

# Saint Paul Catholic Newman Center



## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2015

Readings: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Eph. 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

### **Our Lady of Miracles Catholic School is Closing**

*Fresno, California* – Earlier this week, Most Rev. Armando X. Ochoa, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fresno, met with the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, President of the Diocesan Board of Education, Pastor of Our Lady of Miracles parish, and School Advisory Board President, to announce his decision to close Our Lady of Miracles Catholic School in Gustine, California, effective August 1, 2015.

This was a very difficult decision for Bishop Ochoa to make, as he is thoroughly committed to the value of a Catholic school education in forming tomorrow's leaders in the Church and society. There are several essential needs to ensure the sustainability of a Catholic school; including, the number of students enrolled, adequate staffing, administrative expertise and funding. Sadly, without resolve, Our Lady of Miracles School was unable to surmount the challenges that impacted its stability.

Mona Faulkner, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, spoke privately with the school's teachers and staff about the decision, ensuring them they will receive hiring preference should there be openings in any other Catholic schools in the area.

On Wednesday evening, Bishop Ochoa joined Ms. Faulkner for a meeting with parents at the Parish Center to address the closure, in addition to the notification letter that was sent to the school families. Other area Catholic schools will be contacted to explore opportunities for student transfers in a supportive, welcoming manner to ease the transition.

This is a great loss for the Diocese of Fresno and all who have invested their hearts and resources at Our Lady of Miracles since the school was established in 1955. Let us keep these school families and staff members in prayer, as this event raises our awareness of the vulnerabilities of Catholic Education and the need for full support from our Diocesan Church.

#### Mission Statement

St. Paul Catholic Newman Center is a Catholic parish committed to serving the spiritual needs of college/university students, faculty and all other people who freely choose to be part of our parish family. Gathered together by the Spirit and seeking God's will in our lives, we dedicate ourselves to bringing the transformative power of Christ into the world we know through worship, education, service and support.

## International Food Festival Committee

We will be holding our first international food festival committee meeting on August 4 at 7:00pm in the Community Room. A few areas are still needing volunteers: chairperson for entertainment, chairperson for ticket sales, and any new food booth ideas. If you are interested in helping please plan on attending the meeting and contact Diana Parker at 977-0967 or [dianaandmso@comcast.net](mailto:dianaandmso@comcast.net)

## Ministry of Altar Attendants & Sacristan

**Join us on Tuesday evening, July 28th at 7:00pm in the worship space**, as the Liturgy Team continues its series of reflection and conversation on our liturgical ministries: "Evenings on Liturgy, 'Newman Style'." On Tuesday, July 28th, we will be focusing on the ministries of Altar Attendant (Altar Server) and Sacristan.

Those currently serving in these ministries are encouraged to attend. Anyone from the parish who has an interest in discerning a call to join either of these ministries, or those who are interested in what these ministries are all about are encouraged and invited to join us: Tuesday, July 28th, at 7:00 p.m. here in the worship space. And remember: "All are welcome."

## Adult Confirmation Classes

Classes to prepare adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation begin Wednesday, August 26, at 7pm and run through February 17. These classes are for Catholics who want to be confirmed.

Maria Sanchez and Deacon Bill Lucido will journey with you during this preparation.

For more information and registration form contact Deacon Bill at 436-3434 or [bill@csufnewman.com](mailto:bill@csufnewman.com).

## NCYA

We invite all young adults to join us for our monthly team meeting this Monday in the Library beginning at 5:45pm. Bring your ideas and energy to plan our future events!



## High School Ministry

### Youth Group

This Tuesday, Junior high & High school youth group will be playing indoor soccer from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Invite a friend & have come fun! Contact Cristina Martinez at [cristina@csufnewman.com](mailto:cristina@csufnewman.com)

## Reminder!

There will be no confession this Tuesday as Fr. Dave will be on a retreat. Confessions will continue next Tuesday, August 4.

## Family Life Ministry

**Men's Morning Scripture Study Group** meets Tuesdays from 7:30am to 8:15am after 7:00am Mass in the Community Room.

### Meditation Opportunities

**Christian Meditation** meets Thursday mornings from 11:15am to 12:15pm in Cardinal Newman Hall #104. Facilitator: Benita Lankford

**Evening Meditation** meets Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the Library. Facilitator: Veena Kapoor

### **Tai Chi for Arthritis**

Tuesday & Thursday mornings.  
Beginner's class: 9:00am to 10:00am  
Regular class: 10:15am to 11:15am.  
Cardinal Newman Hall #103.  
Instructor: Art Lopez.

**Tai Chi:** There will be **no Thursday evening** Tai Chi during the month of July.

## College Ministries

College Confirmation The Newman Center offers a Confirmation program for college students who have been baptized in the Catholic Church



College & Young Adult Bible Study Join us Mondays, 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Annex for discussion of the Sunday readings and how to make your faith more a part of your daily life. Summer Bible Study will continue Mondays through August 3, then we'll take a break and return fall semester!

College Night returns Wednesday, August 26 (the first week of classes at Fresno State). You'll enjoy a delicious free dinner every week, plus a guest speaker, Mass, service project or fun! Watch the bulletin for more info. Karey Spach, Director of Campus Ministry, [karey@csufnewman.com](mailto:karey@csufnewman.com)

## Intentional Disciple Study Group

Looking for something to stretch your mind and heart over the summer?

Join Sister Kathleen Drilling and Dave Meyer to study and share about Discipleship!

Join us Monday evenings, July 27 August 3, in Cardinal Newman Hall #102 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm we will study the book **Forming Intentional Disciples** by Sherry Weddell. This will be a great time to learn and share with others your questions about being a disciples of Jesus and learn how to put the Joy of the Gospel into practice right here at St. Paul's. **Pick up a flyer and a book today at the front desk.**

## Cleaning Out Closets

It's that time of year again, cleaning out the closets and getting ready for the next season. We are collecting children's, women's & men's clothing you no longer need or have out-grown. The items collected will be donated to the Holy Cross Center for Women. Your donations will assist the homeless as well as help those needing clothes for job interviews, church, and other occasions.

You can drop donations off in the white bin located in the courtyard located next to the chapel. If you can not bring the items you may contact Judy Clifford to arrange a pick-up. Thanks so much for your contributions that are so appreciated. Judy Clifford - 227-1748

## Childcare

Childcare is available for the Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am Mass. Simply go to classroom 4 to sign-in your children.

## "Come & See"

A discernment retreat hosted by Diocese of Fresno will be held Friday, July 31 through Sunday August 2 at the St. Anthony Retreat Center in Three Rivers, Ca. This retreat is for any men between the ages of 17-45. A donation of \$20 is encouraged but financial assistance is available. **You must pre-register to participate**, you can pick-up a registration form in the hallway or contact: Fr. Dan Avila, vocations@dioceseoffresno.org; 488-7424

## Summer Community Dinners

The Food Recovery Network dinners are continuing each Friday in the Newman Cafeteria. If you would like to support us we have an ongoing need for non-food items that we use each week. Items on our "wish list" include: hairnets, food prep gloves, aluminum foil, gallon-size zipper bags, bleach, dish soap, instant-read thermometers, alcohol prep pads, fabric aprons and dish cloths.

**Donations may be placed in the shopping cart in the vestibule.** For more information about this program, please email [tjwarnert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tjwarnert@sbcglobal.net).

## The Resilience of the Nigerian Igbo Tribe

The St. Paul Catholic Newman Center Igbo Catholics will be hosting a Tamejavi Igbo cultural day. They will be showcasing their: traditions, stories, dances & food! Join them Sunday July, 26 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the La Plaza Arte Americas (1630 Van Ness ave. Fresno, Ca 93721) This event is free to the public and would love to have our Newman Family there to support us. Hope to see you there!

## "Pope Francis' Address to the World Meeting of Popular Movements in Bolivia"

[You] have mentioned the many forms of exclusion and injustice which you experience in the workplace, in neighborhoods and throughout the land...I wonder whether we can see that these destructive realities are part of a system which has become global.

Do we realize that that system has imposed the mentality of profit at any price, with no concern for social exclusion or the destruction of nature? [Let] us not be afraid to say it: we want change, real change, structural change. This system is now intolerable: farmworkers find it intolerable, laborers find it intolerable, peoples find it intolerable...The earth itself--our sister, Mother Earth, as St. Francis would say--also finds it intolerable.

## Prayers

+ **Mass Intentions:** Giacobe Nguyen Hoa & Madalen Nguyen T. Thiet, Deceased members of the Kimmel - Scambray families, , Michael Campbell, Daniel Martin

+ **Please pray for healing of our loved ones who are ill:** GMatt Bianchi, Gary Payne, Gary Marsella, Shirley Lea, Sue Noonkester (daughter of Alice Terhaar), Rosemary Tourville, Richard (Jack) Tourville, Ron Zucca, Tori Long-Hendrix (daughter of Gary & Bebe Long), Ron & Barbara Kasabian, Ysidro Duran, Terry Jesse, Steve Strobe, Fr. Joseph Streger, Myrcille DeBenedetto, John Dooley, Dominic Valdez, Sam VanderDussen, Luz Elower, Ollie Mae & Tom Godburn, Robby Klimaytis, Ernie Lee, Jennifer McClain, Kenny Smith, Cathleen DiMaggio, Horace Spann, Kyle Springer

## Sunday Contributions

July 18-19 Contributions:	\$11,513
July Total Contributions:	\$35,755
Monthly Sunday Contributions Goal:	\$50,000
Total Fiscal Year (July - June):	\$595,626

## Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil):	5:00pm
Sunday:	7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 7:00pm
Monday - Thursday:	7:00am
Friday Mass:	7:00am

## Welcome Sunday

Save the date for our "Welcome Sunday" - **August 30**. This is a great opportunity to get information from our various ministries. Come by and see what the Newman Center has to offer.