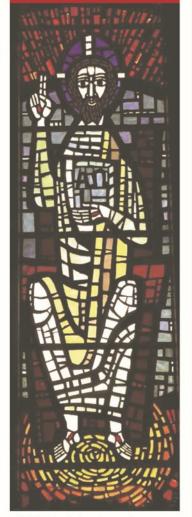
# St. Paul Catholic Newman Center



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#### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY YEAR B | APRIL 7, 2024

Excerpts From Fr Robert's Holy Thursday Homily:

Many years ago, walking through the streets of my hometown, I passed by a block of apartments, on which many inscriptions, vulgar slogans, graffiti were visible, but my attention was particularly drawn to one sentence written in red spray, which I still remember and recall with a smile: "Love everyone, do not spare anyone." And paradoxically, I think about it today, because it is Holy Thursday, and for me that is the event in which God communicates so much with us in the language of love. The Liturgy of the Word shows us a God who is near and who comes to serve....

And we know very well, today we live in a world where everything almost screams. If something is not loud and noisy, it rarely has a chance to reach a person. And God is quiet, humble, gentle, pure and beautiful. This is exactly why God comes to us in the Eucharist and offers Himself to us. The Eucharist is an offering. We have nothing more precious in the Church. Sometimes we may think that we would like something more, that God would work harder, that He would show Himself to us more, but in fact it is in the Eucharist that He is most present among us. God comes to us in great simplicity.

The foot-washing ritual that (takes) place is not some kind of theater, but a rite that shows us who Jesus really is in our lives and what he invites us to do. This very significant moment during today's Liturgy is an invitation for us to really start serving one another. The rite of washing feet is concrete, love is concrete and Christianity just invites us to be concrete.

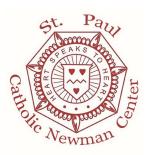
You can talk to someone for hours about love and <u>you can bring them to the</u> <u>Church and show them a community where people really love each other,</u> <u>where they support each other, where they forgive each other.</u> This community between Jesus and the apostles is a community that we are constantly supposed to grow into.

Service, which is a beautiful kind of love, is the driving force of the Church. Instead of thinking so much about what else we can do in the Church to get new people, we should just start loving and serving.

Fr. Robert Pyrka, C.M.F.

#### **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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## <u>CAMPUS MINISTRY</u>

#### Wednesday Student Night

All college students are welcomed to join this week's Student Dinner Wednesday, April 10th at 6pm in the Cardinal Newman Hall, followed by an Easter reflection. Join and connect with other students from different campuses!

#### Fresno State Gathering

Will we be having confessions at Fresno State this Thursday, April 11th in the RSU-215 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. Follow our Instagram for more info on location and time.



### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

#### Young Adult Bible Study

Join us **Monday April 8th** at 6:00pm in the Student Lounge. We will be continuing our discussion on the Gospel of Luke. Come and learn alongside other young adults about how scripture is alive in our daily lives.

### **CAMPUS MINISTRY CONTACTS**

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#### Ecclesiology 101:

All young adults are invited to the priests' apartment after April 14th 7:00pm mass for fellowship and faith formation. Drop by for Ecclesiology 101 to catch up with one another and have your faith questions answered. Contact Fr. Byron for more information

### Holy Thursay Collection: Poverello House \$1,368.87

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

### The Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land \$2,431.00

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.

#### **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.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

#### FOOD RECOVERY PRODUCE PICK-UP:

Do you have a good sized vehicle, and can you pick up 6-8 tubs of produce from the Vineyard Farmer's Market one Wednesday a month at 5:30pm and deliver it to the church. If yes, join our team! Help us provide fresh produce to our community neighbors each week!

#### **VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONIST:**

Have good people skills and a few hours a week to cover the front desk?

If you want to help , contact Kendra DeLuca-Leiker at volunteercoordinator@csufnewman.com.

#### Parish Life Coordinator Update

A nine-person Interview panel was created from staff, clergy, long-time parishioners, students, and parish families. They have been busy reviewing applications and completing interviews for four candidates. The panel will choose a candidate to send to the Bishop for a final interview and selection.

Please keep the panel, our Bishop, and the candidates in prayer, as we continue through this process to find the right permanent PLC for our parish.

### MARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

2023		2024	
March 5	\$22,879.49	March 3	\$22,991.22
March 12	\$22,648.38	March 10	\$25,356.09
March 19	\$15,171.16	March 17	\$15,870.55
March 26	\$12,014.35	March 24	\$16,489.64
		March 31	\$21,521.74
MARCH 2023 TOTAL	\$72,713.38	MARCH 2024 TOTAL	\$102,229.24

### FLOCKNOTE PARISH REGISTRATION

We need you to check your Parish Registration Information or Register to become a Parish Member Today!

Either Text <u>SPCNC</u> to <u>84576</u> or Go to:

#### stpaulcatholicnewmanctr.flocknote.com

(Look for our Logo, so you don't go to St Paul Newman Center in Wichita, KS! )





You Can also use our QR Code or visit our website Registration Page.

<u>Want to give online?</u> Now, you can securely use your FlockNote account to easily pay via credit card or bank account for Sunday Contributions, Special Collections, and so much more. Just click on "Donate Securely" and explore the options!

### **Current...** MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Charles Arokiasamy, is Interim Family and Life Ministries Director. He can be reached at:

lifeministry@csufnewman.com

### Faith, Family & Friends

#### Faith, Family & Friends is for everyone!

Come join our night of Adult Faith and Youth/ Children's Religious Education! We all gather at 6:00pm in Cardinal Newman Hall. Individual class sessions will begin at 6:15pm and end at 7:15pm.

Pizza is available to order a week in advance.

#### Adult Topics:

#### Power of Sharing Our Fatih

Sonya Sidhu presents a series on how we can better share our Catholic Faith, giving us insight into faith, Being Catholic, and gifts we share.

Deacon John and Jim Grant will be "Following Pope Francis' Footsteps" in a series to study the Pope's teachings and Catholic Social Teachings. .

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Deacon John and Jim Grant will present a series to study the Pope's teachings. Apr 2 will begin with the Pope's Easter Morning Message.

#### Soul Core: Body-Mind-Soul.

Soul Core incorporates stretching and light exercise movements while praying the rosary. 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.

#### Men's Ministry

**Men's Spirituality Group** meets on Monday mornings, 8:30am-9:15am after morning Mass in the Library. All Catholic men of the parish are welcome to grab a cup of coffee and a muffin and join us. The Men's Spirituality Group will be meeting on Monday, April 8.

#### **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!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!



#### **Registration is Now Open!**

#### Let's dive into the details:

Dates: Monday – Friday, June 17-21 Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Location: St. Paul Catholic Newman Center

#### **Registration costs:**

Early Bird Registration (by April 15) - \$40/child. \$100 /family maximum

Regular Registration (after April 15) - \$50/child. \$120/family maximum

Partial Scholarships are available - \$10 per family commitment (request through online registration)

Register on Flocknote: <u>https://stpaulcatholicnewmanctr.flocknote.com/register</u>

Registration form at the QR Code below:



#### Women's Guild

The next meeting for the Women's Guild will be Thursday, April 11th. We gather in the cafeteria at 6:00pm and the meeting starts at 6:30pm. JoAnn LoForti will present "Caring For The Whole Person". Please join us.

#### Newman's Still Bloomin' at Sixty

On Mothers' Day, May 10, 1964, the first Mass was celebrated in our new chapel! In just five weeks, we at St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, will be celebrating our 60th anniversary.

To observe this occasion, we will be holding a Gala in Cardinal Newman Hall on the evening of **Friday, May 10th.** Further information and tickets for the Gala will be available next weekend. In addition, we will be celebrating our anniversary and history at all Masses that same weekend. A reception will be held in the courtyard following each of the morning Masses on **Sunday, May 12th.** 

We are a 60-year-old experiment in ministry to college students, faculty, staff and their families that became a test of how the Second Vatican Council's updating of the Roman Catholic Church would "play" in the Diocese of Fresno. Through our shared Faith and communal determination, we've built a unique, worshipful, involved parish that has touched tens of thousands of people.

Our true beginning actually dates back to 1931 with the formation of the Fresno State Newman Club when the college campus was where Fresno City College is now located. The Shrine of St. Therese, a short walk from campus, hosted Newman Club students for worship, study and socializing. When Fresno State began outgrowing its campus, a decision was made to move it to the then sparsely populated area at Cedar and Shaw. For several years, students attended classes on both campuses, shuttling back and forth. By 1958, enough classrooms were built allowing for the completion of the "Big Move."

That same year, our Diocese finalized formulation of a plan to build a spiritual home near the new campus to serve the large number of college-aged Catholics enrolled at Fresno State as well as for faculty, staff and their families. Ground was broken for the building of our Chapel in September, 1962. We continue to serve not only the students at Fresno State, but at all of the college campuses within our community.

And yes! **Newman's Still Bloomin' at Sixty**! Join us in celebrating our past as we look forward to the continuation of our ministry and service to all in the future.

#### Father David Norris' Jubilee

Our former Campus Minister and Sacramental Priest, Father David Norris, will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee of priestly ordination on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at the 5:00pm Mass at St. Paul Catholic Newman Center. In lieu of gifts, please make a donation to the Sergio P. Negro Memorial Scholarship Fund here at the Newman Center. In the Mass of Thanksgiving that Saturday, Father will remember in grateful prayer all the members of this parish community who were blessings of his priestly ministry during his two assignments here as Campus Minister (1989-1995) and as Sacramental Priest (2008-2018). If you cannot attend that day, please make the donation to the Scholarship Fund and keep Father Dave in your prayers.



#### **MINISTRY FAIR APRIL 27-28**

"Calling all Newman ministry leaders" We will host a Ministry Fair April 27th-28th after all Masses. Please email Kendra DeLuca-Leiker, our Volunteer Coordinator at <u>volunteercoordinator@csufnewman.com</u> by Monday, April 15th if you would like to have a table for your ministry.

Parishioners: Please mark your calendars to come out and be a part of our amazing parish ministries and groups!

#### Welcome to the new Neophytes and Confirmands!

We welcomed 10 new people into the faith at a moving Vigil mass last Saturday. Welcome Kelsey Tallman, Ethan Turner, Lisa Walker and Jackie Ybarra who were baptized, confirmed and received their first holy communion; Tomas Barajas, Heather Garcia, Bianca Jipus, Mayra Suarez and Jacob White who were baptized in other Christian denominations were received into the Church, confirmed and received their first holy communion; and Delilah Diaz, who was baptized Catholic was confirmed. Their pictures are displayed on the Bulletin Board in the cafeteria. Please extend them a warm Newman welcome if you meet them at any of the masses.

There are another 13 people who have stared inquiry and another 13 being processed to start their inquiry. Bless the Risen Lord who continues to call people to the faith.

#### "Heart Speaks To Heart" Action Plan **Pastoral Council**

#### Check Out Information and Handouts on the Bulletin Board in the Hallway!

#### April 13 and 14

We will present a short presentation on what a pastoral council is, what are several models for a council, and what the parish needs to discern about as far as parish goals for our new pastoral council. We will hold a question and answer period and provide room for discussion. What do we need?

#### YOU!

Our parish needs as many people as possible to walk over to Cardinal Newman Hall after Mass to receive information and to engage in conversation about the future Pastoral Council and the initiatives to support our Parish Mission.

**Questions?** Contact Dan Nickerson at PLC@csufnewman.com



#### FATHER NEGRO SCHOLARSHIP

#### **APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE!**

Applications for Sergio P Negro Scholarships for the 2024-25 academic year are now available on the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center web site. The Sergio P Negro Endowment Fund was established in honor of our founding priest, Sergio Negro, who had a deep and abiding commitment to education. The Endowment Fund anticipates awarding a minimum of two, \$2,500 scholarships to deserving students for the academic year. Past awardees are eligible to reapply as long as they have maintained satisfactory progress.

To be eligible, you must be either an upper division undergraduate or a graduate student preparing to use your knowledge and skills to witness and minister to others. This is meant to inclusive of many vocations and forms of service, including education, medicine, social services, etc. A precondition is that you must have either been raised within or are currently affiliated and active with our St. Paul Catholic Newman Center parish beyond attending mass. An overall GPA of 2.5 or greater is also required.

The deadline for applications to be received is 5:00 pm on Sunday, April 21, 2024. They may be submitted electronically to <u>Scholarship@csufnewman.com</u> or mailed to Negro Scholarship, c/o St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, 1752 E. Barstow Ave., Fresno, CA 93710. In all cases, applications and accompanying documents must be typed. Final selection of awardees will be through an interview process.

#### SIGN UP NOW FOR THE 2024 PARISH DIRECTORY!

#### WE WANT YOU IN IT!

#### **PHOTOS**

APR 30—MAY 4th here at the Parish!

Contact us at parishdirectory@csufnewman.com with any questions.

We will have tabling after Easter to help you sign up if you need help.

Use the QR Code or reach the sign-up on our webpage.



#### **Campesino Program: Rosaries Outreach**

The Knights of Columbus, with Catholic Charities of Fresno, will be distributing 300 food boxes to Campesino families in Cutler during April. To show our support for those whose hard work brings food to our tables, and with prayerful thanks and encouragement, we would like to include a



Rosary in each food box. If you have a Rosary at home that you can spare, please enclose it in an envelope or small container and bring it to the front desk by April 7, noting "Campesino Program" on the envelope. Thank you for your help and support for our local Campesino families.

#### **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

Submissions should be unformatted text, with pictures uploaded separately. They may be subject to editing and are not guaranteed for publication, so consider if the website or social media would be suitable alternatives versus the bulletin proper.

Submissions are accepted no later than 12:00pm on Wednesday of the week prior to publishing.

Thank you from your parish staff!

# **PRAYERS:**

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

Dan Dungy Elizabeth Dungy Natashya Rice Mark Williams Vickie Alfred Mollo Ashley

Terry Hikl Sandra Bailey Donna Palomino Misti Henson Eva Mosqueda Sarah Peterson Camacho

#### ♥ And we pray for those who have died recently.

Bill P. Barrie

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.



**First Sunday Eucharistic Adoration:** Join us for First Sunday Holy Hour (Sunday, April 7) following the 7pm Mass, with confessions available.

**April Eucharistic Procession:** Our next Eucharistic Procession will be after the 9:30am mass on Sunday, April 7th. Come celebrate Christ in the Eucharist taken into our community!

Want to join our **Flocknote** email list? Contact eucharistic.revival@csufnewman.com to join.

#### FILIPINO MASS: APRIL 14 2024 AT 2PM

We welcome all Filipinos to join our Filipino Mass at St. Paul Catholic Newman Center. Mark your calendars for every 2nd Sunday of the month at 2 PM for the Eucharistic Celebration. Come and please join us in our Filipino Mass!

#### Next Week's Special Collection is for

**Bishop's Annual Appeal** 

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

APRIL 7– APRIL 14, 2024

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** 

Catholic Charities Truck Tabling: Parish Directory			
7:30am	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel	
9:30am	Mass for John Godburn	Chapel	
11:30am	Mass for Arturo Balli	Chapel	
3:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel	
7:00pm	Mass for Carol Ann Smida Ellis		
	and Beatrice Franz	Chapel	
8:00pm	Adoration and Confessions	Chapel	

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 8**

8:00am	Mass for Lew Solomon	Chapel
8:00am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Student Lounge

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	CNH

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

8:00am	Mass for Florence Olsen	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	Community Room
6:00pm	College Night	CNH
	Prayer and Life Workshop	Library
6:00pm	Marian Movement of Priests Cena	cle Chapel
6:30pm	RCIA Inquiry	Community Room
7:00pm	HS Confirmation Practice	Chapel
7:00pm	Knights of Columbus	CŇH

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

	Women's Guild	Cafeteria
6:00pm		Cofataria
6:00pm	Life of Jesus Book	Community Room
6:00pm	Mass for George Rodriguez	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel

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5:30pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 13 Pastoral Gathering after all Masses

Special Collection: Bishop's Annual Appeal

10:00am	Celebration of Confirmation	Chapel
12:00am	Celebration of Confirmation	Chapel
		Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for deceased members of Lopez Family	Chapel

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Pastoral Gathering after all Masses Special Collection: Bishop's Annual Appeal

11:30amMass for Needs & Intentions of ParishionersCha2:00pmFilipino MassCha7:00pmMass for Olga CasarezCha	apel rary apel apel apel
7:00pm Mass for Phuong Ton That & Thuan Thi Pham Cha	apel



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