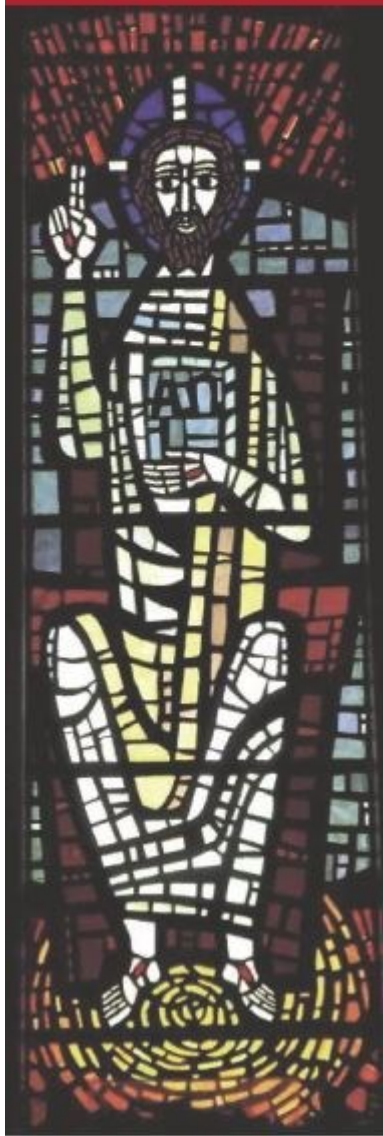


Saint Paul
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First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

Readings: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28,24-26

My Dear Brother Priests, Deacons, Religious and People of God,

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has generously granted to us all a special opportunity to obtain indulgences during the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy that will begin on December 8, 2015 and culminate on the liturgical Solemnity of Christ the King on November 20, 2016. The following includes excerpts from the Holy Father's Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in addition to information pertinent to how this beautiful occasion of grace may be lived out within our Diocesan Church.

Initially, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Cathedral of Rome - the Basilica of Saint John Lateran. In the following weeks, the Holy Doors of the other Papal Basilicas will be opened, along with Cathedrals, Shrines and other Particular Churches as designated by local Ordinaries (Bishops) throughout the world. Together we will become a visible sign of the Church's universal communion.

The designated Churches in the Diocese of Fresno that will have a Holy Door and serve as pilgrimage site are:

St. John's Cathedral, Fresno

Our Lady of Mercy, Merced

St. Joachim, Madera

St. Anthony of Padua, Reedley

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hanford

St. Aloysius, Tulare

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bakersfield

St. Therese, Shafter

St. Ann, Ridgecrest

The Holy Father explains, "The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life. Life itself is a pilgrimage, and the human being is a viator, a pilgrim travelling along the road, making his way to the desired destination. Similarly, to reach the Holy Door in Rome or in any other place in the world, everyone, each according to his or her ability, will have to make a pilgrimage. This will be a sign that mercy is also a goal to reach and requires dedication and sacrifice. May pilgrimage be an impetus to conversion: by crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God's mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us.

More information will be made available to you regarding particular activities (including group and individual pilgrimage instructions), diocesan and parish events, along with any other opportunities to respond to the Year of Mercy. May God bless you abundantly and may peace be with you.

Most Reverend Armando X. Ochoa, D.D.

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.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

This holy day celebrating Our Blessed Mother's conception without any stain of sin is observed on December 8. Under this title, Mary is honored as Patroness of the United States. Here at St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, we will celebrate two Masses for the feast: 7:00am & 6:30pm

There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 8.

Newman Center Young Adults

We will have our Young Adult team meeting on Monday, November 30. We will be planning future events. **Please join us in the Library at 5:45pm.**

High School Youth Group

At our next Youth Group night we will be playing twister! We meet Monday, November 30 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in St. John XXIII. Come have some fun! If you have any questions Contact Cristina Martinez, Youth Minister, at 436-3434 ext. 111 or at cristina@csufnewman.com.

Help the Food Recovery Program serve Newman neighbors

The Newman Center maintains a pantry for our Friday dinners so we can make dinner when "recovered" food is insufficient. That often happens when Fresno State is on its summer and winter breaks, so we're now preparing for the weeks following the New Year. Here are some items for which we have a particular need at the moment: canned fruit, cream of mushroom and cream of chicken soup, canned chicken, canned beef stew and canned chili. We can use any size cans, but it is particularly convenient to have the extra large commercial-sized cans found at Smart & Final or Costco. We also have a continuing need for food prep gloves, hair nets, and paper (not styrofoam) plates. **All of these items can be left in the Food Recovery Program shopping cart in the vestibule.** For additional information, please email tjwarnert@sbcglobal.net. Thanks!

Freedom from Stress - Living in Happiness

This is a day to engage in self-reflection, guided meditation and developing spiritual insights. Sunday Dec. 6th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in CNH. Facilitator Veena Kapoor Please register by Dec. 2nd to: BKWSOfresno@gmail.com.

Early Christmas Present

Join Matthew Kelly and six other influential Catholic voices of our time on a life-changing journey through **Best Advent Ever Rediscover Mercy**. Each day you will receive an inspirational email with simple tools that will help you rediscover God's great mercy so you can be an instrument of mercy to others. This program is simple and free! Sign up at BestAdventEver.com

Family Life Ministry

Men's Morning Scripture Study Group meets Tuesdays 7:30-8:15AM after 7:00AM Mass in the Community room to discuss to upcoming Sunday's readings..

Meditation Opportunities

Christian Meditation meets Thursday mornings, 11:15AM to 12:15PM in Cardinal Newman Hall, Room 104. Facilitated by Benita Lankford

Evening Meditation meets Wednesday evenings, 7:00PM to 8:00PM in the Library. Facilitated by Veena Kapoor

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Tuesday & Thursday mornings. Beginner's class: 9:00-10:00AM; Regular class: 10:15 -11:15AM. CNH room #103. Instructor: Art Lopez.

Thursday Evening Tai Chi has two different class offerings: Tai Chi 24 Short Form, 5:30-6:30PM; and Tai Chi Chuan 108 Long Form 7:00-8:00PM. Fee: \$10/month.

LGBTQ Catholic Ministry LGBTQ persons of faith are invited to meet for fellowship, spirituality and support on Monday, Nov. 30th in Cardinal Newman Hall, 7:00-8:30pm. For more information contact John Prandini

College Ministries

College Night

Come enjoy a delicious **free dinner** every week, plus a guest speaker, Mass, service project or fun! We meet every **Wednesday, 6-8pm, in Cardinal Newman Hall** (the big building behind the church!).



December 2 **Mass in the chapel** followed by **dinner in Cardinal Newman Hall**

Sunday **December 6** join us for our **Advent Retreat** from 2:00pm-8:00pm (includes Mass and dinner)

College & Young Adult Bible Study

Small group discussion of the Sunday readings and how Christ's teachings apply to our day to day lives. Mondays, 7pm-8pm, in the Annex.



Sunday, November 29 Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28,24-26

7:30am Mass Chapel
9:00am Mass for Earleen VanderDussen Chapel
11:00am Mass for Teresa Peterson Chapel
1:00pm English Igbo Mass Chapel
7:00pm Mass Chapel

Monday, November 30

7:00am Mass for Rizal D. Abrina Chapel
5:45pm NCYA Team Meeting Library
6:00pm H.S. Youth Group St. John XXIII
6:30pm Scripture Study—The Bible Timeline Cafeteria
7:00pm College & NCYA Bible Study Annex
7:00pm Grief Support Community Room
7:00pm LGBTQ Catholic Ministry CNH 104

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Chapel
Library
St. John XXIII
Cafeteria
Annex
Community Room
CNH 104

Tuesday, December 1

7:00am Mass Chapel
7:30am Men's Morning Scripture Study Community Room
9:00am Beginning Tai Chi for Arthritis CNH 102-103
10:15am Tai Chi for Arthritis CNH 102-103
4:00pm Confessions Chapel
6:00pm Faith, Family & Friends CNH
7:00pm College Confirmation Annex

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Chapel
Community Room
CNH 102-103
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Annex

Wednesday, December 2

7:00am Mass Chapel
6:00pm Scriptural Rosary Community Room
6:00pm Prayer & Life Workshop CNH 105
6:00pm College Mass Chapel
6:30pm RCIA Inquiry Room 5
7:00pm Interfaith Meditation Library
7:00pm College Dinner CNH
7:00pm Adult Sacrament Prep Cafeteria
7:00pm RCIA Catechumenate CNH 103

Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

Chapel
Community Room
CNH 105
Chapel
Room 5
Library
CNH
Cafeteria
CNH 103

Thursday, December 3

7:00am Mass Chapel
9:00am Scripture Study-Gospel of Matthew Cafeteria
9:00am Beginning Tai Chi for Arthritis CNH 102-103
10:15am Tai Chi for Arthritis CNH 102-103
11:15am Christian Meditation CNH 104
5:30pm Tai Chi - short form CNH 102-103
6:30pm RCIA Team Meeting CNH 101
6:30pm Fresno Catholic Singles Cafeteria
7:00pm Tai Chi - long form CNH 102-103

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Chapel
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Friday, December 4

7:00am Mass Intention of Gloria Abrina Chapel
7:30am Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
6:00pm Food Recovery Network Cafeteria

Is 29: 17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Chapel
Chapel
Cafeteria

Saturday, December 5

7:30am Men's Saturday Breakfast Group Cafeteria
10:00am Faith in Community Meeting CNH 101-102
5:00pm Mass for Randy Mendoza Chapel

Is 30:19-21,23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1,5,6-8

Cafeteria
CNH 101-102
Chapel

Sunday, December 6

7:30am Mass for Tony Prandini, Jr. Chapel
9:00am Mass for Bishop John Steinbock Chapel
10:00am Freedom from Stress Workshop CNH
11:00am Mass Chapel
2:00pm College Advent Retreat Cafeteria
4:45pm H.S. Confirmation Class CNH
7:00pm Mass Chapel

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Chapel
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Chapel

Prayers

- + **Mass Intentions:** Earleen VanderDussen, Teresa Peterson, Lorena & Helen Stein
- + **Please pray for healing of our loved ones who are ill:** Erin Barrett, Fr. Finian McGinn, Cathy Martin, Ron Zucca, Vaness French, Stephanie Schwab, Shirley Lea, Sue Noonkester (daughter of Alice Terhaar), Luz Elower, Ollie Mae & Tom Godburn, Ernie Lee, Kenny Smith, Horace Spann, Kyle Springer

Faith, Family & Friends

This Tuesday, Dec. 1st Faith, Family & Friends – our parish religious education evening is meeting and EVERYONE is welcome.

Join us in Cardinal Newman Hall from **5:30pm-6:00pm** to share a meal of pre-ordered pizza or your own food with family & friends. Then at **6:00pm** we will begin our opening program with music, song, raffle prizes, announcements and prayer.

Then at 6:15pm the children will be dismissed to their classes and the adults will return to Cardinal Newman Hall to attend one of the following class options:

Catholic Faith Topic: Forming Intentional Disciples by Sr. Kathleen

Family Life Topic: The Value of Married Couple Groups - Newman Center Married Couples

Scripture Topic: Jubilee Year of Mercy: The Jubilee in the Bible/Shalom by Fr. Dave Norris

All adults and families are invited. You do not have to have a child in religious education to take part in FF&F. Faith formation is a life-long process that never ends.

Please join us to develop and share your faith with other members and families of the Newman Center.

Evening of Remembrance

Our Grief Support Ministry will be hosting *An Evening of Remembrance* on **Monday, December 7 at 7:00pm** in the Chapel. Prayers, reflections, music and a special candle lighting ceremony for those who have died are part of the evening's service. Refreshments will follow in the Cafeteria. All are invited to join us.

Sunday Contributions

November 21 - 22 Contributions:	\$10,798
November Total Contributions:	\$49,428
2nd Collection Domestic Needs:	\$2,792
Monthly Sunday Contributions Goal:	\$60,000

Jubilee Year of Mercy

On December 8, 1965, the Second Vatican Council's final session came to an end. On this 50th anniversary of that historic event, we begin the Jubilee Year of Mercy throughout the world. We invoke the intercession of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and two of the Fathers of that great Council, now saints, St. John XXIII & St. John Paul II, seeking the Divine Mercy as the full graces of Vatican II continue to unfold in our church and in the world.

We are forming a Year of Mercy Event Team to plan special events throughout the year. If you would like to join this team please email Edgar Guzman at edgar@csufnewman.com or by leaving your contact info at the front desk.



United Way Contribution

If you work for a company that allows you to deduct funds from your paycheck for credit to United Way, you can request a "designation form" from your employer and ask that your United Way donation be contributed to the following agency: St. Paul Newman (United Way code #11155). We are listed in the United Way as agency "St. Paul Newman" and our tax Id #: 94-1294942.

Fresno Catholic Singles

Fresno Catholic Singles general meeting potluck Thursday, December 3, 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at The Newman Center. For details call Rose Marie at 439-2601.

S.H.A.R.E.S. Check

We received our S.H.A.R.E.S. check for purchases made from July through September 2015. We received \$1,431.03! Don't forget to pick them up for your holiday shopping at the front desk. Keep using

A Stephen Ministry Story

One of my neighbors is a young lady who lives alone in her mother's house. She does not work and rarely leaves the house. Over a year ago I approached her about Stephen Ministry and offered to have a Christian caregiver visit her weekly, to listen in confidence to her and to share with her the love of God.

Last Saturday, there was a knock on my door. There was my neighbor asking about Stephen Ministry. She shared with me that she was in AA for two months and would like to have a Stephen Minister stop by on a weekly basis to talk.

For parishioners at St Paul Catholic Newman Center we offer the same support for anyone who is in need of someone to share concerns with. Whether it be a marriage, family, financial or any other type of problem, a trained Stephen Minister is there to be with you during this time of trouble.

In January, we will start a new set of Stephen Ministry training classes for those interested in joining the Ministry. Look for details in upcoming bulletins.

For information on Stephen Ministry contact Jenna at the front desk or call Hazel at 299-3279

A Call to Mercy

Pope Francis chose December 8, 2015, to open the Year of Mercy because that day marks the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of Vatican II. Just as the Council looked to renew the church, Francis is proclaiming that mercy is the key to the church's continuing renewal in this "new phase of her history."

Francis called mercy "the very foundation of the church's life and credibility," and said, "Wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy." So there is no better way to spend Advent, the beginning of the new liturgical year, than to let thoughts of mercy fill our minds and to let mercy grow in our hearts.

"Mercy" means to come to the aid of another out of a sense of relationship. Advent means "coming" or "arrival"; so the focus of the season is on waiting. If we put mercy and Advent together, then we are waiting for all the individuals and nations on earth to grow into the kind of relationship with each other that will encourage mutual help instead of competition and conflict. Then the kingdom of God will be established! - A season of Mercy by David M. Knight



Saint Paul Catholic Newman Center Giving Tree 2015

It is that wonderful time of year again when we can share our thoughts, prayers and a contribution for those less fortunate.

Once again your **SOS Committee** is setting up the **Giving Tree** to help those in need. It has been and will continue to be a difficult year for many individuals and families. Hopefully our gift will help others with additional meals for a day, a week, a month or longer.

This year we will be helping Orange Cove, Mendota, San Joaquin/Tranquility, Laton, St. Alphonsus, Mt. Carmel, and Stone Soup.

All you need to do is:

Take a tag from the tree.

Return the tag attached to the gift certificate **by December 13 at noon** to the front desk.

Please make sure to return your tag with your gift cards as they identify the area we are helping.

Please indicate the dollar amount on the gift card as this would be helpful to the families.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you once again for being so generous. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Mickey Lord at 313-1275.

Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe

We will be having a novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe beginning December 3 at 7pm in the Chapel. Come join us in celebrating the story of Tepeyac. We will feature a speaker followed by the rosary prayed in English and Spanish.

12/03 - Chapel - 7pm

12/07 - Cardinal Newman Hall - 7pm

12/10 - Chapel - 7pm

12/04 - Chapel - 7pm

12/08 - Chapel - Following the 6:30pm Mass

12/11 - Chapel - 7pm

12/05 - Chapel - Following the 5pm Mass

12/09 - Chapel - 7pm

12/12 - Chapel - 7:30am

The Letters - The Epic Life Story of Mother Teresa

Mother Teresa is considered one of the greatest humanitarians of modern times. Her selfless commitment changed hearts, lives and inspired millions throughout the world. **The Letters**, as told through personal letters she wrote over the last 40 years of her life, reveal a troubled and vulnerable woman who grew to feel isolation and abandonment by God. The story is told from the point of view of a Vatican priest investigating acts and events following her death.

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Friday, December 4

10:30am, 1:15am, 4:00pm, 6:45pm, 9:30pm



Christmas Dinner Auction

Right to Life of Central California presents "Joy to the World" our 27th Annual Christmas Dinner Auction honoring the Sisters of Nazareth. Please join us Friday, December 4 at 5:30pm at the Fresno Convention Center. It's the perfect place to start (and finish) your Christmas shopping! Your support helps Right to Life promote the sanctity of human life in Central California and across our nation. Tickets are just \$75 per person. For more information please call 229-2229.

