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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A | August 13, 2023

During the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, I began to see t-shirts, bumper stickers, or social media posts with slogans along the lines of 'Faith Over Fear.' Such posts implied distrust of public authority, anxiety over the loss of personal liberties, and concerns over the changing requirements of public schooling, healthcare, and other essential aspects of life. As difficult as it is for me to set my personal biases aside (I am married to and am the child of health workers), I do understand the sentiment, and think that the issues confronting ordinary people are overwhelming. Young people are especially concerned as our institutions don't seem to offer the kind of support and guarantees that they once did—I am thinking especially of the many who join me each year in assuming substantial student debt. Is our only option to adopt an attitude of steely, self-sufficient autonomy?

This weekend, the Readings offer us different paradigm. Elijah's expectations are overturned by God's gentle and quiet presence. Jesus dramatically confronts Peter's expectations in a famous scene that speaks to our notions of 'faith over fear.' Peter enters the water engaging in a sort of bargain with Jesus. I imagine Peter saying "if it is *really* you, you'll take me out here with you." Discipleship, as Jesus shows, is not some reciprocal transaction, but depends on the power of God to lead and uphold. Pope Francis, when speaking to the pilgrims of World Youth Day gathered last weekend, also speaks of this power of faith overcoming fear. It is not so much a process of overcoming our challenges as letting Jesus guide us through them in courage:

[...] As young people, you may be tempted at this time to lose heart, to think you fall short, or to disguise your pain with a smile. As young people, you want to change the world – and it is very good that you want to change the world – you want to work for justice and peace. You devote all your life's energy and creativity to this, but it still seems insufficient. Yet, the Church and the world need you, the young, as much as the earth needs rain. To all of you, dear young people, who are the present and the future, yes to all of you, Jesus now says: "Have no fear", "Do not be afraid!".

Dear young people, I would like to look into the eyes of each of you and say: Do not be afraid. I will tell you something else, also very beautiful: it is no longer I, but Jesus himself who is now looking at you. He knows each of your hearts, each of your lives; he knows your joys, your sorrows, your successes and failures. He knows your heart. Today, he says to you. "Have no fear, take heart, do not be afraid!"

Because the young pilgrims are icons of the Church today, may we make space for them and invite them to lead us through the many obstacles that modern life presents. Conquering fear has much less to do with individual autonomy as it does with humble submission to the power and love of God.

> -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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CAMPUS MINISTRY

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!

BAGGAGE BUDDIES

Fresno State students are getting ready to move into their dorms and we as a student community want to be ready to welcome and help them settle in. **This Thursday, August 17th**, students from our Newman Clubs are gathering to **assist students and families moving in**. This is not so much an outreach event more then it is a community service need! It was beautiful first time experience last year and we are eager to help a second time. If you are a student who is interested please **reach out to Edgar@csufnewman.com for more details**.

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.

NEWMAN CENTER YOUNG ADULTS

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Young Adult Bible study will resume on Monday, August 14. 2 weeks off gives us a chance to come back re-energized. We will continue to gather every Monday at 6:00pm in the Student Lounge. Come for some deep conversation and community.



Photo of the Week:

World Youth Day pilgrims in Portugal at Mass on Friday, August 4. Next Week's Special Collection is for

Cathedral Maintenance

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.

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

AUGUST CONTRIBUTIONS

2022		2023	
August 7	\$27,017.20	August 6	\$14,351.52
August 14	\$14,826.61	August 13	
August 21	\$12,042.82	August 20	
August 28	\$10,936.68	August 27	
AUGUST 2022 TOTAL	\$64,823.31	AUGUST 2023 TOTAL	\$14,351.52

FROM FR. BYRON...

I have a confession to make: I have hundreds of pictures of my parakeets, Jelly and Pickles, on my phone. Yet, out of all those pictures, only a handful are on focus. The thing is that my birds are always jumping and flying around, and it is difficult for my phone camera to keep good focus, so my pictures end up blurry. In the Gospel today, Jesus is asking us to remain focused on Him. Look at what happened to poor Peter: Jesus invites Peter to walk over the waters. Peter is doing it while he is focused on Jesus; yet, the storm distracts him and he starts to sink. Still, Jesus came to pull him out of the water. In life, many storms will come and distract us from our focus on what is important, liberating and lifegiving; yet, no storm is stronger than God. All we are to do is to remain focused on Him, and He will lead us through. And, if we lose focus, like Peter did, Jesus will come to our rescue and pull us out from any storm. I can still recall that Extraordinary Moment of Prayer, presided by Pope Francis on Friday, March 27, 2020. The entire world was afraid of Covid19 and Pope Francis precisely proclaimed the very Gospel we hear this Sunday. Then, he said:

"The Lord asks us and, in the midst of our tempest, invites us to reawaken and put into practice that solidarity and hope capable of giving strength, support and meaning to these hours when everything seems to be floundering. The Lord awakens so as to reawaken and revive our Easter faith. We have an anchor: by his cross we have been saved. We have a rudder: by his cross we have been redeemed. We have a hope: by his cross we have been healed and embraced so that nothing and no one can separate us from his redeeming love."

No matter the storms of how many times we may lose focus like me trying to take clear pictures of my parakeets; God's focus on us remains immortal!

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

For the week of August 13 to August 19, 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 13
 Here is a homily by by Fr. Brian Ching, C.S.C.
 preached in a parish in South Bend Indiana,
 and directed towards college students:
 <u>https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2023/08/06/college-students-ministry-preach-podcast-245800</u>
- Tuesday, August 15 St. Oscar Romero born on this day in 1917.
- **Thursday, August 17** Join us for our second Synodal listening session. 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

HELP US PROTECT CREATION

The Season of Creation in the Catholic Church worldwide will kick off this Sept 1st. We are calling all children (and children of all ages!) to make, paint, draw a poster of any size about protecting Mother Earth and Creation. Your posters will be displayed outside the Church during the entire month of September. Your art will help bring awareness to care for creation to all people passing or driving by. You can bring your posters to the parish front desk throughout the month of August. For more information, please talk to Fr. Byron or Jim Grant.

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 <u>skd@csufnewman.com</u>. 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 began last week and runs until November 15, meeting each Wednesday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Register by emailing Regina Flores rmflores39@icloud.com.

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 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:

Happy Ocampo Carrie Coit Elizabeth Dungy Lydia Martinez Ken Kemp Sally Caglia Ashley Grace William Diener Judy Truckale JJ Tenison Tim Vaux Sylvia Soublet Myles Dan Dungy Sarah Peterson Camacho Susan Olson Tom Castelazo Ken Christiansen Raj Prasad Jennifer Pascua Betty Lindsay Doris Ceballos Angie Rosenthal Kathryn Kidd

♥ And we pray for those who have died recently:

Erlinda de Jesus

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 "<u>Prayer Requests</u>" 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.

HAVE A LAUGH...

As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, "Anyone here knows how to pray?"

The priest stepped forward. "Captain, I know how to pray."

"Good," said the captain, "you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets – we're one short."

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

" Let us remember that love lives through sacrifice and is nourished by giving...Without sacrifice there is no love."

-St. Maximilian Kolbe

Feast Day August 14

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 14 ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27

8:00am Mass for Dayle Schmiederer	Chapel
8:30am Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	St. John XXIII Lounge

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 ASSUMPTION OF MARY Rv 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 Holy Day of Obligation

8:00am	Mass for Curtis Lea	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass of the Assumption of the BI. Virgin	Chapel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20

	Mass for dcsd Langcor/Scambr Marian Movement of Priests Prayer & Life Workshop RCIA Inquiry	ay families Chapel CNH 103-104 Library Community Room
	DAY, AUGUST 17 10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21–19:1	ST. LAWRENCE
	Communion Service Confessions Mass for Ralph Tejeda Synodal Conversation Session	Chapel Chapel Chapel Cafeteria
	7, AUGUST 18 -13/Mt 19:3-12	ST. CLARE
12:30pm	Communion Service Student Leadership Retreat` Food Recovery Network	Chapel St. John XXIII Lounge Cafeteria
	DAY, AUGUST 19 4-29/Mt 19:13-15 (Dav)	

Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15 (Day) Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28 (Vigil Mass) Special Collection: Cathedral Maintenance

3:30pm	Confessions	Chapel
5:00pm	Mass for Evelynn Helen Osborne	Chapel

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28 Special Collection: Cathedral Maintenance

	Mass for Joanna Emma Bertolucci	Chapel
9:30am 9:30am	Mass for August Short	Chapel Chapel
	RCIA Catechumenate	Library
	Mass for Needs & Int. Parishioners	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Vaughn Melcher	Chapel





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