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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2012

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

THE DEACON'S SPEAKIN'

Dear Friends,

At the outset of the New Year now beginning, the scriptures, their authors, and generations of believers who have gone before us offer us wise advice. "Look back with gratitude at the year just completed and look ahead with hope and trust to the future yet to be experienced."

As the month of January unfolds we will be reminded to live in the light of a new day – a new year. The word of God calls us out of darkness. Next week (January 15) we will meet the young Samuel who, with Eli's help, was able to discern God's call. Samuel's eager response of "Here I am!" encourages us to walk anxiously into the future with hope. That same willingness on the part of Jesus' disciples in John's gospel will earn them an invitation from Jesus, "Come, see, stay." These words invite us and empower us to serve others.

On the third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 22) God shares the good news even through the most unlikely messengers. We must continue to look beyond our "cranky" impatience so that we can understand and appreciate the message being shared. Jonah's call to repentance will be echoed in Mark's gospel. Jesus' call to repent is also part of a call to believe. Looking at the past may cause our repentance, but looking ahead at the future requires professing our faith in deed as well as word.

The fifth Sunday in January will reveal God's promise to send a prophet like Moses to speak for God. Of course, this was fulfilled in Jesus. It's also fulfilled in those who dare to speak for God when it would be safer or more politically correct to remain silent.

Let us pray for the grace and the guts to follow.

Peace and love,

Deacon John

PS. Our new website will be launched within the next seven to ten days. Keep checking csufnewman.com for the new and improved site!

Masses: Saturdays: 5:00PM; Sundays: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM

Weekday Masses: Monday - Thursday at 7:00AM

Communion Service: Fridays at 7:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesdays 5:00PM to 6:00PM

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00AM to 5:00PM

Youth Ministries

Junior High Youth Group

Jr. High will meet this Tuesday at 6:00PM in Cardinal Newman Hall. Bring a friend!

Contact Joe Pulido
joe@csufnewman.com
436-3448

High School Ministries

For information about the High School Youth Group and High School Confirmation, contact Moose.

Contact Moose Henson
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436-3448

Religious Education

2nd Year Sacrament Preparation Families:

Please arrive to Cardinal Newman Hall by 5:50PM on Tuesday, January 10. The students will be recognized for continuing their formation in sacrament preparation.

Also, Bread Baking Retreat Day sign-ups are currently available. Dates are January 21 or February 4.

Contact Lynne Meccariello-Starr
lynne@csufnewman.com
436-3491

Greatest Generation

Join us for a Greatest Generation (55+) potluck luncheon Monday, January 9 at Noon in the Cafeteria. We'll be serving ham; please bring a side dish, a salad, or a dessert to share. Stay after for Mexican Train, Skip Bo, Bridge, etc. and to spend time getting to know fellow parishioners. Stop by the front desk or call the office at 436-3434 to RSVP and to let us know what you are bringing.

Family Life Ministries

Married Couples

Begin the New Year by committing to build greater intimacy and understanding within your marriage and to develop better communication skills essential to a happier and healthier relationship. Register for our Married Couples Retreat that is scheduled for March 2-4 at St. Anthony Retreat Center in Three Rivers. Ron & Joan McLain will teach the essential skills needed to build greater intimacy & understanding, how to meet each other's most pressing needs, and how to listen & talk even when you disagree. The cost of the weekend is \$300 per couple. Registration forms are at the reception desk or contact John Prandini for details.

Men's Breakfast Group

Saturday, January 14 is the date for the next Men's Breakfast Group meeting. We will meet in the Cafeteria from 7:30-9:00AM for breakfast, to reflect on the fifth beatitude, and to share our collective spiritual wisdom. Please join us and bring a friend. RSVP for the \$5 breakfast to John Prandini.

Contact John Prandini
prandinij@csufnewman.com
436-3439

R.C.I.A.

Ever had questions about the Catholic Church? We would like to invite interested, intrigued, and curious people to join our R.C.I.A. journey on Tuesday nights as part of our Faith, Family & Friends Community.

Contact Suzy Elower
suzy@csufnewman.com
436-3434

College Ministries

College Night

The Newman Center sponsors a weekly free dinner for college students Wednesday nights during the academic year. Dinner is followed by a guest speaker, service project, indoor soccer, or other activity organized by the Newman Catholic Student Association. Spring Semester College Night begins January 18 (6-8:00PM).

College/Young Adult Bible Study

Returns January 23. Mondays 7-8:30PM in the Annex.

Spring Retreat

Mark your calendars for Spring Retreat February 17-19, 2012!

Contact Karey Spach
karey@csufnewman.com
436-3433

Young Adult Ministry

Newman Center Young Adults (ages 22-35) meet a few times a month for fellowship, fun, and spiritual growth.

Join us in the Annex on Sunday following 7:00PM Mass for a dessert potluck social. Come meet fellow young adults and learn more about our group!

Contact Tanya Meneses
tanya@csufnewman.com
436-3437

Women's Guild

Join us for our next meeting on Thursday, January 12 at 7:00PM in the Cafeteria. For more information call the office at 436-3434.

Faith, Family & Friends

What are you doing from 6:00-7:30PM on Tuesday evenings?

Faith, Family & Friends, our parish's faith formation & religious education program meets again this Tuesday, January 10 from 6:00-7:30PM in Cardinal Newman Hall.

Individuals and families are invited to eat together from 5:15-6:00PM prior to the program. Pre-paid pizza orders can be made at FF&F for delivery so you can eat as a family & with your friends with your pizza waiting for you when you arrive.

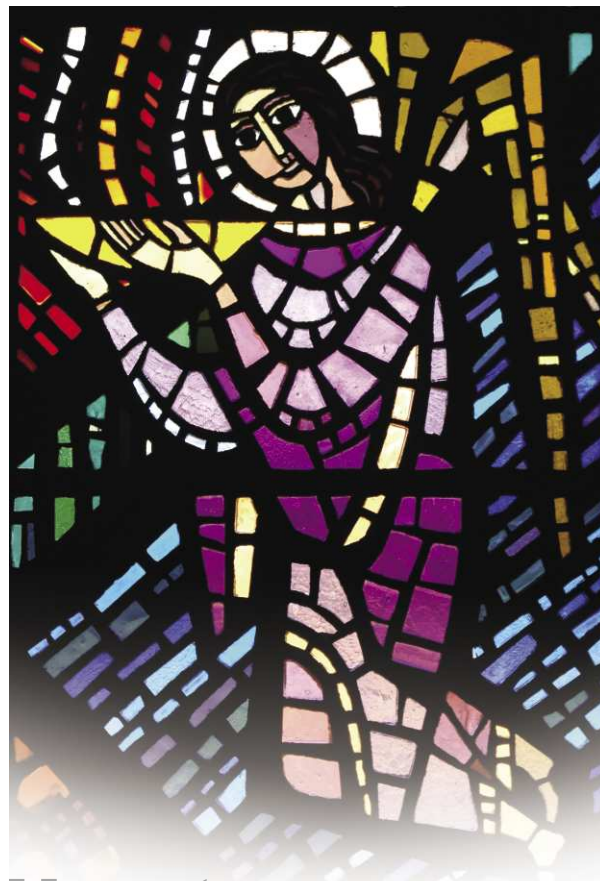
After the 6:00PM opening ceremonies, the children will attend their religious education classes. The adults will choose from the following topic areas:

Family Life Topic: Child Development – Gender Roles, by Katie Dyer, Ph.D.

Vatican II Topic: The Constitution on the Liturgy by Father David Norris

Intro to Catholicism Topic: Happy Are We – The Teachings of Jesus: Fr. Robert Barron DVD presentation. Discussion facilitated by John Prandini.

We invite you to spend Tuesday evenings with us sharing a meal and developing your faith and your relationships with family & friends. Please join us!



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speaks to
Heart

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Prayers

+ Have been requested for the intentions of: Delores Bernardoni (aunt of Luci Supino), Bill Pieper, Barney Deeter, Norman Claytor, Deacon Nai Her, Joan Wader, Bennett Kincade (grandson of Steve & Angie Pfeifer), Kent Gardener, Nina Petrosino (granddaughter of Tony), John Sheldon, Deacon John Sousa, Goldie Dresden (mother of DeLana Riedel), Jack Oberti, Fr. Greg Beaumont, Kyle Canales, Abby Needham, Amberlynn Hooker (granddaughter of Edith), Horace Spann, Mel Cymanski, Phyllis Meister, Tony Ortez, Jr. (brother of Suzy Elower), Carrie Lou Butchart and Joe Contino

+ For those who have died: Bill Whitehurst, Paul Worsley and Bob Hoskins

Welcome!

Whether you are a long term parishioner, someone new to our parish, or a visitor, we welcome you to St. Paul Catholic Newman Center this weekend. If you are not yet registered with us, need to update your records, or have a prayer request, please fill this out and place in the collection basket or turn it in at the front desk. Thanks!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Prayer request for the bulletin: _____

New Parishioner Update Information Questions, please call me Please email me the weekly bulletin

Sunday Contributions

Monthly Sunday Contributions Goal: \$50,000

Last Week's Sunday Contributions: \$8,805.95

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. Dave is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesday evenings from 5:00PM to 6:00PM in the Reconciliation Room, off the main chapel (altar servers' sacristy).

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Deacon John who celebrates nine years as a deacon on January 11!

And congratulations to Deacon Bill who celebrates one year as a deacon on January 15!

Thanks for all you do for our parish family!

Pancakes, Pancakes, Pancakes

The Knights of Columbus will once again be hosting the monthly Pancake Breakfast for your enjoyment. Please come over to Cardinal Newman Hall on January 15 after the 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00AM Masses. The price is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. We appreciate your support and would like you to come and enjoy the fellowship of your parishioners.

Monday, January 16

The office will be closed on Monday, January 16 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Daily Mass will be at 8:00AM that morning.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next weekend to benefit seminarians. Thank you for your generosity.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 8

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Masses 7:30am, 9am, 11am, and 7pm

7:30am Mass for Bob Hoskins

8:45am Child Care for 9AM Mass

9:30am 11AM Choir rehearsal—Library

2:00pm Baptism Prep Class—Cafeteria

5:00pm High School Confirmation—CNH 102-103

6:00pm 7PM Choir Rehearsal—Chapel

Weekly Calendar Continued

Monday, January 9

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Mk 1:7-11

7:00am Mass for David O. Hernandez

12:00pm Greatest Generation Potluck—Cafeteria

6:30pm Fresno Catholic Singles—Cafeteria

7:00pm High School Youth Group—John XXIII

Tuesday, January 10

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21b-28

7:00am Mass for Ed Bairos

7:30am Men's Spirituality—Community Room

9:30am Candlelight Guild Mass—Chapel & Cafeteria

10:00am Tai Chi for Arthritis—CNH 103

5:00pm until 6:00pm Confessions—Outer Sacristy

6:00pm Faith, Family & Friends & RCIA—CNH

Wednesday, January 11

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

7:00am Mass for Thomas Morgenroth

12:00pm AA—CNH 103

4:30pm Kids Chess Club—Room 5

6:00pm Scriptural Rosary—Community Room

Thursday, January 12

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

7:00am Mass for Msgr. John O'Friel

10:00am Tai Chi for Arthritis—CNH 103

12:00pm AA—CNH 103

5:30pm Tai Chi—CNH 103

7:00pm Women's Guild—Cafeteria

7:00pm Knights of Columbus—CNH 101

Friday, January 13

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

7:00am Communion Service

12:00pm AA—CNH 103

Saturday, January 14

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

7:30am Men's Spirituality Breakfast—Cafeteria

5:00pm Mass for Jack Patrick

Sunday, January 15

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Masses 7:30am, 9am, 11am, and 7pm

7:30am Mass for Ronald Norstrom

8:00 Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast—CNH

8:45am Child Care for 9AM Mass—Room 4

9:30am 11AM Choir rehearsal—Library

6:00pm 7PM Choir Rehearsal—Chapel

Note from Fr. David Enriquez

Dear Newman Center Family:

I hope this letter finds you blessed. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone from your parish who contributed to the Christmas gift card giving. Thank you for the Save Mart gift cards that you sent to our parish, Saint Isidore the Farmer. Your gifts brightened many of our unfortunate families that may not have sufficient money for a decent dinner during the holidays. Thank you for thinking of us and for your generosity.

May the Lord continue to bless you all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. David Enriquez

Saint Isidore the Farmer Catholic Church, Orange Cove

The New Jim Crow

On Sunday, January 22, Newman Center's Peace and Social Justice Ministry will host a presentation by the Rev. Dr. Karen Crozier of Fresno Pacific University: "Faith, Race, and The New Jim Crow". The presentation will take place in Cardinal Newman Hall, room 102, from 2:00 to 4:00PM.

Michelle Alexander, a legal scholar and law professor, asserts that the War on Drugs is the "New Jim Crow" in her book [The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness](#). This presentation will provide an overview of Alexander's major claim, and make connections to Christian faith and ethics in order to provide a theological and spiritual framework for engaging Alexander's claim. This program will be thought provoking and fascinating!

Taizé Prayer

There will be no Taizé Prayer in Newman Chapel in January. The Taizé team will be helping lead Taizé services for the Taizé Prayer Weekend January 13 and 14 at the First Congregational Church, 2131 N. Van Ness, Fresno. For those who cannot make the full weekend, please note that the 8:00PM Taizé service on Friday is open to the public.

4th Annual OLV Crab Feed

Help support Our Lady of Victory School! This year's crab feed will take place on Saturday, January 28 at 5:00PM at Holy Spirit Church Logan Hall (Friant and Champlain). All you can eat crab, pasta and salad! Live and silent auctions. \$50 per person. Please call John Esquivel at 974-3148 for further information.

The Death Penalty

On November 30, 2011 Pope Benedict XVI expressed his hope and his encouragement "to eliminate the death penalty". In California we have the opportunity to do just that. Signatures are now being collected to put a proposition on the November 2012 ballot to replace the death penalty with life without possibility of parole. After all the Masses on the weekend of January 22, members of Newman Center's Peace and Social Justice Ministry will be at a table outside of the chapel where all registered voters are invited to sign the petition to qualify the proposition for the ballot.

The death penalty violates the fifth commandment: Thou shalt not kill. The death penalty also costs the State of California \$150 million per year more than life without parole would cost even though we rarely execute anyone and most people on death row die of old age. That money is badly needed for education, health care, and law enforcement. In fact, the proposition would require that \$100 million dollars of the savings would be spent in three years to catch the 46% of murderers and 56% of rapists who are never caught in California. Please sign the petition!

Respect Life Mass & Walk

There will be a Respect Life Mass at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday, January 14 at 4:15PM. Join us as we witness to our faith, which proclaims the sacredness of life and the dignity of all persons, most especially the unborn.

Then join in the 8th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco at the Civic Center Plaza, January 21 (<http://walkforlifewc.com/event.htm>), and Right to Life Central California's Walk for Life at Woodward Park on March 24! For information on reserving a seat on a chartered bus leaving St. John's Cathedral for the January 21 walk in San Francisco, call Martin at 498-3369 or 246-6068.

Which is the True Church?

Lumen Christi, a men's Bible study from St. Mary's Parish of Cutler, is hosting a dialogue, "Which is the True Church?" on January 20 from 6:00 to 9:00PM at the Fox Theatre in Visalia. Speakers are Jesse Romero and An Iglesia Ni Cristo Minister. For more information call 393-5583.

S.H.A.R.E.S. Cards

Don't forget to use your S.H.A.R.E.S. Card! If you still need one, or know someone who does, stop by the front desk to pick one up! Use it when you shop at Save Mart or Food Maxx and a percentage of your purchase will be gifted back to Newman Center!...at no extra cost to you!

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