# St. Paul Catholic Newman Center



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#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B February 7, 2021 Readings: JB 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1 сок 9: 16-19, 22-23; МК 1: 29-39

#### The Deacon's Speakin'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This Sunday's first reading from Job draws our attention to the problem of human suffering. "I shall not see happiness again" (Jn 7:7). Mark's Gospel portrays Jesus in the role of a healer of misery and pain. These passages provide us a good opportunity to examine our attitude toward one of life's most undesirable, but unavoidable, aspects. Why do we suffer?

Most of our ancestors had a relatively high tolerance for suffering. Discomfort was a given in everyday life. Inconveniences, as we know them, were so common that they weren't noticed as inconveniences. Fifty years ago I never felt inconvenienced not having a cell phone and I never minded not having a remote control for my TV!

Years ago life was short: suffering was expected in this "valley of tears". Real happiness was promised only in the afterlife. That's not our experience today. In the last few decades, rapid advances in science and technology have created a different kind of world for us, along with a whole new range of expectations. We've developed intolerance for any discomfort, much less suffering. In fact, suffering is almost looked on as an insult to human progress and an assault on human dignity. Pain relievers corner a billion dollar market with promised "instant" relief. Now I can just hear some of you thinking – another "old guy" singing the benefits of the "good ole days". But, this intolerant attitude toward suffering and discomfort creates some repercussions. Finding suffering inacceptable we're poorly prepared for the reversals of fortune that life always seems to have in store. We're shocked and sometimes severely depressed over setbacks and losses. When suffering becomes insufferable, ordinary problems and pains appear catastrophic. Suffering that is resisted becomes worse. Feeling "we don't deserve" to suffer sets us up for even more and more intense suffering. Let's face it – to live is to suffer at some time or other.

Jesus healed suffering people, but He never cursed suffering itself. Suffering and pain indicate, that something is wrong and needs correction – something needs to be addressed and changed. Depending on our outlook and expectations, suffering can crush us or make us whole.

The disciples were not strangers to suffering. But Jesus needed to remind them that, although suffering was a part of life, it would not define them.

"So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you (Jn 16:22).

Peace and Love,

Lacon John

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.



### 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 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

### 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.

# ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

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

Main Parish Courtvard

Reservations Required visit csufnewman.com

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

### Cardinal Newman Hall Courtvard

No Reservations Required

Ash Distributions at all Masses Face Masks Required at all Masses



### 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.

### **Baptism Prep Class**

Our next Baptism Preparation Class will be Sunday, February 14 at 2:00pm via Zoom. The cost is \$10 per person. If you would like to attend, please contact Jenna at jenna@csufnewman.com. **Campus Ministry News!** 



#### Wednesday Student Night

Join us this Wednesday for our Student Night. Visit our webpage or social media bio for the link!

#### 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 adoration followed by Mass at 7:00pm

#### YOUNG ADULT MASS CALENDAR

February 7	6:00pm - Adoration	7:00pm - Young Adult Mass
February 14	6:30pm– Confessions	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: <a href="mailto:frbyron@csufnewman.com">frbyron@csufnewman.com</a>

### Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday, February 7 JB 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1 COR 9: 16-19, 22-23; MK 1: 29-39

**Chapel Courtyard** 

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GN 1: 1-19; MK 6: 53-56

Facebook Live

**Google Meet** 

GN 1: 20-2:4A; MK 7: 1-13

Facebook Live

GN 2: 4B-9, 15-17; MK 7: 14-23

Zoom

East Patio

Zoom

Facebook Live

Facebook Live

East Parking Lot

GN: 3-9-24: MK 8: 1-10

Facebook Live

GN 2: 18-25; MK 7: 24-30

GN 3: 1-8; MK 7: 31-37

9:30am Mass for John Godburn 11:30am Mass for Deacon Albert Montejano

Monday, February 8

8:00am Mass for Dominic Aiello6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, February 9 6:00pm Mass for Teresa Aiello

Wednesday, February 10 8:00am Mass 6:00pm College Night

Thursday, February 115:00pmConfessions6:00pmMass for Carolyn Costa

Friday, February 128:00amMass for Joe Aiello3:30pmFood Distribution6:30pmYoung Adult Game Night

#### Saturday, February 13

Sunday, February 14LV: 13: 1-2, 44-46; 1 COR 10: 31-11:1; MK 1: 40-459:30amMass for Ron BarrowsChapel Courtyard11:00amHS Confirmation ClassZoom11:30amMass for Ken P. HatchChapel Courtyard

### Prayers:

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

Deacon Paul Hernandez, 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.

### January Contributions

2020			2021		
Jan. 5	ACH	\$26,162.78	Jan. 3		\$28,062.05
Jan. 12		\$12,535.99	Jan. 10	ACH	\$19,438.31
Jan. 19	ACH	\$29,850.17	Jan. 17	ACH	\$12,113.06
Jan. 26		\$10,778.27	Jan. 24		\$8,549.00
			Jan. 31		\$9,140.55
Jan. Tot	al	\$79,327.21	Jan. Tot	al	\$77,302.97

### 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

On February 4th we celebrated the birthday of Rosa Parks, a woman of courage (and in her words, "a tired woman") who chose to take a stand against segregation by refusing to move to the back of the bus. Rosa Parks is a stellar example of wisdom which can only come with age and experience. There is a tradition in the African American community of honoring the oldest person present at prayer or worship by inviting that elder to sit in a place of honor. The presider or lector then asks their permission to lead the community in prayer or to proclaim the Word. Your challenge this week is to honor an elder in your life-a grandparent, a senior citizen who lives next door, or a "Rosa Parks" type of person in the parish or community. Invite this person to share some wisdom with your family through storytelling or simple conversation. Let the person's 70, 80, or 90 years of faithful living give your family insights into what God calls all of us to do. Then go out and do it!



### 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.

#### 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.

### 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!

### World Marriage Day

World Marriage Day falls on Sunday, February 14, 2021.

This year, we will be hosting a Virtual World Marriage Day Celebration, featuring photos of anniversary couples and a special message from Bishop Brennan at 3:00pm. The Celebration will be shown on Facebook Live so that family members can watch as well.

Each couple will receive a certificate honoring their special day as well as a prayer card from Bishop Brennan.

Couples can register online at <u>https://form.jotform.com/</u> <u>RoseHernandez/2021-WMD</u> February 7, 2021 • 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

# It Feels Good to Go Back to Work

This Week's Readings at Mass

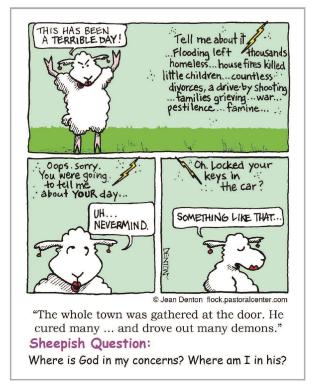
- ▶ Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Job's first reply
- ► 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Paul's recompense
- Mark 1:29-39 Cure of Peter's mother-in-law and other miracles

People sometimes take notice that as soon as Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law, she gets up and begins to wait on him and his friends, presumably including her own son-in-law. There she was sick in bed, and when she is healed, she had to go right back to work serving others? It doesn't quite seem fair to us now.

Yet there's another way to look at this scene. If you or anyone you know has been seriously or chronically sick, injured, or disabled, you may recognize the feeling of humility of not being able to help one's self and needing to rely on others for basic care. Being dependent on others can easily wound people's pride and make them question their self-worth. For some people, it leads to despair that they aren't "contributing" to the family or society and they may feel like they are a burden, even questioning why they are alive.

We don't know how long Simon's mother-in-law was sick or what exactly her illness was, but perhaps after she was healed she took great pride and satisfaction in being able to do something for others again. Maybe she wasn't going about her service just because it was her duty as a woman in that culture to serve the men. It could have been her genuine, thankful response for what Jesus did for her. In other words, she may have been happy to go back to work.

The next morning, after all Jesus' healing work with so many who were sick or possessed by demons, he must have been exhausted, but he still gets up early to



go off by himself to pray. His time alone might have been short-lived because the apostles found him and they headed off to other villages to continue his work.

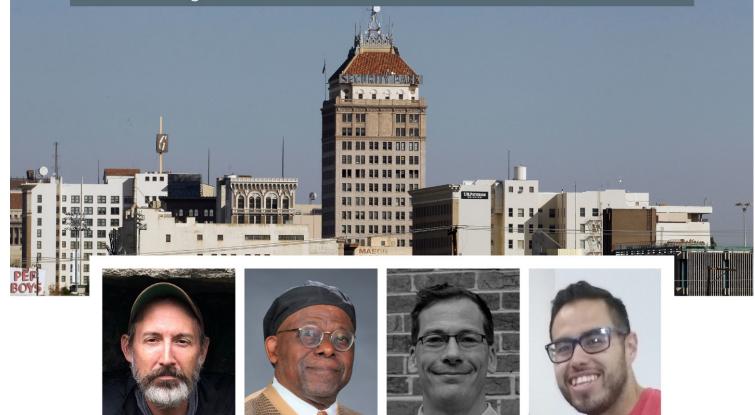
### **Questions of the Week**

Have you had the experience of being sick or injured and having to rely on others to do things for you that you wish you could do for yourself? What is it like?

Jesus gives us a great example of self-care in this passage when he goes away by himself to pray after a particularly busy day. When you find yourself especially busy or stressed, what do you do—or what would you like to do to take care of yourself and get re-connected with God's strength?

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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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