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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

January 17, 2021

Readings: 1 SM 3:3B-10, 19; 1 COR 6:13C-15A, 17-20; JN 1:35-42

The Deacon's Speakin'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In Sunday's readings, God's calls reach the ears and the souls of people not expecting it. We might also not expect God's call to be given to an eleven year old, Samuel, apparently working in the temple, and two men who are already disciples of John the Baptist.

As part of our responsibilities as Christians, all of us are liturgical ministers! We are charged with bringing people to the liturgies themselves and the Good News, as well as forming and educating them on matters of faith. Simply stated, we are commanded by Jesus to call and to form new disciples. Over the next few weeks of Ordinary Time preceding Lent, we are invited to follow in Jesus' footsteps and answer His invitation to live more fully in our relationship with Him.

How do we preach the Good News to those who most need it? How do we evangelize? Is that message of hope and salvation brought outside the church doors — in our case, should I say outside the courtyard gates? Are those fallen away from the church invited to return? Are we a faith-filled presence to those we see, welcoming those who have returned to the church building?

In the ensuing weeks leading up to Ash Wednesday, I hope to offer some suggestions and possible ways to follow Jesus as we prepare for the Lenten season.

In the meantime, let us pray for our nation as we enter a difficult time in our history. Let us love one another and become once again, the United States of America.

Peace and love.

Tener Jot

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.



Campus Ministry News!

Wednesday Student Night

College Night resumes this Wednesday, January 20 at 6:00pm. The link can be found on our Instagram Page @NewmanCenterFresno.

Young Adult Mass

Every Sunday, we'll be hosting 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 a prayer activity followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

YOUNG ADULT MASS CALENDAR

January 17	6pm—Confessions	7pm—Young Adult Mass
January 24	6pm—Confessions	7pm—Young Adult Mass
January 31	6pm—Confessions	7pm—Young Adult Mass

Mission Trip

Our first meeting for all College Students / Young Adults (and Young Adults at Heart) interested in attending / supporting our Mission Trip is next Sunday, January 24 at 7:30pm.

Contact Fr. Byron for more information.

Fr. Byron: frbyron@csufnewman.com

Campus Ministry Contacts

Edgar Guzman, Director: edgar@csufnewman.com

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

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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

Youth Group

Fr. Byron is looking for a few volunteers to create a youth group core team. If interested, please email Fr. Byron at frbyron@csufnewman.com before January 25th. Youth, Young Adults, Adults are welcome! Also, keep us in prayer as we discern how to serve our youth in a meaningful and spiritual way.

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!

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.

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 in the 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.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 17

1 SM 3:3B-10, 19; 1 COR 6: 13C-15A, 17-20; JN 1:35-42

9:30am Mass for Betsy Lucido **Chapel Courtyard** 11:30am Mass for Katherine Dillon **Chapel Courtyard**

Monday, January 18 HEB 5: 1-10; MK 2: 18-22

8:00am Mass for Lai Pham Facebook Live 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study Google Meet

HEB 6: 10-20; MK 2: 23-28 Tuesday, January 19

6:00pm Mass Facebook Live

HEB 7: 1-3; MK 3: 1-6 Wednesday, January 20 8:00am Mass Facebook Live

6:00pm College Night Zoom

Thursday, January 21 HEB 7: 25-8:6; MK 3: 7-12

5:00pm Confessions East Parking Lot 6:00pm Mass Facebook Live

HEB 8: 6-13; MK 3: 13-19 Friday, January 22

8:00am Mass Facebook Live 3:30pm Food Distribution **East Parking Lot**

6:30pm Young Adult Game Night Zoom

Saturday, January 23 HEB 9: 2-3; MK 3: 20-21

Sunday, January 24 JON 3: 1-5, 10; 1 COR 7: 29-31; MK 1: 14-20

9:30am Mass for Clement Michael Ford **Chapel Courtyard** 11:30am Mass for Lori Negrete **Chapel Courtyard**

Pravers:

- For those who have died this week: Larry Rosander
- Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:

Maria Rousse, Donna Garcia, Veronica Reves and Family, Victor Cleveland, Chris Elias, Deacon Mike Avila, Jeannine Kim, Tom Lucas, Rhonda Weakland, Frank Esquivel, Kristal Lowe Limon, Fr. Joaquin Arriaga, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Meghan Vasguez, 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, Lou Freeman

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	
Jan. 26		\$10,778.27	Jan. 24	
			Jan. 31	
Jan. Tot	:al	\$79,327.21	Jan. Total	\$47,500.36

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.

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College Pages



Newman Catholic Student Association (Fresno)



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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 \$209,028 in pledges and have received 94% 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

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on January 18. So often in our world, we emphasize our differences with others instead of the things we share in common. Yet, our God is everyone's God, and Jesus came as a universal Savior—for everyone, everywhere, all the time. If those of us who believe in Jesus can't get along, how will we ever bring peace to our world? Your challenge this week is to participate in this special time by praying for unity among all Christians. Then let your prayer lead you to action. What is one thing you can do as a family or household to be more connected—with the Lutheran community down the block or on the neighboring farm, or the Methodist family that lives next door? How can you celebrate with them our common belief in Jesus Christ?



Food Distribution

We have a drive-thru food distribution every Friday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. 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.

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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, 2021. For confidential information about this program or to register to attend, please call us at (559) 862-6765.

Spend Time With Him First

This Week's Readings at Mass

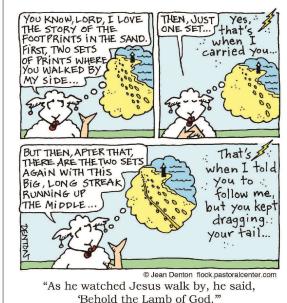
- ► Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 Revelation to Samuel
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Against sexual immorality
- ▶ John 1:35-42 The first disciples

The stories of discipleship in John's gospel follow a pattern. People come to Jesus, are brought to him, or are introduced to him by someone they know. They spend time with him for a while. They talk with him, listen to his teachings, and watch how he lives his life. Once they have spent some time with him, they go and bring others to him so that they can meet him. The cycle continues.

We see this pattern in today's gospel when Andrew and another unnamed person spend time with Jesus

after John the Baptist introduced them. Andrew then found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus. The next day, Philip spends time with Jesus, and then finds Nathanael and invites him to come meet Jesus. A couple of chapters later the woman at the well talks with Jesus and goes away to tell her townspeople they should come to meet him as well.

Maybe there is a lesson in here for us. Maybe the way we are all called to evangelize—to spread the Good



'Behold the Lamb of God."

Sheepish Question:

When was a time I realized Jesus' presence in retrospect? How did it affect our relationship?

News—isn't by preaching with a megaphone on a street corner, going door-to-door to talk about religion, or threatening that if people don't become believers they won't be saved. Maybe instead we can follow the two simple steps taken by the disciples: spend time with Jesus ourselves, and then invite other people to come and experience him for themselves.

Questions of the Week

Have you ever thought of yourself as having a responsibility to share your faith with others? If so, what does that mean to you?

What is your reaction to this idea of a twostep process: spending time with Jesus and then inviting others to get to know him?

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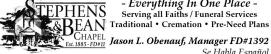
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