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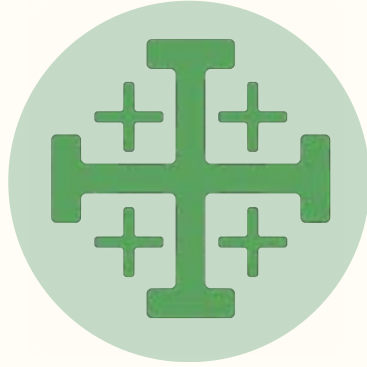
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SLO NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER



United in Faith



WINTER NEWSLETTER
2026

Our Mission

The SLO Newman Catholic Center serves the community of Cal Poly and Cuesta College as it proclaims the Kingdom of God and builds community through ministries of Word, Sacrament, and Service.

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THANK YOU FOR MAKING AN IMPACT FOR THE STUDENTS IN 2026!

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~ Note from the Editor ~

This year has already been very lively, with a surge of incoming freshmen and many events, including the start of Newman Unite and the continuation of the Men's Group, Women's Group, Bible Study and Knights of Columbus, all as our community grows united in faith. We are very blessed to have a full house at every Sunday Mass and an increase in participation in sacraments such as daily Mass, weekly adoration, and confession. We are looking forward to the rest of the 2026 school year and all the blessings God has in store for the SLO Newman!

~ Lexie Vanasse '27

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SLO NEWMAN ALUMNI, STUDENTS & SUPPORTERS LINKEDIN GROUP



In Memory Of:



FR. GERRY ROBINSON S.J.
1947-2025

Fr. Gerry Robinson from Linda Garcia-Inchausti
Mike Ross from Laura Salerno
Mary O'Keefe from Tim O'Keefe
James and Patricia DeQuattro from Karen Clark
Michael Ross from Joyce Ross
Edith Gariboldi from John and Lee'Nore Gariboldi
Jim O'Reilly from Marian and James O'Reilly
Dolores Scully from John Scully
Robert Pierce from James Van Diemen
Mary Jane Ashburn from Roy Ashburn
Roberta from Wayne Dengate
Charlie Kirk from Susan and Richard Schmidt
Mario from Sam DeRose
Dawneen & Richard Bruckman from Janice S. Bruckman
Fr. Gerry Robinson from Stephanie Grogan

Diane Ghilarducci from Sam Ghilarducci
Randy from Peter Sysak
Eugene Koubeck from Kathleen Koubeck
Oscar Munoz from Barbara Munoz
Robert Redinbo from Cate Kerpsack
Joan and Don Lynch from Mary Pat Lynch
Fr. Gerry Robinson from Betsy Kiser
Laura Camacho from Lee Gariboldi
Robert T. Grogan from Agnes Grogan
Art Chapman from Denis Michael Perry
Fr. Gerry Robinson from Elizabeth O'Donnell
Sharon Benson from John and Jody Benson
Gayle Rosenberger from R. George Rosenberger
Joan and Don Lynch from MaryPat Lynch
Fr. Gerry Robinson from Jean Conde

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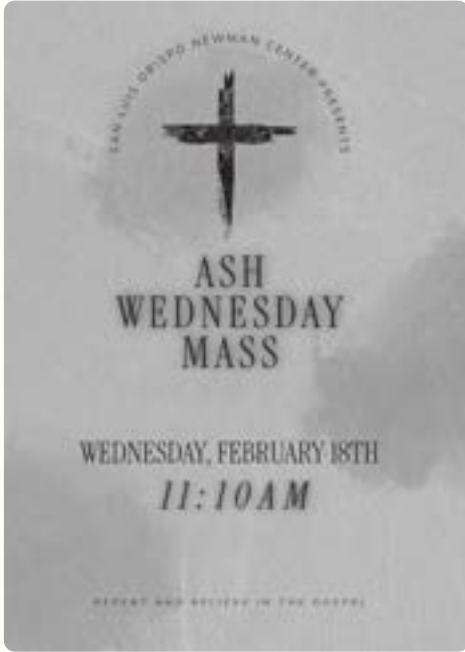
The Hastings Grandchildren from Julie Hastings
Fr. Gerry Robinson from Elizabeth O'Donnell
Rose Hittle from Bob Hittle
Fr. Gerry Robinson from Linda and Larry Inchausti
Ryan Luzzi from Carlo Luzzi
Hayden Courter from Kannyn and Colby Courter
Haley Esbeck from Frances Manning

Brady Svetich from Pat Auyong
Leann Berning from Meg Nicholson
Collin Hinz from Paul J Hinz
Garret Haub from Mary Shea Haub
Ryan Luzzi from Carlo and Antoinette Luzzi
Fr. Gerry Robinson, S.J. from Dick Spotswood
Jean Conde from Linda Garcia Inchausti
Don Mueller from Patty Mueller

Our Benefactors and their intentions are remembered at all our Newman Masses

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & Easter Triduum

Order of Christian Initiation Faith Formation: Walking with Students



Faith formation continues to be a vibrant part of life at Newman. This year, our student sacramental preparation community includes four students preparing for full initiation, six entering into communion, fifteen preparing for confirmation, and three inquirers who are prayerfully discerning their next steps. Each student's journey is unique, and we are grateful for the mentors, sponsors, and pastoral leaders who walk alongside them with care and encouragement.

A highlight of this journey will be our celebration of the **Easter Triduum, April 2-5** when our community will gather to enter more fully into the heart of our faith through prayer, liturgy, and shared reflection. These sacred days mark a powerful moment of renewal—not only for our students preparing for the Sacraments, but also for our entire Newman community. Please continue to keep these students and their formation leaders in your prayers as they prepare for these holy days and the grace that unfolds within them.

Newman Unite

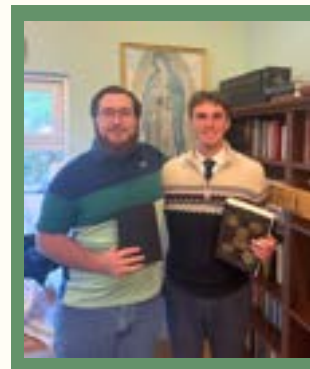
This quarter, the Newman Center launched *Newman Unite*, a student-run social initiative designed to foster new experiences and friendships within the community. This fall, Unite hosted a Grover Beach bonfire with about 40 students, a “Newmansgiving” potluck attended by nearly 70 students, and a Madonna Christmas Tree hike during finals week. Moving forward, the group hopes to continue building joyful, Christ-centered friendships.



“To deepen my faith, I want to learn more about the Catholic Church. Newman helped lead me down the right path to confirm my faith.” - Ben



“I know that I can never fully understand God completely, but I want to get as close to the truth as possible.” - Isa



“I grew up Catholic and attended K-12 Catholic school. Once I reached high school, it was really on me. I wanted to continue in my faith and get confirmed.” - Drew

Events



Welcome Back BBQ

Students kicked off the new school year at our biggest gathering yet, enjoying burgers, games, and time with friends—so many showed up that we ran out of food and had to get more!



Casa Maria Halloween Party

Casa Maria Community House hosted its annual Halloween party with spooky snacks, dancing, and a fun costume contest.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Students celebrated Our Lady of Guadalupe on her feast day gathering at the terrace behind the Newman Center to share stories and remember what happened on December 12.



Trinity Christmas Party

Trinity House hosted its annual semi-formal Christmas party, complete with festive food and a white elephant gift exchange.

People's Kitchen

People's Kitchen is our monthly service initiative at SLO Newman, where student volunteers come together to prepare and serve meals for the local homeless shelter. We have been encouraged by the growing spirit of service within the SLO Newman community, as we continue to see an increase in volunteer participation.



Alumni Weekend & Speakeasy Fundraiser

In October the students reconnected with a hundred of our friends and alumni at a Speakeasy fundraiser with live jazz band, casino games, and auction items. The following day after Sunday Mass we had alumni bowling at Mustang Lanes and a Feast with tea & crumpets in honor of St. John Henry Newman. Thank you for all of your support!



Fall Retreat 2025

Fall Activities

In October, the Newman Center hosted its Fall Retreat at Mission San Antonio de Padua, welcoming over 50 Cal Poly and Cuesta students for a weekend of prayer, reflection, and fellowship, and to reconnect with what matters most - Our Lord. With the theme *Called to Prayer*, students explored prayer as a relationship with God and learning how to listen for Him, grow in different forms of prayer, and persevere in faith as college students. Through discussions, shared meals, bonfires, adoration, and Mass, the retreat fostered deep spiritual growth and community. We are grateful to the Mission staff, Fr. Martin, our volunteer cooks, and all who attended, and we pray that each student continues to courageously respond to God's call to prayer.



Women's Group

Our Women's Group meets every Tuesday evening and welcomes about 20 women each week. This quarter, we've built faith-filled friendships through conversations on the sacraments, virtue, and holy friendships, along with fun events like movie nights and thrifting. As we enter Winter Quarter, we look forward to deepening our prayer lives and growing together as reflections of Christ.

~ Noelle Chua & Jackie Olguin



Community Housing

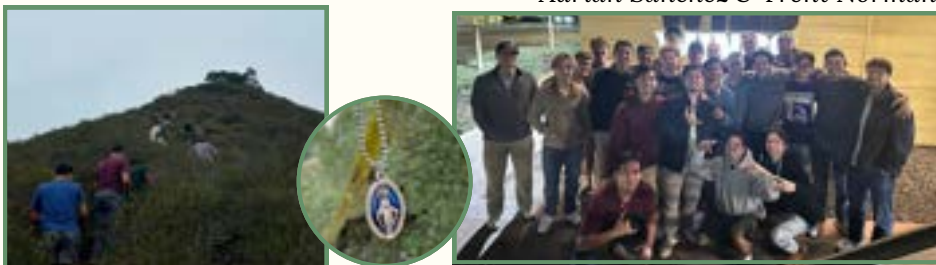
The Newman community houses are one of our longest-standing traditions. Through retreats, dinners, and talks, house members help foster personal connections and faith formation within the community. Living together with Christ at the center, members inspire one another to grow in faith and imitate Him in daily life.



Men's Group

As Men's Group leaders our goal is to foster meaningful, faith-based conversations, intentional friendships, and growth in virtue with Christ and Our Lady at the center. We meet Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Newman Center and welcomes over 40 men from Cal Poly and Cuesta College each week. We've explored topics such as virtues, vices, and liturgy, welcomed guest priests, and built community through game nights and hikes. We look forward to adding movie nights and a trip to the Monastery of the Risen Christ. Please keep us in your prayers as we strive to become the men God is calling us to be.

~ Adrian Sanchez & Trent Norman



Knights of Columbus

Since chartering last March, the Knights of Columbus has nearly doubled in size to 48 members. Community service remains central to our mission, with personal encounters and hands-on charity at the heart of our work, all rooted in faith. On January 17, the Knights joined the Newman community and Santa Clara Catholic Club to visit a private relic collection cared for by a retired priest, an experience that reminded us that sainthood is God's universal call.

