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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

January 16, 2021

Readings: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As you get older it's important to stay positive. For example, on New Year's Day I fell down the stairs and instead of getting upset, I thought, "Wow, that's the fastest I've moved in years."

I certainly didn't plan to start the year off with a broken elbow, but, as you know, God laughs when we make plans. It was my intention to write personal thank you notes to everyone for the many thoughtful gifts that the staff and I received. But, for now, please accept this group thank you until I'm able to write again.

Your generosity continues to amaze me. In our Heart Speaks to Heart Program, you helped keep the parish "afloat" during the pandemic. And you continued your generosity with the follow-up program. And, this Christmas your gifts for our Giving Tree exceeded \$35,000. This is an all-time high. Our Catholic Charities bin is continually overflowing. We have an amazing parish and I don't think I tell you often enough how much you inspire me. At the end of each Mass the Deacon dismisses with the words, "Go and proclaim the Gospel with your lives" and you take those words to heart by doing what Jesus would do. You continually hear the call of Christ and the mission He set before us.

In the coming months we have two upcoming issues that I'm asking you to respond to. The first is the Synodal Process that Pope Francis has started. Under the direction of Father Byron and Jim Grant, there will be "listening sessions" in which you will be asked to participate. Please do so! Secondly, I hope you will respond to the "Care for Creation" project. We have begun this program with a group of volunteers. Both of these projects require us to follow The Holy Father's request to be effective apostles following the example of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. He said, "The disciples recalled their experience of being with Jesus, recognizing his presence, and then went to Jerusalem to announce his resurrection. Their experience, which Christians today should imitate, can be summarized in three words: see, judge, and act."

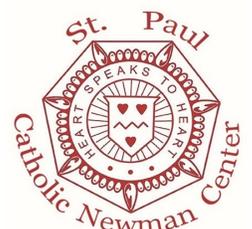
It is my continuing prayer that the Holy Spirit will guide our path as we respond to the needs of our community, our church, and our world.

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.



Faith, Family & Friends

Due to the recent Covid surge, **there will be no Faith, Family, & Friends for the children, including the Claretian Youth Group.** The Adult Group is still meeting in the Chapel, and will study the 7 Sacraments of the Church over seven weeks. During each session we will view a short educational video on each Sacrament - Past & Present, followed by a discussion and Q&A session facilitated by John Prandini. All parishioners are invited to attend. No registration or fee is required.

***Please note that masks are required.**

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Family Life Ministries

The Men's Scripture Reflection and Discussion

Group meets on Mondays after morning Mass from 8:30am to 9:15am in the Library. **We will not meet on Monday, January 17.**

Adult Religious Education and Faith Formation

John Prandini invites you to join in on a series of classes to explore the *Sacraments of the Church - Past & Present*. During each session, we will view a short educational video on each Sacrament, followed by a discussion and Q&A session. It is open to all parishioners! Members of the Adult Confirmation program and RCIA are especially invited and welcomed. Classes are on Tuesday evenings, 6:00pm in the Chapel beginning January 18. Dates: January 18, January 25, February 8, February 15, February 22, March 8, March 15. No registration or fee is required.

Prayer Ministries

Christian Meditation meets weekly on Tuesdays at noon in the Community Room, for 20 minutes of silent meditation followed by a brief lesson about this ancient Christian prayer tradition and discussion. Christian meditation utilizes the mantra, "Maranatha" (a word in Jesus' own Aramaic language meaning, "Come, Lord Jesus") in order to quiet the mind and come to silence, meeting Jesus in the depth of our own being, beyond words or images. 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 Charities Truck

The Catholic Charities Donation Truck will be at the Newman Center **January 29-30** to collect donation items after all Sunday morning Masses. Donations brought to the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses can be left in the white bin in the Chapel Courtyard. Thank you for your support.

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Thank You from Sr. Kathleen

My Dear Friends,

It is hard for me to put into words the gift you gave me on January 2, 2022 by helping me celebrate my Fifty+ Jubilee. Your generosity and warmth will forever be remembered. I thank you all who planned and carried out the wonderful Liturgy and Celebration. I believe I am still on a high, the God kind of High. It will always be a cherished memory and I look forward to many more years of service with all of you. We have a wonderful community of Faith here at Newman and it is my hope that we only grow more and more in service to the Mission of Jesus through service to each other and beyond. God bless each and every one of you and know that you and your needs are daily in my prayers.

Much Love and Peace,
Sister Kathleen Drilling, SSND

Second Collection this Weekend

This weekend, we will have a second collection to support the Diocese of Fresno's Seminarian program. The average cost of a year of formation is \$65,000 per seminarian. In addition to your financial help, your spiritual support is crucial. Your prayers for those who are in seminary and those who are discerning a possible call to serve is a source of strength and encouragement. Please remember to pray for your seminarians.

RCIA

If you interested in becoming Catholic or know of someone who may be interested, this is a good time to start RCIA. Please leave contact information at the front desk and we will follow up or you can contact Charles Arokiasamy – 286-6372 or by email rcia@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 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 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.

Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court made abortion legal in our country. Since then millions and millions of unborn babies have been killed. The most basic of all human rights is life. The most basic of all Catholic social principles is the right to life and dignity for every human person. Your challenge this week is to do something to promote life and dignity for all. Advocate for unborn babies, fight against euthanasia or the death penalty, speak out for the rights of those whose dignity has been stripped from them.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 16

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Second Collection - Seminarians

7:30am Mass for Cara Zamaniapour Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Lai Pham Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Jess Medrano Chapel
 6:30pm Rosary Chapel
 7:00pm Mass (Santo Nino Mass) Chapel

Monday, January 17

1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

MLK Jr. Day - Office Closed. No Mass.

Tuesday, January 18

1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 (Intention - Josephine Nicholson)
 12:00pm Christian Meditation Community Room
 6:00pm Faith, Family & Friends Adult Group Chapel

Wednesday, January 19

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

8:00am Mass for Paul Kinsel Chapel
 6:00pm Scriptural Rosary Community Room
 6:30pm PAIN Cafeteria

Thursday, January 20

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 4:00pm Confessions Chapel
 5:30pm The Hero Within CNH 101
 6:00pm Mass for Ben Prandini Chapel

Friday, January 21

1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

8:00am Mass for Ben Beltramo Chapel

Saturday, January 22

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21

5:00pm Mass for Johnny O'Sullivan Chapel

Sunday, January 23

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

7:30am Mass for Deceased Members of the Lopez Family Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Jim Cook Chapel
 10:00am HS Confirmation Class
 11:30am Mass for Frances Hernandez (and Baptisms) Chapel
 6:30pm Prayer Activity Chapel
 7:00pm Young Adult Mass Chapel

January Contributions

2021		2022	
Jan. 3	\$28,062.05	Jan. 2	\$23,472.00
Jan. 10 ACH	\$19,438.31	Jan. 9 ACH	\$25,019.38
Jan. 17 ACH	\$12,113.06	Jan. 16 ACH	
Jan. 24	\$8,549.00	Jan. 23	
Jan. 31	\$9,140.55	Jan. 30	
Jan. Total	\$77,302.97	Jan. Total	\$48,491.38

*This amount includes one time gifts for the *Heart Speaks to Heart* program and also year end gifts. Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

Prayers:

- ◆ **For those who have died this week:** David Vienna
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**
 Sr. Ana Rosa Guzman, Joan Renner, Margery Toll, Frances Garcia, Fr. Joe Baca, Kristal Lowe Limon, Jessica H., Olivia King, Olivia Arriaga, Abigail Love, Ron Dodds, Donna Lang, Mark Lang, Gary Payne, Willie Jacques, Linda Alvarez, Marianne Coons, Julissa Mojarras, Estefania Medina, Laura Willers, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, John and Kathy Brechmann, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Fr. Kevin Bray, Msgr. Anthony Janelli, Sandra Barrie, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Meghan Vasquez, Jacob Blake, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Sr. Rosa Maria Branco FHIC, Dick and Jan White, Randy Trejold, Jose Murillo, Piper Linden, Jose Guadalupe Solorio, Jennifer Payne, John Schutt, Bobbie Sweeden, Jeff Janzen, Kitty Culleton, Catherine Simone, Tommie Huettmann, Melvin Helm family, Don Dallas family, Reed Waddell, Deacon John Supino, Tom & Summer Quiroz Family, Joe Calandri

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From Father Byron

In the Gospel this Sunday we hear about Jesus turning the water into wine (John 2:1-11). We hear that after the wedding hosts run out of wine, Jesus asks the servers to fill six stone jars with water. Once they are filled with water, Jesus turns that water into wine. It seems to me that these six stone jars are the actual protagonists of the story. Jesus needed the jars to have some water in them so that the miracle could be performed. Jesus also needs our jars to have some water in them so that it can be turned into wine as well. How full are our jars? What can we offer to Jesus so that amazing miracles can be performed? Let us have an honest conversation with ourselves and let us look at our own stone jars and check how much water they contain. Perhaps we can fill them up with the water of hope, prayer, generosity, and good intentions. Perhaps we refill them with the water of kindness, understanding or joy. And if they are empty, it is okay! Let us ask God for the courage and strength to meet Jesus half way and give him something so that he can do his miracles in us, for us and through us!

Bilingual Mass

Last year we started offering a Bilingual Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month. We decided to go on hiatus while we evaluate it. Therefore we have postponed the Bilingual Mass for a period time. Please forgive us for the inconvenience and please let me know what your thoughts, suggestions, comments are on it.

Office Closed on Monday, January 17

In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, the office will be closed tomorrow Monday, January 17, 2022. There will be no daily Mass that day.

Saintly Quote

“God made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him whom the angels serve.” - St. Agnes

Have a Laugh

Q: Need an ark to save two of every animal?

A: I Noah guy.

Creation Care Tips

Now that we are in the dead of winter, we probably have our heating systems turned up to maximum in order to keep warm. This is an opportunity to realize how much of that energy gets wasted through air leaks and poor insulation. Reducing your energy consumption will also reduce greenhouse gases. Go around your home and look for areas where air leaks may occur, such as window and door frames, electrical outlets, and electric baseboards. Install weather stripping where possible. You can ask for an energy audit and a specialist will come and suggest improvements to increase your home's energy efficiency and lower your heating bills. Many areas have subsidies available to help you perform these renovations. If you are thinking of doing any renovation work on your house this coming year, inquire about the most energy efficient options.



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2022 1st Year Scholarship Program

Information on the 1st Year Scholarship Program that was sent to high schools in November, has now been made available to the Districts and Branches and has been posted on the I.C.F. website www.icf.org via a link on the homepage. **The Deadline for Applications is March 15, 2022.**

Please encourage your children, grandchildren or anyone you know who is eligible to apply. They can contact their high school counselors about the Italian Catholic Federation 1st Year \$400.00 Scholarship or they can download the application using the link on the homepage of the I.C.F. website.

These are the eligibility requirements for students:
A High School Senior, a total cumulative GPA (3 ½ years) of at least 3.2 and meets all of the requirements in either #1 or #2:

- 1) Are Roman Catholic and of Italian Descent and live within the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Arizona, California, Illinois and Nevada, only where Branches of the Federation are established or
- 2) Are Roman Catholic but need not be of Italian Descent or live where Branches of the Federation are established if either Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is a member of the "Italian Catholic Federation" - membership of a Roman Catholic parent, guardian or grandparent is mandatory for #2.

Please contact your local high schools where you would like to see applicants come from and make sure that they are promoting this scholarship program and have applications available.

If you have any questions or applications are needed, please call the I.C.F. office toll-free at 1-888-423-1924.

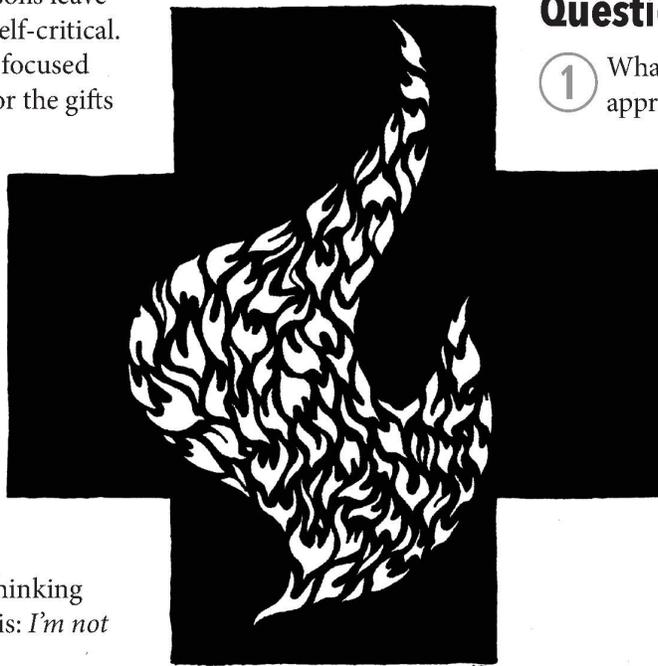
Different, Not Better or Worse

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Isaiah 62:1-5 - Jerusalem the Lord's bride
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 - Different gifts
- ▶ John 2:1-11 - The wedding at Cana

Paul's lesson to the Corinthians that different people have different gifts to share with the world is precisely the kind of lesson we try to teach young children. We might respond to the bragging of a five-year-old with a comment such as "You're right. You can ride a two-wheel bike already, but Connor can't. Connor likes to draw more than he likes to play outside. Did you know he knows how to write the whole alphabet already? You're still learning that, just like he's still learning to ride a bike." If we can teach our children to make observations—not judgments—about themselves and others, they will learn Paul's point. Certain gifts, skills, talents, and abilities are not *better* than others, they are *different* from others.

Adults need to be reminded of this lesson too. How often do we compare our gifts with those of others? Sometimes these comparisons make us feel that we are somehow better. Other times our comparisons leave us feeling harshly self-critical. What if we instead focused on being grateful for the gifts we have been given and look for ways to use them in God's service? Then maybe we could let go of our envy of others and be happy for them and the world that they have such gifts to offer. Our thinking might change to this: *I'm not*



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"You have kept the good wine until now."

Sheepish Question:
To whom or what do I need to give my best at this moment in time?

very good with groups of young children. Volunteering to help at first-grade field trips is exhausting for me. Thank God Mrs. Harris is better with six-year-olds than I am. Maybe I should concentrate on working with adults, because that's what I'm better at. She's better with kids; I'm better with adults. They are different spiritual gifts, not better or worse than each other.

Questions of the Week

- 1 What gifts do you see in others that you appreciate because they are not your gifts, but they are needed in the world?
- 2 How do you use the gifts has God given you in service to others?

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