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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD YEAR A | AUGUST 6, 2023

THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear sisters and brothers,

Sometimes God's grace grants us a glimpse of something behind the "curtain" – an amazing preview into the Kingdom of God. In Celtic spirituality there are places called "thin places" where the curtain between our world and the next is so thin that we can see through it, of only for a brief time. The Celts referred to these as actual geographic locations, but they can also be occurrences in our lives. These occasions, when we get to catch a glimpse of God through the thin curtain, can't help but be moments of transformation – calls to discipleship, if we let them.

When Peter, James, and John went up the mountain with Jesus that day they expected to sit with their Master while He prayed. When they got there, something so amazing and "other worldly" happened that it changed their lives. In the blink of an eye, they became aware of the fact that they were looking into the face of God in all its glory.

What did the disciples see that day? We can't really tell from the description we get in Matthew. Do you remember a time you saw a great work of art or heard a particular vocal artist (or whatever it might be that moves you) – when you got goose bumps and maybe involuntarily shivered? These are glimpses of God's face – things that touch you so deeply that if you allow yourself to be, you're transformed.

When I was able to see the "Last Supper" – the mural painting by Leonardo DaVinci, it almost left me speechless. It was one of those transforming moments. The first time I heard Andrea Bocelli in person, I remember thinking – "that's what God meant a voice to sound like"! They were both glimpses of God. They're examples of God communicating through that "thin curtain" I spoke of – to someone who really needed to see and hear for whatever reason. God reveals to us in little epiphanies all the time, but mostly we don't see them, at least not for what they are.

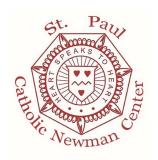
Have you ever been just sitting there and suddenly you felt like doing something nice for someone you know? That's God talking to you through the Holy Spirit. Have you ever received something wonderful in the mail? – A lovely message from a friend or an unexpected gift of something you needed? That's God who knows your heart's desire. Have you ever been in a bad situation that you couldn't see your way through and then suddenly looking back at it in the past? That's God seeing us through troubled times!

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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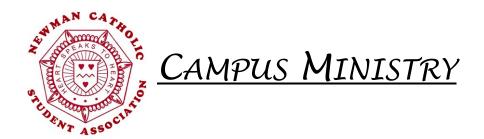
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WORLD YOUTH DAY

Our pilgrims have attended workshops, concerts, exhibits, stations of the Cross, played in sports and participated in Mass with Pope Francis alongside a million other young people. - just to name a few things. Thank you for your prayers and your support throughout this entire journey. They will be returning tomorrow, please pray for a safe return home.

WE ARE HIRING!

Do you want to work with young people discovering their faith? The office of Campus Ministry is hiring a part time Administrative Assistant. Please visit our website on how to apply and for more information about the position.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT VOLUNTEERS

We are less then a month away from our first Wednesday Student Dinner, and so this is your time to shine! We need partners to cook/purchase meals, provide drinks and deserts, and help prep and serve in the Kitchen. There are two ways to sign up: go onto our website and fill out our form or stop by the front desk to pick up and/or fill out the form and return to the front desk. Thank you for taking part in this great ministry!

NEWMAN CENTER YOUNG ADULTS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We are currently taking a short two-week break while Edgar and other Young Adults are away in Portugal for World Youth Day. We will gather again for Bible Study on Monday, August 14 at 6:00pm in the Student Lounge.

Last Week's Special Collection for

Campus Ministry \$2,369.62

Thank you for your generosity

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

MAIN PHONE LINE: 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.

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TO SUBMIT ANNOUNCEMENTS, ARTICLES, OR FLIERS FOR THE BULLETIN. WEBSITE. OR SOCIAL MEDIA:

Email the Newman Communications Team at communications@csufnewman.com

JULY CONTRIBUTIONS			
2022		2023	
July 3	\$21,273.10	July 2	\$15,785.50
July 10	\$21,967.35	July 9	\$16,680.25
July 17	\$19,316.15	July 16	\$10,577.33
July 24	\$10,572.50	July 23	\$12,180.82
July 31	\$14,325.54	July 30	\$9,115.28
JULY 2022 TOTAL	\$87,454.64	JULY 2023 TOTAL	\$64,339.18

NOTE: Last week, we mistakenly posted the total monthly amounts for June 2022 in place of July 2022. The correct numbers for July 2022 are shown above. Thank you to those of you who pointed out this error to us.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus John Cardinal Newman Council 9445 Presented a \$400.00 check to the Sisters of the Divine Master. Our Members we able to have a nice lunch and Ice cream with the Sisters and found out more about what they do. This was from our June Burrito Sales with a portion of the process benefiting this wonderful organization. With the great support of the parishioners of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center we were able to sell 121 burritos to support this great organization. If you would like more information on the Knights of Columbus kc9445.org or go to kofc.org/join.



PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

For the week of August 6 to August 12, 2023:

- Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August 2023: For World Youth Day: We pray that World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the gospel in their own lives
- Sunday, August 6: Bishops in U.S. and Japan on Nuclear Disarmament: paxchristiusa.org/2023/05/18/ archbishops-etienne-wester-issue-letter-with-bishopsof-hiroshima-nagasaki-to-urge-nuclear-disarmament/
- Thursday, August 10
 Join us for our Synodal listening sessions! See the announcement on this page for more information.
- Friday, August 11
 5:30pm Food Recovery Dinner in the Newman Cafeteria. All are welcome! Our guests are hungry for fellowship, and not just food.

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

HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI COMMEMORATION FOR PEACE

Join Bishop Brennan, Fresno State President Saul Jimenez-Sandoval, and other faith leaders from around Fresno to remember the anniversaries of the 1945 atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The first prayer service will be held on Sunday, August 6 (Hiroshima anniversary) at Fresno State Memorial Garden (near the fountain by the Bookstore) from 8:00am to 11:00am.

The second prayer service will be held on Wednesday, August 9 at Shinzen Friendship Garden at Woodward Park from 10:30am to 12:00pm.

You are invited to join in a three-day fast from August 6 to 9 to affirm our commitment to peace, justice, and a world without the threat of nuclear weapons and war.

TEACHERS NEEDED FOR FAITH, FAMILY, & FRIENDS!

If you have ever had the desire to walk with young people, share your faith and tell others about Jesus and his Mission, we want your help! Contact Sister Kathleen Drilling at skd@csufnewman.com. Come build the future Church here at St. Paul Newman Center!

Current... MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Family Life Ministry

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: meets on Monday mornings, 8:30-9:15am after morning Mass in the Library.

Prayer Ministry

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in Cardinal Newman Hall, room 104.

Prayer & Life Workshop begins August 9 and runs until November 15, meeting each Wednesday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Register by emailing Regina Flores rmflores39@icloud.com. Regina will be in the breezeway after Mass to tell you more.

SYNOD 2023 INVITATION: CONVERSATIONS IN THE SPIRIT

Are you interested in picking up where we left off last year with our "Synodal Listening Sessions" or joining the synodal process for the first time?

- If so, join us from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Newman Cafeteria on August 10, 17, 24 or 31. Please contact the parish office or Jim Grant (jim@csufnewman.com) so we'll now how many to expect!
- How to prepare? Just come with an open heart and with a desire to share with your brothers and sisters your hopes and dreams, as well as theirs, for a Synodal Missionary Church.

We look forward to these "Conversations in the Spirit" with you soon!

PRAYERS:

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

William Diener Carolina Hogg Lily Villarena Judy Truckale Erlinda de Jesus JJ Tenison Tim Vaux Alan Demascus Kathy DeMera Sylvia Soublet Myles Dan Dungy Happy Ocampo Sarah Peterson Camacho Carrie Coit Susan Olson Elizabeth Dungy Lydia Martinez Tom Castelazo Ken Christensen Ken Kemp Sally Caglia Raj Prasad

♥ Giving thanks with those who rejoice:

Kristen Pasma

Ashley Grace

♥ And we pray for those who have died recently:

Tom Allred

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 YEAR HS CONFIRMATION

Registration for First Year High School Confirmation will open on Tuesday, August 8. Please visit our website to register.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes."

-St. Dominic de Guzmán

Feast Day August 8

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

7:30am	Mass for Needs & Int. Parishioners	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for John Godburn	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
11:30am	Mass for Johnny Zavala	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Janet Fabling	Chapel

MONDAY, AUGUST 7 Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

8:00am Mass for Betsy Lucido	Chapel
8:30am Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36

8:00am Communion Service

Chapel

ST. DOMINIC

6:00pm Family Movie Night Cardinal Newman Hall 101-102

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35/Mt 15: 21-28

8:00am	Mass for Curtis Lea	Chapel
10:00am	Marian Movement of Priests	CNH 103-104
6:00pm	Prayer & Life Workshop	Library
6:30pm	RCIA Inquiry	Community Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

ST. LAWRENCE

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass Special Int. Brian Nicholson	Chapel

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28

ST. CLARE

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20 (Day) 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33 (Vigil Mass)

3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Needs & Int. Parishioners	Chapel

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

7:30am	Mass for Joanna Emma Bertolucci	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Lai Pham	Chapel
9:30am	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
11:30am	Mass for Maria Murao	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Eryn Batulan	Chapel

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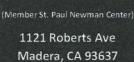
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