THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 The Presentation of the Lord Wold Day for Consecrated Life	3 St. Blaise First Friday Adoration: 12:45 pm to 2:45 pm Bible Parallel Talk	4 First Saturday Devotion RCIA Program
5 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6 St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	7 Polemics of Time: St. Augustine's Seminary Presentation	8 St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita	9	10 St. Scholastica	11 Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of the Sick RCIA Program
Marriage Sunday 12 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	13	Valentine's Day 14 Monthly Town Hall Pray & Play Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius	15 Date Night	16	17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	18 RCIA Program Student Mass & Winter Formal: 5 pm
19 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Family Day 20 Reading Week Daily Mass at 9:30 am	Shrove Tuesday 21 Reading Week Pancakes will be served after Daily Mass St. Peter Damian	Ash Wednesday 22 Reading Week Masses will be celebrated at 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm	23 Reading Week Faith & Reason Event St. Polycarp	24 Reading Week Start of the Interchaplaincy Retreat Way of the Cross	25 Interchaplaincy Retreat Parish Lenten Retreat RCIA Program
26 End of the Interchaplaincy Retreat First Sunday of Lent	27 St. Gregory of Narek	28 Pray & Play	March 1	March 2 Bible Parallel Talk	March 3 First Friday Adoration Way of the Cross	March 4 First Saturday Devotion RCIA Program

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Dear friends, parishioners, and supporters of the Newman Centre, we are very grateful for your prayers, well wishes, and ongoing support towards our faith-based programs for the Newman Centre Catholic Mission. As loyal parishioners and friends of the Newman Centre, we ask you to consider making a donation to either the **Newman Centre Foundation of Toronto** or to the **Newman Centre Catholic Mission**.

Your financial support will create a pool of funds to make our budgeting easier and more importantly, will help us to provide unique and one-of-a-kind programing to the University of Toronto students who are an integral part of our Centre. It will also enable us to successfully continue our Faith & Reason lectures, Liturgical seminars, student and adult retreats, Bible study programs, the Way of the Cross, Pray & Play, student pilgrimages, sacramental preparation programs, stewardship training, and much more.

Please contact Rachelle Ezechiels, our Operations Manager on the various ways you can donate. You may also visit our Website at: newmantoronto.com and click on the 'Donate' button.

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From Catholic Culture & National Catholic Register: The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life, the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family.

On February 2nd, when we see the Holy Family go to the temple for the Presentation of Jesus. The family is together. The Holy Family. There's the answer. This month-dedication traces back to the 17th century. But how much do we remember or hear that today? This February we should restore that devotion. It would both honour the Holy Family and at the same time become a reminder to strengthen family life. After all, the Church has taught how the Holy Family is the model, the example, for all families. So said St. John Paul II in a 2001 Angelus, as he called "the family of Nazareth a model for every home." These are perfect reasons to start honoring the Holy Family this month.

Lent is drawing near - starting on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd! Lent is one of the five seasons of the Catholic liturgical calendar, along with Advent, Christmas, Easter, and Ordinary Time. It precedes Easter and is a solemn period centered on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

There is no better time to reconnect with or deepen one's faith than Lent. During this time, we can draw closer to God as we prepare for the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter.

Lent can be an incredibly rewarding time for our faith lives. Join us at the Newman Centre for the many events to help guide you through a meaningful Lent.

"Lent is the season in which we ought to be surprised by joy. Our self-sacrifices serve no purpose unless, by laying aside this or that desire, we are able to focus on our heart's deepest longing: unity with Christ. In him-- in his suffering and death, his resurrection and triumph, we find our truest joy." — Taken from 'Bread and Wine. Readings for Lent and Easter'.

On **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 after the daily Mass on **Tuesday, February 21**, they will be served at the Centre.

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.

Starting on **Friday, February 24th** and **every Friday after that** until Good Friday, Fr. Mark will celebrate the **Way of the Cross** starting at 7:00 pm.

No Lenten season would be complete without retreats. We will be hosting a **Parish Lenten Retreat** on **Saturday, February 25th** and the student retreat will be the **Interchaplaincy Retreat** taking place on **Friday, February 24th to Sunday, February 26th**. All details will be posted on our website and social media sites.

Our Campus Ministry is alive with multiple events taking place every week. We have our weekly Pray & Play, Faith Studies, Men's and Women's Ministry, NCSC events and much more.

All students are invited. Please see our website (newmantoronto.com) or follow us on social media (@NewmanUofT) for more details.

LENTEN HIGHLIGHTS

PANCAKE (SHROVE) TUESDAY

Tuesday, February 21

Pancakes will be served at the House after the Daily Mass. Generously donated by the Newman Centre.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 22

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

WAY OF THE CROSS

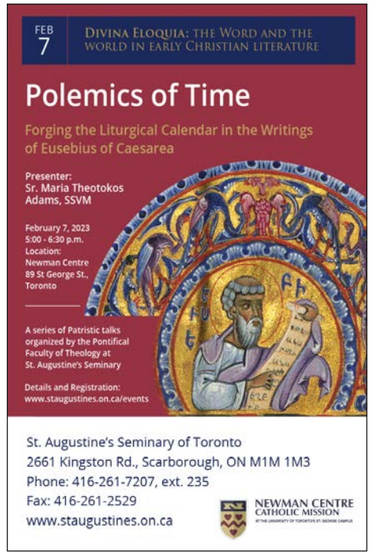
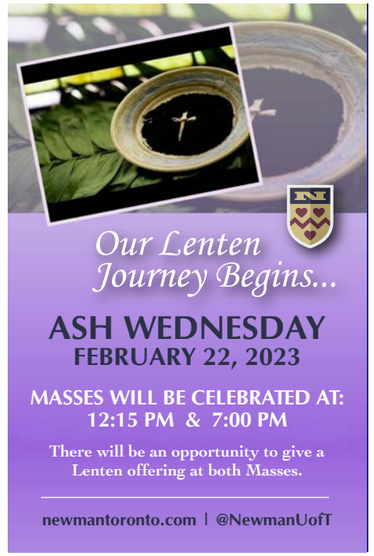
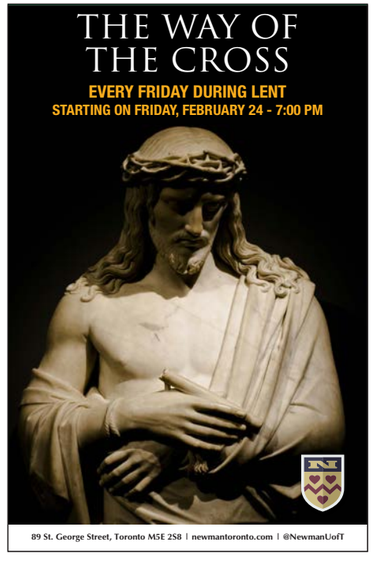
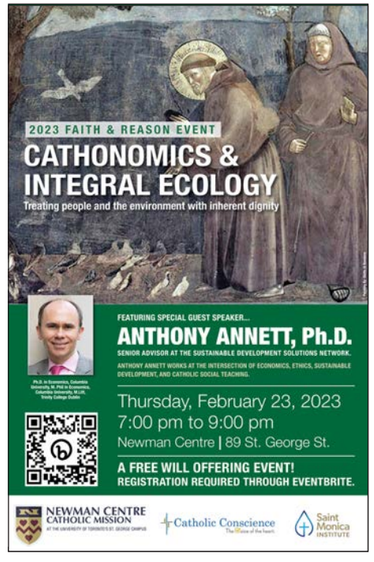
Every Friday Evening During Lent

The Way of the Cross will be held every Friday evening starting on Friday, February 24th at 7:00 pm.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday, February 25

Our Lenten retreat will start at 9:30 am - 2:00 pm.
Light refreshments and lunch will be served.
Cost: Free Will Offering

Thanks to our anonymous donor, the Newman Centre continues to offer **FREE** access to **Formed - The Catholic Faith. On Demand. Formed.org** has developed a technology platform for the delivery of award-winning Catholic content, children's programming, audio talks, e-books and more, attracting over 1,000,000 users across 5,500 parish communities. Sign up and share with your family and friends: **https://formed.org/signup**.

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