



NEWMAN CENTRE CATHOLIC MISSION

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'S ST. GEORGE CAMPUS

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On Thursday, August 15th, Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God. Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

His Apostolic Constitution “*Munificentissimus Deus*” (Most Bountiful God), which defined the dogma, contained the Pontiff’s accounts of many longstanding traditions by which the Church has celebrated the Assumption throughout its history. The constitution also cited testimonies from the early Church fathers on the subject,

and described the history of theological reflection on many Biblical passages which are seen as indicating that Mary was assumed into heaven following her death.

Although the bodily assumption of Mary is not explicitly recorded in Scripture, Catholic tradition identifies her with the “**woman clothed with the sun**” who is described in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation. The passage calls that woman’s appearance “a great sign” which “appeared in heaven,” indicating that she is the mother of the Jewish Messiah and has “the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” Accordingly, Catholic iconography of the Western tradition often depicts the Virgin Mary’s assumption into heaven in this manner.

Excerpted from the Catholic News Agency.

On Thursday, August 15th, we will be praying the Rosary at 11:45 am. Complimentary Rosaries will be made available. All are welcome.

LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD

By Bishop William McGratten

Two years ago, Pope Francis stood before an assembly of Indigenous Elders and former residential school students in Maskwacis, Alberta. He offered a profound and heartfelt apology to the Indigenous Peoples, and sought God's forgiveness, for the suffering endured in Canada's residential schools.

On this anniversary, we find ourselves reflecting on the profound sorrow Pope Francis expressed for the devastating effects of the residential school system on Indigenous communities, and on the journey of reconciliation and healing we have embarked upon together. Two years later, the Pope's words still compel us to recognize this painful legacy and walk alongside the Indigenous Peoples in a spirit of repentance, solidarity, and hope.

We contemplate the Holy Father's words: "The Church is the house where we conciliate anew, where we meet to start over and to grow together". This vision of the Church as a "living body of reconciliation" has guided us in our ongoing commitment to justice and healing. In this spirit we reaffirm our pledge to work for healing and reconciliation, and to reflect on our efforts since the Holy Father's visit to Canada in 2022.

To read the full letter, please visit: cccb.ca

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Mission Co-Operative Collection: August 11

The Archdiocesan Mission Co-Operative Program (MCP) plays an important role in connecting the parishes of the Archdiocese of Toronto with the Catholic Church in other parts of the world. Through this appeal, our local Catholic community learns about the mission works of the Church and will have the opportunity to offer their financial support.

In support of this initiative, please welcome **Dr. Amine Kidane**, our Mission Speaker assigned to our parish, representing the Eparchy (Diocese) of Keren, Eritrea. Dr. Amine will introduce the mission he is representing and make an appeal for financial support. Donation envelopes will be made available.

Canadian Missions: Moved to August 18

Due to the Mission Co-Operative Collection taking place on Sunday, August 11th, we are postponing the Canadian Missions Collection to Sunday, August 18th.

The Canadian Missions Collection supports remote dioceses in NWT and in northern Alberta as well as Catholic Missions in Canada. CMIC fosters and extends blessings of the Catholic faith by supporting many missions in many regions of our country where the population is too small, or the economic situation of the community is too fragile for the people themselves to support their local Church and its ministry.

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AUGUST AT A GLANCE



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of August 2024

For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

01

St. Alphonsus Liguori

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First Friday Adoration

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First Saturday

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Civic Holiday
Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am

06

Transfiguration of the Lord

07

Lunchtime Drop-in
(Last one of the Summer)

08

St. Dominic

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St. Lawrence

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Mission Co-Operative Speaker & Collection

12

2nd Summer Semester Ends

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2nd Summer Semester Exams Begin

*St. Joseph of Cupertino Prayer after Masses until August 23rd

14

St. Maximilian Kolbe
Archdiocese's Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Praying the Rosary at 11:45 am followed by Mass at 12:15 pm

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18

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Canadian Missions Collection (moved to this date)

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St. Bernard

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St. Pius X

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Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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2nd Summer Semester Exams End

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St. Bartholomew

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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UofT Frosh Week

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St. Monica
UofT Frosh Week

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St. Augustine
UofT Frosh Week

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The Passion of St. John the Baptist
UofT Frosh Week
UofT Faculty & Staff Coffee Meet

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UofT Frosh Week

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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**.

When you donate to the **Newman Foundation of Toronto** you are supporting our Campus Ministry's faith based programs.

When you donate to the **Newman Centre** you are supporting our monthly overhead costs for the Centre and the Church.

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?

If you are looking for a part-time job this academic school year, and are enrolled at the University of Toronto, please send us your résumé outlining why you would be a great fit for this position to: rachelle.ezechiels@newmantoronto.com

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>.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way adults come to learn about and experience the Christian life, specifically our Roman Catholic tradition, and become initiated into the life of our Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The RCIA is not something new. It is a return to the earliest traditions of our Church which took place between the second and the fifth centuries of the Christian era! The RCIA takes place step by step in the midst of the Christian community. The whole community is called to reflect upon the value of their faith, to renew their own conversion, and by their example, to lead those who are searching to be open to the presence of the Spirit in their lives.

Are you a baptized Catholic adult, but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

If you are baptized Catholic adult, but have not had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please reach out to us for more information.

For more information please visit our website at: newmantoronto.com/becoming-catholic-rcia or email us: newmancentreTO@archtoronto.org

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