St. Paul Catholic Newman Center



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B February 14, 2021 Readings: LV: 13: 1-2, 44-46; 1 COR 10: 31-11:1; MK 1: 40-45

The Deacon's Speakin'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The longer we live, the greater the storehouse of our memories. My "storage" room is bulging at the seams! Much of our memory is a mixed bag of things we're proud of and some things we'd rather not remember. We've had our successes and failures, good times and bad, fulfilling relationships and ones that ended bitterly, promises we've kept and events we wish had never happened. In reflective moments we might be saddened by some bad memories. Many of us may even look back to the innocent days of our childhood and wish we could turn back the clock and start all over again. Whatever our feelings are, most of us can relate to the leper in today's gospel who pleads to Jesus, "If you wish, you can make me clean".

Unfortunately, there's no white-washing that can undo the past, no recapturing the innocence of childhood. There is good news for us however, as there was for the leper – we can be made clean. Maybe not simply through a word from God, but clean nonetheless. What makes us "clean" is taking ownership of all our past. In order to become clean we must "come clean". We must own our lives in their completeness – that means the bad with the good, the sour with the sweet, and the pain with the pleasure. Owning our past prevents it from ever owning us and having an influence over us in our effort to build a better life for ourselves.

Owning up to our past and fully accepting responsibility for our past – whatever that contains – allows us to deal more effectively with the present. Instead of wallowing in self-pity for "what might have been" we empower ourselves for "what is and what can be". The past, good or bad, is just a storage closet of experiences that we use in our spiritual growth. We all make mistakes and if we continue growing there'll be more mistakes ahead. But if we're a little wiser and a little more confident of the right thing to do, our failings will have served a purpose. And for all our failings, we're never failures. Like any work of art, we're composed of darkness and light. It's all part of our picture. We make mistakes, but we're not mistakes. That's the good news of today's gospel.

Peace and love,

Deacon John

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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.



Campus Ministry News!



Ash Wednesday Mass

Join us this Wednesday for our Ash Wednesday Mass at 6:00pm in the Cardinal Newman Hall Courtyard. Mass will be presided by Bishop Brennan and will also be live streamed on Facebook.

Young Adult Mass

Every Sunday, we host a Young Adult Mass at 7:00pm. This is an opportunity for students, young adults, and young professionals to come together and be among others our age giving thanks to God.

Join us before Mass at 6:00pm for confessions or adoration followed by Mass at 7:00pm

YOUNG ADULT MASS CALENDAR

February 14	6:30pm—Confessions	7:00pm—Young Adult Mass
February 17	6:00pm— Ash Wednesday Mass	
February 21	6:00pm— Adoration	7:00pm—Young Adult Mass

Donations

Thank you to all who have continued to donate snacks, school supplies, and household items. We make all of these items available to students every Sunday evening at our Young Adult Mass. The need is still there to help students save a little money by offering these items for free. If you could donate any of these resources please reach out.

Mission Trip

Thanks to all the people who attended our first meeting last weekend. If you are still interested, email Fr. Byron at frbyron@csufnewman.com. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 14 at 7:30pm.

Campus Ministry Contacts

Edgar Guzman, Director: edgar@csufnewman.com

Fr. Byron Macias, Chaplain: frbyron@csufnewman.com

Faith, Family & Friends

Faith, Family & Friends is our parish religious education and faith formation program for EVERYONE - Single adults, couples, and families!



During this time when we are unable to meet together in large groups, we invite those of you who

meet together in large groups, we invite those of you who wish to receive Religious Education & Faith Formation resources for adults and / or children to register.

Adults: Register for our FF&F Adult Religious Education series by emailing John Prandini, Director of Ministries, at prandinij@csufnewman.com with your name, primary email address, and cell phone number. You will then be placed on the list to receive these free resources.

Recommendation: All families with children join the Joy of Love Moms - Family Ministry led by Jakki Pucheu. Joy of Love Moms is sending out weekly emails that provide great ideas and information on fun faith formation activities for children and parenting suggestions to help you reduce stress and improve family communication. You can sign up by sending an email to joyoflovemoms@gmail.com requesting to be put on their email mail list.

For additional information contact

Adults: John Prandini, MA at prandinij@csufnewman.com Children: Sr. Kathleen Drilling at skd@csufnewman.com

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

8:00am - Mass 12:15pm - Mass

Main Parish Courtyard

Reservations Required visit csufnewman.com

5:25pm - Rosary 6:00pm - Young Adult Mass With Bishop Brennan

Cardinal Newman Hall Courtyard

ions at all Masses

Ash Distributions at all Masses Face Masks Required at all Masses



Drop-In Ashes

Ash Wednesday, February 17 Safely Distributed from 9AM-5PM at St. Paul Catholic Newman Center

Small groups will be led in a short time of prayer on the front (south) patio of the church, masks and social distancing required. All are welcome!

Family Life Ministry

FF&F Adult Religious Education and Faith Formation Ministry will send adult religious education and faith formation videos and resources to adults wishing to receive them. If you wish to be on the list of recipients, register for our FF&F Adult Religious Education Series by emailing John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com with your primary email address and cell phone contact number. You will be placed on the list to receive these free resources. You can also register by texting the message: SPCNC to 84576 and following the prompts you receive.

The Ignatian Spirituality Group has begun a weekly online Ignatian Spirituality Retreat for Everyday Life. Weekly Zoom meetings are held for those wishing to be included. Email John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com for details on how to enroll and participate.

The Joy of Love Moms' Group is a family ministry led by moms. To join Joy of Love Moms email Jakki at joyoflovemoms@gmail.com.

Men's Scripture Study Group

If you'd like to receive weekly emails please send an email to John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com to enroll.

Meditation Opportunities

Christian Meditation If you'd like to receive weekly emails from our Newman Center's Christian Meditation Group, member of the World Community of Christian Meditation, email christianmeditation@csufnewman.com. The group is facilitated by Benita Lankford.

Mass Requests

If you would like to schedule a Mass request for 2021, please contact Jenna at jenna@csufnewman.com. The suggestion donation is \$10 per Mass.

Lenten Children's Reconciliation Service

Our Lenten Children's Reconciliation Service will take place on Tuesday, March 2 at 6:00pm followed by Mass in the Chapel Courtyard.

During Mass, children and families will be consecrated to Saint Joseph in anticipation of his Feast and to celebrate the Church's Saint Joseph worldwide. Please make your reservation on our website.

Please contact the Joy of Moms Group at joyoflovemoms@gmail.com or Fr. Byron at frbyron@csufnewman.com for more information.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 14 LV: 13: 1-2, 44-46; 1 COR 10: 31-11:1; MK 1: 40-45

9:30am Mass for Ron Barrows 11:00am HS Confirmation Class 11:30am Mass for Ken P. Hatch 7:30pm Mission Trip Meeting

Monday, February 15

8:00am Mass Intentions of Michael Fitzgerald 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, February 16

6:00pm Mass

Wednesday, February 17

JL 2: 12-18; 2 COR 5: 20-6:2; MT 6: 1-6, 16-18 Distribution of Ashes—9:00am to 5:00pm 8:00am Mass for Kenny Locke **Chapel Courtyard Chapel Courtyard** 12:15pm Mass **CNH** Courtvard 6:00pm Mass Int. of Carlos Almanza

Thursday, February 18

5:00pm Confessions 6:00pm Mass

Friday, February 19

8:00am Mass for Ferdinand Erese 3:30pm Food Distribution 6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 20

IS 58:9B-14; LK 5: 27-32

DT 30: 15-20; LK 9: 22-25

IS 58: 1-9A: MT 9: 14-15

East Patio

Zoom

Facebook Live

Facebook Live

East Parking Lot

Chapel Courtyard

Chapel Courtyard

GN 4: 1-15, 25; MK 8: 11-13

Facebook Live

Google Meet

Facebook Live

GN 6: 5-8; 7:1-5, 10 MK 8: 14-21

Zoom

700m

Sunday, February 21

GN 9: 8-15; 1 PT 3: 18-22; MK 1: 12-15 Second Collection - Catholic Communications

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9:30am	Mass for Rose Barretto	Chapel Courtyard	
9:30am	RCIA - Rite of Election	Chapel Courtyard	
11:30am	Mass for Trini Ramirez	Chapel Courtyard	

Prayers:

- For those who have died this week: Deacon Paul Hernandez, Sr. Mary Clennon, CSC
- Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:

Sandra Barrie, Deacon Joe Parugrug, Mark Lang, Barbara LaBaugh, Nancy VanGalder, Donna Garcia, Chris Elias, Deacon Mike Avila, Jeannine Kim, Tom Lucas, Rhonda Weakland, Frank Esquivel, Kristal Lowe Limon, Fr. Joaquin Arriaga, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Meghan Vasquez, Msgr. Scott Daugherty, Deacon Trinidad Guadarrama, Jacob Blake, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Rose Derby, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Nancy Martin, Sr. Rosa Maria Branco FHIC

Prayer Requests: Please note that names for the sick / special intentions will remain in the bulletin for one month. 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 436-3434 or go on our website and fill out the form under the "Prayer Request" tab.

February Contributions

2020		2021	
Feb. 2 ACH	\$21,504.01	Feb. 7 ACH	\$20,593.06
Feb. 9	\$20,136.18	Feb. 14	
Feb. 16 ACH	\$18,198.51	Feb. 21 ACH	
Feb. 23	\$11,615.65	Feb. 28	
Feb. Total	\$71,454.35	Feb. Total	\$20,593.06

Weekend Masses

Sunday Masses are celebrated at 9:30am and 11:30am in the Chapel Courtyard. Reservations are required to attend Mass. Reservations can be made online by visiting our website.

Live Streaming

Sunday Mass is live streamed at 9:30am. Daily Masses are live streamed at 8:00am on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and at 6:00pm on Tuesday and Thursday. All Masses are streamed on Facebook Live, Look for us under "St. Paul Catholic Newman Center".

Office Closure

Our office is closed due to Covid-19 restrictions. Staff members are working remotely and checking emails and phone messages. If you need to drop anything off at the office, we now have a mailbox by the front door at the main building. We can be reached on our main line at 436-3434 or by email at ncoffice@csufnewman.com.





A Promise of Hope and Healing

Although our campaign has ended, thank you to the generosity of our parishioners; we are still receiving new and additional pledges. We have received 214,442.70 in pledges and have received 97.9% of that amount.

Electronic giving is the preferred, easy, safe and secure way to give to our parish. To schedule a recurring electronic gift directly from your bank account or credit card, please contact Carol at carol@csufnewman.com.

Please remember to make your payments accordingly. Thank you again for your generous support of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center!

Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: This Sunday's Gospel is about the leper who touches Jesus' heart. While leprosy isn't rampant in our communities today, many people suffer from the poverty of relationships which lepers suffered in Jesus' time. There are people in our own communities who have no one who loves them except God. Sadly, they may not even experience God's love because they have no human love to help them recognize God's love. They are the lonely, the alienated; some are scared, angry, or wounded. Your challenge this week is to take the love in your heart beyond your immediate circle of loved ones and extend it to someone who is alone. What can you do as a family or household to bring love into this person's live? And can you commit to making it more than a one-time act of kindness and care? How can you continue to let this person know that he or she is not alone in this world, that God loves them, and that you do, too?

Food Distribution



We have a drive-thru food distribution every Friday from <u>3:30pm to 5:30pm</u>. Bags are distributed in our east parking lot to each vehicle. The entrance to the parking lot is at the east side gate and vehicles exit through the south gate. Please make sure to wear a mask.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next week, our special collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. 50% of funds collected remain here in the Fresno Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

Donations

You can make your donations to our parish through several portals. Sign up to make your donation to the Newman Center via electronic funds transfer (ACH), credit card, PayPal, or your banks online banking system. You can designate your donation to Sunday Contributions and / or special gifts automatically made weekly or monthly. One can also schedule reoccurring online donations. For more information send an email to Carol at carol@csufnewman.com. We appreciate your support!

Congratulations

Congratulations to our scouts Ethan Downer, Diego Anderson and Joshua Fagan, who were awarded with the Ad Altare Dei emblem at the Scout Mass presided by Bishop Joseph Brennan last Saturday, February 6. Ethan, Diego and Joshua have been active in our community of faith since they were infants and have not only enriched our parish, but also our parish has enriched them. Pray for these three young men who are wonderful witnesses of all the good things and ministries happening here.



Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Facebook every Friday during Lent for Stations of the Cross. We will begin this Friday, February 19 at 6:00pm.

RCIA Interested in becoming Catholic?

If you have never been baptized or if you are baptized in another denomination but would like to become Catholic, please contact ncoffice@csufnewman.com.

The RCIA process at the Newman Center is designed to be a safe and welcoming place to personally experience Christ and develop your personal relationship with Jesus in a supportive community. We don't throw a bunch of doctrines and rules at you. Instead we provide a place for you to explore and develop your faith journey with Jesus as a Catholic Christian.

If you are a baptized Catholic, spread the word and consider becoming a sponsor of those seeking Christ.

Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon.com? Amazon will give .5% of your purchase to the Newman Center through Amazon Smile. Just add "St Paul Newman Center" (no period after St) as your charitable organization on your new or existing account and shop! When you shop be sure to be on smile.amazon.com so that part of your eligible purchase will go to the church. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up. It is an easy way to give back to the church. To sign up click on the link to Amazon Smile on our website

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

Thinking about separation or divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. The next English weekend in Fresno will be held March 4-7. For confidential information about the program or to register, please call us at (559) 862-6765.



4001 · Sunday Collections	\$55,732.97
4020 · Christmas Collections	\$450.00
4101.1 · Religious Ed. Fees	\$80.00
4103 · Activity/Program Fees (RCIA)	\$20.00
4104 · Sacramental Prep (HS & Adult Conf, & Baptism)	\$50.00
4301 · Lease / Rental Income	\$4,262.50
4501 · Interest-Dioc Operating Savings	\$331.72
4601 · Women's Guild	\$470.00
4604.40 · College Group Income	\$50.00
4702 · Mass Offerings	\$300.00
4705 · Catholic Publications	\$26.00
4707.2 · A Promise of Hope & Healing	\$3,270.00
4707 · Special Gifts	\$7,330.00
4708.2 · Family Life Ministry	\$0.00
Total 4715 · Refunds & Reimbursements	<u>\$1,109.90</u>
Total Income	\$73,483.09

EXPENSE

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5000 · Salaries & Wages	\$36,575.64
5010 · Health Insurance	\$3,412.00
5020 · Employer FICA & Medicare	\$2,114.05
5030 · Fringe Benefits	\$2,438.86
5050 · Diocesan Assessments	\$11,277.00
5061 · Interfaith Scholar Weekend	\$50.00
5072 · Ministerial Expense (Convocation)	\$60.00
5080 · Altar & Liturgical Supplies	\$171.54
5102 · A Promise of Hope & Healing Expense	\$0.00
5104 · Instructional Materials	\$230.00
5152 · Office Equip-Copier Lease	\$230.00
5154 · Postage/Courier Services	\$157.05
5155 · Office Supplies	\$137.05
5156 · Professional Accounting Fees	
(Diocesan)	\$40.00
5158 · Temporary Help (Musicians)	\$0.00
5159 · Computer Equip-Supplies	\$0.00
5160 · Computer Equip-Maintenance	\$369.98
5162 · Bank Fees	\$18.46
5163 · Credit Card Fees	\$442.33
5250 · Annex Expense	\$500.00
5300 · Utilities: Phone, PG&E, Water, Garbage, Internet	\$4,787.34
5350 · Maintenance	μ./07.34
(Security, Ground, Building, & Janitorial)	\$5,309.49
5600 · Furnishings & Equipment	\$72.66
5700 · Insurance (Diocesan)	\$1,608.00
5805 · Public Relations & Advertising	\$200.00
Total Expense	\$70,365.64
Net Income	\$2 117 <i>/</i> /5

Net Income

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Love Trumps Laws

This Week's Readings at Mass

- Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 On leprosy
- 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Imitation of Christ
- ► Mark 1:40-45 Healing of a leper

When the leper came to Jesus to ask for healing, he must have already heard the news that Jesus had healed many people with all sorts of sicknesses. He seems certain Jesus has the power to help him too, so he boldly says what he is thinking. "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus has never met the man before, but he doesn't hesitate to show that he does wish for him to be cured.

In biblical times, leprosy referred to many kinds of skin problems. Some conditions were highly contagious, so laws kept those infected from coming into contact with the healthy population. However, as the First Reading from Leviticus stated, anyone with so much as a scab, sore, or skin blemish that could





possibly be leprosy was condemned to a life outside of the community. Those unlucky enough to have imperfect skin were supposed to avoid physical contact with others and make it clear that they shouldn't be touched.

It took a lot of courage for a leper to come into town (remember, he was supposed to stay clear of others) and approach Jesus. According to the laws, Jesus should never have touched the man because that would have made Jesus automatically unclean too. However, Jesus refuses to play by the rules that doom some people to a life of loneliness and isolation. Instead, his pity and compassion ruled the day. Love trumped laws.

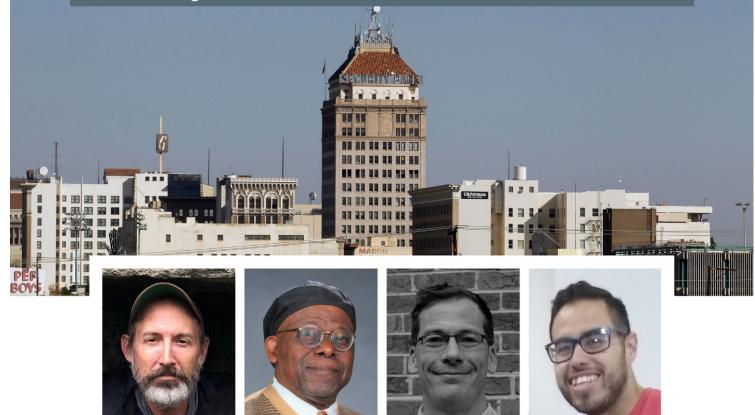
Questions of the Week

When have you seen someone act with courage and break an unjust law?

What laws, rules, or customs do you follow that Jesus might be inviting you to re-think?

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Interfaith Scholar Weekend 2021 Webinar Series "Bearing Witness from Fresno's Mason-Dixon Line"



Dr. Andrew Fiala

Dr. Malik Simba

Dr. Nathan K. Hensley

Uziel Jimenez

Join us for six interfaith conversations every Monday beginning February 15, as we consider what it means to "Bear Witness" to Fresno's history of racism and redlining.

PART I: Opening Panel: February 15, 4-5:30 pm

Three guest scholars will share their important contributions to the study of racism and redlining in Fresno.

- Moderated by Dr. Andrew Fiala
- Guest Scholars
 - Dr. Malik Simba, Fresno State University
 - Dr. Nathan K. Hensley, Georgetown University
 - **Uziel Jimenez**, Antiracist Educator, Co-founder Fresno Ethnic Studies Coalition

PART II: Book Study: 60-minute sessions Four interfaith speakers and their respondents will dive into Eddie S. Glaude Jr.'s best-book. Find out more on the next page.

PART III: Closing Roundtable: March 22, 4–5:30 pm Three guest scholars and four interfaith speakers return for a powerful discussion on lessons learned and the urgent questions to call forth a new America in our communities.

• Moderated by Jim Grant, MA, Chair for ISW

To RSVP and for more information, learn more at

bit.ly/ISW_rsvp21



PART II: Book Study

" Bearing Witness with James Baldwin"

Representatives from four faith traditions and respondents take a deep dive into Eddie S. Glaude Jr.'s best-selling book, *Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own*. <u>Make sure to RSVP today at bit.ly/ISW_rsvp</u>. *All plenary sessions are FREE and will be recorded. You do not need to be present to participate.

Week 1: February 22, 4-5 pm

"Introduction," Chapter 1: "The Lie," and "Conclusion"



Christian Faith Rev. Dr. Paul Binion Pastor of Westside Church of God, Fresno

Moderated by Ashlie M. Kosinski, Co-founder The Wildflower Collective, Information Coordinator, ISW

Respondents

- Rev. Anna Lopez, New Thought Community, Fresno, indigenous cosmology and modern spirituality perspective
- Daniel O'Connell, PhD, Executive Director, Central Valley Partnership, Quaker-Buddhist perspective

Week 3: March 8, 4-5 pm

Chapter 4: "The Reckoning" and Chapter 5: "Elsewhere"



Muslim Faith Hajj Reza Nekumanesh Executive Director, Islamic Cultural Center of Fresno

Moderated by Mariah Cushing, M.A., Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary

<u>Respondents</u>

- Rabbi Rick Winer, Temple Beth Israel, Fresno, Reform Jewish perspective
- Sister Kathleen Drilling, SSND, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, Director of Religious Education, Roman Catholic perspective

Week 2: March 1, 4-5 pm

Chapter 2: "Witness" and Chapter 3: "The Dangerous Road



Reform Jewish Faith Rabbi Dr. Laura Novak Winer Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion

Moderated by Gaonoucci Belle Vang

Respondents

- Sukaina Hussain, Deputy Executive Director for CAIR Sacramento/Central Valley, Islamic perspective
- Lady Jessica Criner, St. Rest Baptist Church, Fresno, Christian perspective

Week 4: March 15, 4-5 pm

Chapter 6: "Ruins" and Chapter 7 "Begin Again"



Hindu Faith Dr. Veena Howard Professor of Asian Religions, Coordinator, Peace and

Conflict Studies Fresno State University

Moderated by **Zena Chafi**, Community Organizer for CAIR Fresno/Merced

<u>Respondents</u>

- Darren Duerksen, PhD, Associate Professor of Intercultural and Religious Studies, Fresno Pacific University, Evangelical-Anabaptist Christian perspective
- Rev. Akiko Miyake-Stoner, Senior Pastor United Japanese Christian Church, Clovis, United Methodist Christian perspective

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