NEWMAN CENTRE CATHOLIC MISSION

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'S ST. GEORGE CAMPUS

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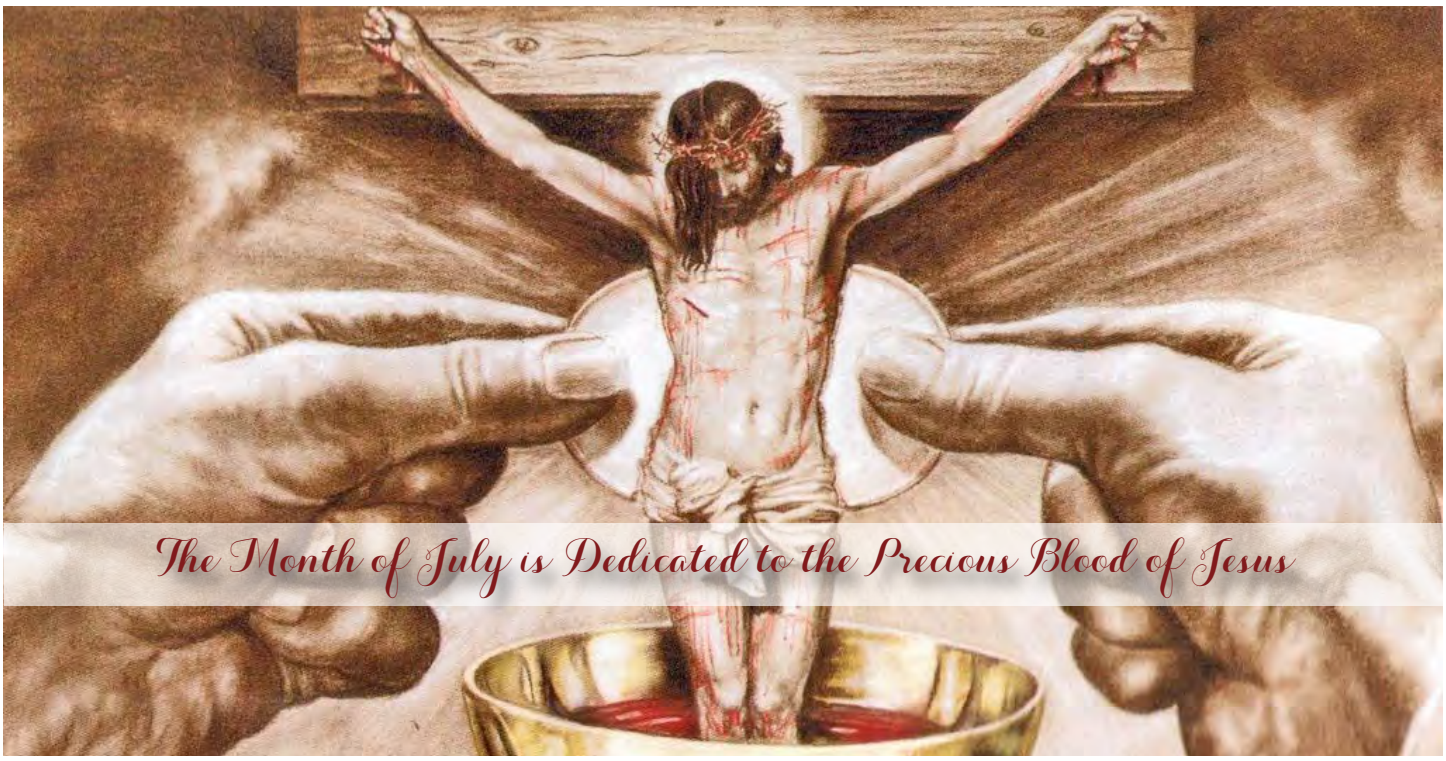


The Catholic Church dedicates the month of July to the Precious Blood of Jesus, inviting the faithful to reflect on the immense sacrifice Christ made for humanity. This devotion draws us into the mystery of redemption—how Christ, through His suffering and the shedding of His blood, offered Himself as a perfect sacrifice to reconcile us with the Father.

The Power of the Blood. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have understood the Blood of Christ to be both a symbol and a source of salvation. In the Old Testament, blood was seen as sacred—the very life force of a creature. Under the New Covenant, Christ's blood becomes the ultimate sign of divine love and mercy.

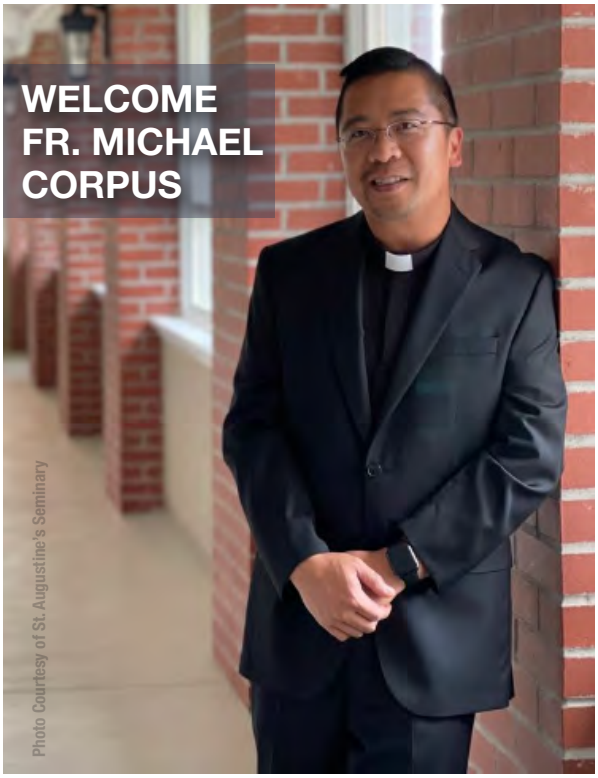
Every drop shed during His Passion—from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Crucifixion—was an act of profound love, offered freely for the forgiveness of sins. As St. John Chrysostom once said, "This Blood has the power to wash away all sin."

A Devotion Rooted in the Eucharist. The devotion to the Precious Blood is closely connected to the Holy Eucharist. When we receive the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass, we are spiritually united to His sacrifice on Calvary. The chalice of wine, consecrated at the altar, becomes for us the chalice of salvation, a tangible reminder that "without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness" (Hebrews 9:22). By participating in the Eucharist with reverence and faith, we are nourished by the very life of Christ, who gave Himself entirely for us.

Living Under the Protection of the Blood. Devotion to the Precious Blood is not only a remembrance of Christ's suffering but also a powerful source of spiritual strength and protection. Many saints and mystics, such as St. Catherine of Siena and St. Gaspar del Bufalo (founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood), spoke of the Blood of Jesus as a shield against evil and a fountain of healing. In times of temptation, anxiety, or spiritual warfare, Catholics often pray: **"By the Blood of Jesus, deliver me, Lord."** This short but fervent prayer expresses deep trust in the saving power of Christ.

In reflecting on the Precious Blood of Jesus, we are reminded that our lives are no longer our own—they were purchased at a great price (cf. 1 Corinthians 6:20). The appropriate response is one of gratitude, humility, and mercy toward others. This July, may we enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's love poured out for us. Let us never forget the price of our redemption, and may the Blood of Jesus be our hope, our strength, and our salvation. **Most Precious Blood of Jesus, save us!**

Canada Day - July 1: May God bless Canada and all who call it home with peace, unity, and hope.



Rev. Michael Corpus, Pastor and Executive Director of the Newman Centre Catholic Mission was born and raised in Toronto. He completed a Bachelor of Arts at University of Toronto Mississauga, and was working on another degree in Finance and Accounting through TMU, formerly Ryerson University, when he responded to the call to the priesthood. Within eight years of seminary formation, he completed a Bachelor of Catholic Thought at St. Philips Seminary, and a Masters of Divinity through St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto. Before entering the seminary, he worked for 15 years in the Hospitality and Tourism industry in various roles including management of operations, human resources, finance and accounting. He also has much experience in graphic design, photography, and videography.

During his time in the seminary, he has ministered to youth, elderly, sick, homeless, and imprisoned through various placements and ministries. He has spent much of his time with parishioners from St. Barnabas Parish, Blessed Trinity Parish, and St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Rev. Michael Corpus was ordained as a deacon on June 16, 2019 and ordained to the priesthood on June 27, 2020. He served at St. Joseph Parish in Streetsville, Mississauga before being assigned in 2022 as Vice-Rector and Director of Liturgy at St. Augustine's Seminary. He is excited to further the mission and serve the community at Newman Centre Toronto.

WE ARE HIRING STUDENT STAFF!

Do you have leadership skills and experience?

Do you enjoy interacting with people?

Are you striving to live out your Catholic faith?

Do you have a passion to serve the Newman Centre community?

Do you have other skills and talents that are valuable to our Mission?

Are you reliable, honest, and trustworthy?

Do you want a job that is fun and faith-filled and allows you to grow?

From July 16 to 31, all new and returning UofT students, interested in becoming a part of our **Student Campus Leader team**, can apply by submitting their **cover letter and résumé** to **Rachelle Ezechiels** at: **rachelle.ezechiels@newmantoronto.com**

July at a Glance

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of July For formation in discernment: Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.		**1** **CANADA DAY** Mass at 9:30 am House Closed All day	**2** Summer Semester Begins	**3** St. Thomas, the Apostle	**4** St. Elizabeth of Portugal First Friday	**5** St. Anthony Zaccaria First Saturday
6 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time *St. Maria Goretti* *Superseded by the Sunday liturgy*	**7**	**8**	**9** St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions Grade 12 Campus Kickstart & Chaplaincy BBQ	**10**	**11** St. Benedict	**12**
13 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time *St. Henry* *Superseded by the Sunday liturgy*	**14** St. Camillus De Lellis	**15** St. Bonaventure	**16** Our Lady of Mount Carmel	**17**	**18**	**19**
20 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time *St. Apollinaris* *Superseded by the Sunday liturgy*	**21** St. Lawrence of Brindisi	**22** St. Mary Magdalene	**23** St. Bridget of Sweden	**24** St. Sharbel Makhluf	**25** St. James	**26** St. Anne & St. Joachim
27 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day for Grandparents & The Elderly Building Fund Collection	**28**	**29** Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus	**30** St. Peter Chrysologus	**31** St. Ignatius of Loyola	**August 1** St. Alphonsus Liguori President's Day: Newman Centre Closed. First Friday	**August 2** First Saturday

200 HEARTS ONE MISSION

Monthly Donation	Annual Donation
$41.67	$500
$83.33	**$1,000**
$145.83	$1,750
$208.33	$2,500
$250.00	$3,000

WE ARE ASKING 200 HEARTS TO JOIN TOGETHER, EACH COMMITTING $1,000 PER YEAR TO SUSTAIN AND GROW THE NEWMAN CENTRE'S MISSION ON CAMPUS.

Your support enables us to welcome, form, and accompany students in faith.

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Your generosity fuels programs, outreach, and spiritual formation.

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Your commitment ensures this mission thrives for years to come.

HOW TO JOIN

Fill out the available pledge card or scan the QR code below and complete the online form or contact the Newman Centre office to become one of the 200 hearts.

https://bit.ly/3G6UJos

Together, we can ensure the Holy Spirit's work continues—strong, steady, and full of hope.

200 HEARTS. ONE MISSION. A FUTURE ON FIRE WITH FAITH.

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Parish Office Hours:
Monday to Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

Centre/House Hours:
September to April: 9 am - 9 pm
May to September: 9 am - 5 pm

Mass Times:
Monday - Friday: 12:15 pm
Saturday: 9:30 am | Sunday: 11 am & 7 pm
Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass - Monday to Saturday
On statutory holidays, Mass is celebrated at 9:30 am

Daily Eucharistic Adoration:
September to April: 11 am - 12:15 pm
May to September: First Friday of the Month
9 am - 12:15 pm

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