



NEWMAN CENTRE CATHOLIC MISSION

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'S ST. GEORGE CAMPUS

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September is the Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

September in the Catholic Church is a month rich with spiritual significance, marked by important feast days, devotions, and the transition from summer to autumn. This time of year invites the faithful to reflect on their spiritual journey, renew their commitment to faith, and seek the intercession of the saints and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Liturgical Celebrations and Feasts

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15, and the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels on September 29.

In addition to the specific feast days, September is traditionally known as the Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows dates back to the Middle Ages and focuses on the emotional and spiritual pain that Mary experienced throughout her life, particularly during the Passion of Christ. Catholics are encouraged to pray the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows, meditate on each sorrow, and offer their own sufferings to God through Mary's intercession.

September also coincides with the harvest season in many parts of the world. This time of year naturally invites Catholics to express gratitude for the blessings of the earth and the fruits of their labour. The connection between the harvest and the Eucharist is evident, as the word 'Eucharist' itself means "thanksgiving." The faithful are reminded to offer thanks not only for material blessings but also for the spiritual nourishment provided by the Church and the sacraments.

September serves as a period of renewal and preparation. The changing of the seasons can be seen as a metaphor for the spiritual life, where ongoing conversion and growth are essential. Catholics are called to reflect on their relationship with God, seek reconciliation through the Sacrament of Penance, and renew their commitment to living out their faith with greater devotion and purpose. September is a reminder of the ever-present grace of God, guiding the faithful through the changing seasons of life. ■

All are welcome for private prayer at the Church Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm with daily Eucharistic Adoration taking place at 11:00 am to 12:15 pm - daily Mass to follow.

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.

WELCOME BACK TO ALL THE STUDENTS!



OPENING RECEPTION ↗

AFTERNOON SOCIAL ↘



It's that time of year! We welcome the UofT students to come by the Newman Centre and encourage them to take part in our many faith-based programs, evening socials, and events! Come inside the Centre to find out more, follow us on social media (@NewmanUofT), visit our website (newmantoronto.com), or call us - we are here for you!

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. **RCIA classes begin on Saturday, October 5, 2024 after the 9:30 am morning Mass.**

If you are a baptized Catholic adult, but have not had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the Parish office for more information. **Confirmation classes begin on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 5:15 pm.**

Please visit our website at: newmantoronto.com under 'Sacraments' or email the Parish office at: office.administrator@newmantoronto.com

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SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	02 Labour Day Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am	03 St. Gregory the Great Fall Semester Begins Opening Mass and reception Amazing Newman Race	04 Jeopardy Night	05 Tabling BBQ for Students - Carnival themed social Amazing Newman Race	06 First Friday Adoration: Starts at 9 am Murder Mystery Night Women's Group Begins	07 First Saturday
08 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Commissioning Mass: 11 am	09	10	11	12 The Most Holy Name of Mary New Newmanite Supper #1: 6 pm	13 St. John Chrysostom	14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Student Leadership Training Day
15 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	16 Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian	17	18 Lunchtime Apologetics Begins: 1 pm Lumen Gentium Forum Begins: 6 pm	19 New Newmanite Supper #2: 6 pm	20 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang Novena to St. Michael the Archangel Begins	21 St. Matthew
22 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Sunday Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins	23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	24 Pray & Play Begins: 6pm	25 Date Night: 6pm	26 Sts. Jean de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues UofT Faculty & Staff Social Men's Group Begins & UTCCC Begins	27 St. Vincent de Paul Online Novena to St. John Henry Newman Begins	28 Interchaplancy Walking Pilgrimage Novena to St. Michael the Archangel Concludes
29 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Special Collection: Needs of the Church in Canada	30 St. Jerome Faith Studies Begin	<p>The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of September 2024</p> <p>For the cry of the earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.</p>				

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Stewardship Sunday is an annual occurrence across the entire Archdiocese on the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time. As such, Stewardship Sunday will be on Sunday, September 22nd.

The goal of stewardship is to increase the engagement of everyone in the life of the parish, inviting us all to become more involved in the myriad of different ways to serve others.

A steward is someone who receives God's gifts gratefully, develops those gifts responsibly, shares those gifts lovingly in justice with others, and makes a return with interest to the Lord.

As such, the goal of parish vitality and stewardship is to help increase the engagement of everyone in the life of their parish as stewards, inviting us all to become more involved in the myriad of different ways to serve one another for the glory of God.

If you would like to lend your time and talent to our Parish or Centre, please contact Rachelle, our Operations Manager at: rachelle.ezechiels@newmantoronto.com

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Needs of the Church in Canada Sunday, September 29 - All Masses

There will be a second collection on Sunday, September 29th for the Needs of the Church in Canada. Your gifts are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity. Thank you for your support of this important work. Donation envelopes will be placed at the Church.

Prayer for University Students & Professors

Lord, you lead us through all of life's transitions, those we expect and those that take us by surprise, the changes we welcome and the ones we resist with all our might.

As we embark on a new semester filled with uncertainty and different ways of learning, teaching and being community, we look to you for hope and courage. Whether we gather virtually or together, masked and socially distant, we trust that you are in the midst of us, drawing us close and holding us up.

Inspire us to creativity and innovation, service and collaboration. Do new things in and through us that foster abundant life for everyone. Help us to make choices that protect the most vulnerable among us. Grant us patience with one another when stress and fear are expressed in hurtful ways. Give every member of our campus your divine perspective that allows for grace, humility and compassion.

May our search for knowledge and purpose bear fruit in the shaping of a society that better reflects your loving kindness. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

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