, April 17 at 6:00pm in the Student Lounge. We will continue looking at Luke discussing this week's topic - Salvation Prepared for Israel and the Gentiles.

WEDNESDAY STUDENT NIGHT

All students are invited to our Student Night this Wednesday, April 19. Dinner at 6:00pm followed by a Lesson in Hebrew! Our community is always looking to grow, and we hope that you can join us.

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Knights of Columbus Burritos for Portugal | World Youth Day

On April 23 the members of Council 9445 will be making breakfast burritos and serving them after the 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am Masses.

For \$7.00 you can get a breakfast burrito with your choice of either bacon or sausage. Served with coffee or orange juice. A portion of the proceeds benefit our pilgrims planning to attend World Youth Day. You can stay and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners, or you can take them to go.

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So come out and help send our young pilgrims to World Youth Day in Portugal.

PLEASE KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO BE A... REGISTERED PARISHONER

There are times you may need to provide verification as a member/parishioner of the Newman Center, especially in regards to the reception of any Sacraments strict record-keeping is required by Church law. For this reason, we ask you to please register as a member of the parish.

For any verification the following is required:

In order to receive any official documentation stating you are a member/parishioner of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center you must have on file your personal registration, demonstrate active involvement and participation in worship and other activities.

If you are seeking to become a Catholic sponsor/godparent, this documentation is required as well as proof of the reception of your Sacraments.

You can register at the front desk, or on 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.

APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS

2022		2023	
April 4	\$23,578.05	April 2	\$20,103.32
April 11 ACH	\$18,118.85	April 9	421,191.60
April 18 ACH	\$13,876.00	April 16	
April 25	\$ 8,308.23	April 22	
		April 30	
APRIL 2022 TOTAL	\$63,881.13	APRIL 2023 TOTAL	\$41,294.92

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land \$1,515.00

Pontifical Collection are funds for support of the Holy Places, and for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of the Christian brethren and of the local communities.

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION:

Poverello House \$2,224.00

Poverello House provides daily, lifesustaining services to the hungry, homeless and hurting of the Fresno community.

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.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to Eagle Scout Troop 35 we have a beautiful addition to our property. Last year a young man named Joshua Fagen submitted an Eagle Scout Service Proposal to the Newman Center to create a seating area around our existing firepit. With patience and determination, Joshua was able to bring this project to fruition. He presented the proposal plan for approval to the Newman Center and the Diocese. His presentation was complete with detailed sketches, plans, estimated materials, and logistics for all phases. The project was welcomed with blessings from the family who dedicated the firepit, Joshua then raised the necessary funds and set a date for construction. The project was completed on April 1, 2023. Again, thank you Joshua Fagen and Troop 35.!

















PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

For the week of April 16 through April 22, 2023

- National Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April 2023 For a Culture Of Peace:

"We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens." https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xu-oT_WbzfU

- Pope Francis' Urbi et Orbi Easter Message 2023: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/urbi/documents/20230409-urbi-et-orbi-pasqua.html
- Sunday, April 16

Divine Mercy Sunday, Year A

On May 5, 2000 Pope St. John Paul II designated the Second Sunday of Easter as "Divine Mercy Sunday"

In 2016, Pope Francis declared a Year Of Mercy and wrote a magnificent Papal Bull on Mercy.

You can read MIsericordiae Vultus here: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/papa-francesco_bolla_20150411_misericordiae-vultus.html

1963 60 years ago, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. writes "Letter from Birmingham Jail" https://letterfromjail.com/

Tuesday, April 18

6:00pm to 7:00pm Faith Family & Friends How is the Synod on Synodality related to Vatican II? 1977 Falsified evidence convicts American Indian Movement leader Leonard Peltier, who remains a U.S. political prisoner.

Wednesday April 19

1943 Jews in Warsaw ghetto, Poland, begin revolt against Nazi tyranny.

1961 Bay of Pigs invasion repelled by Cubans.

Friday, April 21

Holy Month of Ramadan concludes. 5:30pm to 6:30pm Join us for dinner for the Needy in the



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Rice Bowl Lenten Donations

Please return your Lenten Rice Bowl box by

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16

THIS WEEKEND

"With the Cross,
Jesus unites himself
to the silence of the
victims of violence,
those who can no
longer cry out,
especially the innocent
and the defenseless;
with the Cross, he is
united to families in
trouble, and those
who mourn the tragic
loss of their children."

Pope Francis World Youth Day 2013

Current...MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Faith, Family & Friends

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

All Children's classes meet in Cardinal Newman Hall, Claretian High School Youth Group meets in St. John XXIII Student Lounge, 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: Self-Care with JoAnn LoForti; 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.

Prayer Ministry

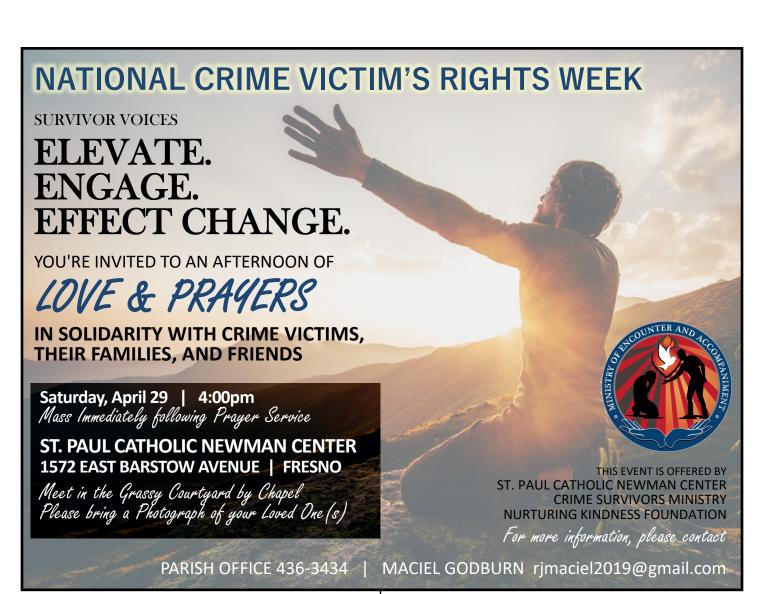
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: This ministry meets to pray for our Pope, priests, and all men and women in consecrated life. We pray for our seminarians and for more vocations to the priesthood. We also pray for world peace and our own intentions. After our prayer time, we pray the rosary then read and study from the book: *To the Priests*,

Our Lady's Beloved Sons. Please join us! Wednesdays, 10:00am in Cardinal Newman Hall 104.

An Afternoon of Love and Prayers

The National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) challenges the Nation to confront and remove obstructions to achieving justice for all victims of crime. This year, celebrating on April 23-29 with the theme - *Survivor Voices: Elevate, Engage. Effect Change.* - as we call all members of our community to please join in amplifying the voices of survivors and make a commitment to creating an environment where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported.

Please join us as one family in Christ for "An Afternoon of Love and Prayers" for all victims of crime on April 29, 2023 at 4:00pm,. Let us be there for our grieving brothers and sisters who are victims of crime. Let us demonstrate our loving support by being present for them in the celebration of 'An Afternoon of Love and Prayers.' Together, with grace and mercy, let us all show our commitment by walking alongside them with hands clasped in prayer and hearts sealed with love for the victims of crime.





Prayers:

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

Monica Baker (Lucido) Julia Jaquez Barbara Barrows Charles Peterson Roxanne Castillo Irene Quiroz Mario Sanchez Gary Dubois Dan Dungy Elizabeth Starr Abbie Geisel Valety

Mary Ann Goff

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 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

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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: 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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Acts 2:42-47/1 Peter 1:3-9/John 20:19-31

7:30am	Mass for the Needs and	
	the Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel
9:30am	Mass of Lai Pham	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Carmen O'Neal	Chapel
12:45pm	Baptisms (Group)	Chapel
1:00pm	Baptism Preparation Class	Cafeteria
7:00pm	Mass for Phuong Tonthat	Mass

MONDAY, APRIL 17

Acts 4:23-31/John 3:1-8

8:00am	Mass for Michael Meade	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture S	tudy Library
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	St John XXIII Student Lounge
6:30pm	RCIA: Catechumen	Cafeteria

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Acts 4:32-37/John 3:7b-15

- 8	8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
(6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	(K-8) Cardinal Newman Hall
		(High School Yo	outh) St. John XXIII Student Lounge
		, •	(Adult Sessions) Main Building

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Acts 5:17-26/John 3:16-21

8:00am	Mass for Pam Maul Clark	Chapel
10:00am	Marion Movement of Priests	Cardinal Neman Hall 104
5:30pm	Prayer and Life Workshops	Library
6:00pm	College Night	Cardinal Newman Hall 101
7:00pm	RCIA Inquiry	Community Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

Acts 5:27-33/John 3:31-36

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass Intention of Frank Dalena	Chapel

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Acts 5:34-42/John 6:1-15

8:00am	Mass for Angelina and Joseph Sacca	Chapel
5:30pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Acts 6:1-7/John 6:16-21

3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Mike Arroyo	Chapel

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Peter 1:17-21/Luke 24:13-35

7.20am	Mass for David Cutherland	Chanal
7.30am	Mass for David Sutherland	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Jim Cook	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Darlene Storm	Chapel
	Baptisms	•
7.00	NA for the - No - de d	

7:00pm Mass for the Needs and

the Intentions of the Parishioners Chapel

Knights Burrito Breakfast

Technoloa

If you have an interest in technology... or just enjoy "tinkering" on your computer, this is a great way to combine your interests and serve the Church.

Live-Streaming Help Wanted

The Newman Center is looking for volunteers to assist in bringing our parish liturgies to those who are unable to gather with us in person. We provide high-quality live-streaming each weekend and at occasional special services during the week. You will be trained to use all the equipment and software and no previous experience in live-streaming is needed (but experience with computers is helpful).

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