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Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 22, 2012

Readings: Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Dear Friends,

The month of January brings many observances and messages as we begin a new calendar year. For many it means New Year's resolutions (are you still trying to keep yours?) or new financial plans, hopes for welcoming a new child into the family, or planning a marriage. Nationally, it means the year of anticipation (dread?) of national elections.

For the church in our diocese it means preparing to welcome our new bishop, moving forward with pastoral planning for our parish, and welcoming new Catholics through our Christian Initiation of Adults. It also means for the universal church entering the fiftieth anniversary year of the start of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) and the annual observance of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** (January 18-25).

These latter two are closely connected as we recall that Vatican II was an "ecumenical" council. This means a meeting of the worldwide church ("oekumene" is the Greek word meaning "the whole world"). In the case of Vatican II, the Catholic church also invited representatives of other Christian churches to join as observers during the sessions of the Council. This was a first in history, and indicated one of the major hopes and themes set by Blessed Pope John XXIII that the Council move toward greater unity among all members of the Christian faithful. This vision in response to the prayer of Jesus himself in John's Gospel, chapter 17, "that they all may be one."

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, which began in 1908, received full support and participation by the Roman Catholic church after Vatican II. In 1966 the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and the Vatican Secretariat (now Council) for Promoting Christian Unity began working together on themes for the annual observance to be shared among all participating churches. The theme for the 2012 observance this week comes from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians: "**We will all be changed by the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**" What a wonderful vision for our church life, our personal journeys and for all new things we anticipate, and even some surprises, of the coming year! If the Incarnation mysteries we just celebrated during the Christmas season have really been rooted in our hearts, then we truly can approach all our personal, national and faith events with hope and confidence because of that victory of Christ in which we all share.

God bless you all throughout the year.

Fr. David Norris

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 meets 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
moose@csufnewman.com
436-3448

Religious Education

Are You Being Called?

The elementary religious education program is currently seeking volunteers to work with our parish youth. Classes meet on Tuesday evenings as part of Faith, Family & Friends. Help is needed in the following areas: teacher assistants, special education buddies, and substitute teachers. Please prayerfully consider serving the youth of our community.

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

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Silas Jones.

If you would like to take part in this ministry and provide flowers for the altar in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please contact Suzy Elower at 436-3434 or suzy@csufnewman.com.

Family Life Ministries

Married Couples Retreat

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 today for our Married Couples Retreat 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 available in the hallway and at the reception desk. Contact John Prandini for details.

Marriage Prep Workshop

If you are planning a wedding in 2012, you are invited to participate in our marriage preparation program and to attend our next workshop on February 25. Contact John Prandini.

Tai Chi

A new series of 10 class sessions will run February 2 - April 12, 5:30-6:30PM in Cardinal Newman Hall. First time registration: \$20, continuing students: \$10.

Contact John Prandini
prandinij@csufnewman.com
436-3439

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).

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. **January 25:** College Dinner at 6:00PM in CNH 101, then meet at Fresno Indoor Soccer, 7:30-9:30PM.

College/Young Adult Bible Study

Returns Monday, January 23. Join a small group of college students and young adults for discussion of the readings for the upcoming Sunday. 7:00-8:30PM in the Annex.

Spring Retreat

Mark your calendars for Spring Retreat February 17-19, 2012! It's a great opportunity to deepen friendships (and make new ones!) while you grow in your faith! Registration forms are available in the lobby, or email Karey for more info!

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.

Young Adults will be serving college dinner this coming Wednesday, January 25. Contact Tanya to find out how you can help!

Contact Tanya Meneses
tanya@csufnewman.com
436-3437

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 24, 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.

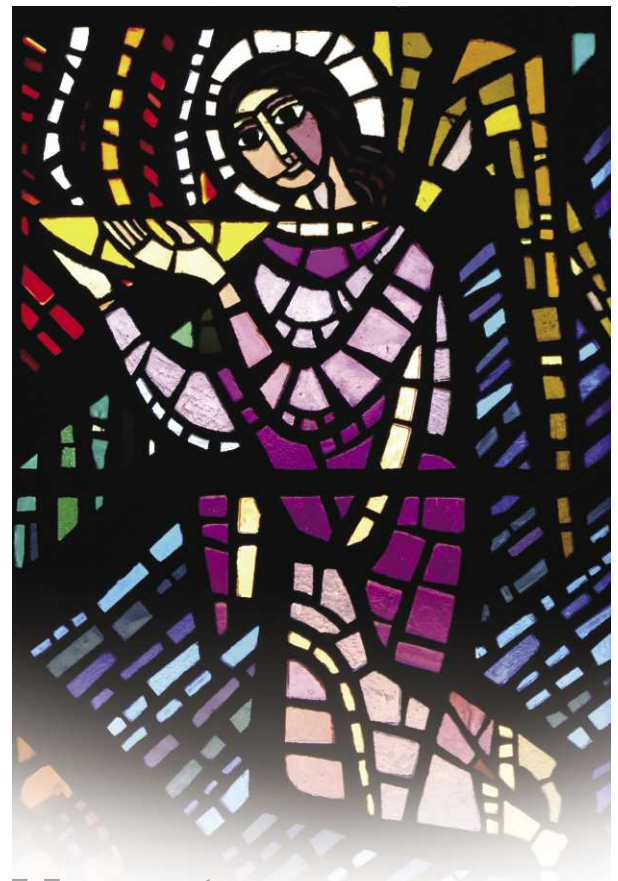
After the 6:00PM opening ceremonies, the children will attend their religious education classes. The adults will choose from the following topic areas:

Family Life Topic: Communication that Promotes Respect: Ages & Stages of Understanding by Charmaine Fitzgerald M.A.

Vatican II Topic: The Constitution on the Church by Deacon John Supino

Intro to Catholicism Topic: Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist by Karey Spach

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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Prayers

+ Have been requested for the intentions of: Dona Swarouth (mother of Kim Hamilton), Steve Falk, Bob Gott, Goldie Dresden, Flora Burgess, Delores Bernardoni (aunt of Luci Supino), Chris Locati (son of Donna), 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, Kyle Canales, Abby Needham, Amberlynn Hooker (granddaughter of Edith), Horace Spann, Mel Cymanski, Phyllis Meister, Carrie Lou Butchart and Joe Contino

+ For those who have died: Carson Lee, Charlotte Cox, Tina Aiello and Carmin Peluso

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: \$10,126.00

January Sunday Contributions: \$32,411.57

Newman Center Blood Drive

The Newman Catholic Student

Association is hosting a blood drive here at Newman Center next Sunday, January 29 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM.

If you are able and willing to donate blood at that time, please sign up in the lobby after Masses this weekend.



Mardi Gras Dinner Dance

Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez! Celebrate Mardi Gras 2012 with your friends at the St. Paul Newman Center on Saturday, February 11 from 6:00PM – 11:00PM. The festivities will include dinner, live and silent auctions and dancing to the music of the Joe Lenigan Band. Tickets are \$50 a person and are on sale now at the church office and are being sold after all Masses beginning this weekend. Contact 436-3434 for further information. Let the Good Times Roll!!!!!!

Pancakes, Pancakes, Pancakes

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who came out to support our monthly pancake breakfast. It was a success and we appreciate all the support that the parishioners of St. Paul Newman Center give to the Knights of Columbus and all the great work that they do. Our next breakfast is scheduled for February 19, 2012.

The New Jim Crow

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!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 22

Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

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

7:30am Mass for Carmin Peluso

8:45am Child Care for 9AM Mass—Room 4

12:30pm Baptisms—Chapel & Community Room

2:00pm Karen Crozier Presentation—CNH 102

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

Monday, January 23

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30

7:00am Mass for Michael Campbell

7:00pm College & Young Adult Bible Study—Annex

7:00pm High School Youth Group—John XXIII

Tuesday, January 24

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

7:00am Mass for Jesus & Connie Garcia

7:30am Men's Spirituality—Community Room

10:00am Tai Chi for Arthritis—CNH 103

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

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

6:00pm College Confirmation—CNH

Wednesday, January 25

Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18

7:00am Mass Intentions of Anna Lisa Rafanan

12:00pm AA—CNH 103

4:30pm Kids Chess Club—Room 5

6:00pm Scriptural Rosary—Community Room

6:00pm College Night—CNH 101

Thursday, January 26

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25

7:00am Mass for Leonard Centrone

10:00am Tai Chi for Arthritis—CNH 103

12:00pm AA—CNH 103

5:30pm Tai Chi—CNH 103

7:00pm EsTuDios Board Meeting—Annex

Friday, January 27

2 Sm 1:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

7:00am Communion Service

12:00pm AA—CNH 103

Saturday, January 28

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

5:00pm Mass for Dominic Aiello

Sunday, January 29

Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

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

7:30am Mass for Al Burford

8:45am Child Care for 9AM Mass—Room 4

9:00am Baptisms during Mass—Chapel

10:00am Blood Drive—CNH Parking Lot

Mardi Gras Live Auction

We are looking for auction items that will not only provide us with the needed funds for our many ministries, but will add fun to the evening! Do you have an item to offer for the auction? Do you have any suggestions - vacation opportunities, gourmet meals, etc.? Please leave your suggestions at the front desk or with Deacon John.

If you are unable to attend the dinner on February 11, you will still have the opportunity to bid on the live auction items! There will be more information in upcoming bulletins.



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Observed throughout the world by Christian churches, this week gives us the opportunity to pray and work for greater unity within the body of Christ. This annual observance takes place from January 18 – 25 and promotes dialog, collaborative efforts and Christian fellowship among all Christians. We seek to see those things which unite us, while recognizing that there are many issues which divide us. Still, our attitude is always one of seeking harmony, always “speaking the truth in love”, as St. Paul says. For more information on the work of the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute and the wonderful work of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in Garrison, New York, write or e-mail them at 475 Riverside Drive, Room 1960, New York, NY 10115-1999, www.geii.org.

Jitterbug Phone

One of our generous parishioners has donated a Jitterbug phone to the Newman Center in hopes of getting it to someone that could truly benefit from it. The Jitterbug is an easy to use cell phone for seniors created to provide an affordable and simplified way to stay connected to friends and family. Everything about the Jitterbug is designed for simplicity, comfort and convenience, so you can make and receive calls, send text messages and listen to voicemail with ease. The Jitterbug has large, backlit buttons, bigger numbers, effortless navigation and friendly operators available to assist you anytime. If you or someone you know could use a Jitterbug phone, please contact the parish office.

Installation Ceremonies of Bishop Ochoa

Canonical Possession of the Cathedral Evening Prayer is on Wednesday, February 1, at St. John's Cathedral at 7:00PM. This ceremony is reserved for clergy, diocesan department heads and Religious. Bishop Ochoa's family and priest friends will also attend.

Mass of Installation of the Bishop is on Thursday, February 2, at St. Anthony of Padua Church at 1:30PM. A reception will be offered following the Mass for the general public. This Mass is open to the public.

KNXT TV Channel 49 will be airing the events live, and channel 30 will carry the Installation Mass live in the Fresno viewing area. More information will be available on the Diocesan website.

Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements for 2011 have been printed and are available for pick up at the front desk. Stop by between Masses or during business hours throughout the week.

New Website!!!

If you haven't gone to www.csufnewman.com lately, please do! We have a newly designed website that we'd love you to visit and explore! We'll continue adding to it in the coming months but we love our fresh new look and hope you will too!

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 this weekend, 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!

KNXT  **Ch. 49/38**
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Wednesday
Feb. 1 at 6:30 pm
The Canonical Possession
of the Diocese and Reception
at St. John's Cathedral of
Bishop Armando Ochoa

Thursday
Feb. 2 at 1:30 pm
The Mass of Installation of
Bishop Armando Ochoa
at St. Anthony of Padua in Fresno

Both Events will be replayed Saturday, Feb. 4 at 7 pm

Hello Friends,

It's that time of year again! The Newman Center is preparing for our Mardi Gras 2012 celebration! This year Mardi Gras will be held on February 11th in the beautiful Cardinal Newman Hall. Last year's Mardi Gras was a great success because of generous people like you. The committee is working hard to make this year's Mardi Gras another success.

At this time we are asking if you will consider sponsoring Mardi Gras 2012.



Sponsorship Levels

Platinum	\$200+
Gold	\$100+
Silver	\$25+

All sponsorships will have program and evening acknowledgement. For more information please contact the office at 436-3434. Please make checks payable to St. Paul Newman Center & include Mardi Gras Sponsor in the memo line. If you have extra medium or large size baskets at home, you could bring them to the office so we could use them for the auction.

We are also in need of silent and live auction items. Please contact Pam Hays (434-1351) or Rosemary Waters (438-8663) for silent auction items. Live auction items can be directed to Deacon John or Carol (436-3434).

Tickets will be on sale for \$50 after Masses this weekend. Start gathering your friends (tables of eight).

Menu includes: Hors d'oeuvres, mixed green salad, pumpkin ravioli, New York steak, risotto, sautéed vegetables, and warm peach cobbler with vanilla ice cream!

Thank you!

A Retreat For Senior Adults

"Living the Paschal Mystery: Making the Connections" - A retreat for senior adults to be held at the St. Anthony Retreat Center March 26-28. Fr. John Griesbach and Sr. Danielle Witt, SSND will be the presenters for this retreat. Please call St. Anthony Retreat Center at 561-4595 for more information or to register.

A Lifeline for Marriage

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register, call: Dave & Sylvia at 324-7149, email Fresno@RetroCA.com, or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Prayer of the Heart Conference

February 10-11, 2012 at University Presbyterian Church (1776 E. Roberts Avenue, 93710). Living an alert spiritual life is demanding, and we need helpful models to show us how to live it well. Contemplation is sometimes dismissed as escapist or elitist. But in fact, the opposite is true. Contemplation is about learning to live your life more fully aware of life around you: more productive, more focused, more spiritually alive, more happy. Our teaching this year will focus on four ordinary people from various walks of life who lived remarkably active and meaningful lives because of their contemplative practice: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Dorothy Day, Teilhard de Cardin, and Howard Thurman. In addition to the taught sessions, the retreat will provide you with several intentional contemplative periods for prayer. Spiritual guides will be available during those times for those who may wish to speak with a spiritual guide for companionship and perspective. Led by Dr. Robert Hale, Dr. Karen Crozier, Dr. Chris Erdman, and Cindy Correia. To Register: \$35 includes lunch; please pre-register to help us plan for lunch (\$45 fee at the door). Mail your check by February 3 to University Presbyterian Church or contact the church office at 439-8807.

Rachel's Vineyard

If anyone desires the return to Jesus' love and merciful forgiveness, which seems lost as the result of an abortion, there is help through Rachel's Vineyard Ministries. The next retreat is scheduled for February 24-26 in Fresno. To register or for more information call 877-629-6626 or email butcher_jennifer@yahoo.com or visit Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Super Bowl Sunday Trip Tip

Knights of Columbus from St John's Cathedral are once again selling their delicious tri tip for your February 5 Super Bowl Sunday meal. \$18 for a whole cooked tri tip! It is necessary to purchase tickets in advance. Pick up is on Sunday, February 5 in the St. John's parking lot drive thru service from 7:00AM to 12 noon. For tickets call Martin or Mary at 498-3369 or 908-5912.

Catholic Professional & Business Club

Join the CP&BC on Friday, February 10 to help celebrate our 15th Anniversary of serving the Fresno Diocese. The morning will feature a special program which contains a look back at the club's history, including words from some of our past presidents. A special breakfast of steak and champagne will be served as well as a raffle for some fabulous prizes.

Seating is limited and only pre-paid reservations for the February 10 breakfast, held at Pardini's, will be allowed. Reservations can be made by calling Denise Correia at 434-2722 or by visiting www.cpbcfresno.org. Doors open at 7:00AM for coffee and networking. The program concludes at 8:30AM. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Be sure to tune into KNXT Ch. 49 on Thursday, February 2 at 8:30PM for a special presentation on the 15th Anniversary of the Catholic Professional & Business Club. Hosted by Jim Grant, the 30-minute program features a discussion of the club's history with founder Frank Borges, President Scott Jura and Speaker Chairman Tom Lang. The show will also air again on Friday, February 3 at 8:00PM.

Catholic Sisters in America Exhibit

Save the date! Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America exhibit will be on display at The California Museum in Sacramento from January 24 – June 3, 2012. The traveling exhibit, organized by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), tells the stories of dramatic historical events such as the Civil War and the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake through the writings and artifacts of the pioneer Sisters. Witness the courage and dedication of the women who established many of our nation's first schools, colleges, hospitals, orphanages, and other social institutions. To learn more about the exhibit, go to www.womenandspirit.org or call Sr. Gladys Guenther at 510-624-4595.

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