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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

May 9, 2021

Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Loving God, we gather in your presence to give you thanks and to celebrate the gift of your love; a love that supports, nurtures, and challenges us in ways that strengthen and transform us. We offer you praise and thanksgiving for your unfailing presence in our lives and all of the blessings that you so generously offer us.

Today, as we celebrate Mother's Day, we give thanks for mothers the world over. We give thanks for all those who have nurtured and care for us, remembering especially birth mothers, adoptive mothers, surrogate mothers, aunts, grandmothers, teachers, neighbors, and all women who have shared their faith with us.

We pray, compassionate God, for those mothers who have been hurt, disillusioned, or disappointed in their role as mother. We pray for those who have been denied a longed-for chance at motherhood, and for those whose years of mothering have been cut short by the loss of a child.

We lift up before you, O God, the members of our human family around the world – for those who are afflicted or suffering at this time – for those who need healing – for those who require bread or shelter – for those who live in violent homes and communities – for those who are grieving – and for those whose needs are known to you alone.

Holy Mother and Father of us all, touch us with your healing peace and gentle embrace that we may walk in your ways bringing dignity, justice, and peace to all corners of your world. All of this we pray in the name of Jesus.

from the World in Prayer website

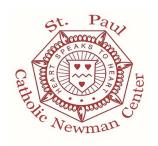
Peace and love,

Deason 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 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

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 Charles Arokiasamy at 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.

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. Thank you to Catholic Charities for providing the food that is distributed.



Claretian Youth!

Thanks to all the youth who attended our CY (Claretian Youth) Mass and meeting last month!

Our next gathering is on Tuesday, May 18 at 6:00pm in the Cardinal Newman Hall Courtyard!

May's Theme: "Jesus Heals a Boy Possessed by an Impure Spirit" -Mark 9, 14

Registration are still open! Just click here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/
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Help us spread the word!

Claretian Youth Group Parents

On Tuesday, May 18 at 6:00pm, Fr. Byron will gather and preside over the Claretian Youth Mass and meeting in the Cardinal Newman Hall Courtyard. The parents of those high schoolers are invited to attend our parish's weekly Tuesday Mass at 6:00pm in the Chapel followed at 6:30pm by a reflection and discussion session in the Chapel Courtyard led by John Prandini. These sessions will help parents accompany their child on their spiritual journey. The themes discussed will mirror those covered during the youth group meetings.

Sergio P. Negro Scholar Applications

Applications for Sergio P. Negro Scholarships for the 2021-22 academic year are now available on the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center website. The Sergio P. Negro Endowment Fund was established in honor of our founding priest who had a deep and abiding commitment to education. The Endowment Fund anticipates awarding up to four \$2,500 scholarships to deserving students for the academic year. To be eligible, you must be either an upper division undergraduate or a graduate student preparing to use your knowledge and skills to witness and minister to others. This is meant to be inclusive of many vocations and forms of service including education, medicine, social services, etc. A precondition is that you must have either been raised within or are currently affiliated and active with our St. Paul Catholic Newman Center Parish beyond attending Mass. An overall GPA of 2.5 or greater is also required.

The deadline for applications to be received is Saturday, May 15, 2021. They may be submitted electronically to Scholarship@csufnewman.com or mailed to St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, 1572 E. Barstow Ave., Fresno, CA 93710. In all cases, applications and accompanying documents must be typed. Final selection of awardees will be through an interview process.

For questions call 436-3434 or email scholarship@csufnewman.com.

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.

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.

A Promise of Hope and Healing

Thank you to those who still continue to give donations to our campaign. We have collected \$214,322.70 which is 98% 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!

Weekly Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: The Sunday Gospel for this week explores Jesus' powerful message of unconditional love. Jesus teaches us to love one another; he uses words (and later actions) to help us understand that the greatest act of love one can give is to lay down one's life for others (John 15:9-17). When Pope Benedict wrote his social encyclical Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth), he noted that the foundation for justice is love. Your challenge this week is to explore where and how love is the foundation for what you do—the decisions you make, the relationships you have, the way you spend money or vote, how you live at work or school. Are all of these facets of your life rooted in love? In 1971, the bishops of the world wrote a document in which they described social justice as the teachings and actions of our Church which apply the Gospel command of love to the structures and institutions in society. Your challenge is to apply the Gospel command of love to how you live in the world. Make this a genuine examination of conscience and see where it leads you.

Spiritual Direction

The Pandemic for many people has become a spiritual crisis. Spiritual Direction offers a way to process the isolation, losses, and turmoil in the world. Spiritual Directors help you find deeper meaning beyond the crisis while growing in greater intimacy with God and one another. For more information contact the office at ncoffice@csufnewman.com or 436-3434.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 9 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

7:30am Mass for Hank Robledo Chapel
9:30am Mass for Gregorio Aguilera Chapel Courtyard
11:30am Mass for Lai Pham Chapel Courtyard

Monday, May 10

8:00am Mass Int. of John Orozco Chapel 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study Google Meet

Tuesday, May 11

6:00pm Mass for Mamie Mortillaro Chapel

Wednesday, May 12

8:00am Mass Chapel

Thursday, May 13

5:00pm Confessions Chapel 6:00pm Mass Chapel

Friday, May 14

8:00am Mass for Bob Van Glader Chapel

and Int. of Nancy Van Glader

3:30pm Food Distribution East Parking Lot

6:30pm Young Adult Game Night Zoom

Saturday, May 15

Second Collection - Catholic Charities

5:00pm Mass Chapel

Sunday, May 16

Second Collection - Catholic Charities

7:30am Mass Chapel

9:30am Mass for Joe Camoroda Chapel Courtyard 11:30am Mass for Matthew Briam Chapel Courtyard

Prayers:

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

Judy Marchi, Michael Vienna, John and Kathy Brechmann, Madeline Lynes, Brittany and Penelope Baeza, JoAnn Myers, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Fr. Kevin Bray, Paty Bretado, Kristijan, Laura Johnson, Vic Telles, Deacon Mike Avila, Timothy Hacker, Msgr. Anthony Janelli, Fr. John Schmoll, Daniel Padilla, Anna Trevino, Sandra Barrie, Deacon Joe Parugrug, Mark Lang, 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.

May Contributions

2020			2021		
May 3		\$8,430.00	May 2		\$16,289.46
May 10	ACH	\$18,840.00	May 9	ACH	
May 17	ACH	\$15,355.00	May 16	ACH	
May 24		\$7,822.00	May 23		
May 31		\$7,145.01	May 30		
May Total		\$57,592.01	May Total		\$16,289.46

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.

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.

Volunteers Needed

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

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College Pages



Newman Catholic Student Association (Fresno)



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Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend we are taking up a collection for Catholic Charities for all the wonderful things they do for our community and beyond. Please consider donating. Thank you for your generosity.

Fratelli Tutti Presentation

Please join Jim Grant for his presentation of Pope Francis' Fratelli Tutti, on Saturday, May 15 from 8:30am to 12:30pm via Zoom. The cost to attend is \$10 per person. Registrants should mail the \$10 registration fee to the Diocese of Fresno to the attention of the School of Ministry or to Diana Rivas. To register, please use the link below: https://www.jotform.com/dianarivas/formation 2020-2021



CATHOLIC Catholic Charities Golf CHARITIES

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Catholic Charities will not be hosting their annual classic golf tournament. In lieu of the tournament, they are hosting a raffle. Golf Tournament donations of \$500 or more made now through June 30th will be entered to win a day in paradise with your favorite foursome at one of the best public courses in the state and the country - The Links at Spanish Bay.

Every \$500 donated will count towards one entry to win. To make a donation, you can visit the Catholic Charities website, https://ccdof.org/fresno/, click the "donate" button, and under "Apply my donation to" click on Golf Classic.

You can also mail your donation to 149 N. Fulton Street, Fresno, CA 93701 ATTN: Golf Classic

Blood Donations Needed

The Central Valley blood supply is critically low. Consider donating if you can. The Central California Blood Center needs donors of all blood types. Donations will immediately help community members in need from all walks of life and ease the stressful burden of our front-line health care workers. Online scheduling is simple through their website where you can select an appointment location, date and time that fits your schedule.

https://www.donateblood.org/ or call (559) 389-5433.

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4030 · Easter Collection	\$10,616.05				
4040 · Baptism Donations	\$350.00				
4069 · Special Collections (Easter Flowers & Stewardship)	\$4,074.00				
4103 · Activity/Program Fees (RCIA)	\$20.00				
4104 · Sacramental Prep (Baptism Prep)	\$90.00				
4301 · Lease / Rental Income	\$4,262.50				
4501 · Interest-Dioc Operating Savings	342.94				
4604 · Youth Groups (High School & College)	\$580.00				
4701 · Funeral & Wedding Offerings	\$650.00				
4702 · Mass Offerings	\$115.00				
4707.2 · A Promise of Hope & Healing	\$460.00				
4707 · Special Gifts	\$8,100.00				
4715 · Refunds & Reimbursements	<u>\$1,387.39</u>				
Total Income	e \$90,459.01				
EXPENSE					
5000 · Salaries & Wages	\$36,944.39				
5010 · Health Insurance	\$4,231.00				
5020 · Employer FICA & Medicare	\$2,103.60				
5030 · Fringe Benefits	\$2,734.53				

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5000 · Salaries & Wages	\$36,944.39
5010 · Health Insurance	\$4,231.00
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5030 · Fringe Benefits	\$2,734.53
5050 · Diocesan Assessments	\$11,277.00
5080 · Altar & Liturgical Supplies	\$944.34
5104 · Instructional Materials	\$1,968.06
5152 · Office Equip-Copier Lease	\$531.24
5154 · Postage / Courier Services	\$157.05
5155 · Office Supplies	\$22.35
5156 · Professional Accounting Fees (Diocesan)	\$240.00
5158 · Temporary Help (Musicians)	\$700.00
5160 · Computer Equip-Maintenance	\$150.03
5162 · Bank Fees	\$0.00
5163 · Credit Card Fees	\$388.34
5250 · Annex Expense	\$500.00
5300 · Utilities: Phone, PG&E, Water, Garbage, Internet	\$4,767.62
5350 · Maintenance (Security, Ground, Building, &	
Janitorial)	\$3,954.38
5600 · Furnishings & Equipment (Liturgical)	\$214.87
5700 · Insurance (Diocesan & Auto)	\$1,608.00
5802.31 · HS Confirmation Meeting Expense	\$309.12
5805 · Public Relations & Advertising	\$200.00
5807 · Fresno County Property Taxes	\$3,265.17
PG&E Loans	\$971.98
Solar Savings Early Buy-out	\$1,000.00
Total Expense	\$79,183.07

Net Income \$11,275.94

Love is the Guide

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ► Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Peter in Caesarea
- ▶ 1 John 4:7-10 God's love and ours
- ► John 15:9-17 A disciple's love

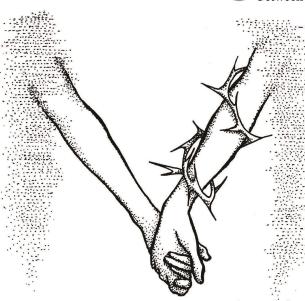
This week, we hear a Gospel reading with Jesus' invitation to "remain in my love" and to "love one another as I love you." He doesn't spell out endless rules ("Do this." "Don't do that.") which we need to memorize and follow in order to do what is right. Instead, his invitation is simply to focus on remaining connected to him ("remain in me") and letting all of our actions flow from a commitment to loving others as he loved us.

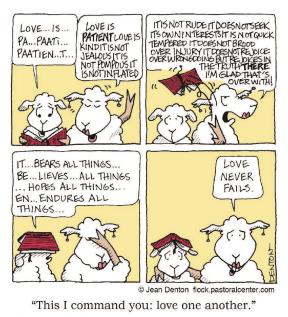
It is an invitation for a mature follower. Just as we need to spell out many simple rules to help younger children understand right from wrong, with "younger" disciples more rules or "commandments" are helpful. Feed the hungry. Clothe the naked. Pray for your enemies. Forgive those who have hurt you.

There is nothing wrong with following a list of religious commandments as we learn how to be faithful disciples. At a certain point, though, our faith needs to mature to take into account more complex situations—the gray areas between the black-and-white, or simple right and wrong. Jesus is asking us to go be-

yond what the rules say and commands us to respond in love to everyone, just as he did.

Jesus gives us a lot of respect here, insisting that we are his friends, not his students, his servants, or his slaves, when we love one another as he does. Often





Sheepish Question:

When, lately, have I acted on God's love for me?

Christians fall into the habit of relating to God or Jesus as a child to a parent, but Jesus suggests a more equal relationship. God will always be God, and we will always be human, but Jesus still invites us to be in friendship with him.

Questions of the Week

Think of a situation in which the difference between right and wrong might be blurred but

you are asked to respond with love rather than holding strictly to what a law or commandment says. How does it challenge you to be more Christ-like?

Have you ever thought of yourself as being friends with Jesus? How so? If not, what is your reaction to this invitation?

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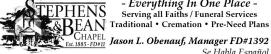
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