## St. Paul Catholic Newman Center



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### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A | November 27, 2022

#### The Deacon's Speakin'

Dear sisters and brothers,

Advent is upon us – A time of waiting and of new beginnings.

Advent literally translates as "Arrival" or "Coming". We are preparing for the commemoration of when Jesus arrived in Bethlehem. Jesus comes to us in so many ways in our daily lives and invites us to be open to receive Him and respond to His challenges. We are also asked to prepare for His Second Coming.

You will have noticed – or should have – a couple of things are a little different in this Advent season. Every season of the church year takes on a distinct tone and feeling. The most obvious change is that the colors of the season change to purple. You'll also notice that the "Gloria" is not sung or recited again until Christmas Eve masses. With the start of Advent a new church year has begun and with it comes a new reading cycle. We begin Year A, the year in which we systematically read the Gospel of Matthew. The Gospel is tied to its Jewish heritage and was written within a strongly Jewish/ Christian community and particularly points out the ways in which Jesus is the fulfillment of the Judaic Law and the Prophets. Matthew's gospel originated around 80-90AD.

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Today we remember to stay awake and stay alert. There's no time like the present to be about God's work. Since we don't know the day of our Lord's coming, God expects

us to be like faithful members of the Master's household who have the Lord's interest at heart and not just our own self-interest. So, while we don't know the day or the hour we can ensure that our priorities and choices, values, and actions are consistent with the values of Christ in the Gospel. Our fundamental values must be based on love, compassion, generosity, empathy, justice, mercy, and giving aid to those in need.

If the Master comes unexpectedly, even in the ordinary circumstance and events of our daily lives, we hope and pray that our reaction will be joyful and welcoming.

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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### YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will not be meeting Monday, November 28. We will resume our sessions December 5th. See you then.

### WEDNESDAY STUDENT NIGHT DINNER

Join us this Wednesday as we learn about our upcoming Church celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. Why does this matter? As always, join us for dinner at 6:30pm.

### END OF THE SEMESTER" MASS

On Monday, December 5, Mass will be celebrated at Fresno State as the University ends the first semester of courses. All staff, faculty, and students are invited to attend this special Mass at Fresno State. Things will be getting busy and we could use some prayer. Join us December 5 at 12:15pm in the Library, Room 3125.

### **CAMPUS MINISTRY CONTACTS**

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Evening of Remembrance

Monday, December 5 7:00pm in the Chapel

An evening to remember and honor our loved ones who have died. The evening offers a time of quiet, prayerful reflection, inspiring readings and peaceful music. There will also be a candlelighting ritual as we say the names of those who have died. All those who have lost loved ones and their friends are invited.



### *From* Fr. Byron Macias, CMF

Last Tuesday I drove to Temple City, California, to pick up 600 Bible Diaries to support our college students. I left at 8am; got there by 12:30pm. Then, I loaded the car and started driving my way back to Fresno. I became sleepy as I was driving back and there were times when it was really to stay fully awake.

Most of us at any point of our lives have experienced what it feels like to drive sleepy; falling asleep behind the wheel can be dangerous.

The same thing can happen to the "car" of our soul. We could fall asleep behind the wheel and it, too, can be dangerous.

"Stay awake" says the Lord himself in the Gospel today... and he says it twice! Why?

Staying awake as we drive the car of our soul makes trials more enduring; it makes us become aware of God's actions in our lives; and, it helps us avoid occasions of sin. This is why Jesus Christ, as we begin the new Church year, is reminding us thus...twice!

Let us stay awake by praying, by serving and by being counter-cultural: being light among darkness; being kind among meanness and being selfless in among selfishness.

#### COMMUNITY ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We will celebrate a communal Anointing of the Sick during all the Masses on Gaudete Sunday: December 11.

Gaudete means: "Rejoice in the Lord always." The theme of the day expresses the joy of Christmas anticipation; and receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (which is NOT Last Rites) is a wonderful way to strengthen our bodies, hearts and souls!

#### HIKE WITH MARY!

Our next hike will be on Saturday, December 3, 2022. Please sign up at frbyron@csufnewman.com

#### THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

I really would like to thank all the wonderful "Angels" who made our Thanksgiving Luncheon possible. I also want to thank our very own Linda Ram for all her hard work in cooking, decorating and her uncanny hospitality. May God reward you all for your generosity.

#### CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING

Please, help our Youth Group as they strive to raise funds towards their World Youth Day Trip. Bring your Christmas gifts to church when you come to Mass on December 4 and 18 and we will wrap them for you for a donation. Save the dates and help us by allowing us to help you. Please contact me if you have any questions: frbyron@csufnewman.com

#### LECTIO DIVINA

I'm so happy to share this and to really encourage you to have a time to deepen your experience with the Gospels during this Advent! Lynn Baker will be offering an Advent Lectio Divina time discussing the Sunday Gospels that we will be reading during Advent. She will offer it at 8:45 - 9:45am after the Wednesday morning Mass. Contact John Prandini for more information.

#### SAINTLY QUOTE

"Faith lifts the soul. Hope supports it. Experience says it must. And Love says let it be!" –St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

#### HAVE A LAUGH

Mrs. Smartt was fumbling in her purse for her offering when a large television remote fell out and clattered into the aisle.

The curious usher bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered, "Do you always carry your TV remote to church?"

"No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come with me this morning, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."

### PARISH REGISTRATION

There are times you may need to provide verification of membership at the Newman Center, especially regarding the reception of any Sacraments and by Church law that requires strict record- keeping. For this reason, we ask you to please register as a member of the parish. To qualify for any verification the following criteria is required:

Hence, personal registration, active involvement and participation in worship and other activities on a regular basis are required to receive any documenting letter (e.g. for purposes of being a Catholic sponsor/godparent) of membership in St. Paul Catholic Newman Center.

You can register at the front desk, or through our website: We also ask that you check in with the Parish Office if you have moved and periodically to verify that your contact information is current.



Giving Tree Reminder: Please take an Angel from the Christmas Giving Tree to help families have a Christmas meal or

simply have a meal. Angels attached to your gift cards should be returned no later than December 11 at noon.

Gift cards for Save Mart, Foods Co, Smart & Final, or Walmart may be donated.

All you need to do is:

1. Take a tag or tags from the tree.

Your donations will help the following communities: Orange Cove Mendota San Joaquin Tranquility Laton St. Alphonsus Mt. Carmel St. Anthony Clare

- 2. Return each tag, attached to the gift card, to the front desk or collection basket by Sunday <u>December 11 at noon. You don't have to wait</u> <u>until the last week! You can bring in your gift</u> <u>card donations starting right away.</u>
- 3. Please indicate the dollar amount of your gift on the card(s), on the Angel, or on the envelope.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you once again for being so generous to those in need. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the Center and if needed, someone will call you back.

Blessings to All from your Social Outreach Services (SOS) Committee.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY UPDATE "Envelope Express"

The Young Adult World Youth Day team are still holding their fundraiser this weekend and asking for your support! Select an envelope numbered from 1 to 100 and insert that same amount as your corresponding donation.

Please, be sure to return your envelope with your donation to the parish office by December 4 or to one of our team members, who will be available December 3 and 4, before and after each Mass.

A very Special Thank You to all who have already generously participated in the Envelope Express fundraiser.

For more information please contact Edgar Guzman. We appreciate your support!

Remember... it's as easy as picking an envelope!

### **Christmas Gift Wrapping**

Bring your Christmas gifts to Church to let us help you... Sunday, December 4 Sunday, December 18

Let us wrap them for you when you come for Mass for a donation to raise funds for World Youth Day! Also, please donate new gift bags, end rolls or ribbons. Save the dates and help us by allowing us to help you.

### Please help send our Youth and Young Adults to World Youth Day in August 2023



### PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

#### NOVEMBER

 Restorative Justice Month Contact Maciel Godburn for more about Restorative Justice and her crime survivor's ministry Rimaciel2019@gmail.com

#### • Native American History Month

#### • Sunday November 27

First Sunday of Advent- Year A Matthew 24:37-44

When the Son of Man returns, will He recognize us as having recognized Him? (Mt 25: 31-46)

1942 Birth of Jimi Hendrix who said "When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace"

#### • Monday, November 28

1961 Ernie Davis of Syracuse University is First African American to win college football's Heisman Trophy.

#### • Tuesday, November 29

Giving Tuesday

1908 Thurgood Marshall is born 1980 - Dorothy Day dies 6:00pm to 7:00pm Faith Family and Friends: "Anti-Violence Commitments" led by Camille Russell, Kern Hudson, and Melissa Fry.

#### • Wednesday, November 30

1971- "Justice in the World", historic document Promulgated by the Synod of Bishops: <u>https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/</u> event/1971-justice-in-the-world-issued-by-the-synod-ofbishops/

#### • Thursday, December 1

World Aids Day

https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2022/12/01/ default-calendar/world-aids-day-2022-equalize

1955 Rosa Parks arrested in Montgomery, Alabama for refusing to give her bus seat to a white man

#### • Friday, December 2

5:30pm to 6:30pm

Food Recovery Program in the Cafeteria Join us this week to see the good food we share With those who break bread with us each week. (see Matthew 25: 31-46)

#### Saturday, December 3

Feast of St. Francis Xavier International Day of Persons with Disabilities https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/2022/10/

international-day-of-persons-with-disabilities-2022/

#### For so much more, visit the SPCNC website: CSUFnewman.com/ministries and scroll down to "Peace and Social Justice"

Jim Grant, Volunteer, Social Justice Advocate jimgrantbc@gmail.com

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Saturday, January 7, 2023 5:00pm Mass | 6:30pm Dinner

### St. Paul Catholic Newman Center

Please join the Knights of Columbus for a "Día de los Reyes Magos" (Feast of the Epiphany) celebration as Councils from the Fresno area, and as far as Southern California, join efforts to thank our local farmworkers for the hard work they do every day to bring food to our tables.

Please contact Council 9445 Grand Knight- Bruce Myersat 559-286-8712 or <u>BruceEMyers@gmail.com</u>

Please note: Donations made to Council 9445 are NOT considered tax deductible.

Special thanks to Jen Norton for the use of her artwork. www.jennortonartstudio.com

### POLICY FOR ALL PARISH COMMUNICATION

The Newman Center's Communication's Team is in the process of reviewing policy and procedure for all communications (i.e. print, web, social media, etc.) within the Newman Center community. In order to ensure continuity of our mission, Catholic identity, Newman Center brand, grammar, content, standard of quality, etc. it is important to establish guidelines and best practices. Therefore, all information associated with St. Paul Catholic Newman Center must reviewed by a member of the Communications Team prior to being printed, posted, or distributed. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

All bulletin information must be submitted by 10:00am Wednesday to guarantee insertion in Sunday's bulletin. Email to Communications@csufnewman.com.

### Advent Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina or Holy Reading is an ancient and ever-new way to be present with Scripture which helps us to move into a deeper place to listen from the heart and respond to the Holy Spirit's invitation. During the weeks of Advent, you are warmly invited to join a circle of parishioners as we spend an hour together with the Sunday Gospel. We will meet on Wednesday mornings, through December 21, from 8:45am to 9:45pm after morning Mass in the Community Room. The group will be facilitated by Lynn Baker.

### Men's Monthly Saturday Coffee Group

The Men's Saturday Coffee Group meets Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 7:30-9:00am in the Cafeteria. Join other men of the parish to form friendship bonds as we share our spiritual wisdom while reflecting on the Scriptures. Please join us and bring a friend!

### Faith, Family & Friends

Faith, Family & Friends is the Newman Center's Religious Education and faith formation program for EVERYONE of all ages - Children, High School Youth and Adults. Faith, Family & Friends meets this Tuesday evening November 15, 6:00pm to7:00 pm.

Individuals and families are invited to gather in the Grassy Courtyard from 5:00am to 5:45pm to bring and share a meal together. All are encouraged to gather by 5:45pm to pray before being released to attend classes. All classes begin at 6:00pm. Children's classes meet in Cardinal Newman Hall, High School Youth Group meets in St. John XXIII, and the Adult Group Sessions meet in the Main Building.

Adult Sessions: Family Life Topic: Objective and Subjective Morality with John Prandini; Scripture Topic: Read, Reflect and Discuss the Up-Coming Sunday Scripture Readings with Tina and Matt teNyenhuis; Catholic Faith Topic: Anti-Violence Commitments.

### **Family Life Ministries**

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 Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group: This ministry meets on Monday mornings at 8:30am in the Library after our 8:00am morning Mass.

#### **Adult Confirmation**

Our Confirmation session will not be meeting Monday, November 28.

We will resume our sessions December 5th. See you then.

### NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

2021		2022	
November 7	\$33,116.51	November 6	\$23,504.21
November 14 ACH	\$19,381.96	November 13 ACH	\$18,433.32
November 21 ACH	\$17,019.36	November 20 ACH	\$14,638.50
November 28	\$10,815.29	November 27	
NOVEMBER 2021 TOTAL	\$80,333.12	NOVEMBER 2022 TOTAL	\$56,576.03

### **Prayer Ministry:**

**Christian Meditation:** This ministry meets Tuesday from 12:00noon to 1:00pm in the Community Room. Sessions include 20 minutes of silent meditation followed by a brief lesson about this ancient Christian prayer tradition and discussion. The group is a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Meetings are facilitated by Benita Lankford. For information email contact John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

### **Catholic Singles**

Catholic Singles is having their monthly meeting and potluck on the Second Wednesday of each month in the Newman Center cafeteria at 5:30pm. This group is open to any unmarried Catholics in the Diocese of Fresno who are 40 years or older. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

### 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 or call for an appointment

OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Thursday | 9:00am to 3:00pm CLOSED FRIDAY

## **PRAYERS:**

- For those who died this week: .Jack Schutt
- Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers: Antonia Cobarrubias, Roxanne Castillo, Joan Renner, Margery Toll, Kristal Lowe Limon, Abigail Love, Linda Alvarez, Julissa Mojarras, Estefania Medina, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Sandra Barrie, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Dick and Jan White, Sr. Joanne Bauer, JoAnn Myers, Monica Baker (Lucido), David Toll, Susan Olson, Mary Yoakum, Maria Coronel, Clara Marrone, Penny Mull, Judy Marchi, Raymond Ram, Nacho Flores, Walt Whelan, Martin Zapata, Carl Britto, Hannah York, Lexi Leon, Sally Caglia, Camila Carousso, Michelle Coyle, Fr. Kevin Bray, Diane Decker, Tommy Estep, Jeri Maxwell, Eugene Benavidez, Peter Mai, Javier-Maria Alonso, Teresa Sandoval, M.J. Abella, Marilyn Schutt, Chris Wicklund, Hillary Lockard and baby, Susan Yokum, Clemente Eustaquio, Mary Peterson, Grace Peterson, Andres Silva Haro, Magdalena Lovejoy, Roxanne (Roxy) Castillo, Koleen Madrigal, Daniel Flores, Matt Payne, John McConico, John Alvarez, George Baeza, Judy Gendron, Kathleen McConico, Macia Falk, Julia Joaguz, Joe Koontz, Luz Capalad Marchiones.

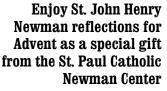
To better serve our Faith Community we try to update our list of prayers regularly. Therefore, we have the following policy: Names for the sick / special intentions will remain in the bulletin for one month then removed unless otherwise notified.

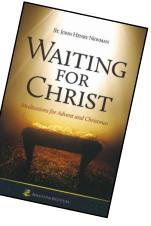
If deceased, names are only published the week they died. If you have someone who is in need of prayers please contact the office at 559-436-3434 or go on our website and fill out the form under the "Prayer Requests" tab.

### An Advent Gift for you!



**Copies of Holy Moments by** Matthew Kelly was kindly donated by one of our parishioners... Thank You, for your generosity!





### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Isaiah 2:1-5/Romans 13:11-14/Matthew 24:37-44

#### Second Collection - Bishop's Annual Appeal

7:30am	Mass for Ted Morris	Chapel
9:30am	Mass for Rizal D. and Gloria Abrina	Chapel
11:30am	Mass for Donald Frey	
	and Sr. Clare Therese Hernandez	Chapel
	RCIA Dismissal	Community Room
12:45pm	Baptisms (Group)	Chapel
3:00pm	Igbo Mass	Chapel
7:00pm	Mass	Chapel

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

Isaiah 4:2-6/Matthew 8:5-11

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

Isaiah 11:1-10/Luke 10:21-24 8:00am Communion Service 6:00pm Faith, Family & Friends (K-8) Cardinal Newman Hall

(High School Youth) St. Johns XXIII Student Lounge

Mass

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Romans	10:9-18/Matthew 4:18-22	
8:00am	Mass Intention of Salvador R. Fra	anco Chapel
8:45am	Advent Lectio Divina	Community Room
5:30pm	Ignatian Retreat for Busy People	Community Room
6:00pm	College Night	Cardinal Newman Hall 101
7:00pm	RCIA Inquiry	Library

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**

Isaiah 26:1-6/Matthew 7:21, 24-27

8:00am	Communion Service	Chapel
4:00pm	Confessions	Chapel
6:00pm	Mass for Almario Galang	Chapel

#### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**

Isaiah 29:	17-24/Matthew 9:27-31	
8:00am	Mass for Victoria Palacio	Chapel
8:30am	Sacred Heart Devotion for Families	Chapel
5:30pm	Food Recovery Network	Cafeteria

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26/Matthew 9:35—10:1 (Saturday Weekday) Isaiah 11:1-10/Romans 15:4-9/Matthew 3:1-12 (Saturday Vigil)

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Mass for Barbara June Prandini		Chapel
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena		Chapel
Men's Saturday Coffee Group		Cafeteria
	Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena	Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Isaiah 11:1-10/Romans 15:4-9/Matthew 3:1-12

Mass for Faustino and Lupe Pineda	Chapel
Mass for August Short Chapel	Chapel
Mass for Adela Mulloly	Chapel
RCIA Dismissal	Community Room
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena	Chapel
Mass	Chapel
Wrap Bouquet (After Morning Mass)	Library
	Mass for August Short Chapel Mass for Adela Mulloly RCIA Dismissal Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Mass





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