NEWMAN CENTRE CATHOLIC MISSION

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'S ST. GEORGE CAMPUS

Monthly Newsletter | **Cor Ad Cor Loquitor** | September 2022

SEPTEMBER IS DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF RANSOM

Who is Our Lady of Ransom?

Mary, the Mother of Jesus has many different titles and many different occasions of appearing to those in need. In each of those cases, the Church gives Mary a special "title" that emphasizes the central message she is trying to communicate. Our Lady of Ransom is one of those titles.

In Spain in the year 1218 A.D., the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in separate visions to St. Peter Nolasco, St. Raymond of Penafort, and King James I of Aragon.

She asked them to establish a religious order to liberate Christians who had been kidnapped by the Moors, transported to African prisons, and cruelly tortured to deny their faith in Christ. Members of the new Order of Mercedarians were to do this by means of prayer, raising money to pay for ransom, and taking a vow to offer themselves, if needed, in exchange for the enslaved Christians. Under Mary's special protection, the order grew rapidly and those ransomed are numbered in the tens of thousands. Paintings of Our Lady of Ransom always show her as protecting people with her mantle, or robe. Sometimes she is pictured with the people of her order, sometimes with the men she appeared to, and other times with those she has helped to free.

Prayer for the Feast of Our Lady of Ransom

O God, through the glorious Mother of Your Son, You enriched the Church with a new religious congregation dedicated to freeing Christians from slavery among the heathens. We venerate Mary as the foundress of this institution and pray that she may also deliver us from our sins and the slavery of the devil through her own merits and intercession. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Starting on Saturday, September 24th - The Feast Day of Our Lady of Ransom to Friday, September 30th, all are welcome to join us after Mass for prayer and veneration to Our Lady of Ransom.

News From the Archdiocese of Toronto

Special Collection: Needs of the Church in Canada Sunday, September 25 - All Masses

There will be a second collection on Sunday, September 25th for the Needs of the Church in Canada. Your gifts are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity. Thank you for your support of this important work. Donation envelopes will be placed at the Church.

Love Thy Neighbour Scholarship: Catholic Family Services

To celebrate Catholic Family Services of Toronto's 100th year anniversary, a one-time scholarship of **$5,000** is offered to a deserving student who exemplifies the golden rule: **"Love Thy Neighbour."**

Eligibility: You must be a Toronto resident. You must be applying to or are currently enrolled in a community service (or other related) program that reflects CFST's values, such as Nursing, Social Work, Mental Health services or Counselling. Applicants from all ethnic, religious, cultural, and socioeconomic groups are welcome

Requirements: You must provide the following by October 10, 2022

One short essay (250 words). Two short-answer questions (see website for details). A résumé. One letter of reference. Most recent school transcript. Proof of enrollment in the Fall 2022 school semester

How to apply: Online via **https://bit.ly/3RePX8O**

SEPTEMBER 2022: EVENTS AT A GLANCE

04:
Beginning of the School Year

07:
UofT Clubs Fair:
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

08:
Newman Centre Fall/Winter Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Friday

Tabling Day 1: Starting at 1 p.m.

09:
Tabling Day 2: Starting at 1 p.m.

12:
Orientation: Starting at 1 p.m.

13:
Orientation BBQ:
Starting at 1 p.m to 3 p.m.

17:
Student Ministry Training Day
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

19:
UofT Students' Opening Mass and Blessing: 7 p.m.

20:
First Pray & Play - Fall 2022 Semester: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

22:
Faith & Reason Lecture:
Rod Dreher: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

23:
New Newmanite Supper: 5:30 p.m.

25:
Thanksgiving Food Drive:
All Masses (11 a.m. & 7 p.m.)

September 18, 2022

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Serving the Greater Master

From a young age, society presents us the "perfect" roadmap for a life of happiness. This vision usually includes having the fancy job, a large house, extravagant clothes and a large sum of money in the bank. It is engrained in our upbringing that the amassing of wealth should be the most important facet of our life, which is why the Lord's words in today's Gospel, that "you cannot serve God and wealth," can be so difficult to swallow.

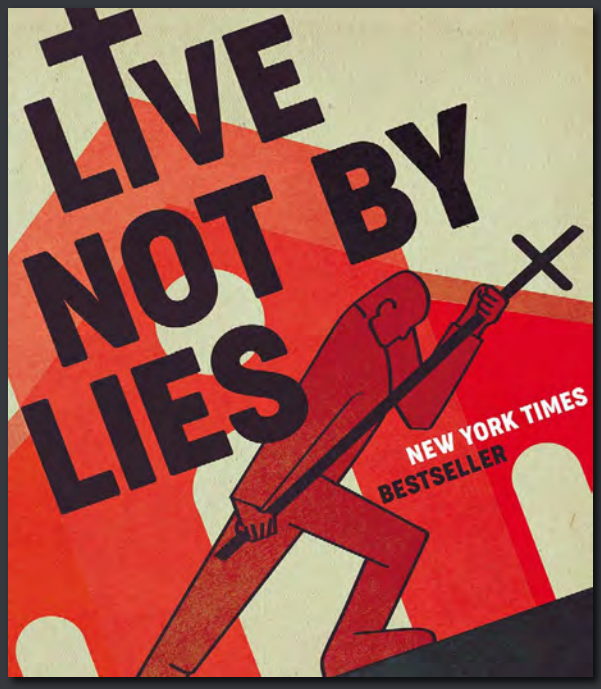
It is interesting that Jesus doesn't say we cannot have wealth, but instead, that we should not serve wealth. What does it mean to serve wealth? It is to preferentially prioritize our efforts for career advancement over our efforts to deepen our relationship with God. Essentially, those who serve wealth utilize all of their time and talents to attain more and more possessions. Stewards on the other hand utilize their time and talents to serve Christ and His Church.

In order to foster a healthy attitude towards our wealth, it is important to view it, and our very lives themselves, as a gift from God. It is only then that we can begin to move from gratitude to generosity, graciously sharing our gifts with others for the glory of God and the Church. When the temptation to hold onto our wealth looms over us, let us remember Christ's words, and ask ourselves how are we sharing our gifts with the parish community?

If you would like to lend your time and talent to our Parish, please contact Rachelle Ezechiels, our Operations Manager.

What's Happening...Newman Centre Campus Ministry

2022 | 23: Faith & Reason Lecture Series



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A CONVERSATION WITH
NY TIMES BEST SELLING AUTHOR
ROD DREHER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
AT THE
NEWMAN CENTRE CATHOLIC MISSION
89 ST. GEORGE STREET, TORONTO M5S 2E8

TICKET PRICES:
IN-PERSON $30 | VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: $20
ONLY THROUGH EVENTBRITE.CA - BIT.LY/3RSFBQ7
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE EVENT

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Newman Foundation of Toronto

Donate to the **Newman Foundation of Toronto** if you would like to support our Campus Ministry faith based programs!

Donate to the **Newman Centre Catholic Mission** to support our monthly overhead costs for the Centre and the St. John Henry Newman Catholic Church.

How to Make a Donation

By Mail: Please make your cheque payable to: either The Newman Foundation of Toronto or the Newman Centre Catholic Mission: 89 St. George Street, Toronto, ON M5S 2E8

In Person: Our Centre is open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. You can drop by anytime during our hours of operation and leave your donation (cash or cheque) with our Parish Office Administrator.

Online: You can make a donation online through our website at: **newmantoronto.com** and select **'Donate'** from our menu.

Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.): You can sign up for P.A.G. through our website at: **newmantoronto.com** and by downloading and completing our donation registration form. Once complete, you may drop it off at the Parish Office, or you may scan it and email it to: **office.administrator@newmantoronto.com**

Prayer for University Students & Professors

Lord, you lead us through all of life's transitions, those we expect and those that take us by surprise, the changes we welcome and the ones we resist with all our might.

As we embark on a new semester filled will uncertainty and different ways of learning, teaching and being community, we look to you for hope and courage. Whether we gather virtually or together, masked and socially distant, we trust that you are in the midst of us, drawing us close and holding us up.

Inspire us to creativity and innovation, service and collaboration. Do new things in and through us that foster abundant life for everyone. Help us to make choices that protect the most vulnerable among us. Grant us patience with one another when stress and fear are expressed in hurtful ways. Give every member of our campus your divine perspective that allows for grace, humility and compassion.

May our search for knowledge and purpose bear fruit in the shaping of a society that better reflects your loving kindness. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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"It is the education which gives a man a clear conscious view of his own opinions and judgments, a truth in developing them, an eloquence in expressing them and a force in urging them."
~ St. John Henry Newman

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