# St. Paul Catholic Newman Center



1572 East Barstow Avenue Fresno, Ca 93710 Office 559.436.3434 csufnewman.com Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B January 24, 2021 Readings: JON 3: 1-5, 10; 1 COR 7: 29-31; MK 1: 14-20

#### The Deacon's Speakin'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we approach the Lenten season I'd like to continue exploring ways that the liturgy plays an important part in welcoming and teaching. This weekend's first reading is about Jonah's testimony in Nineveh. You remember Jonah don't you? In the reading we hear about his successful preaching, but he wasn't always so keen on answering "Yes" to God's call. Remember, he tried to run away from God at first, only to be thrown into the sea, swallowed by a whale, vomited up onto dry land, and then called again.

My point is – even if our evangelization and welcome have been effective, those who may be sitting in our midst on Sunday for the first time or for the first time in a long time, could still have serious reservations and doubts about being in church. They might feel unworthy; they might feel like a "fish out of water"; they could be second-guessing why they even got out of bed that morning.

Those of us who prepare, execute, and participate in liturgy should be aware of many things to make sure we're being welcoming to these "first-time" folks. Are we greeting people joyfully and regularly? Those planning the liturgies should be paying attention to making Mass easy to negotiate – music, readings, etc.

We need to remember that many people, both those who are still faithful and those who have left the faith, struggle with many aspects of that faith. Let's be mindful to meet people "where they are" and offer loving invitations to form deeper relationships with God and the faith community. God's love doesn't force anyone to a certain belief or a certain way of life.

> ". . . Every person is immensely holy and deserves our love." Pope Francis – "Fratelli Tutti"

Peace and love,

Dercon 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.



## **Campus Ministry News!**



#### College Nights are Back!

This Wednesday at 6:00pm we kick off our College Nights via Zoom. Send a message on Instagram or ask Edgar for the link and password.

#### Adoration, Confessions and College and Young Adult Mass

Sundays at 6:00pm in the Cardinal Newman Hall courtyard (between St. John XXIII and Cardinal Newman Hall). All are welcome.

#### Campus Ministry Calendar

**January 24:** Adoration and Mass at 6:00pm. Mission Trip Meeting at 7:30pm outside Student Lounge and also via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85671992281 January 27: College Night at 6:00pm via Zoom

January 28: Theology and Tacos at 6:30pm via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86990928864

#### January 29: Movie Night

# Picture of the Week!



We had a special blessing for our students as they start the Spring Semester. Please pray for our students who continue to strive in the midst of the pandemic.

#### **Mission Trip**

Our first meeting for all College Students / Young Adults (and Young Adults at Heart) interested in attending/ supporting our Mission Trip is Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 7:30pm. You can attend in person outside the Student Lounge or via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85671992281 Contact Fr. Byron for more information.

#### **Theology and Tacos**

Join us as we learn about the Doctrines and Teachings of the Church while enjoying some good ole tacos. We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. All are welcome! Please note save the dates and see the themes for 2021 listed here:

January 28: History of Salvation (online) (Fr. Byron) Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86990928864 February 25: Hebrew Scriptures (online) (Fr. Byron) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81184611671 March 25: Christian Scriptures (online) (Fr. Byron) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87613117061 April 29: Tradition vs traditions I (in person; followed by Mass) (Tacos to go) (Fr. Byron)

May 27: Tradition vs traditions II (in person; followed by Mass) (Fr. Paul) June – July: Summer Break August 26: Mariology (in person) (Fr. Paul; Fr. Byron) September 23: The Mass: Explained (in person) (Fr. Paul)

Talk to Fr. Byron for more information.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Storytime with Papa Deak

Please join Deacon John for a Zoom story time the 4th Tuesday of each month starting this Tuesday, January 26! This month he will prepare our kids for Lent with books about mercy, forgiveness, and kindness. Please email joyoflovemoms@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

## Children's Mass

Our Children's Mass is on the first Tuesday of the month in our Chapel Courtyard. Our next Mass will be on Tuesday, February 2 at 6:00pm. Reservations are required to attend. Please visit our website to make your reservation.

## Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday, January 24

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

Monday, January 25 8:00am Mass 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, January 26 6:00pm Mass

Wednesday, January 27 8:00am Mass 6:00pm College Night

Thursday, January 285:00pmConfessions6:00pmMass

Friday, January 29 8:00am Mass 3:30pm Food Distribution 6:30pm Young Adult Game Night

Saturday, January 30

Sunday, January 31I9:30amMass for Jane Irwin11:30amMass for Joe Camoroda

Chapel Courtyard ACTS 22:3-16; MK 16: 15-18

**Chapel Courtyard** 

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

Facebook Live Google Meet

**2 TM 1:1-8; MK 3: 31-35** Facebook Live

HEB 10: 11-18; MK 4: 1-20 Facebook Live Zoom

HEB 10: 19-25; MK 4: 21-25 East Parking Lot Facebook Live

#### HEB 10: 32-39; MK 4: 26-34

Facebook Live East Parking Lot Zoom

#### HEB 11: 1-2, 8-19; MK 4: 35-41

DT 18: 15-20; 1 COR 7: 32-35; MK 1: 21-28 vin Chapel Courtyard noroda Chapel Courtyard

## Prayers:

- For those who have died this week: Kim O'Connor
- Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers: Elmer (Bud) Rchter, Barbara LaBaugh, Nancy VanGalder, Maria Rousse, Donna Garcia, Veronica Reyes 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 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, 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	\$12,113.06
Jan. 26		\$10,778.27	Jan. 24		
			Jan. 31		
Jan. Total		\$79,327.21	Jan. Total		\$59,613.42

#### 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 \$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

Justice Challenge: Sunday's Gospel has Jesus calling together a motley group of people to be his apostles. They drop whatever they are doing—fishing, mending their nets, whatever—and begin a life of discipleship. What trust they demonstrate in Jesus! Your challenge this week is to drop the "nets" in your life which keep you from contributing to the building of God's Kingdom as Jesus described it—a Kingdom in which everyone gets the chance to live with dignity and hope. Reflect on how willing you are to drop the mundane in order to follow Jesus.

#### 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.

# 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.

## 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!



#### 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.

#### July - December Profit & Loss

#### Income

Income		
4001 · Sunday Collections	\$	313,751.87
4020 · Christmas Offerings	\$	13,137.00
4040 · Baptism& Wedding Offerings	\$	1,200.00
4062 · Art & Environment Collection	\$	500.00
4067 · Scholarship Collection	\$	2,100.00
4069 · Special Collections - Steward- ship, Creek Fire, Giving Tree	\$	14,359.00
4101 · Religious Education Fees	\$	720.00
4103.85 · RCIA Program Fees	\$	115.00
4104.31 · H.S. Confirmation Fees	\$	5,810.09
4104.45 · Adult Confirm. Sacrament Prep	\$	100.00
4104.63 · Marriage Prep Fees	\$	150.00
4104.81 · Baptism Prep Fees	\$	370.00
4104.85 · RCIA Sacramental Prep	\$	75.00
4301 · Montessori & Parish Residence	\$	25,575.00
4302 · Football & Facility Rental	\$	6,650.00
4405.2 · AmazonSmile	\$	363.86
4501 · Interest-Dioc Operating Savings	\$	1,984.61
4604 · Youth Groups - CSA	\$	1,050.00
4701 · Stole Offerings (Funeral & Weddings)	\$	2,550.00
4702 · Mass Offerings	\$	1,340.00
4705 · Catholic Publication Sales	\$	13.00
4707.1 · Fair Trade Coffee	\$	222.00
4707.2 · A Promise of Hope & Healing	\$	195,108.00
4707 · Special Gifts	\$	29,016.00
4708 · Family Life Ministry	\$	1,600.00
4715 · Reimbursements (Claretians)	\$	2,705.42
Total Income	÷	

Total Income \$ 620,565.85

We are thankful for the response to the "Promise of Hope and Healing" campaign. Due to its success, our net income is \$184,974. This amount will help offset the parish expenses thru June 2021. Please continue to make your normal Sunday contributions so that we may meet all future expenses.

#### Expense 5000 · Salaries & Wages \$ 208,313.40 5010 · Health Insurance \$ 20,472.00 5020 · Employer FICA: Social Security & Medicare \$ 11,827.59 5030 · Fringe Benefits - Pension, W/C, Life, LTD \$ 13,187.24 5050 · Diocesan Assessments \$ 67,662.00 \$ 5061 · Creek Fire & Catholic Charities 8,250.00 5062 · Charity Contr to Individuals - Giving Tree, \$ 8,956.32 WG, etc. 5063 · San Joaquin Memorial Auction \$ 200.00 5080 · Altar & Liturgical - Wine, Candles, Music, Ś 2,575.76 etc. \$ 7,936.17 5102 · A Promise of Hope & Healing Expense 5104 · Instructional Materials - Religious Ed & \$ Adult Formation 2,395.84 \$ 5152 · Office Equip-Copier Lease 3,214.01 \$ 5154 · Postage/Courier Services 621.29 \$ 5155 · Office Supplies 426.33 5156 · Professional Accounting Fees - Diocesan \$ 240.00 \$ 5158 · Temporary Help - Musicians 1,300.00 \$ 5159 · Computer Equip-Supplies 286.97 \$ 5160 · Computer Equip-Maintenance 582.89 \$ 5162 · Bank Fees 71.57 \$ 5163 · Credit Card Fees 2,542.65 \$ 5250 · Annex Expense 3,000.00 5300 · Utilities: Phone, PG&E, Water, Garbage, \$ 32,784.45 Internet 5350 · Maintenance (Security, Ground, Building, Ś 29,330.68 & Janitorial) \$ 5600 · Furnishings & Equip (Liturgical) 43.18 \$ 5700 · Insurance (Diocesan & Auto) 9,648.00 \$ 5801 · Conferences & Conventions (NCYA) 40.00 5802.91 · Food Recovery Mtg. Expense \$ 251.07 \$ 5802.92 · Food Pantry Mtg. Expense 112.50 \$ Total 5802 · Meeting Expense 363.57 \$ 5804 · Hospitality - Women's Guild 96.48 \$ Total 5805 · Public Relations & Advertising 1,400.00

 6101 · Estate Proceeds
 \$ 5,535.62

 6103 · Memorial Proceeds
 \$ 200.00

6103 · Memorial Proceeds		\$ 200.00
	Total Other Income	\$ 5,735.62

Net Income

**Net Ordinary Income** 

5806 · Dues/Subscriptions

5807 · Taxes/Permits/Fees/Licenses

\$ 184,974.71

\$

\$

Total Expense \$ 441,326.76

293.20

3,265.17

\$ 179,239.09

January 24, 2021 • 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

## "Leave Our Jobs? For What?"

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ► Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Conversion of Ninevah
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Encouragement within a hostile world
- ► Mark 1:14-20 Call of the first disciples

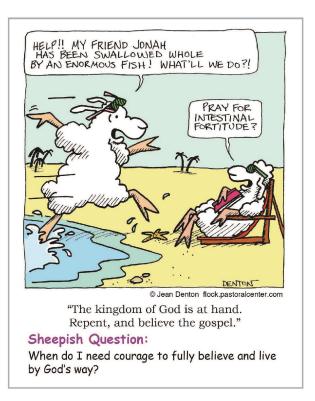
The fishermen who are called by Jesus in this reading knew a life of hardship. They probably could not read or write. They did hard physical labor over long hours to just get by, probably following in the footsteps of their fathers and grandfathers who had always done the same work. When the fishing was good, they could sell the extra fish to provide for their families' needs. When the fish weren't biting, they needed every last one to feed their families. There weren't ways to get ahead in life. They lived under the brutal Roman Empire that occupied their country and ate up extra income with unfair taxes.

Then Jesus came along and invited Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow him. What is it that made them willing to go without hesitation? They were living a hard life, but at least it was a known life. Joining Jesus to become "fishers of people" would have made no sense at all to most people.

We'll never know the thoughts racing around their minds that day—the day their lives changed in ways they never could have imagined. Up until then they had probably never traveled more

than a few miles from their homes. Yet within a few years these four fishermen would be preaching to crowds and baptizing thousands as they traveled throughout their

world to tell people about the man who changed their lives. They must have recog-



nized something very special about Jesus to agree to follow him.

## **Questions of the Week**

Do you know anyone who made a life-changing decision so radical that no one saw it coming? Why do you think that person had the courage to change?

What words would you need to hear from Jesus to convince you to give up a known future in order to follow him into an unknown future?

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