



St. John Neumann Catholic Church

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OFFICE HOURS:

TUESDAY-FRIDAY

8:30 AM TO 12 NOON; 1:30 PM TO 5:00 PM

SATURDAY 8:30 AM TO 4:00 PM

CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAY

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 pm or upon request during office hours except on Sundays.

Sacrament of Baptism

Preparation time for the parents of the child is three months. *Please call the parish office* to begin the process. Parents should meet with one of the program coordinators before choosing the godparents and/or choosing a date for the Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Consult with the priest before you set the date. A minimum of six to eight months preparation is needed.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time if you or a family member seeks the Sacrament. If possible, please try to call before your loved one is in the active process of dying.

Communion for the Sick or Homebound

Contact the parish office during office hours. In case of hospitalization, inform the admissions office that you are a Catholic and would like to receive communion.

Funeral Arrangements

Call the parish office at any time.

Mass Intentions

Scheduled in the parish office. The calendar fills up rapidly, so Mass intentions may have to be made up to a year in advance.

House Blessings

Parishioners are encouraged to bless their own homes. Holy water and appropriate prayers are provided by the parish.

Faith Formation Registration

Registration begins in May for Fall Classes. Call the Faith Formation Office.

Annulments

Please call the office.

Sunday, September 5, 2010
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



The Schedule of Masses

Saturday: 4:00 pm (Vigil for Sundays)

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon & 5:00 pm

Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 am

Holy Days: 8:00 am, 12 noon & 6:00 pm

Rosary

Tuesday through Friday: 7:15 am

(Church opens at 7:10 am)

Morning Prayer

Tuesday through Friday: 7:35 am



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

4:00 pm † Joseph Salas
by the Salas Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00 am † Frank Zordani
by Barb Yorga & Family

10:00 am Elizabeth Melchor by The Family

12:00 pm † Alfredo Termulo
by the Masangkay Family

5:00 pm Parishioners of St. John Neumann

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 am † Cenen Cacilung by Oolly Lagman

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00 am † Juanito & Ramona Lagman
by Oolly Lagman

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 am † Auterio A. Lizaress
by Rosario L. Co

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00 am † Michael J. Petraoia
by Petraoia Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

4:00 pm † Glen Pettit NYPD
by Dougherty Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 am † Michael Medeiros
by Carol & Nicolau Medeiros

10:00 am Dyana Vanessa Melchoir
by The Family

12:00 pm † For the Parishioners

5:00 pm † Luz Lagman by Oolly Lagman

This weekend's altar flowers
were donated

In loving memory of
Estrella Gallardo Andaya
by Jose Adaya, children,
grandchildren, relatives, & friends.



*Please pray for the repose for the soul of
May L. Vaz, who passed away at the age of 101
on August 16th. Eternal rest grant her O Lord*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49

NEXT WEEK TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51; 1 Tm 1:12-17;
Lk 15:1-32

Other daily scripture resources:

www.usccb.org/nab

(daily scripture on the web)

www.usccb.org/nab/nabpodcast.shtml

(daily scripture podcast)

EMBRACING YOUR CROSS

We often speak of the “crosses” we must carry in life. These can range from loss of a job to a serious or terminal illness to unhealthy relationships, and so on. The cross has become the wide-ranging metaphor for the trials, ills, and discomforts that are part and parcel of every human life. While we all understand this use of the word “cross,” it does a disservice to what the Jesus of the Gospels means by it. For him, a “cross” is not something that fate, bad luck, or unfortunate circumstances foists upon one. It is, instead, something one chooses, something one embraces.

For Jesus, carrying the cross in discipleship was the rejection of earthly possessions or status; it was the sundering of bonds of kinship or friendship. It was, above all, the necessary kind of self-sacrificing, self-surrendering choice one had to make in order to be a true disciple. When life hands us a “cross,” we pray to the Lord to give us strength to bear it. If we are to be true disciples, we must also pray for the strength to reach out and willingly accept a cross as well. To bear up, with God's grace, under the burdens that are not of our own choosing does take a strong faith. But to walk willingly under the weight of the cost of discipleship shows an even stronger desire to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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October is “Pro-life” Month

Enhancing our knowledge of prolife issues and offering our parishioners education on various aspects of this topic would be a wonderful way to honor those that have held the torch for life and for those who have been victims of a culture that did not respect their existence.

There are some beautiful brochures available for purchase that cover a broad spectrum of prolife topics such as stem cell research, abortion, infertility issues, human dignity, sex trafficking, end of life issues, marriage, the death penalty, assisted suicide and other such important topics. These tri-folds would be very beneficial to offer our parishioners and others who may not be aware of the moral, emotional and physical ramifications of decisions being made with regard to these issues. But they are not free. 100 brochures of 30 such crucial topics would cost about \$1,000.

Some of you have a *personal* ministry to promote the prolife perspective, I offer you an excellent opportunity to promote the cause and share in the purchase of these materials. They will be displayed and available to those who need them. If you are interested, please come and talk to me or stop by the office and let us know how involved you would like to be.

Thanks,
Fr. Bede

THE HOLY FATHER’S MISSION INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

The Word of God as Sign of Social Development

General: That in less developed parts of the world the proclamation of the Word of God may renew people’s hearts, encouraging them to work actively toward authentic social progress.

The End of War

Missionary: That by opening our hearts to love we may put an end to the numerous wars and conflicts which continue to bloody our world.

Pastor’s Notes

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Dear Parishioners,

It may be that very few people actually read the bulletin, but there are a number of things that our parishioners have been asking me to address. I have also noticed these issues and agree with those who have spoken to me about them.

1. *Regarding our (ushers) hospitality ministers* The complaint is that they, for the most part, do not participate in the liturgy and are disrespectful, in that they congregate outside, talk and socialize during the mass.
2. *We are all hospitality ministers, whether we have the title or not.* One does not have to sign up for a ministry or have a name badge in order to be welcoming to others who come to worship at our church. We should do our best to make one another comfortable all the time. Whatever talking or planning is necessary, can be done before mass begins. There should be no need to discuss things with one another during Mass. It is not only distracting to others, but it prevents those involved in conversation from fully participating in the liturgy. If ministers are not able to fully participate in the Mass at which they are serving, they should attend the next Mass and enter into the prayer, without the distractions of ministry.
3. *Regular attendance at Sunday Mass is the obligation of the Catholic faithful.* From the beginning of Christianity, the people gathered on Sunday to remember and to celebrate the resurrection. In our present age, we have taken this tradition less seriously. In today’s gospel, Jesus speaks about the commitment we should have as disciples. We must give our priority to God. So if our priority lies in the Lord, it would be our fond desire, not just our duty, to participate in the Sunday Liturgy. Our only reason to miss Mass would be sickness, extreme old age and/or disabilities preventing us from coming. Even if we are out of town, there is Mass as close as the nearest Catholic Church. We can check ahead of time about their schedule.

Why call ourselves Catholic if we choose not to FULLY participate in the liturgy of the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our faith? Sunday is the Day of the Risen Lord as well as the day of the gift of the Holy Spirit and the day of Christ, our Light: a day of faith, the “Eighth” day, if you will, in the image of eternity. It is indispensable for us because the Eucharistic Assembly is the heart of Sunday – the day of the Church. There are 168 hours in the week. It shouldn’t be too much to ask for just one of those many hours to be set aside to give ourselves entirely to God in praise, worship and thanksgiving for continuing to bless us with so many gifts and for redeeming us at such a costly price.

In the future, I will include a continuing section in our bulletin to publish one of the Pope John Paul II’s apostolic letters, *Deus Domini*. Please make it a point to read the Holy Father’s edifying words. It is filled with insight on the third commandment of God: “Keep Holy the Lord’s Day.”

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Bede Wevita

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Outreach

"Life isn't fair but it's still good." Regina Brett

Back to school means different to children and their parents. The children are excited about the new school supplies and clothing, and the parents are worried about how to purchase school supplies and clothing.

Fortunately, the outreach champs will come through, as always, to help. Please continue to remember the families who need help so badly.

Wish lists:

Pantry: Spaghetti sauce, pasta, mac & cheese, peanut butter, **protein** (canned chicken, tuna, ham, Spam, beef stew), Ramen, tortillas, **RICE, DRIED BEANS,**

Lunches: Soft drinks, water, chips



Visiting Mary

The St. John Neumann "Visiting Mary" can visit the home of a **registered parishioner** for one week.

It can be a beautiful, peaceful time in your home. She may be picked up on Saturday afternoon and *must* be returned to the parish office by the following Saturday *morning*.

We encourage you to invite family and friends to gather during your chosen week and pray together. She comes with prayers, songs, meditations and directions on how to pray the rosary, as well as some special intentions requested by the pastor.

VISITING MARY SCHEDULE

9/4—*Maria A. Garcia*

9/11—*Marilyn Speights*

9/18—*Donald & Alta Ebel*

THANK YOU KINDLY, HEROES!



St. John Neumann's blood drive was a howling success! We had not only appointments, but also walk-ins, and garnered 38 pints of blood.

United Blood Services said this is the second best blood drive ever! Thank you to everyone who stopped by to offer the gift of life.

Volunteer opportunities

1. Help with donuts after the 12 noon Mass
2. Male volunteer for Outreach.

If you can help, please call the office.

Victim Advocacy Number

Advocacy is available for any individual who has been sexually and/or physically abused.

**The 24-hour hotline number is:
235-7723**

For information on what our parish is doing to protect God's children, please visit sjnc.org.

Marthas & Marys

2010/2011 Entertainment Books are now on Sale for **only \$25** in the Gift Shop. It contains lots of great discounts and coupons. By using just a few of the coupons, it will have cover the cost of purchasing the book.



Calling All Crafters and Bakers!!! Start your crafting projects now! Get out your needles, yarn, sewing machines, glue guns! Stock up on your baking goods! The annual M&M Craft Fair and Bake Sale is scheduled for **Nov. 20th and 21st, 2010**. Your generous donations have made our past fairs a big success and once again we need your help. Please contact **Indira Thomas @ 808-7086** with any questions regarding your donations.

Mark your Calendars

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 14th @ 7:00 pm in the Youth Room. It will be "Craft Night". We welcome you to join us in fellowship and sharing your crafting talents. Marthas and Marys is open to all women of the Parish who are 18 years and over.

From

APOSTOLIC LETTER *DIES DOMINI* OF THE HOLY FATHER JOHN PAUL II TO THE BISHOPS, CLERGY AND FAITHFUL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON KEEPING THE LORD'S DAY HOLY

The Sunday obligation

46. Since the Eucharist is the very heart of Sunday, it is clear why, from the earliest centuries, the Pastors of the Church have not ceased to remind the faithful of *the need to take part in the liturgical assembly*. "Leave everything on the Lord's Day", urges the third century text known as the *Didascalia*, "and run diligently to your assembly, because it is your praise of God. Otherwise, what excuse will they make to God, those who do not come together on the Lord's Day to hear the word of life and feed on the divine nourishment which lasts forever?" (75) The faithful have generally accepted this call of the Pastors with conviction of soul and, although there have been times and situations when this duty has not been perfectly met, one should never forget the genuine heroism of priests and faithful who have fulfilled this obligation even when faced with danger and the denial of religious freedom, as can be documented from the first centuries of Christianity up to our own time.

In his first Apology addressed to the Emperor Antoninus and the Senate, Saint Justin proudly described the Christian practice of the Sunday assembly, which gathered in one place Christians from both the city and the countryside.(76) When, during the persecution of Diocletian, their assemblies were banned with the greatest severity, many were courageous enough to defy the imperial decree and accepted death rather than miss the Sunday Eucharist. This was the case of the martyrs of Abitina, in Proconsular Africa, who replied to their accusers: "Without fear of any kind we have celebrated the Lord's Supper, because it cannot be missed; that is our law"; "We cannot live without the Lord's Supper". As she confessed her faith, one of the martyrs said: "Yes, I went to the assembly and I celebrated the Lord's Supper with my brothers and sisters, because I am a Christian".(77)

47. Even if in the earliest times it was not judged necessary to be prescriptive, the Church has not ceased to confirm this obligation of conscience, which rises from the inner need felt so strongly by the Christians of the first centuries. It was only later, faced with the half-heartedness or negligence of some, that the Church had to make explicit the duty to attend Sunday Mass: more often than not, this was done in the form of exhortation, but at times the Church had to resort to specific canonical precepts. This was the case in a number of local Councils from the fourth century onwards (as at the Council of Elvira of 300, which speaks not of an obligation but of penalties after three absences)(78) and most especially from the sixth century onwards (as at the Council of Agde in 506).(79) These decrees of local Councils led to a universal practice, the obligatory character of which was taken as something quite normal.(80)

The Code of Canon Law of 1917 for the first time gathered this tradition into a universal law.(81) The present Code reiterates this, saying that "on Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to attend Mass".(82) This legislation has normally been understood as entailing a grave obligation: this is the teaching of the Catechism of the Catholic Church,(83) and it is easy to understand why if we keep in mind how vital Sunday is for the Christian life.

Scripture Class

Scripture class will continue on Thursdays at 8:45 am .
This class discusses the readings for the coming weekend's Masses.
Everyone in the parish is invited to attend.

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48. Today, as in the heroic times of the beginning, many who wish to live in accord with the demands of their faith are being faced with difficult situations in various parts of the world. They live in surroundings which are sometimes decidedly hostile and at other times — more frequently in fact — indifferent and unresponsive to the Gospel message. If believers are not to be overwhelmed, they must be able to count on the support of the Christian community. This is why they must be convinced that it is crucially important for the life of faith that they should come together with others on Sundays to celebrate the Passover of the Lord in the sacrament of the New Covenant. It is the special responsibility of the Bishops, therefore, "to ensure that Sunday is appreciated by all the faithful, kept holy and celebrated as truly 'the Lord's Day', on which the Church comes together to renew the remembrance of the Easter mystery in hearing the Word of God, in offering the sacrifice of the Lord, in keeping the day holy by means of prayer, works of charity and abstention from work".(84)

49. Because the faithful are obliged to attend Mass unless there is a grave impediment, Pastors have the corresponding duty to offer to everyone the real possibility of fulfilling the precept. The provisions of Church law move in this direction, as for example in the faculty granted to priests, with the prior authorization of the diocesan Bishop, to celebrate more than one Mass on Sundays and holy days,(85) the institution of evening Masses(86) and the provision which allows the obligation to be fulfilled from Saturday evening onwards, starting at the time of First Vespers of Sunday.(87) From a liturgical point of view, in fact, holy days begin with First Vespers.(88) Consequently, the liturgy of what is sometimes called the "Vigil Mass" is in effect the "festive" Mass of Sunday, at which the celebrant is required to preach the homily and recite the Prayer of the Faithful.

Moreover, Pastors should remind the faithful that when they are away from home on Sundays they are to take care to attend Mass wherever they may be, enriching the local community with their personal witness. At the same time, these communities should show a warm sense of welcome to visiting brothers and sisters, especially in places which attract many tourists and pilgrims, for whom it will often be necessary to provide special religious assistance.(89)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Retrouvaille (Re-tro-vi)

**Help for Troubled Marriages
Weekend on October 22-24, 2010 – You can
save your marriage!!**

If you are suffering from poor communication, lack of trust & considering separation or divorce – Retrouvaille is a program that offers you the chance to rebuild your marriage.

Please join us for a weekend. For more information and the opportunity to speak to a couple who has made the weekend & for more information please call Chuck and Carol at 615-4339.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS NEVADA STATE COURT

“We are back on track” with the completion of a CDA Court at Holy Spirit Catholic Church!

We welcome all Catholic women 18 years of age and over to become members of a potential court at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 5959 S. Hualapai Way (at Bishop Gorman High School) between Russell and Patrick Lane. At the meeting on Thursday, September 16th in room 103 at 7:00 pm, Nevada state officers will be explaining details of starting a new CDA Court. For more information, please call Vicki at 646-1323 or Ida at 360-0361.

FAITH FORMATION

Begin With the Beginning

Adult Bible Study is Back!

Come join a stimulating exploration of Genesis 1-11.

Where: Room 120

Time: 7:00-8:30 pm

Dates: September 7, 14, 21, 28,
October 5, and 12

Feel free to contact Greg Sinclair at 657-0200 x 214 or dym@sjnc.org with any questions.



NEEDED:

CATECHISTS AND ASSISTANTS

The ministry of catechist is one of the oldest ministries of the Church. A "catechist" is one who *teaches* the principles of Christian dogma, discipline and ethics to prepare people for participation in Christian life.

The word "catechesis" means to echo or to resound, which is an appropriate meaning for what a catechist does when passing the faith tradition to the children of our parish.

To be a catechist, you must:

- be a practicing Catholic
- be in communion with the Church
- complete a Ministry application
- be fingerprinted and attend the *Protecting God's Children* program
- continue your own faith formation

If you are interested, please contact the Faith Formation Office, 657-0200 ext. 210.

Faith Formation Registration

Parents may now register students for the 2010-2011 Faith Formation year.

Applications are available in the Faith Formation Office.

Living Stewardship Now

Create a quiet place in your home with a crucifix, statues or pictures of Mary and the saints, and pictures of people special to you. Pray there daily.

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St. John Neumann Parish Presents:



7th Annual Guam Dinner

Friday, September 17, 2010 5:00 pm

St. John Neumann Parish Center

Featuring the Tevakanui Polynesian Dance Group,
and the music, culture and cuisine of Guam

Raffle: \$500 1st prize

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

after all the Masses and in Parish Office



\$10 Adults, \$5 Children (4-11 Years), Children 3 and under Free!

Drinks sold separately

Come Party the Chamorro (Guam) Way!

SJNC Ministry and Volunteer Update



Keep that great momentum going...

FYI - Here are some stats on where we are:

For active volunteers that are registered in our database, we are at 83% for fingerprinting and at 58% for those that have received and signed a receipt for the Volunteer Handbook. Those are great numbers and thank you to those that have already responded.

Our challenge now is to ensure everyone that all who are involved in ministry or volunteering are in our active database. Why is this important? For one thing, our parish insurance policy requires that we account for all ministers and volunteers in a report that we file on a quarterly basis. The second reason is that all ministers and volunteers need to complete the volunteer documentation process, of which we have previously spoken in this article.

If you're a current volunteer, planning on volunteering at an upcoming event or serving in parish ministry and have not completed the volunteer documentation process, please make this a priority. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and attention to detail. Our parish is truly blessed with your generosity and service. We still need to hear from many of you, so please utilize the resources listed below or give Mary Santos, our volunteer coordinator, a call in the parish office at 657-0200 x 211. Thank you again!

New SJNC Volunteer Resources webpage:

To help you in your endeavor to serve God through your parish and follow diocesan regulations, we've developed a new "Volunteer Resources" page on our parish website at www.sjnc.org. You will find up-to-date information on the volunteer process and links to our many ministries, programs and social groups. We invite you to visit to this new page and offer your suggestions and ideas on how we can make this new resource as helpful as possible.

Thank you all for your willingness to share your God-given gifts in ministry and volunteerism. By our participation in the Safe Environment Program, we are doing our very best to keep SJNC a safe and faithful spiritual home.

Parish Staff

Pastor	Fr. Bede Wevita	
Visiting Priests	Msgr. Joe Cosgrove	
	Fr. Albert Felice-Pace	
	Fr. Joe Annese	
Deacon	Frank Oettinger	
Parish Secretary	Nancy Hoover	x 201
Receptionist	Leonarda Serna	x 200
Business Administrator	Cheryl Shaffer	x 204
Director of Faith Formation for Children	Cathy Trawinski	x 210
Pastoral Associate	Greg Sinclair	x 214
Asst. to Faith Formation & Youth Ministry	Rosie Arellano	x 217
Coordinator of CGS	Helen Silva	x 215
Volunteer Coordinator	Mary Santos	x 211
Coordinator of Pastoral Care	Kathy Oettinger	
Director of Music & Adult and Children's Choir	Sean Davis	255-5269
Director of the Youth Choir	Lissy de Jesus	
Cantors	Sean Davis & Lissy de Jesus	
Organists	Kara Davis & Delma Reid	
Maintenance	Al Camacho	
Custodian	Tio Serna	

Parish Calendar

Baptismal Prep	Call the Parish Office for an appointment
Marthas & Marys	2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Young Adult Choir	Tuesdays, 7:00 pm
Children's Choir	Wednesdays, 6:00 pm
Adult Choir	Wednesdays, 6:45 pm
Men's Club	1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Senior Luncheons	2nd Wednesday, bi-monthly 12:00 noon
Finance Committee	4th Wednesday, 5:30 pm
Bible Study	Thursdays, 8:45 am
Staff Meetings	Thursdays, 10:00 am
RCIA	Thursdays, 6:45 pm
Lector Workshop	Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Parish Council	Last Thursday, 7:00 pm
Jr. High Youth Group	2nd Monday & Last Friday, 6:00-7:30 pm

Contacts for Ministries/Organizations

Altar Linens	Mary Lou Bodan	658-1953
Altar Servers	Marie Ricci	399-6327
Baptismal Preparation	Call the office to register	657-0200
Bulletin	Maureen Zander, Caroline Jasso	657-0200
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Helen Silva cgs@sjnc.org	657-0200
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Marge Nelson	649-3318
Gift Shop	Nelda Schafer	657-0200
Junior High Youth Ministry	Jenn Bauchrowitz	399-6710
Hospitality	Elsie Lyon	657-0200
Lectors	Bob & Adrian McKechnie	645-4882
Marthas & Marys	Lori Gabriel	445-7548
Men's Club	John Lucas	635-1817
Military Family Support Group	Caroline Jasso	672-2451
Ministry to Sick & Shut-ins	Deacon Frank Oettinger	657-0200
Outreach	Marge Pinto	657-0200
RCIA	Sam & Gary Douglas	645-8323
Sacristans	Max Fightmaster	657-0200
Senior Luncheons	Bob Chiodo	649-5989
Sponsor Couple Program; Marriage Prep	Deacon Frank Oettinger	657-0200
Ushers	Bob & Adrian McKechnie	645-4882
Youth Group	Greg Sinclair	657-0200 x 214

Parish Finance Council

John Kilduff	Tim Coughlin
Margo Lamuraglia	Aruna Silva

Parish Council 2010

Terry Lamuraglia (President)	Tony Urevich	Shelley Robertson
Marie Ricci (Secretary)	Jay Rodrigues	Arlene Martin
Harry Shull (Consultant)	Chris Lee	Caroline Jasso
John Cruz	Phil Lee	James Frater