NEWMAN CENTRE CATHOLIC MISSION

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'S ST. GEORGE CAMPUS

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From anastpaul.com: The month of March is dedicated to St Joseph. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a "just man" and the Church has turned to Joseph for his patronage and protection. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical Quamquam Pluries (On the Devotion to St Joseph) in 1889 explains why we place so much trust in this saint: "Thus in giving Joseph the Blessed Virgin as spouse, God appointed him to be not only her life's companion, the witness of her maidenhood, the protector of her honour, but also, by virtue of the conjugal tie, a participator in her sublime dignity. And Joseph shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men.

Hence it came about that the Word of God was humbly subject to Joseph, that He obeyed him, and that He rendered to him all those offices that children are bound to render to their parents. From this two-fold dignity flowed the obligation which nature lays upon the head of families, so that Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was. And during the whole course of his life he fulfilled those charges and those duties.

…It is, then, natural and worthy that as the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girt it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ."

Morning Prayer to St Joseph: Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, Be with us this day. You defended the Virgin loving the Child Jesus as your son, you rescued Him from danger of death. Defend the Church, the household of God, purchased by the blood of Christ. Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials, may your prayers obtain for us the grace to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption, so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the Crown of Victory. Amen.

MARCH 2023 UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

02 MARCH

BIBLE PARALLEL PROJECT: 6 PM - 9 PM
LITURGY OF THE WORD I ADORATION I STUDENT SOCIAL

Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard featuring Fr. Eric Mah & Steadfast Worship

03 - 31 MARCH

THE WAY OF THE CROSS - EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT: 7 PM - 8 PM

The Way of the Cross is a traditional devotion in honour of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

07 MARCH

PRAY & PLAY - EVERY TUESDAY EVENING DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR (EXCEPT MARCH 21): 7 PM - 9 PM

Spend an hour with Jesus in Adoration, and then play some board games.

10 MARCH

CORNERSTONE CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY FOR STUDENTS: 1 PM - 2 PM

All are welcome to join us for this study group led by students. Study. Connect. Transform. This study program increases awareness of God's presence in your life.

11 MARCH

NCSC STUDENT MULTICULTURAL DINNER: 5 PM - 9 PM

Free event! Join us for an evening of prayer, fellowship, and fun! Let us know if you are interested in bringing a dish from your culture: bit.ly/3SKmZPO

15 MARCH

DATE NIGHT: LET'S TALK ABOUT THE BIRDS & THE BEES: 6 PM - 9 PM

Enjoy an elegant dinner, spiritual talk, and fellowship with other Catholic couples.The cost for each couple is $50. Please register at: bit.ly/3EUFfQI

18 MARCH

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT: 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Led by Fr. Mark, this retreat includes Mass, prayer, reflections, and meditations for Lent, and Adoration. A light lunch with refreshments will be served. This is a good will offering event; however, registration is required: bit.ly/3EOS3b8

20 MARCH

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH HOLY MASS: 12:15 PM

All are welcome to join us for daily Mass as we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Principal Patron of Canada, Patron of the Universal Church

20 MARCH

MEN'S STUDENT TALK & RETREAT: 7 PM - 9 PM

All male students are welcome to join us for this special talk and retreat led by our Pastor Fr. Mark Kolosowski.

21 MARCH

DIVINA ELOQUIA: THE WORD AND THE WORLD IN EARLY CHRISTIAN LITERATURE: 5 PM - 6:30 PM

St. Andrew of Caesarea's Commentary on the Book of Revelation.
Presenter: Msgr. A. Robert Nusca. Register at: staugustines.on.ca/events

22 MARCH

LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSION: 9 AM - 11:30 AM & 2 PM - 6:30 PM

To return to the Lord with integrity, we benefit greatly from celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year, we will provide the opportunity for all.

24 MARCH

WOMEN'S STUDENT TALK & RETREAT: 5:15 PM - 7 PM

All female students are welcome to join us for this special talk and retreat led by Sr. Maria Goretti, from the SOLI (Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate).

25 MARCH

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION HOLY MASS AT 9:30 AM

A special event, for students only, will be held in honour of Our Lady.
Additional details to follow.

26 MARCH

SHARELIFE SUNDAY

Living the Gospel: "Your gift to ShareLife supports Catholic agencies that uphold our faith and values..." Cardinal Thomas Collins **Our Parish Goal: $20,700!**

28 MARCH

LAST PRAY & PLAY OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR: 7 PM - 9 PM

Spend an hour with Jesus in Adoration, and then play some board games.
Our Fall Semester Pray & Play will resume on Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

30 MARCH

FAITH & REASON VIRTUAL EVENT - ANTHONY ANNETT: 7 PM - 9 PM

Cathonomics & Integral Ecology - Treating people and the environment with inherent integrity. Originally scheduled for February 23rd in person, but due to inclement weather we have rescheduled. Free event; however registration is required: bit.ly/3mhSswr

31 MARCH

LAST BIBLE PARALLEL PROJECT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR: 6 PM - 9 PM
LITURGY OF THE WORD | WAY OF THE CROSS | RECEPTION

Led by Cardinal Thomas Collins, all are welcome to join us as we meditate on the Parable of the Talents followed by the Way of the Cross, and a reception at the Centre.

LITURGICAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

As we continue our journey "up to Jerusalem" during the month of March, three prominent ideas are proposed for our contemplation by the liturgy of Lent: the Passion and Resurrection of Christ, baptism, and penance.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 20, normally on March 19) is a special landmark this month in which we will celebrate the great honour bestowed upon the foster father of Jesus. Also the Solemnity of the Annunciation (March 25) when we ponder Our Lady's fiat.

The saints that we will celebrate this month and try to imitate are St. Katharine Drexel (March 3), St. Casimir (March 4), Sts. Perpetua and Felicity (March 7), St. John of God (March 8), St. Frances of Rome (March 9), St. Patrick (March 17), St. Cyril of Jerusalem (March 18), St. Joseph (March 20) and St. Toribio de Mogrovejo (March 23).

HAVE YOU BEEN GIFTED?

Our talents are God's gift to us.
What we do with them is our gift back to Him.

All of us have been gifted with talents from God to use for His purposes. How can you use your talents as an offering back to God?

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PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION... BY SUPPORTING THE NEWMAN CENTRE!

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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