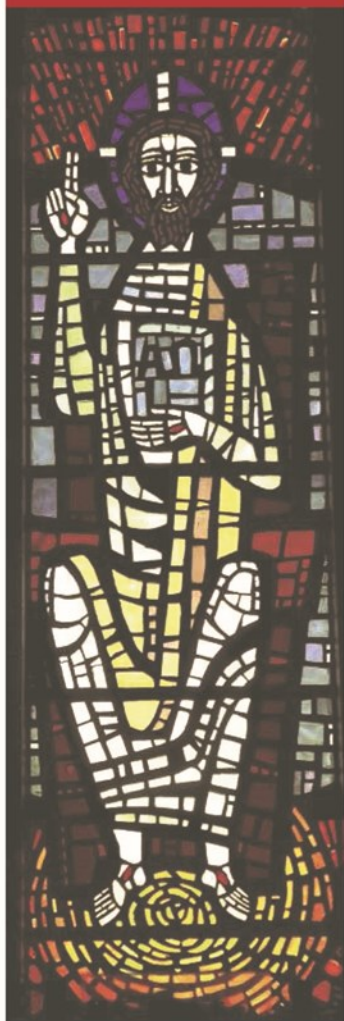


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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR B |
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Deacon's Speakin'

Dear sisters and brothers,

Today we celebrate Mother's Day and the Ascension of the Lord. Jesus truly expressed the importance of the family, and through the family He expresses His love and care for us. In the life of Jesus, there's always a familial connection. Mary, His mother, raises, cares, protects, and loves Him. At His crucifixion, He entrusts His mother to the beloved disciple, and the beloved disciple to His mother. At the Ascension, He returns to the Father, but not before asking the Father to protect those He leaves behind.

Thinking of Mary this Mother's Day, we reflect on her bravery and willingness to say "Yes", and because of her, Jesus entered the world. We also connect the motherhood of Mary and what God entrusts to mothers now: a new life, a chance for God's saving work to continue through each child that begins in the womb of a mother. Like Mary, mothers face uncertainty of how the world will receive their child. From the moment they're aware of a new life growing within them, mothers experience many fears. Jesus knew this, and at the cross He looked at the mother who loved, cared, and protected Him for 33 years and entrusted her care to the beloved disciple, and to the beloved disciple He entrusted His mother.

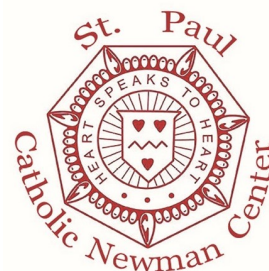
Celebrating the Ascension of the Lord, we look to the Gospel of John and we see another family connection. Before His ascension, Jesus prays to the father. He asks the Father to protect His disciples knowing that they will be sent into the world. While Jesus wouldn't be with his disciples physically, he still promises them that he will be with them always. "Them" becomes "us". Jesus is advocating for all of us. His great sacrifice on the cross and allowed His Spirit to flow to all of us. This great love between the Father and the Son is how He keeps His promise to us—He sends us His Spirit.

At His death, Jesus entrusts us to His mother. At His ascension, Jesus pleads for us to the Father. This Mother's Day and Solemnity of the Ascension let us remember the great love Jesus has for us. May God bless all mothers, grandmothers and mother figures with His 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

All students are invited to our **last student dinner** of the semester, this **Wednesday, May 15th** at 6pm at the Cardinal Newman Hall. The lounge will be open for homework and studying afterwards.

Prayer Request for Students

Please pray for all our college students as they are nearing the end of the semester. May they feel Gods presence as they prepare for their final exams.



Blessing for our Clovis Community advisor

Dr. Michael Stannard on his retirement

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Bible Study

Join us **Monday May 13th** 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.

2024—Year Of Prayer



Pope Francis has inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee. Francis calls us “to rediscover the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world.”

Stay tuned for how our University Parish will be participating in these movements.



Join us and celebrate Pentecost!

At St. Paul Catholic Newman Center

Saturday, May 11

Mass at 5:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00pm in the chapel

Agape fellowship in the priests' apartment at 6:30pm

Sunday, May 12

Masses at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

9:30am Mass with Bishop Brennan

Baccalaureate Mass at 7:00pm

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May 7	\$27,332.94	May 5	\$20,741.55
May 14	\$12,039.19	May 12	
May 21	\$12,689.80	May 19	
May 28	\$8,531.22	May 26	
MAY 2023 TOTAL	\$60,593.15	MAY 2024 TOTAL	\$20,741.55

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

Thank you from your parish staff!

FR. BYRON'S, CMF FAREWELL

SINCE A TEENAGER

I was always captivated by Jesus' concern for all of us: as He is ascending into heaven, Jesus commands his disciples to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15). Later on, when I learned about St. Anthony Claret, I was always moved by his desire to fulfill this command of love from Jesus with a spirit that is for all the world; that is why I joined the Claretians. And, thanks to the Claretians, I have been given this greatest gift to minister to you, to simply share the hope and joy of the Gospel: God is love and God loves you!



Yet, as a missionary, we are assigned to a mission and ministry for a few years and then we move on to the next one. Today I am announcing that my time here at Saint Paul Catholic Newman Center is coming to an end. I have been appointed as a Co-Director of the Shrine of Saint Jude in Chicago, Illinois, effective August 1st, 2024. My last weekend with you will be July 20-21, 2024.

Even though I came to you as a missionary of Jesus' Gospel, it is actually you who have inspired me to be a better believer and a priest. These four years here with you have taught me so much about faith, Church, and commitment. I thank you for your faith and I hope and pray that you never forget that God cares, that you matter to God and God will always provide.



A NEW JOURNEY

Father Robert will also be moving on to his new assignment. His last weekend will be June 23rd, 2024. Father Robert was here for a semester to take English classes so that he can continue his mission of service. He will be writing to you soon.

Please join me in welcoming Fr. Rubiston Peter, CMF (aka "Fr. Rubi"-you can read from him in the next pages) who will be assigned here in August, along with Mr. David Gutierrez, CMF, a Claretian Seminarian soon to be ordained a priest. You will love them!

Finally, please keep me in your prayers next week as I go on a renewal retreat in Mexico, May 17-24. I need some time to recharge, refocus and pray in order to go to my transition. And, save the date: let's all get together on Friday, July 19 at 6pm for a farewell potluck at the parish hall.

I do love you, I do pray for you all each day and I know that I will miss you.

Peace,
Fr. Byron Macias, CMF



Meet Fr. Rubi, CMF

My name is Rubiston (Rubi) Peter. I am a Claretian Missionary priest. I was born on June 12, 1987, in Kanyakumari - located at the southernmost tip of India - which is well-known for tourism and is a popular Hindu pilgrimage center. Growing up in a Catholic community, evangelized by St. Francis Xavier in the 16th century, I used to look up to the priests and the religious for their service in my parish. Beyond that, the faith taught by my parents inspired me to discern my call to be a priest.

I entered the Claretian seminary in 2004 in India. After completing my philosophical and theological studies in 2013, I was asked by the general superior to come to the United States of America to study and eventually be incardinated into the Claretian Province of USA-Canada.

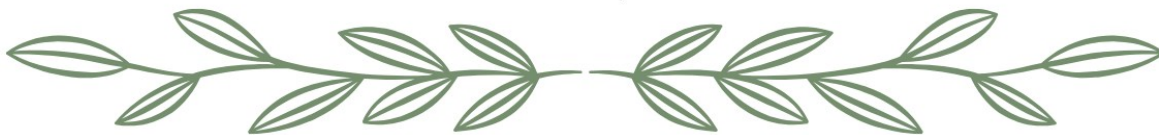
Subsequently, I pursued a master's degree in social justice at Loyola University, Chicago.

In 2016, I was ordained as a priest in my hometown parish. My first priestly assignment was as Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. After a year, I went to Mexico to study Spanish. Upon my return from Mexico, I was assigned to be the Vocation Director of our Province. It has been six years since I began serving as a vocation director.

Currently, I reside in Chicago, continuing in the vocation ministry.

For me, "why God called me" is much more important than "how God called me." I am looking forward to walking with you in faith, placing our trust in God's love and mercy. Kindly keep me in your prayers as I pray for you!

Fr. Rubi, CMF



Seminarian David Gutierrez will be coming to us as a Claretian Seminarian. He is expected to become a Transitional Deacon in the Fall. He currently works in a hospital, attends seminary classes and is taking chaplaincy classes. He is very excited to come to our parish to work with our parish, students, and youth.

Meet David Gutierrez, CMF, Seminarian

LIFE MINISTRY

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Men's Ministry

Men's Spirituality Group continues to meet every Monday after morning mass to 9:15am in the Library. All Catholic men of the parish are welcome to grab a cup of coffee and a muffin and join us.

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!

Grief Support

We are in the process of reforming and restarting our grief support ministry. Look out for further announcements. In the meantime, if you are in need of grief support, Hinds Hospice offers year round grief support services or contact our Stephen ministry through Niel Bianco at nbianco@biancoinvestigativegroup.com

Stay Tuned for upcoming program information & registration.

NEED CONFIRMATION?

If you are baptized Catholic and need to receive the sacrament of confirmation a new class is beginning May 16th. Classes meet every Thursday from 6.15 – 7.45 in the library for three months. If interested, leave your name and contact information with the receptionist at the front desk or contact charles@csufnewman.com.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are not baptized or baptized in another Christian denomination and interested in embracing the Catholic faith, please contact charles@csufnewman.com or call Charles at 559 286 6372 to enroll in RCIA or leave your contact information with the receptionist at the front desk.

HAPPY 60 YEARS, NEWMAN!

Come celebrate after Mass this weekend with your fellow parishioners. In the cafeteria, we will have cheese and crackers after the Saturday 5 PM Mass, and extra donuts and goodies after Sunday Morning Masses!

Take a few minutes to meet a new friend, or reconnect with old friends as we celebrate the great legacy of our Newman Center Parish!

Mother's Day Corsages

The Knights of Columbus will be in the hallway by both doors with Mother's Day Corsages after all masses for a suggested donation and all the proceeds will go directly to Right to Life Central California. Please come out and support Right to Life and honor your Mother, Wife and Grandmother on their special day.

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:

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Registration form at the QR Code below:



PRAYERS:

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

Dan Dungy	Misty Henson
Catherine Caton	Kirk Setser
Bob Henry	Lisa Cruz
Mary Fotheringham	Monica Polin
Kathy Robinson	Sara Parkes
Lisa Odom	
Frances and Family	
Sharon Sanchez	
Rosalinda Lewis	

♥ And we pray for those who have died recently.

Elizabeth Dungy

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.

WEEKEND SACRISTAN AND RECEPTIONIST

We are looking for several candidates for our Weekend Sacristan and Receptionist Positions. This is a great part-time position for students or other interested parishioners. Do you have an interest or know a great candidate? Contact Dan Nickerson at plc@csufnewman.com for more information or to apply.

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND LIFE MINISTRIES AND LITURGY POSITION

We are looking for a special person to support our Family and Life Ministries and Liturgy. Do you have an interest or know a great candidate for this full-time position? Contact Dan Nickerson at plc@csufnewman.com for more information or to apply.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MAY 12– MAY 19, 2024

SUNDAY, MAY 12 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:30am	Mass for Nunzio & Alma Tarantino	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Michael Cardenas	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
11:30am	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel
2:00pm	Filipino Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	College Graduation Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Jackie Hernandez	Chapel

MONDAY, MAY 13

8:00am	Mass for Sergio DeMontano, Sr	Chapel
8:00am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Student Lounge

TUESDAY, MAY 14

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
6:15pm	SoulCare	Courtyard

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

8:00am	Mass for Rose Ann Riggall	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	Community Room
6:00pm	College Night	CNH
6:00pm	Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle	Cafeteria
6:30pm	RCIA Inquiry	Community Room

THURSDAY, MAY 16

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Intentions of Jordan Johnson & Ivan Arias	Chapel
6:00pm	Adult Confirmation	Library

FRIDAY, MAY 17

8:00am	Mass for Arthur Real & Margaret & Pete Estrada	Chapel
5:30pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Special Collection: Catholic Charities

3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Lupe Pineda	Chapel

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Special Collection: Catholic Charities

PENTECOST

7:30am	Mass for Ernestine Landen	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
11:30am	Mass for Shaby Tran	Chapel
1:00pm	Baptism Prep Class	Library
7:00pm	Mass for Arthur Hermosillo	Chapel

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