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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A | SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

God is Calling Again

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner

who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard." MT 20:1.

Ada and I moved to Fresno two years ago from the St. Louis area for family reasons, and like so many moves before, we quickly sought out our parish family here. Two religious Sisters in St. Louis had told us to go to the Newman Center because it would be a parish that fit us. We quickly found that this parish was welcoming and alive and rich with compassionate people serving God, so we made it our home parish.

Reflecting on the Gospel this week, I heard a different message. In Jesus' message, I also heard that the Kingdom of Heaven is continually calling us. I had to go back and check, but I think Jesus intentionally had the landowner call for laborers four times: Dawn, 9 o'clock, noon, and 3 o'clock. I think I am in that noon to 3 o'clock stage in my life, but the landowner, God, is still calling me to the Kingdom of Heaven through prayer, learning, and serving.

I am honored that Bishop Brennan believes I can serve in this parish and make a positive difference as Interim Parish Life Coordinator. Pope Francis said, "The mission of the Christian in the world is a mission for all, a mission of service". I will work to serve the staff and parish in that mission spirit, and I ask you to join me as we walk this faith journey together.

Perhaps take a few moments this week to think about where you are in your spiritual life using the parable. Whether you have been working in the vineyard since "dawn", or you are ready to join at "3 o'clock", we can use your time and talent. Listen for that call from those who are walking the journey with you. God's call coming from the 'clouds parting' is usually reserved for a very exclusive few, but God sends plenty of messengers to call us.

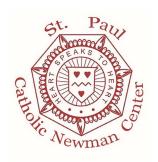
If you are there at "dawn", but are anxious to get involved because you do not have experience, seek those who can guide you. If you are past "3 o'clock" and ready to rest, then seek those who still have the energy and spirit and guide them. *We* are the parish, so I want to empower you all to be able to answer your calling as parish members to bring us all closer to the Kingdom of Heaven that Jesus describes.

Praying for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and support of you all to answer this call! Blessings and Peace,

Dan Nickerson, Interim Parish Life Coordinator

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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Fresno State Campus Meeting

Fresno State students, we will be meeting Thursday, September 28th at 12:30pm in the RSU-215. Bring a friend and your lunch!

Fresno Pacific Students, Staff and Faculty

Join us at College hour this Wednesday, September 27th at 10am at the Warkentine Culture and Arts Center. Edgar Guzmán and Fr. Byron are looking forward to sharing this time with you.

Wednesday Student Dinner

We will have our next Student Dinner September 27th, inside the Cardinal Newman Hall. We begin with dinner at 6pm followed by Mass. We will have our Student Lounge opened for studying or to pick up pantry items!

Photo of the Week



NEWMAN CENTER YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Bible Study

Join our Bible Study gathering Monday, September 25th at 6:00pm in the Student Lounge. We will continue to look at the Gospel of Luke.

A Conversation With...

New York Times Best Selling Author Heather McGhee will be speaking at Royce Hall at Fresno High School September 27th at 6:30pm. Heather's inspiring book discusses how racism hurts everyone and how our shared interest in racial and economic justice can move us all forward. We hope to see you there!

Tacos & Theology

We kickoff our Tacos and Theology Thursday, September 28th at 6:30pm in the student lounge. Come join us as we dive into the USCCB pastoral letter against racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love.*





The St. Paul Catholic Newman Center's Eucharistic Revival Team invites you to join us for our Fall kickoff event on the weekend of October 7 and October 8. At the conclusion of every Mass, we will have a Eucharistic Procession. Bring a friend and a special statue, rosary, or picture of a saint. Our team is ready to nurture you by providing opportunities for faith formation, spiritual growth, and volunteer work. Please vis-

it <u>csufnewman.com/revival</u> to learn more about these opportunities.

SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

2022		2023	
September 4	\$23,266.18	September 3	\$13, 358.60
September 11	\$18,343.85	September 10	\$19,153.91
September 18	\$23,403.77	September 17	\$11,932.84
September 25	\$11,137.47	September 24	
SEPTEMBER 2022 TOTAL	\$76,151.27	SEPTEMBER 2023 TOTAL	\$44,445.35

FIRST SUNDAY ADORATION

Please join us for First Sunday Adoration on Sunday, October 1st and all first Sundays at 8pm, right after the 7:00pm Mass. Spend some time with Jesus in adoration. Fr. Byron will also have Confessions during that time. We are also looking for volunteers to help us with music! Please email Fr. Byron if you are interested in being a part of this special time.

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.

PRAYERS:

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

Elizabeth Dungy Monika Dan Dungy Anna

Kathy DeMera Mariam Alvarez
Michelle Elizabeth Fritzl
Sinead Deacon Jim Arnold
Amy Sylvia Soublet Myles

Louise Melania

♥ 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.

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.

THANK YOU LARRY!

If you happen to notice our two live-stream cameras in our chapel, you can thank our hardworking parishioner,

Larry Renner! Larry has been hard at work installing these cameras and working on a media closet from which volunteers can operate the camera and ensure our liturgies are available to any who would join us remotely on Sunday morning! We are grateful for you, Larry, and look forward to a vibrant media ministry! If you would like to join this



ministry, please call the parish office for more information.

Due to Fresno State Home Game

NO CONFESSIONS On Saturday, Sept. 30

We apologize for the inconvenience. Mass will be held according to usual 5:00pm schedule (park in East Parking Lot)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 25TH SUNDAY ORD.TIME

Catholic Charities Truck Knights of Columbus Burrito Breakfast (Morning Masses)

9:30am 9:30am	Mass for Lorri Gallegos Mass for Joe Brindeiro RCIA Catechumenate 1st Year Confirmation Class Cardinal Newn	Chapel Chapel Library nan Hall
	Mass for Gabrielle DeBoer Allen	Chapel
12:30pm	2nd Year Confirmation Class Cardinal Newn	nan Hall
1:00pm	Baptism Prep Class	Library
1:00pm	Group Baptisms	Chapel
3:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass for Needs & Int. Parishioners	Chapel

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00am	Mass Int. Kevin Nicholson	Chapel
8:30am	Men's Morning Scripture Study	Library
10:00am	Grief Share	Cafeteria
6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Student Lounge
6:00pm	Film Showing "The Letter"	CNH 102
6:30pm	Adult Confirmation	CNH 101

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
5:30pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
6:00pm	Faith, Family & Friends	CNH

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

8:00am Mass for Jeanette Frye	Chapel
10:00am Marian Movement of Priests	CNH 103-104
12:00pm Sacred Fire Book Study	CNH 105
6:00pm College Night	CNH 101
6:00pm Prayer & Life Workshop	Library
6:30pm RCIA Inquiry	Community Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 ST. MATTHEW, SAN LORENZO RUIZ

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
10:00am	Steps to Spiritual Transformation	CNH 105
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	San Lorenzo Mass - Int. Mary Prar	nzo Chapel
6:30pm	RCIA Inquiry	Community Room
	Tacos & Theology	Student Lounge
7:00pm	San Lorenzo Reception	Cafeteria

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 ST. JEROME

7:00pm Mass for Suu Dinh Truong et. al

8:00pm First Sunday Adoration & Confessions

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

5:00pm	Mass for Gustaag Van Hulstyn	Chapel

7:30am Mass for Needs & Int. Parishioners Chapel 9:30am Mass for John Godburn Chapel 9:30am RCIA Catechumenate Library 11:30am Mass for Maria Victoria M. Balli Chapel

26TH SUNDAY ORD.TIME

Chapel

Chapel

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

For the week of September 24 to Sept. 30, 2023:

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September 2023:

"We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane living conditions. May they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.":

The Season of Creation runs from September 1 to October 4 this year. This Year's Theme is "Let Justice and Peace Flow." Here is Pope Francis' Message for the Season this year:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/ messages/pont-messages/2023/ documents/20230513-messaggio-giornata-

Sunday, September 24

World Day of Migrants and Refugees: "Free to Choose Whether to Migrate or Stay" Pope Francis' Message for 2023:

https://www.vatican.ya/content/francesco/en/ messages/migration/documents/20230511-world-

Wednesday, September 27St. Vincent de Paul (1581-1660): Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) and inspiration for the global organization of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Thursday, September 28

12:00 Fresno Interfaith Climate Alliance Monthly meeting at St. James Episcopal Cathedral 4147 East Dakota Avenue Fresno, CA 93726 Contact Jim Grant for details!

Friday, September 29

5:30pm Food Recovery Program in the cafeteria

Saturday, September 30

Today, Pope Francis will create 21 new Cardinals, bringing the number of eligible cardinal electors to 137.

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



MOVIE NIGHT!

The Creation Care Team is inviting you to come watch the movie THE LETTER on Monday. September 25 at 6:00pm in Cardinal Newman Hall. The Film is about Pope Francis' advocacy to address climate change and care for our common home. People of all ages are welcome. For more information, please contact Jim Grant or Fr. Byron.

Current... MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Email John Prandini for information on these ministries and more: prandinij@csufnewman.com

Faith, Family & Friends: begins Tuesday

evening, September 26th at 6:00pm in Cardinal Newman Hall. Registration forms for families with children and adults without children can be found on our website and at the reception desk.

Adult Topic choices: The Quest for Happiness with John Prandini; The Synod on Synodality with Deacon John Supino and Jim Grant; SoulCore - a unique way to pray the Rosary incorporating gentle stretching and functional movements.

Cardinal Newman Hall will be open at 5:00 pm for families who wish to bring and share a meal together prior to opening ceremonies at 5:45 pm. Registration forms for families with children and adults without children can be found on our website and at the reception desk.

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.

Praver & Life Workshop just began and runs until November 15, meeting each Wednesday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This is the last week to register! Register by emailing Regina Flores rmflores39@icloud.com.

Soul Core: Body-Mind-Soul. Soul Core incorporates stretching and light exercise movements while praying the rosary. The focus of our time together is praying the rosary; the exercises are an invitation to move our bodies, but are not a requirement - so everyone of all ability levels can participate and pray together. If you choose to join us, please bring a mat/towel, and wear comfortable clothes that allow you to move freely. Soul Core is offered to adults on selected Tuesday evenings within our Faith, Family & Friends program, 6:00 - 7:00pm.

Support Ministry

Grief Support Group offers spiritual and emotional support to those who are coping with the death of a loved one. Meetings are offered on Monday mornings until Nov. 20, (10 sessions total), 10:00am-12:00pm in CNH 105.

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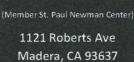
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