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PARISH VITALITY & STEWARDSHIP

The goal of stewardship is to increase the engagement of everyone in the life of the parish, inviting us all to become more involved in the myriad of different ways to serve others. Cardinal Collins wrote in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship, ***"Stewardship is undeniably fruitful. Where, over time, more and more parishioners become engaged in committing their time, talent, and treasure to the work of the Gospel, the Church flourishes."***

Although Stewardship Sunday is celebrated annually in September, we realize the importance of having our parishioners and students involved in the Parish life as well as thanking all those volunteers who continue to work with us every day and every week. We look forward to hearing from you.

Stewardship Prayer: Loving God, I come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all I am and all that I have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help me to do your will. I am listening, Lord God. Speak your words into the depth of my soul, that I may hear you clearly. I offer to you this day all the facets of my life, Whether it be at home, at work, or at school — to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give me the wisdom and insight to understand your will for me and the fervour to fulfill my good intentions. I offer my gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect my love for you and my neighbour. Help me to reach out to others as you, my God, have reached out to me. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Have you ever thought of sharing your talent of time with the Newman Centre? Why not reap the benefits of becoming a steward of the Parish and/or the Centre? We will work with your talents and schedule.

DON'T DELAY! EMAIL LENITA LOPES AT: lenita.lopes@newmantoronto.com

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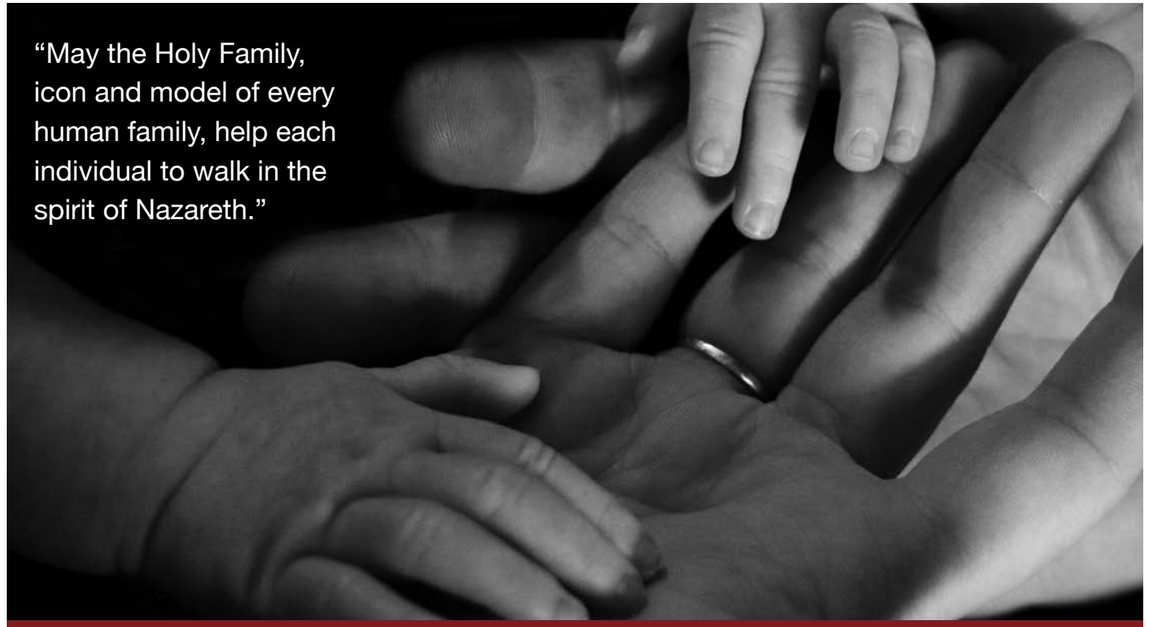


THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY FAMILY

From Catholic Culture: The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. It started almost simultaneously in Canada and France: the Association of the Holy Family was founded in Montreal in 1663, and by the Daughters of the Holy Family in Paris in 1674. This devotion soon spread and in 1893 Leo XIII expressed his approval of a feast under this title and himself composed part of the Office. On account of the flight into Egypt this feast has been observed by the Copts from early times. The feast was welcomed by succeeding Pontiffs as an efficacious means for bringing home to the Christian people the example of the Holy Family at Nazareth, and by the restoration of the true spirit of family life, stemming, in some measure, the evils of present-day society.

In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."

Lord Jesus Christ,
Who, being made subject to
Mary and Joseph, hallowed domestic life
by Your ineffable virtues; grant that we,
with the assistance of both,
may be taught by the example of
Your holy Family and may attain
to its everlasting fellowship; Who lives
and reigns world without end. Amen.

On the special day of **Ash Wednesday** we begin our Lenten journey. It is the start of 40 days of prayer, penance, and almsgiving as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. As in most cultures, the **Tuesday before Ash Wednesday** is referred by many names such as, **Pancake Tuesday**, Shrove Tuesday, or Fat Tuesday which is a direct translation of **Mardi Gras**. In times of greater Lenten austerity, Mardi Gras offered an opportunity for families to consume some foods they would not enjoy until Easter, such as pancakes which were made with eggs, flour, and sugar.

This year, we would like to continue this tradition, by offering pancakes to our parishioners. The Knights of Columbus have offered to support our event. After the daily Mass on **Tuesday, March 1st**, they will be outside serving pancakes - following all provincial Covid guidelines..

On **Ash Wednesday**, the start of Lent, Fr. Mark Kolosowski will be **celebrating two Masses**: the daily Mass at 12:15 pm and an evening Mass at 7:00 pm. We ask that you to please register through eventbrite for the evening Mass.

Starting on **Friday, March 4th** and every Friday after that until Good Friday, Fr. Mark will celebrate the **Way of the Cross** starting at 7:00 pm. **Note: This time may be subject to a change. We will keep you posted on any and all time changes.**

No Lenten season would be complete without retreats. We will be hosting two **Lenten Retreats**. One on Saturday, March 26th with special guest speaker **His Eminence, Cardinal Thomas Collins**. The second retreat is a three-day event starting on Friday, April 1st and concluding on Sunday, April 3rd. All details will be posted on our website, social media sites, and in print.

We are also continuing our weekly student events. Our Campus Ministry is alive with multiple events taking place every week. We have a once-a-week online morning prayer session - a great way to increase our faith and to stay connected. We have our weekly Pray & Play event, CCO Connect, weekly Faith Studies, NCSC events, Watch Parties (currently watching The Chosen).

The pandemic has not slowed us down. We have found ways to connect with our students and our parishioners. **We welcome you to contact us and to join us in these most fulfilling events**.

NC EVENT HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE

PANCAKE (SHROVE) TUESDAY
Tuesday, March 1

Pancakes after the daily Mass. Generously donated by the Knights of Columbus.

ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday, March 2

Masses will be celebrated at 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm.

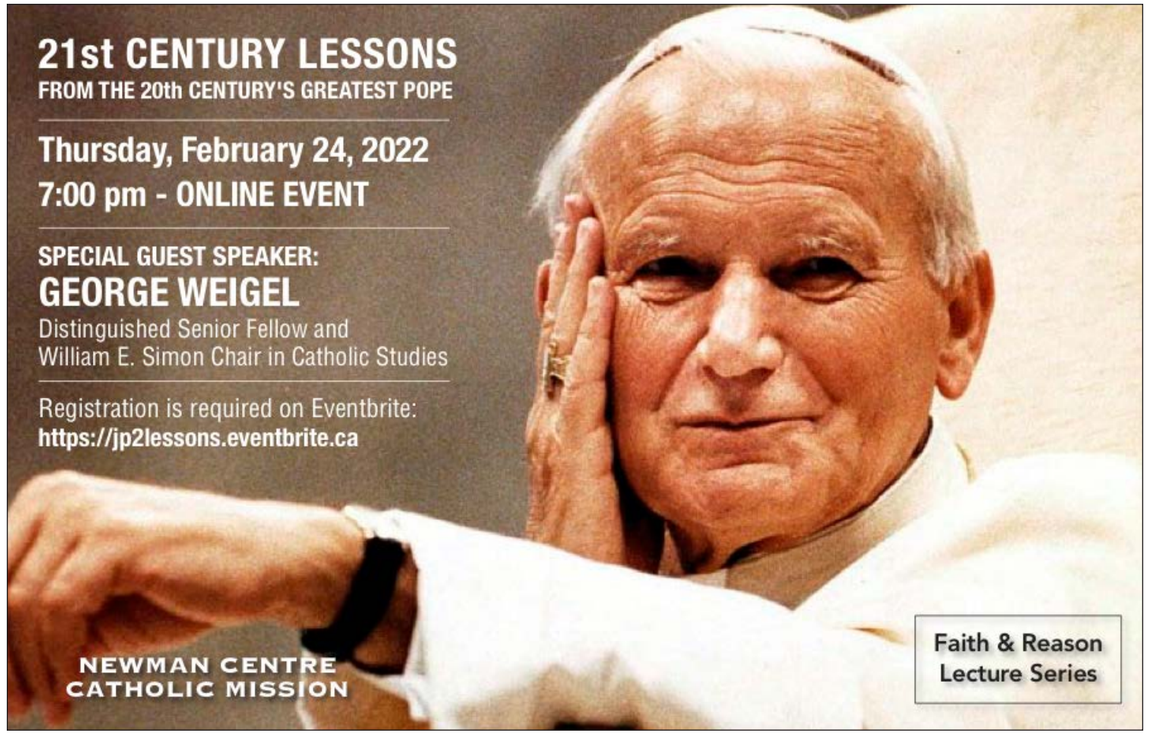
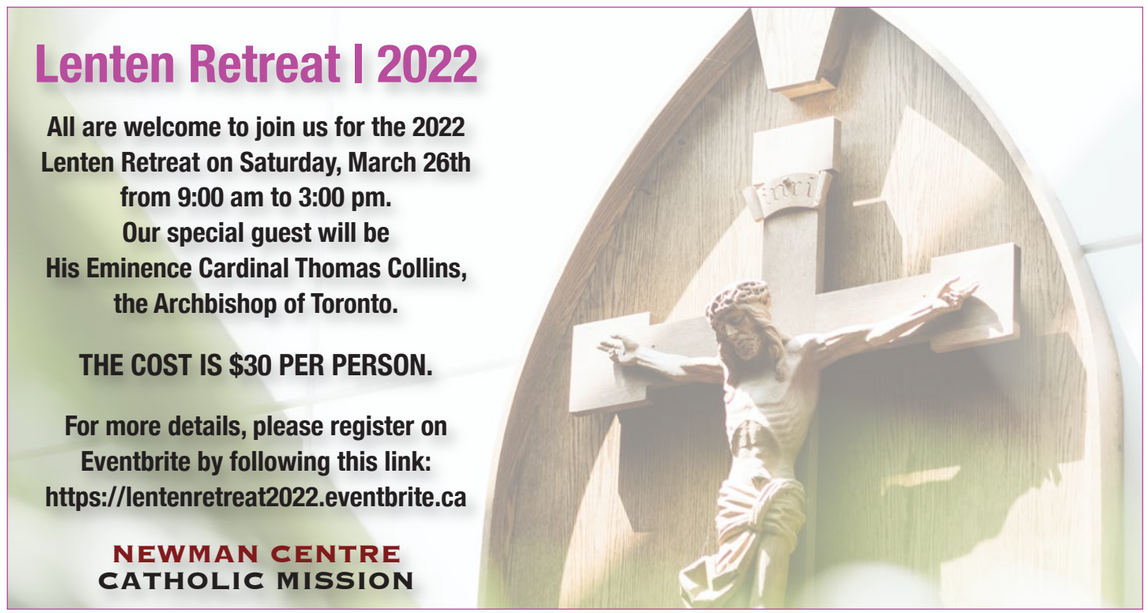
WAY OF THE CROSS
Every Friday Evening During Lent

The Way of the Cross will be held every Friday evening starting on Friday, March 4th at 7:00 pm.

LENTEN RETREATS
Adults & Students

Our first, one-day adult retreat will be taking place on Saturday, March 26th with his Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Cost: $30 per person.

Our three-day student retreat will be taking place on Friday, April 1st to Sunday, April 3rd with Fr. Matthew McCarthy. More details to follow.



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUR EVENTS.
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