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## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A | JUNE 25, 2023

One of my favorite films is the 2015 drama *The Revenant* starring Leonardo DiCaprio and directed by Alejandro González Iñárritu. The film's main character Hugh Glass (DiCaprio) struggles for survival in the 19th century frontier after a vicious bear attack leaves him clinging to life in the midst of brutal winter conditions. The fellow fur trapper John Fitzgerald (played by a menacing Tom Hardy) finds the injured Glass, buries him alive, steals their take, and kills Glass's indigenous son Hawk to cover his own tracks. After Glass crawls out of the earth, he hunts Fitzgerald with a singular motivation beyond survival: revenge. As the striking visuals and title of the film itself suggests (a revenant is one who returns from the dead), there is something supernaturally chilling about the journey that Glass undertakes.

In one of the film's most crucial moments, Glass meets an indigenous shaman, Hikuc, who is mourning the death of his family, killed at the hands of a rival tribe. Glass asks him what he plans to do. "My heart bleeds," Hikuc tells him, "but revenge is in the hands of the Creator." At this point Glass, feverish and faint, is brought into the womb-like shelter of an improvised sweat lodge that Hikuc provides for him in the midst of a storm.

I am reminded of this grim story when I hear the Scriptures for today's readings. Revenge and opposition are themes that emerge amidst Jeremiah's trials (in the context of the Babylonian invasion of the Kingdom of Judah), an individual's plea for justice (in the Psalm), and Jesus' words about destruction, Gehenna, and denial (in the Gospel). The stark dualism of justice for the righteous/destruction for God's enemies is balanced by Paul's words to the Roman church, who are challenged in their cultural understanding of law (which of course was Rome's big contribution to civilization) in the asymmetry of God's actions in Christ:

"But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many (Rom 5:15)."

In *The Revenant,* Hikuc functions as a Christ-figure who stands as an interruption to Glass' drive toward revenge and death. As an indigenous character in the midst of colonial expansion, he suffers the horrors of his people to an extreme degree; he has every motivation to seek revenge for what he has suffered. But instead of recycling his pain into more death and destruction, he acknowledges that he is not God, that the renewing energy of the cosmos is not restored by retribution, and that healing can come about in an act of compassion toward a stranger.

The challenge for Glass for the rest of the film—and I don't want to spoil the ending if you haven't seen it!—is whether or not he can follow such a Christ-figure into a future beyond his own pain and grief, and indeed beyond the grief of a suffering world. We have all internalized this pain in varying degrees, and we all struggle not to let it rule us. As Jeremiah and the Psalmist were no strangers to such pain, they knew in humility that restoration and justice can only come by God's hand, in God's time. Perhaps Jesus' words "what I say to you in darkness, speak in the light (Matt 10:27)" can be understood to mean even if you do not see the way now, you can trust me, and you can guide the way for others. There is more that can be mended than you know.

-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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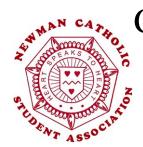
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## Campus Ministry News!

WEEK OF JUNE 25— JULY 1

## DOG DAYS

This past week Edgar and two of our Student leaders, Hector and Katie, were able to have a table during Fresno State's Dog Days. This event is for incoming students who will just be starting at Fresno State. We will be tabling 3 more days in June and 6 in July. Pray that we have meaningful engagements with new students.

## YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We resume our study of the Gospel of Luke this Monday, June 19th at 6:00 PM in the Student Lounge. We hope to see you there!

## YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

Our young adult ministry welcomes young professionals, young couples, and college students age 18-39. We're planning an eventful summer so be sure to take note of our activities on this page, on our website, and on social media. Email ncya@csufnewman.com with any questions.

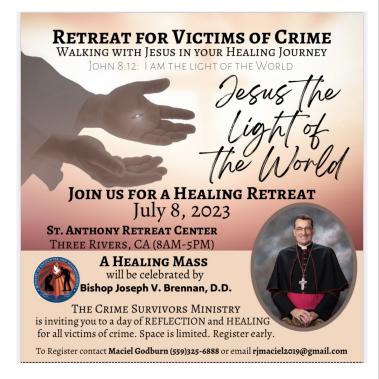


## PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

For the week of June 25 to July 1, 2023:

- Pope Francis will be attending World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, August 2-6, 2023!
   To appreciate Pope Francis' outreach to young
   People on the margins, check out "The Pope: Answers", an amazing documentary now streaming on Hulu.
- Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June 2023:
   For the abolition of torture: "We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families."
- Monday, June 26
   International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking
   International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
- Friday, June 23
   5:30pm Food Recovery Dinner in the Newman Cafeteria. All are welcome! Our guests are hungry for fellowship, and not just food.
- Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July 2023:
   For a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

For so much more on all things Social Justice, visit our website or contact Jim Grant at jim@csufnewman.com



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

## **Family Life Ministry**

Summer Movie Nights Are Back! The Joy of Love Moms Group is excited to once again host summer movie nights in Cardinal Newman Hall. The first featured film, Remember the Titans, will be shown on Tuesday, June 27th at 5:30pm with pizza and lemonade provided. Tables and chairs will be set up in the hall for families to share tables and enjoy a meal together. Dinner will be followed by a friendly game of football.

Joy of Love Moms: The Joy of Love Moms Group invites families to the west playground after 9:30am Mass for an opportunity for children and families to meet, socialize and play together. Please join us!

## Men's Ministry

Men's Weekly Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group: This ministry meets on Monday mornings at 8:30am in the Library after 8:00am morning Mass. After our June 26th Monday meeting, we will break for the month of July and will resume meeting on August 7th.

## **Prayer Ministry**

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle meets Wednesdays at 10:00am in Cardinal Newman Hall. We pray for vocations, seminarians, world peace, and our own intentions; we invite all to join us. After our meeting on Wednesday, June 28th, we will break for the month of July and will resume meeting on August, 2nd.

## **RCIA**

Call for Sponsors: We currently have 15 people on the journey into the Catholic Church with more still enrolling. We need at *least another 5 sponsors* to accompany them on their faith journey. Ask any previous sponsor and they will tell you what a rewarding experience this is. We are still open to serve anyone else interested in the faith. So, if you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, this is a good time to start or email Charles Arokiasamy at <a href="mailto:rcia@csufnewman.com">rcia@csufnewman.com</a> or call the Parish Office and leave a message.

## Priests Retirement Offering:

\$4,875.71

Diocese of Fresno

## Bishop's Annual Appeal:

\$2,681.68

Diocese of Fresno

## 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

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday | 9:00am to 3:00pm

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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.

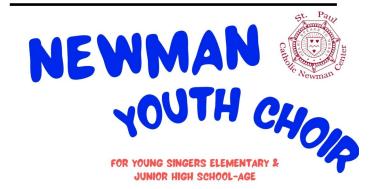
| JUNE CONTRIBUTIONS |             |                 |             |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 202                | 2022 2023   |                 | 23          |
| June 5             | \$18,677.50 | June 4          | \$11,37900  |
| June 12            | \$15,478.40 | June 11         | \$15,624.39 |
| June 19            | \$15,352.91 | June 18         | \$10,731.63 |
| June 26            | \$9,344.17  | June 25         |             |
| JUNE 2022<br>TOTAL | \$58,852.98 | JUNE 2023 TOTAL | \$37,734.99 |



## **Knights of Columbus Burrito Breakfast June 25**

On June 25 the members of Council 9445 will be making breakfast burritos and serving them after the 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am masses. A portion of the pro-

ceeds helps support the Sisters of Divine Master. Enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners, or you can take them to go. Burritos are served in the Cafeteria. We accept Cash, Checks and Credit Cards (Apple or Google Pay).





This week, youth are invited to rehearse in the Chapel on Tuesday at 5:00pm. Stay for Movie Night afterwards (details under Family Life Ministries)! Rehearsal attendance is required for those who participate on Sunday.

## Prayers:

Peter Berumen

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

**Bob Watson** Elizabeth Fritzl Cecilia Pacificador-Doris Peluso Mendoza Jacob Silva Jasmin Boyd Virgie Cassel Barbara Barrows Lana Xiong Sarah Peterson Camacho Kathy Xiong Connie Watson Dan Dungy Régis Ashley Grace D. Matthew Smith Amanda B Jason Carol Wathen Dale Horner James Scharnick Jacob Silva Sally Caglia

**♥** And we pray for those who have died recently,

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.

Sarah Peterson Camacho

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.



## 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

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 25**

## 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

## Catholic Charities Truck

## Knights Burrito Breakfast (Morning)

| 7:30am  | Mass Int. of Claretian Miss. & Voc | ations     | Chapel  |
|---------|------------------------------------|------------|---------|
| 9:30am  | Mass for Carmelita and Ricardo Si  | unga       | Chapel  |
| 10:00am | RCIA Inquiry                       |            | Library |
| 10:30am | Barunda - Nooncaster Reception     | Cardinal I | Newman  |
|         |                                    | Hall       | 102-103 |
| 11:30am | Mass for Tony Morales              |            | Chapel  |
| 11:30am | Rite of Acceptance                 |            | Chapel  |
| 3:00pm  | Igbo Mass                          |            | Chapel  |
| 7:00pm  | Mass for Needs and Int. of Parishi | oners      | Chapel  |
|         |                                    |            |         |

## **MONDAY, JUNE 26**

Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5

| 8:00am Mass for Lonnie Colletti  |              | Chapel         |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 8:30am Men's Morning Scripture S | Study        | Library        |
| 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study   | St. Jn XXIII | Student Lounge |

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 27** Gn 13:2, 5-18 /Mt 7:6, 12-14

| 8:00am | Communion Service     | Chapel                     |
|--------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 5:00pm | Youth Choir Rehearsal | Chapel                     |
| 5:30pm | Summer Movie Night    | Cardinal Newman Hall 101-2 |

## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28** Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20

## ST. IRENAEUS

8:00am Mass Todd Anderson & Jeanne Ansolebehere Chapel 10:00am Marian Mov't Priests Cardinal Newman Hall 103-4 12:00pm Jan Fusselman Funeral Mass Chapel 1:00pm Fusselman Funeral Reception Cardinal Newman Hall

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 29** STS. PETER AND PAUL Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

| 8:00am | Communion Service               | Chapel |
|--------|---------------------------------|--------|
| 4:00pm | Confessions                     | Chapel |
| 6:00pm | Mass for Gabrielle DeBoer Allen | Chapel |

## FRIDAY, JUNE 30

## Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4

8:00am Communion Service Chapel 5:30pm Food Recovery Network Cafeteria

## SATURDAY, JULY 1

## THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17 (Day)

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42(Vigil Mass) Special Collection: Peter's Pence

| 7:30am | Men's Saturday Coffee Group | Cafeteria |
|--------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 3:30pm | Confessions                 | Chapel    |
| 5:00pm | Mass for Kenneth Hooker     | Chapel    |

## **SUNDAY, JULY 2**

## **13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42 Special Collection: Peter's Pence

| 7:30am  | Mass for Needs and Int. of Parishioners | Chapel  |
|---------|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| 9:30am  | Mass for John Godburn                   | Chapel  |
| 10:00am | RCIA Inquiry                            | Library |
| 11:30am | Mass Int. Claretian Miss. & Vocations   | Chapel  |
| 7:00pm  | Mass for Richard Sexton                 | Chapel  |

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