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# The Baptism of the Lord, Year C

January 9, 2021

Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Dear Newman Community,

- 1. In response to Pope Francis' call for a worldwide consultation on the Church, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center has formed a preliminary "Synod Engagement Committee", and we are definitely looking for more members.
- 2. "Synod" means "Same path, or Walking together" and it is the Holy Father's proposal to prepare for the Bishops' Synod in 2023 by having Catholics (and interested non-Catholics) spend the first months of 2022 in various "Listening Sessions", where participants will be invited by facilitators to respond personally to questions related to ten different aspects of Church life:
  - 1. What is the quality of our journeying together? How could we improve it?
  - 2. Are we listening to each other? Whom do we need to listen to more? The young? Women? Minority groups?
  - 3. Are we invited to speak out and share our concerns with charity, and boldness? What would encourage you and others to participate more fully?
  - 4. Do our parish Masses and other communal prayers strengthen our sense of community and mission and inspire our "journeying together"?
  - 5. Rooted in our Baptism, are we prepared and supported and welcomed to participate in the mission of proclaiming the Gospel?
  - 6. Is there a place for parish members to dialogue openly, including with those who have suffered in silence? Which persons and groups do we need to learn from?
  - 7. What can we learn from other churches and believers? How well does your parish "journey together" with other communities of faith? What makes this difficult?
  - 8. How does your parish identify pastoral goals, and steps to achieve them? Do you feel valued and invited to share? What steps can we take together?
  - 9. How does your parish exercise discernment in decision making and prayerful listening and obedience to the Holy Spirit?
  - 10. How does your parish prepare you to be a missionary disciple of Jesus Christ? As we form ourselves in synodality, where will our next steps take us?
- 3. I hope these "Listening Sessions" sound as exciting to you as they do to me. Please join me in attending an Informational Zoom session given by the Diocese of Fresno on January 12 and 20. You'll find a way to register for that zoom session and so much more at the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center Synod Website.
- 4. Stay tuned for more information about when we will be scheduling our "Listening Sessions" here at SPCNC. If you are interested in learning more about the Synod, and our Synod Engagement Committee", please contact me.

Let us all commit to becoming a Synodal, Listening Church, beginning today!

Jim Grant, Synod Engagement Coordinator jimgrantbc@gmail.com 559-708-3530

#### 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 this week. This also includes the Claretian Youth Group. However, in response to Pope Francis' call for a worldwide consultation on the Church, Jim Grant will be making a presentation on the Synodal process via Zoom on Tuesday, January 11 at 6:00pm. The link to Jim's presentation will be sent to all registered families.

#### **Family Life Ministries**

Men's Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group meets on Mondays after morning Mass from 8:30am to 9:15am in the Library.

#### The Hero Within

This unique seminar and support group uses psychological archetypes for spiritual direction and greater self-awareness on your unique life journey. The seminar meets for 10 sessions facilitated by John Prandini on Thursday evenings, January 13 - March 17, 2022 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in CNH 101. This seminar is recommended for everyone, but especially those who have experienced any significant loss or life-altering event. It is an opportunity to discover more deeply who you are and the hero that lies within you. There is no class fee, but participants are required to purchase the book, *The Hero Within*, by Carol Pearson in advance of the class. Advance registration is required. To register: Email John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

#### **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.

# **Creation Care Tips**

Water is the central element to the sacrament of baptism because water has the power to give and sustain life. Water also has the power to take life when it is contaminated and when there is not enough for drinking, washing, or farming. According to the United Nations, over 1.2 billion people do not have access to clean water. Diseases caused by polluted water kill one child every eight seconds. Consider reading the book A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park and/or making a donation to an organization like the One Drop Foundation: OneDrop.org to promote clean drinking water for all of the world's population.

#### Women's Guild

The first meeting of 2022 is this Thursday, January 13 at 6:30pm in the Cafeteria.

We will be discussing our plans for the year and hopefully getting back to a regular schedule. Come and join us. All ladies of the parish are welcome!

#### **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: This is National Migration Week. The observance began over 25 years ago by the U.S. Catholic Bishops as a way for Catholics to appreciate the Church's diversity and become aware of all the ways the Church serves migrants and refugees. Your challenge this week is to pray the prayer which the USCCB wrote for this special time:

Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst! Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.

Lord Jesus, help us by your grace,

To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister;

To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;

To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;

To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;

To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

# Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday, January 9 Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

7:30am Mass for Gary Peters Chapel 9:30am Mass for Tom Reinhart Chapel

10:00am HS Confirmation Class (via Zoom)

11:30am Mass for Javier Castillo Chapel

2:00pm Baptism Prep Class (via Zoom)

6:30pm Prayer Activity Chapel 7:00pm Young Adult Mass Chapel

#### Monday, January 10 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

8:00am Mass for Deceased Members of the Sanchez Chapel

Family

6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study St. John XXIII 6:00pm Adult Confirmation Class Cafeteria

#### Tuesday, January 11 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

8:00am Communion Service Chapel

(Intention - Ferdinand Erese)

12:00pm Christian Meditation Community Room

6:00pm Faith, Family & Friends (via Zoom)

#### Wednesday, January 12 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

8:00am Mass for Betsy Lucido Chapel

6:00pm Scriptural Rosary Community Room

6:30pm PAIN Cafeteria

#### Thursday, January 13 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
4:00pm Confessions Chapel
5:30pm The Hero Within CNH 101
6:00pm Mass for Denis O'Looney Chapel
6:30pm Women's Guild Cafeteria
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Community Room

Friday, January 14 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

8:00am Mass for Jack Patrick Chapel

Saturday, January 15 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

**Second Collection - Seminarians** 

**Catholic Charities Truck** 

8:00am Secular Franciscans Chapel and Cafeteria

5:00pm Mass for Deceased Members of the Chapel

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#### Sunday, January 16 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

#### **Second Collection - Seminarians**

Catholic Charities Truck

7:30am Mass for Cara Zamanianpour Chapel
9:30am Mass for Lai Pham Chapel
11:30am Mass for Jess Medrano Chapel
5:00pm Bilingual Mass 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	
Jan. 17 <b>ACH</b>	\$12,113.06	Jan. 16 <b>ACH</b>	
Jan. 24	\$8,549.00	Jan. 23	
Jan. 31	\$9,140.55	Jan. 30	
Jan. Total	\$77,302.97	Jan. Total	\$23,472.00

\*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: Pat Curry, Irma Rij
- 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

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#### College Pages



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# From Father Byron

God's desire to be with all of us never exhausts. Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. In the Gospel we read, "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Fr. Manuel Villalobos, CMF, a doctor in Bible and the Founder of the Claretian Bible Institute of the Americas, says that at the moment when Jesus was baptized, God could not remain in his heaven but actually opened it up to say in a burst of joy, "You are my beloved Son."

Here we see another beautiful image of God, our God who is interested and invested on our lives, because after all, you matter to God. And I am sure that God also jumped off from heaven when you were baptized to say, "You are my beloved daughter, my beloved son; with you I am well pleased!" That was the beginning of a covenant God made with you to be interested and invested on your life - the good and the bad, the ups and downs, the sin and the grace. And this is the seed of conversion, and conversion is the catalyst of a life well lived...not perfect, but well lived!

#### It's a Boy!!!

Our own Campus Ministry Director, Edgar Guzman and his wife Amanda, welcomed their second baby boy, Noah, on New Year's Eve! Mom and baby are doing great. Keep them in your prayers and congratulate them for being part of the beautiful mystery and gift of life.

#### Scriptural Rosary with the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus lead Scriptural Rosaries every Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Community Room. All are welcome! Spend some quality time practicing this wonderful Marian devotion. Contact the Knights for more information.

#### **Teaching Youth Confirmation**

Pray for me as I teach the Youth Confirmation Class this Sunday. I thank Sister Kathleen, Cristina Oseguera, and Mary Hill for their kind invitation to be part of this amazing catechetical program.

#### **Claretian Youth**

Please note that Claretian Youth will not be meeting this Tuesday. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Also, there is a parents' meeting this Monday, January 10 at 7:00pm via Zoom: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85110581657">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85110581657</a> Contact me for more information at frbyron@csufnewman.com.

#### **Mission Trip**

Since we could not have our Mission Trip to El Salvador last December due to Covid, we will give it another try this year. Tentatively, our Mission Trip will be around December 18-23, 2022. This trip is for college students, young adults and adults. Send me an email if you would like to sign up for our email list to receive notifications in the near future.

#### **Hiking with Mary**

Save the date: Our next Hike with Mary will be on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 8:00am. There is a QR code posted on the Campus Ministry Board in the hallway. You can register via QR code or by emailing me. Thanks to Jess and Ryan for leading this kinetic and spiritual devotion.

#### **Deacons and Priests Preaching**

You may have noticed that there are Sundays when the priests don't preach. There is a wonderful and ecclesial reason. We are so blessed to have two amazing Deacons in our parish: Deacon John and Deacon Bill. Upon their ordinations, the Church entrusts them – among other things - with the task of preaching. Thus, the practice in our parish is that we take turns preaching at Masses every other week. (Plus, we don't get to bore you much:) ).

#### **Crime Survivors**

Save the Date: JUNE 25, 2022. This is when the Diocese of Fresno will host a RETREAT FOR CRIME SURVIVORS: Walking with Jesus in your Healing Journey at St. Anthony Retreat Center in Three Rivers, CA (8:00am to 5:00pm). Please consider attending this healing opportunity in which we can mourn, listen and be listened to and participate in a healing Mass with Bishop Brennan. Contact Maciel Godburn at (559) 325-6888 or send an email at rjmaciel2019@gmail.com.

#### Contest

We thank our children who brought in their beautiful drawings and paintings of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton last Tuesday for Children's Mass. Our judge, Sister Kathleen, was really impressed by all the art that all of the participants won first place! Here are some pictures from our local art from our children:









#### **Saintly Quote**

"The gate of heaven is very low; only the humble can enter it." - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

#### Have a Laugh

Late one night, a preacher was driving on a country road and had a wreck. A farmer stopped and said, "Sir, are you okay?" The preacher said, "Yes, I had the Lord riding with me." The farmer said, "Well, you better let him ride with me, because you're gonna kill him."

# Second Collection Next Weekend

Next 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.

# **Catholic Charities Donation Truck**

The Catholic Charities Donation Truck will be here next weekend 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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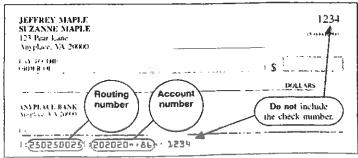
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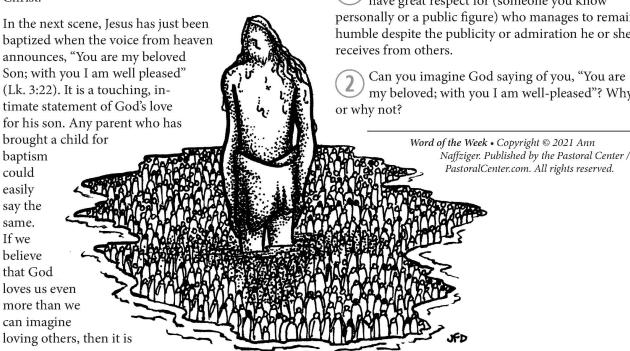
This Week's Readings at Mass

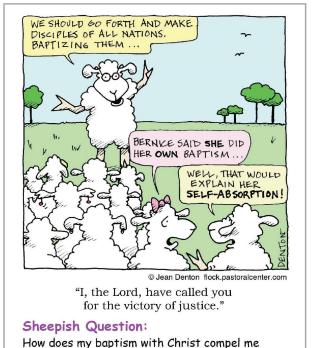
- ▶ Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 The servant of the Lord
- ► Acts 10:34-38 The good news of peace
- ► Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 Baptism of Jesus

John the Baptist is an intriguing figure in the Gospel of Luke. Immediately before this passage, John was drawing large crowds to listen to him speak. He wasn't coming into the big city and towns to tour; he was staying out in the desert region, in Jewish history a place symbolic of hardship, trial, and personal encounter with God.

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John had the reputation of being a bit of a wild man out there, dressed in camel's hair and eating locusts and wild honey while preaching repentance. The people were going out in droves to see for themselves who this man was that everyone was talking about. Obviously, there was something compelling about what John was saying and how he was living. Many were so taken by his message that they wondered if he was the promised Christ. Their respect for him didn't go to John's head, however, and he remained humble, insisting that he was only a servant for Christ.





not a leap to say that as adopted sons and daughters of God, we can trust that God feels the same for us.

#### Questions of the Week

to serve others?

Share an example of a person whom you have great respect for (someone you know personally or a public figure) who manages to remain humble despite the publicity or admiration he or she

my beloved; with you I am well-pleased"? Why



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