# St. Paul Catholic Newman Center



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### The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Year C June 12, 2022 Readings: Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This week's Gospel reading brings us back to the long discourse at the Last Supper. The death of Jesus is looming large and He is all too aware of the inability of the disciples to understand it - in fact, their inability to understand much of what Jesus' ministry was about. The way ahead of the disciples will often seem dark. They will feel lost and confused. They will be afraid and doubt what they have heard. They will wonder what is true and what is fantasy. They will face bitter persecution and, as yet, cannot see why.

Here, Jesus gives them the promise of the Spirit of truth. They can't understand what Jesus means yet - but the Spirit will lead them to a more complete understanding of what Jesus and His mission is about. The Spirit He promises, though, is not something separate from Himself - but will come from the Father and Himself. All that the Spirit will say comes from the Father and from Jesus.

Yet again, Jesus speaks of the closeness of His relationship with the Father. As yet, the disciples see Him only as a charismatic teacher and possible Messiah. They have yet to realize that Jesus really is the Son of God and that the Spirit He speaks of really is the outpouring of love from the Father and Son. Jesus said - it would be too much for them yet - but one day, they will understand - and will discover the true glory of the one they knew as Jesus of Nazareth.

God is relational by God's very nature, and the triune God also invites us into this relationship. Created in the image and likeness of God, we take part in this relationship of love that is constantly shared between members. We hear this in today's second reading: "The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." When we respond to this love and share this love, we actively participate in the mystery of the Trinity.

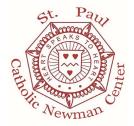
Peace and love,

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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.



# Family Life Ministries

**Joy of Love Moms Group** invites families to the west playground after 9:30am Mass for an opportunity for children and families to meet, socialize and play together. Please join us!

### Men's Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group meets

Monday mornings after Mass from 8:30am to 9:15am in the Library to reflect upon and discuss the previous Sunday's scripture readings.

### **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 <u>prandinij@csufnewman.com</u>.

# SPCNC Summer Movie Nights are Back

The Joy of Love Moms Group is excited to once again host summer movie nights in Cardinal Newman Hall. The first movie night will be held June 28 and will begin at 5:30pm with a 'bring-your-own' dinner. Tables and chairs will be set up in the hall for families to share tables and enjoy a meal together. Water and lemonade will be provided. A snow cone truck will also be available outside the hall from 5:15pm until 6:15pm. The movie will start at 6:15pm and should end no later than 8:15pm. Please bring a snack to share with others. Popcorn will be provided. Children may bring blankets, stuffed animals, and pillows. In addition, chairs will be set out for anyone who wishes. We hope you can join us! All are welcome.

# Care for Creation

"When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. — Psalms 104:30 Take some deep breaths of fresh air on this day of Pentecost. This simple gesture has a great significance in our Christian tradition. Indeed, rhythmic breathing leads to deeper meditation, the grace of feeling God's presence. Sadly, one child in five suffers from asthma which can be caused or exacerbated by poor air quality in our cities, heavy pesticide use in agricultural areas, coal burning plants, and wildfires. Elderly people are also more at risk for lung trouble when the air quality is poor too. Be thoughtful when the forecast calls for smog: avoid using your car if possible to reduce emissions especially on those days when the air quality is poor.



Campus Ministry News!

Week of June 12-19

### Young Adults Bible Study

Every Monday at 6:00pm we engage in biblical reflections and conversations to strengthen our identity as followers of Christ. It is a space where you will also find other young people who desire to learn and grow with you. Come join us! We will meet inside the Student Lounge.

### Job Opening - Administrative Assistant [Part-time]

The full job description and application can be found on our website. If you have any questions, please send an email to ncoffice@csufnewman.com.

### **Campus Ministry Contacts**

Edgar Guzman, Director: <u>edgar@csufnewman.com</u> Fr. Byron Macias, Chaplain: <u>frbyron@csufnewman.com</u>

### Name Tags

Ever see a familiar face at church and just can't remember their name? It happens to all of us! That is why we would ask everyone in attendance to wear a name tag. Name tags are available at a table in the hallway. <u>Please remember to bring</u> yours back every Sunday.

> Please Join Us After All Masses July 9-10 to Celebrate Deacon John Supino's Retirement

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# Prayers for the Bakers

FRIDAY JUNE 24, 2022 @7:00 P.M. ST. PAUL NEWMAN CENTER



# Catholic Charities Truck Next Weekend

The Catholic Charities Donation Truck will be at the Newman Center June 18 - 19 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.

# Second Collection Next Weekend

Fathers' Day is set aside to remember our fathers and the gifts we received from them and to appreciate the lessons they have taught us. Fathers' Day is also the day designated to the annual collection for the Priest's Retirement Fund of the Diocese of Fresno. It is a time for the people of God to remember all that they have received from their priests over the years and to show their appreciation and gratitude by a generous response to this collection. Please consider donating next weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

# Sunday Hospitality

We will begin serving donuts and coffee after all morning Masses next Sunday, June 18 in the Cafeteria. We hope to see you there!

# Flu Guidelines

Suggested Guidelines during the Flu / Cold Season:

- Do Not come to Mass if you have flu like symptoms.
- **Do Not** bring children to Mass that have flu like symptoms or are ill.

• **Do Not** receive from the Chalice or shake hands with others if you have a scratchy throat, sniffles, coughing or sneezing.

• **Do Not** touch your face or mouth without first washing your hands.

• Wash your hands good with hot water and soap before and after Mass.

• When you can't wash your hands, use a hand sanitizer with at least 62% alcohol.

• Get your flu shot, get plenty of rest, eat a balanced diet, drink water and exercise.

Use these guidelines for all events of your daily living and be well.

God's people should remember that they are excused from attending Mass if:

- A. They are ill with the flu or have reason to believe that they have flu like symptoms.
- B. Must stay home to care for a family member who is ill.
- C. They reasonably fear they will spread a flu virus.

# Word of the Week

Justice Challenge: On Sunday we celebrate the Trinity, the union and communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Trinity lives in perfect harmony and love as three persons in one God. They are a model to all of us of living together as one in community. Catholic Relief Services reminds us that we are one human family. Your challenge this week is to live in communion with someone in need. Stand in solidarity with a person who is outside your regular orbit of family, friends, fellow workers or students, neighbors, etc. Listen to this person's story, share something of yourself, and offer support of some kind.

# Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 12	Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15		
7:30am Mass for Norma Marie Smith	Chapel		
9:30am Mass for Jim Cook	Chapel		
11:30am Mass for Maria Victoria Balli	Chapel		
2:00pm Baptism Prep Class (via Zoom	)		
7:00pm Mass	Chapel		
Monday, June 13	1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42		
8:00am Mass for Antonia Avila Guerra			
8:30am Men's Scripture Study	Library		
5:30pm Liturgy Team Mtg.	Cafeteria		
6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study	St. John XXIII		
Tuesday, June 14	1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48		
8:00am Communion Service	Chapel		
12:00pm Christian Meditation	Community Room		
Wednesday, June 15	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18		
8:00am Mass Int. of Clare Marrone	Chapel		
1:00pm Catholic Social Teaching Lister	ning Session Cafeteria		
Thursday, June 16	Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15		
8:00am Communion Service	Chapel		
11:30am Serra Club Mass	Chapel		
4:00pm Confessions	Chapel		
6:00pm Mass for Elenita Verano	Chapel		
Friday, June 17	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23		
8:00am Mass Int. of Mrs. Cruz Reyes	Chapel		
Saturday, June 18	2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34		
Catholic Charities Truck			
Second Collection - Priests' Retiremen	t		
8:00am Secular Franciscans	Chapel and Cafeteria		
5:00pm Mass for Rev. Saul Sanchez	Chapel		
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Catholic Charities Truck	4:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17		
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7:30am Mass for the Departed Memb			
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9:30am Mass for Lai Pham and Baptis	ms Chapel		
11:30am Mass Int. of SPCNC Staff	Chapel		
7:00pm Mass	Chapel		

June Contributions

2021		2022	
June 6 ACH	\$23,444.30	June 5 ACH	\$18,677.50
June 13	\$ 9,681.10	June 12	
June 20 ACH	\$15,706.16	June 19 ACH	
June 27	\$ 12,038.12	June 26	
June Total	\$60,869.68	June Total	\$18,677.50

### Prayers:

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

Joan Renner, Margery Toll, Kristal Lowe Limon, Abigail Love, Gary Payne, Linda Alvarez, Marianne Coons, Julissa Mojarras, Estefania Medina, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Sandra Barrie, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Meghan Vasquez, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Dick and Jan White, Sr. Joanne Bauer, Jan Fusselman, Nyla Zender, JoAnn Myers, Monica Baker (Lucido), David Toll, Susan Olson, Mary Yoakum, Olivia King, Maria Coronel, Clara Marrone, Penny Mull, Judy Marchi, Raymond Ram, Nacho Flores, William Rogal, Donna Garcia, Melissa Kane, Kim Bach, John Cook, Joey Perez, John Morgenroth, Phyllis Scialabba, Walt Whelan, Martin Zapata, Carl Britto, Hannah York

To better serve our Faith Family we are updating our list of prayers. <u>Names for the sick / special</u> <u>intentions will remain in the bulletin for one month</u> <u>then removed from the list unless otherwise</u> <u>notified</u>. 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 Intentions" tab.

Parish Information		
Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm		
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am & 7:00pm		
Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00am		
First Tuesday 6:00pm, Thursday at 6:00pm		
Communion Services: Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am		
Reconciliation: Thursday 4:00pm to 5:45pm or call the office for		
an appointment.		
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm		
CLOSED FRIDAY		



# From Fr. Byron Macias

Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost by having one Mass for our entire Parish Family followed by our parish picnic and the planting of a tree in honor of Deacon John ("The Supino Tree"). Everything flowed beautifully.

Afterwards, as we were cleaning up and putting things away, I got a glimpse of a beautiful image: three youth from our Claretian Youth (who were selling drinks for their World Youth Day trip) were going around the place offering free drinks for all. It was three boys: one was pushing the cart with the drinks; the other was offering people free drinks; and the other would hand them the drink.

Today we celebrate the Holy Trinity; and (if I may) that Claretian Youth action gave me an insight about the Holy Trinity: God the Father pushes the cart with blessings, forgiveness and liberation; God the Son reaches out to people and offers them a share into his divinity; and God the Holy Spirit makes it possible that we get as a gift all things that belong to Jesus as a right.

That's how awesome our God is! God is always at work in us, for us and with us; God is always working for us as we go through life so that we fill our life with life! Happy Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity!

### Thank You

Mom had surgery on May 23 (knee replacement) and stayed at the hospital for 5 days. Thank you so much for holding my mother in prayer. Things look promissory thanks to your intercession. Please keep saying a prayer for her now and then!

Also, from the bottom of my heart I want to thank all the volunteers, benefactors and all our faithful who helped out and attended our Pentecost and Earth Day celebration and picnic. Your generosity blows me away and raises the bar high! May God reward you for your altruism of time, talent and treasure!

### **Claretian Youth**

We will have a fun day on June 21 at 6:00pm. Please save the date and check your emails as we will be sending you more details soon.

#### **Claretian Assembly**

Fr. Paul and I attended our annual Summer Assembly in Mundelein, Illinois, from May 30 - June 3. We started planning our missionary guidelines, hopes and dreams for the next six years. Thank you for holding us in prayer!

#### Saintly Quote

"It is with the smallest brushes that the artist paints the most exquisitely beautiful pictures." – St. André Bessette

#### Have a Laugh

- What do you call a cow that goes to church?

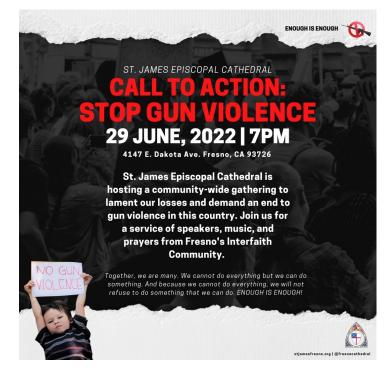
- A holy cow!

(Thanks to Kennedy Collins for sending this joke!)

### **Bishop's Annual Appeal**

Thank you to those who contributed to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. This fund contributes to the following areas at the Diocese: Youth / Young Adult Ministry, Catechetics, Diocesan Retreat Centers, and Vocations.

We have raised \$3,745.82 of our \$15,000 goal. It is not too late to contribute. You can turn in donations at Mass, mail them to the office, or make donations on our website: <u>https://</u>csufnewman.com/giving/credit-card-donation. Please indicate that it is for the Bishop's Annual Appeal in the memo. Thank you for your generosity!





Next Sunday, June 19 we will celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. You are invited to participate in a special procession around the block at 9:00am. There will also be another procession at 6:30pm. Children can wear their First Communion attire. You can also bring flowers. Talk to Karl or Fr. Byron for more details.

# SPCNC SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS

# ARE BACK!



- Tuesday, June 28th in Cardinal Newman Hall
- <u>5:30 p.m.</u> <u>Bring your own dinner</u> and join other families by sharing a table together before the movie – bottled water and lemonade provided
  - 5:15 p.m. 6:16 p.m. Snow Cone truck will be available
  - 6:15 p.m. Movie Starts (run time approx. 102 minutes.)
  - Bring a snack to share with others. Popcorn will be provided.
- Bring your favorite blanket, pillow, or stuffed animal. Chairs will also be set up for those who wish.

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NEXT MOVIE NIGHT - JULY 26TH AT 5:30 P.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME

# Who Is Lady Wisdom?

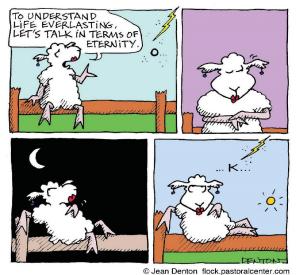
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ► Proverbs 8:22-31 The discourse of wisdom
- ▶ Romans 5:1-5 Faith, hope, and love
- ► John 16:12-15 Coming of the paraclete

In the Christian tradition, we don't often reflect on passages in scripture that personify a female element of the divine. Today's reading from the Book of Proverbs does just that. This passage would have been well known to Jesus and his fellow Jews, as well as to the New Testament writers. Those authors sometimes drew direct and other times subtle connections between the central figure in the Proverbs reading, Lady Wisdom, with Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

The voice in the passage is Wisdom, often referred to as Lady Wisdom by scripture scholars. In the Old Testament, this Wisdom figure is always personified as a woman, just as references to God's spirit (which God breathed into the first humans) are feminine. Lady Wisdom seems to originate within God, not as a creation of God. "The Lord possessed me ... I was poured forth ... I was brought forth." Such a description is similar to the phrase in our creed that describes Jesus as "begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father." Lady Wisdom appears to be a co-worker with God in creation, a master craftsman (craftswoman!) reflecting herself in all of creation.

So who exactly is Lady Wisdom? Is she equivalent to Jesus? John suggests this parallel in the first verses of his Gospel. At times Paul equates the two as well. "Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor 1:24). Or is Lady Wisdom the Holy Spirit because references to God's spirit in the Hebrew Bible are feminine? There is no right or wrong answer. The concept of the Trinity is a mystery far beyond what our



"The Lord possessed me, the beginning of his ways...I was beside him as his craftsman...and I found delight in the human race."

#### Sheepish Question:

What does the eternal presence of Father, Son and Holy Spirit mean to my relationship with God?

limited minds can imagine. What is important is that we don't fall into the trap of identifying God as a male or female, but as possessing attributes of both.

Ultimately, the concept of the Trinity remains a mystery for our limited human brains. How is God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit? How is God the creator, the redeemer, and the sanctifier? Where does Lady Wisdom enter all of this? Scripture writers, like us, falter at trying to describe the indescribable, which is why we have so many different and sometimes conflicting images and metaphors for God

### **Questions of the Week**

If you think of God as the Trinity, which "person" do you most identify with and why: Father/ Creator, Son, or Holy Spirit?

Does imagining God with a feminine aspect change how you think of God? Why or why not?

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