NEWMAN CENTRE CATHOLIC MISSION

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'S ST. GEORGE CAMPUS

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The Assumption of the Virgin by Luca Giordano

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: A Sign of Hope and Glory. Each year on August 15, the Church celebrates the glorious Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a feast rich in hope, mystery, and joyful triumph. It marks the moment when Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory at the end of her earthly life. Mary's Assumption is not only a singular privilege granted to her but also a glimpse into the destiny that awaits all who follow Christ.

A Foretaste of Our Future. The Assumption reminds us that our bodies matter. In an age that often separates the spiritual from the physical, Mary's bodily assumption reaffirms the Christian belief in the resurrection of the body. Just as Jesus rose from the dead, so too will those who are united with Him. Mary simply goes before us, the first to receive in fullness what God has promised to all the faithful. She is often called the "icon of the Church," and in her Assumption, we see not just a reward for her faithfulness, but a vision of what the Church herself will become—pure, radiant, and glorified in Christ.

Mary's Humble Faith Rewarded. Throughout her life, Mary responded to God with complete trust and humility: "Be it done unto me according to your word." (Luke 1:38) Her "yes" at the Annunciation paved the way for the Incarnation and her unwavering discipleship stood firm at the foot of the Cross.

In her Assumption, we witness the final fruit of that faith—a life taken into eternal glory. Her journey encourages us to live in hope, even amid suffering, knowing that God is faithful. He exalts the lowly and fills the hungry with good things.

A Day of Joy and Celebration. The Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation in many parts of the world, inviting the faithful to gather for the celebration of the Eucharist. It is a day of joy—honouring the Mother of God and deepening our longing for heaven. Many cultures mark this feast with processions, Marian hymns, and traditions that reflect Mary's place as the spiritual mother of all Christians.

A Mother for the Pilgrim Church. As we continue our journey through life, Mary's Assumption encourages us to keep our eyes fixed on what lies ahead. She stands as a beacon of hope, drawing us closer to her Son. From heaven, she intercedes for us, offering her motherly care and leading us ever deeper into the mystery of Christ's love.

Let us turn to Mary with confidence, especially in times of trial. As she was assumed into heaven, may she lead our hearts upward toward eternal life, where God will be all in all.

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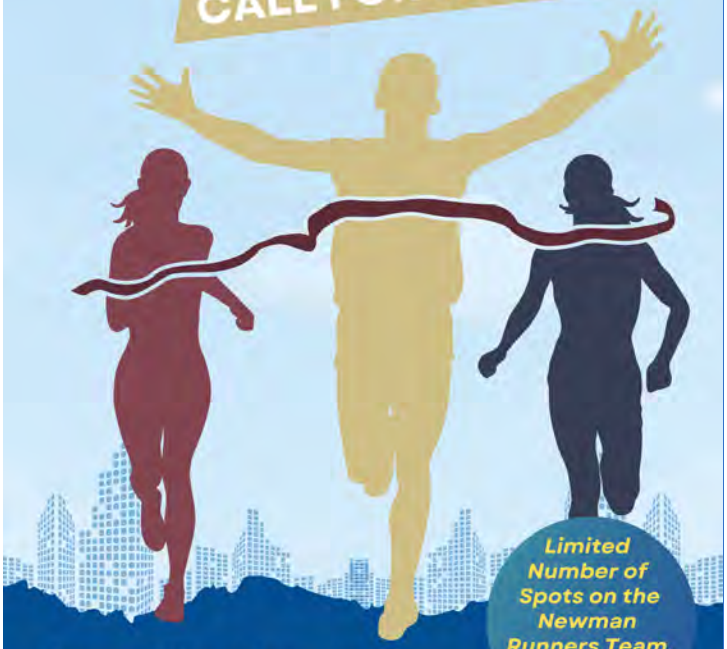
MARATHON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

CALL FOR RUNNERS



Limited Number of Spots on the Newman Runners Team. Sign-Up Today!

If you would like to sign up today as a runner for the Newman Team, or if you have any questions, please contact Rachelle Ezechiels at: rachelle.ezechiels@newmantoronto.com

Want to know more?

Join us for an Online Info Session on Wednesday, August 13 starting at 6 pm.

Please scan the QR Code to register.

CLICK & CONNECT

TECH WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS 55+

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 - 1:00 PM

ADULTS 55+ ARE INVITED TO AN AFTERNOON OF FELLOWSHIP AND HANDS-ON LEARNING! WITH HELP FROM STUDENT GUIDES, YOU WILL DISCOVER ESSENTIAL TOOLS AND HIDDEN FEATURES OF YOUR SMARTPHONE OR TABLETS AND GAIN CONFIDENCE WITH TECHNOLOGY.

Please bring your smart phones, iPads, and smart tablets with you in order to make the most of this hands-on workshop!

Light food and refreshments will be provided.

To register, please scan the QR Code or fill out the paper form located inside the house.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRESIDENTIAL DAY

Friday, August 1 - The University and the Newman Centre will be closed. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am

TABLING DURING FROSH WEEK

August 25 to 29 | September 2 to 5

TABLING BBQ & CARNIVAL

Thursday, September 4 - After Mass

MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

Friday, September 5 at 6 pm

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

AUGUST 25 TO 29 AND SEPTEMBER 2 TO 5, 2025

Calling all returning U of T students!

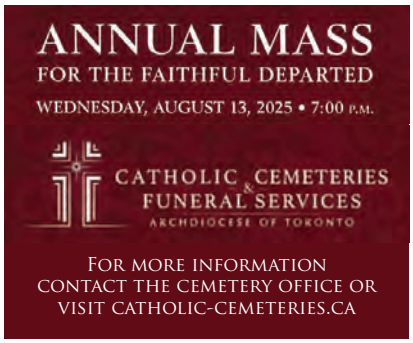
We need your help with **Tabling during Frosh Week**, our **BBQ & Carnival**, and our **Murder Mystery Night**. Interested in getting involved? Contact Johny, our Campus Minister, or scan the QR code to sign up!

OPENING MASS & RECEPTION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

12:15 PM

August at a Glance

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of August 2025 For mutual coexistence: Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.					**1** St. Alphonsus Liguori First Friday Presidential Day: The University & the Centre are closed. Mass at 9:30 am	**2** First Saturday
3 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	**4** St. John Vianney **Civic Holiday** Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am	**5**	**6** Transfiguration of the Lord	**7**	**8** St. Dominic Students Volunteering at the Good Shepherd Food Bank	**9**
10 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	**11** St. Clare	**12** Click & Connect: Tech Workshop for Adults 55+	**13** INFO SESSION: TCS Waterfront Marathon: 6 pm via Zoom Archdiocese's Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed	**14** St. Maximilian Kolbe Canadian Catholic News Panel Discussion	**15** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2nd Summer Semester Ends	**16**
17 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Canadian Missions Collection	**18** The Prayer to St. Joseph of Cupertino will be said after daily Mass until Friday, August 22.	**19** 2nd Summer Semester: Exams Begin	**20** St. Bernard	**21** St. Pius X	**22** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2nd Summer Semester: Exams End	**23** St. Rose of Lima
24 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time **31** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Building Fund Collection	**25** Tabling Frosh Week	**26** Tabling Frosh Week	**27** St. Monica Tabling Frosh Week	**28** St. Augustine Tabling Frosh Week	**29** The Passion of St. John the Baptist Tabling Frosh Week	**30**

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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