# St. Paul Catholic Newman Center



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### Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B

March 14, 2021 Readings: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

#### The Deacon's Speakin'

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In our modern American culture, the Sundays of fall and winter are punctuated with football. We know that Mass attendance can be influenced by the time of a Forty-Niner or Raiders' game. Several years ago, while on vacation we attended a Saturday vigil Mass in New Hampshire and heard the pastor give the halftime score of a Notre Dame game and told the parishioners that they'd be out early to watch the rest of the game. It's become almost a regular occurrence at football games that we see some dedicated believer display a simple message: "John 3:16". That's the verse that appears in today's gospel.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called "Laetare Sunday" from the Latin meaning "to rejoice" or "to be joyful". It might seem odd to rejoice during Lent, but that exhortation is a reminder or maybe a foreshadowing of Easter. It's as though Easter is breaking into the Lenten season.

The Passage that many use to sum up the gospel is simply this – "For God so loved the world that He gave His only son." This profound statement proclaims a God of love, not a God of condemnation. And this love results in God sending His only Son, Jesus. The starting point of our faith is love.

Though many today, and throughout history, seem to prefer a God of judgement – a God of condemnation – today we're reminded that our God is love. And God's love is eternal and is expressed in a never-ending life that He wants for each of us, where the relationship and bonds we create in this life are never broken. May the joy of the Laetare Sunday, where we read John 3:16, remind us of the joy we have at Easter, when the promise of eternal life is fulfilled.

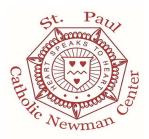
Peace and love,

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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.



### **Campus Ministry News!**

#### **College Night**

Join us this Wednesday for our Student Night. Visit our webpage or social media bio for the link!

#### Young Adult Mass

Every Sunday, we host 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 confessions or adoration followed by Mass at 7:00pm.

#### Donations

Thank you to all who have continued to donate snacks, school supplies, and household items. We make all of these items available to students every Sunday evening at our Young Adult Mass. The need is still there to help students save a little money by offering these items for free. If you could donate any of these resources please reach out.

#### **Campus Ministry Contacts**

Edgar Guzman, Director: edgar@csufnewman.com

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

March Events Hope we see you there! 12 Game Night, Virtual, 6:30pm 12 Stations of the Cross. Virtual, 5 pm 20 Lenten Afternoon retreat, Virtual, TBA 20 St. Patrick's Day Social, Virtual, 6:30 pm Art night. Virtual, 6 pm 24 25 Taco's and Theology. Virtual 6 30 pm Movie night, Virtual, 6:30pm 26 1 Weekly Events Wednesday 6pm Student Night. Virtual. Sunday YA Mass 7pm. in person Monday YA zible Study 6pm. Virtual.

Spring Break Activilies March 29th - April 4th Monday YA Bible Study, Virtual, 6pm Thursday Rosary Craft Night, Virtual, 6:30pm Friday Night Game Night, Virtual, 6:30pm Sunday Night 7 pm In person Mass

## 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

### Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

As we live out our Lent this year, we will hold a special Reconciliation Service this year. Frs. Paul and Byron will hold Confessions on March 23, 24 and 25 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm at our regular Confession site (outside the Cafeteria on the patio).

To help you prepare an examination of conscience, we will post a video reflection/examination on our parish website and social media. You do not need to make reservations.

Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to do a good spring cleaning of the heart! Also, please help us spread the word. Please contact Fr. Byron for more information by emailing frbyron@csufnewman.com.

### High School Youth Group is Here!

Fr. Byron is beginning a Claretian High School Youth Ministry ages 14-18. We will meet the third Tuesday of the month (March 16, April 20, and May 18) at 6:00pm. Students will enjoy activities and celebrate Mass with Fr. Byron. In order to ensure we have supplies for everyone, please register your high school student (current eighth graders are welcome to begin attending now). Claretian High School Youth Group Registration

## 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.

## High School Youth Group Parents

This Tuesday, March 16 at 6:00pm, Fr. Byron will gather and preside over our first High School Youth Group Mass and meeting outside of St. John XXIII Hall (CNH Courtyard). The parents of those High Schoolers are invited to attend our parish's weekly Tuesday Mass at 6:00pm in the Chapel followed by a reflection and discussion session led by John Prandini, to help parents accompany their child on their spiritual journey. The session will mirror the theme that will be covered during the Youth Group meeting.

## Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Please give generously to the CRSC.

## Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday, March 14 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

7:30am Mass for Barbara LaBaugh Chapel 9:30am Mass for Jack Patrick **Chapel Courtyard** 10:00am HS Confirmation Class Zoom 11:30am Mass for John Godburn Chapel Courtyard

#### Monday, March 15

8:00am Mass 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study

#### Tuesday, March 16

6:00pm Claretian High School Youth Mass 6:00pm Mass

#### Wednesday, March 17

8:00am Mass for Victoria Palacio 9:00am EOC Drive-Thru Covid Testing Clinic 6:00pm College Night

#### Thursday, March 18

5:00pm Confessions 6:00pm Mass

#### Friday, March 19

#### 2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a Chapel

8:00am Mass 3:30pm Food Distribution 6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 20 5:00pm Mass

Jer 11: 18-20; Jn 7: 40-53 Chapel

#### Sunday, March 21 7:30am Mass 9:30am Mass for Lai Pham 11:30am Mass for Kenny Locke

### Prayers:

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

Mildred Moens, Timothy Hacker, Diana Mora, Msgr. Anthony Janelli, Fr. John Schmoll, Daniel Padilla, Anna Trevino, Sandra Barrie, Deacon Joe Parugrug, Mark Lang, Nancy VanGalder, Tom Lucas, Kristal Lowe Limon, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Meghan Vasquez, Jacob Blake, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Rose Derby, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Nancy Martin, Sr. Rosa Maria Branco FHIC

**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.

## March Contributions

2020		2021	
Mar. 1	\$17,894.05	Mar. 7 ACH	\$21 <i>,</i> 491.37
Mar. 8 ACH	\$29,313.83	Mar. 14	
Mar. 15	\$11,873.17	Mar. 21 ACH	
Mar. 22 <b>ACH</b>	\$6,257.00	Mar. 28	
Mar. 29	\$4,139.00		
March Total	\$69,477.05	March Total	\$21 <i>,</i> 491.37

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Mass is celebrated indoors at 5:00pm in the Chapel. Sunday Masses are celebrated at 7:30am indoors in the Chapel and at 9:30am and 11:30am outdoors 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 Mondays and at 6:00pm on Tuesdays. 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.



Jer 31: 31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Chapel **Chapel Courtyard Chapel Courtyard** 

### Ex 32: 7-14; Jn 5: 31-47 East Patio Chapel

Chapel

700m

Is 65: 17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Chapel / Facebook

Ez 47: 1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Chapel / Facebook

Is 49: 8-15; Jn 5:17-30

East Parking Lot

**Google Meet** 

**CNH** Courtyard

East Parking Lot Chapel / Facebook



## A Promise of Hope and Healing

Thank you to those who still continue to give donations to our campaign. We have collected \$209,602.70 which is 97.16% of the amount pledged. There is still time to fulfill your commitment.

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!

## 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!

### Weekly Justice Challenge

The Gospel reading teaches us that God loved us so much that he sent his only Son into the world. The Son brought light into the darkness of sin in our lives. Jesus told us that we also are the light of the world. Your challenge this week is to look at where in our world sin has brought darkness—through greed or hate or violence or prejudice. Then reflect on how you can bring light into this ugly situation. How can you be a light in the world for those who live in darkness?

### Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help us with the following positions for the Saturday 5:00pm Mass and Sunday 7:30am Mass: a bathroom monitor and ushers. We also need ushers at the Sunday 11:30am Mass. If you are able to help, please contact Jenna at jenna@csufnewman.com.

#### FEBRUARY PROFIT & LOSS REPORT INCOME

INCOIVE	
4001 · Sunday Collections	\$50,578.49
4040 · Baptism & Wedding Donations	\$100.00
4069.1 · Stewardship	\$1,259.00
4103 · Activity/Program Fees (RCIA)	\$20.00
4104 · Sacramental Prep (Baptism & RCIA)	\$85.00
4301 · Lease / Rental Income	\$3,062.50
4405.2 · AmazonSmile	\$288.36
4501 · Interest-Dioc Operating Savings	332.01
4601 · Women's Guild	\$90.00
4604.40 · College Group Income	\$300.00
4701.1 · Funeral Offerings	\$500.00
4702 · Mass Offerings	\$215.00
4707.2 · A Promise of Hope & Healing	\$11,319.70
4707 · Special Gifts	\$2,605.00
4715 · Refunds & Reimbursements	<u>\$1,109.92</u>
Total Income	\$71,864.98

#### EXPENSE

EXPENSE	
5000 · Salaries & Wages	\$38,480.14
5010 · Health Insurance	\$5,050.00
5020 · Employer FICA & Medicare	\$2,232.54
5030 · Fringe Benefits	\$2,581.78
5050 · Diocesan Assessments	\$11,277.00
5080 · Altar & Liturgical Supplies	\$61.27
5104 · Instructional Materials	\$230.00
5152 · Office Equip-Copier Lease	\$531.24
5154 · Postage/Courier Services	\$200.00
5155 · Office Supplies	\$130.80
5156 · Professional Accounting Fees (Diocesan)	\$40.00
5158 · Temporary Help (Musicians)	\$100.00
5160 · Computer Equip-Maintenance	\$6.55
5162 · Bank Fees	\$0.00
5163 · Credit Card Fees	\$302.28
5250 · Annex Expense	\$500.00
5300 · Utilities: Phone, PG&E, Water, Garbage,	
Internet	\$4,343.99
5350 · Maintenance (Security, Ground, Building,	62 020 AC
& Janitorial)	\$3,839.46
5600 · Furnishings & Equipment	\$84.06
5700 · Insurance (Diocesan & Auto)	\$1,608.00
5801.40 · LA Congress (CSA)	\$140.00
5805 · Public Relations & Advertising	\$200.00
PG&E Loans	\$971.98
Solar Savings Early Buy-out	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total Expense	\$72,911.09
Net Income	-\$2,046.11

March 14, 2021 • 4th Sunday of Lent • Year B

## **Bring It into the Light**

This Week's Readings at Mass

- 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Defeat of Judah
- ► Ephesians 2:4-10 Generosity of God's plan
- ► John 3:14-21 Jesus' teaching to Nicodemus

In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches often about light and darkness. It is from here that we get the image of Christ as the light of the world, a light that can never be overcome, no matter how deep the darkness of the world might seem at times.

Nicodemus—a Pharisee—comes to Jesus at night, probably because he doesn't want the other Pharisees to see him meeting with Jesus, whom they dislike. Jesus explains to Nicodemus that

people who are evil like to work in the dark where their wickedness can be hidden. They don't want to be exposed so they do what they can to hide their actions.

On the other hand, people who are trying to live with honesty, integrity, and truthfulness are not afraid to do their work in the light. They don't feel the need to hide their actions because they have nothing to be afraid of if they are discovered. If we are living in truth, Jesus assures us that we can be confident in letting our works be clearly seen.

This dialogue is an excellent reminder that if we are tempted to keep something secret, we should question our motives. Why do we need to hide our actions or intentions? Is there something 6-21-SC

© Jean Denton flock.pastoralcenter.com "By grace you have been saved by faith, and this

is not from you; it is the gift of God." Sheepish Question:

Recently, how have I experienced God's grace in spite of my failures?

we are trying to cover up, and if so, why? St. Ignatius urged people to pay attention to when they were tempted to keep something secret. In such cases, he suggested they intentionally tell

someone else about it so as to bring it into the light.

### **Questions of the Week**

Are there things you have been tempted to keep hidden or secret? If so, have you also had an experience of allowing something to "come to the light"? How did that bring you freedom or relief?

Share an experience of a time when someone (you or someone else you know) had the courage to bring to light a troubling situation that needed to be addressed. What happened?

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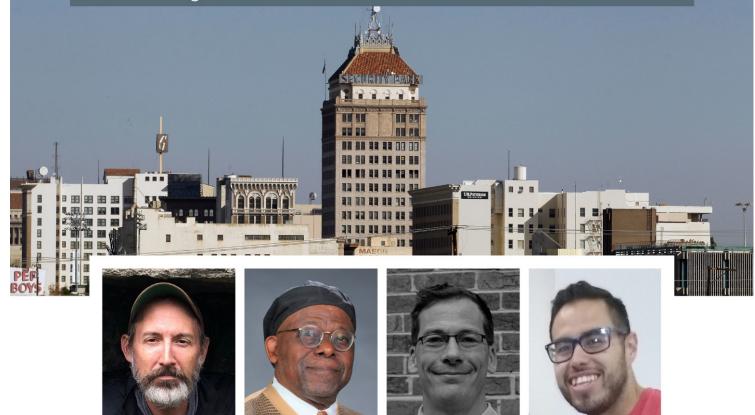




Saint Paul Catholic Newman Center March 17, 2021 from 9:00am to 1:00pm Location: 1572 E. Barstow Ave., Fresno, CA 93710



## Interfaith Scholar Weekend 2021 Webinar Series "Bearing Witness from Fresno's Mason-Dixon Line"



Dr. Andrew Fiala

Dr. Malik Simba

Dr. Nathan K. Hensley

**Uziel Jimenez** 

Join us for six interfaith conversations every Monday beginning February 15, as we consider what it means to "Bear Witness" to Fresno's history of racism and redlining.

#### PART I: Opening Panel: February 15, 4-5:30 pm

Three guest scholars will share their important contributions to the study of racism and redlining in Fresno.

- Moderated by Dr. Andrew Fiala
- Guest Scholars
  - Dr. Malik Simba, Fresno State University
  - Dr. Nathan K. Hensley, Georgetown University
  - **Uziel Jimenez**, Antiracist Educator, Co-founder Fresno Ethnic Studies Coalition

**PART II: Book Study: 60-minute sessions** Four interfaith speakers and their respondents will dive into Eddie S. Glaude Jr.'s best-book. Find out more on the next page.

**PART III: Closing Roundtable: March 22, 4–5:30 pm** Three guest scholars and four interfaith speakers return for a powerful discussion on lessons learned and the urgent questions to call forth a new America in our communities.

• Moderated by Jim Grant, MA, Chair for ISW

To RSVP and for more information, learn more at

bit.ly/ISW\_rsvp21



## PART II: Book Study

" Bearing Witness with James Baldwin"

Representatives from four faith traditions and respondents take a deep dive into Eddie S. Glaude Jr.'s best-selling book, *Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own*. <u>Make sure to RSVP today at bit.ly/ISW\_rsvp</u>. \*All plenary sessions are FREE and will be recorded. You do not need to be present to participate.

### Week 1: February 22, 4-5 pm

"Introduction," Chapter 1: "The Lie," and "Conclusion"



Christian Faith Rev. Dr. Paul Binion Pastor of Westside Church of God, Fresno

Moderated by Ashlie M. Kosinski, Co-founder The Wildflower Collective, Information Coordinator, ISW

#### Respondents

- Rev. Anna Lopez, New Thought Community, Fresno, indigenous cosmology and modern spirituality perspective
- Daniel O'Connell, PhD, Executive Director, Central Valley Partnership, Quaker-Buddhist perspective

### Week 3: March 8, 4-5 pm

Chapter 4: "The Reckoning" and Chapter 5: "Elsewhere"



Muslim Faith Hajj Reza Nekumanesh Executive Director, Islamic Cultural Center of Fresno

Moderated by Mariah Cushing, M.A., Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary

#### <u>Respondents</u>

- Rabbi Rick Winer, Temple Beth Israel, Fresno, Reform Jewish perspective
- Sister Kathleen Drilling, SSND, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, Director of Religious Education, Roman Catholic perspective

Week 2: March 1, 4-5 pm

Chapter 2: "Witness" and Chapter 3: "The Dangerous Road



Reform Jewish Faith Rabbi Dr. Laura Novak Winer Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion

#### Moderated by Gaonoucci Belle Vang

#### **Respondents**

- Sukaina Hussain, Deputy Executive Director for CAIR Sacramento/Central Valley, Islamic perspective
- Lady Jessica Criner, St. Rest Baptist Church, Fresno, Christian perspective

### Week 4: March 15, 4-5 pm

Chapter 6: "Ruins" and Chapter 7 "Begin Again"



Hindu Faith Dr. Veena Howard Professor of Asian Religions, Coordinator, Peace and

Conflict Studies Fresno State University

Moderated by **Zena Chafi**, Community Organizer for CAIR Fresno/Merced

#### <u>Respondents</u>

- Darren Duerksen, PhD, Associate Professor of Intercultural and Religious Studies, Fresno Pacific University, Evangelical-Anabaptist Christian perspective
- Rev. Akiko Miyake-Stoner, Senior Pastor United Japanese Christian Church, Clovis, United Methodist Christian perspective

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