

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7; 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Psalm 104*.

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*.

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Baptism of the Lord;
 National Vocation Awareness Week
 Wednesday: St. Hilary
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

This Week's Calendar

Monday:

Noon deadline for Bulletin announcements
 7:30pm- Scripture Study, Newman Center

Tuesday:

12 noon- Mass on Campus, Garrison Room,
 2nd fl. Memorial Union

Wednesday:

7:00pm- Choir Practice, 9am choir

Thursday:

5:30pm- Confessions
 6:00pm- Mass, Newman Chapel
 7:00pm- Dinner, Newman House
 8:00pm- Bible Study

Sunday:

Mass at 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm
 6:00pm-LAREC meeting, Newman Center

We Need Liturgical Ministers

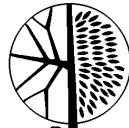
If you have served as a Eucharistic Minister or Lector in your home parish, or if you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Assistant Minister, please step forward--we can use your assistance at all Newman Masses. We will be scheduling brief training sessions in the near future. Please contact Jillian Frediani (jjfrediani@ucdavis.edu) or Adriel Cruz (abcruz@ucdavis.edu) if you are interested in being a liturgical minister.

Winter Retreat

"Reconnecting to God"

January 22-24, 2010
 Santa Rosa

**Weekend
 Retreat**



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Please join us for a weekend retreat where we will be discover and reflect on ways God works in our lives and is calling us to be his disciples on our spiritual journey. Registration forms are available at the Newman Center or online (davisnewman.org). This is a perfect opportunity to get away before the winter quarter consumes our time. The fee for the weekend is \$75 (financial support is available). For more information contact the student staff at staff@davisnewman.org.

Sunday Offering:

December 25, 2009	10am	\$1,119.00
December 27, 2009	10am	\$237.00
January 3, 2010	10 am	\$213.04
	5pm	\$47.53
Total for January 3		\$360.57

Your sacrificial giving is truly a blessing and makes it possible to realize our mission.

Pastoral Council

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St. James Mass Schedule

14th & B Street

Sat: 5:30 p.m.

Sun: 8, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Domingo 5 p.m. Misa en español

Reconciliation - Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Need Helping Hands? Support Students Attending the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress

Please help Newman students who will be attending the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress in Anaheim in mid-March. Students are available to help you with household projects and chores—yard work, cleaning gutters and windows and small repairs—you name it, and students can help you out. Call the Newman Center at 753-7393 or email staff@davisnewman.org.

JustMatters Topic--Prison Reform Begins Monday January 11, 2010

The Davis Newman Community will be offering a religious education program (seven sessions) entitled **Prison Reform: The Church of the Second Chance**. The program will begin Monday evening, January 11 at 6:30pm in the Newman House (a potluck dinner will be provided)

The cost for attending the program will be approximately \$23 for books. *Scholarships are available for students and others who cannot afford the fee.* IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, PLEASE EMAIL ANDREA NOW: andrauch@ucdavis.edu.

The program will continue through the first part of March and will address issues of restorative justice.

Blood Drive at St. James

St. James will be hosting its Winter Blood Drive on January 24, 2010 from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Please consider donating blood and extend the season of giving. All our donors will receive a free Bloodsource T-shirt. Please contact Julie Utz at 756-3636 ext. 206 or by e-mail at jutz@stjamesdavis.net to volunteer or with any questions. Let's start this decade off by beating our old record of 55 pints!!!

Are You Returning to Your Catholic Roots? Welcome Home!

Whether you've been away from the Church for 1,5,10,15, or even 30 years, our faith community is delighted to welcome you home to the Catholic Church. If you have not already done so, we invite you to visit the Catholics Come Home website in CatholicsComeHome.org and our website at davisnewman.org. Our confession schedule is Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. or by appointment or for pastoral counseling at call us at 753-7393.

ATTENTION UCD FRESHMEN

—Christian Life Communities (CLCs) Begins

Starting Tuesday, Jan. 5 a special spiritual enrichment activity for freshmen began on campus-- Christian Life Communities (CLCs) are intimate groups of 8-10 people who meet once a week to discuss a topic and how it related to student's lives and faith. If you or anyone you know has an interest (being Catholic *is not* a requirement) in participating, contact Clarrisa (clarissagold@hotmail.com) or Rose (rtcostello@ucdavis.edu). The first three weekly meetings will be flexible; they will be an opportunity for people to join the discussion without a commitment to the group.

MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter from Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:5, 6).

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Los Angeles Religious Education Congress "Incredible Abundance"

March 19-21, 2010 --- Anaheim

Each year, 15-20 Newmanites travel to Anaheim to attend the largest religious education conference held in the United States. This year's conference falls over the last two days of final exams for the winter quarter. We will depart Thursday late afternoon, March 18, and return Sunday, March 21. Hotel rooms have been reserved.

The registration fee is \$60 and \$70 if you register after February 5. The Newman Center has registration packets available for those interested in attending or check out their web site at www.RECongress.org. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Newman staff at staff@davisnewman.org.

St. James Wine Tasting Festival

The Wine Tasting Festival is scheduled for February 13, 2010 at the St. James Memorial Center, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Local wines will be highlighted. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30 at the door. Ticket sales after all masses on January 9/10. For more information, please contact Joan Maggenti 530-758-3759, Jo Yeager 530-576-2423 or Gloria Widner 530-753-9650.

The tickets for the event will be available to purchase at St. James Pastoral Office, from the Faith Formation Staff during working hours, 756-3636.

FAMISH

(Family Arranged Meals In Special Homes)!

This year, we have 14 families and 24 students participating in our FAMISH program. We encourage these families to arrange a time to eat dinner, go to Mass, or attend any Newman activities together. If anyone else is interested in participating either as a host family or as student participants, we'd be happy to get you involved. Please email Jillian Frediani at jjfrediani@ucdavis.edu with any questions or if you wish to join FAMISH.