



NEWMAN CENTRE CATHOLIC MISSION

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'S ST. GEORGE CAMPUS

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May is the Month of Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

From Salt + Light Media: The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came about in the 13th century. Some say because it was created to replace various pagan cults. The actual reason is the fact that this month is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our saviour Jesus Christ.

The link between Mary and the month of May became popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it had a firm hold among their students at the Roman College and a short time later it was publicly celebrated in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the rest of the Church.

The pious practice of honouring Mary during the month of May has been especially promoted by the Popes. Pius XII

made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy *Mediator Dei*. He characterized it as one of “other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops”

Devotion to Mary is one an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed “Yes” to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her, many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his mother. ■

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NEWMANITE GRADUATION MASS & BRUNCH



Congratulations to all the Newmanite Graduates. To see all the photos, courtesy of Michael Nebesny, please visit our Facebook and Instagram pages.

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 programming 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.

To donate, please visit: newmantoronto.com and click on the 'Donate' button.

MAY 2023 UPCOMING MASSES & EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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MAY

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On this day, parishes throughout the Archdiocese hold prayer initiatives dedicated to vocations. This year we are asked to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for endurance in vocations already committed.

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MAY

INTERCHAPLAINCY GRADUATION MASS & RECEPTION

This is open to graduates who were involved in the campus ministries and their families. The Mass will take place at 2:00 pm at St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St. followed by the reception.

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FAITH & REASON EVENT: 7 PM - 9 PM FEATURING: DR. AARON JAMES

In this lecture, Dr. Aaron James will explore the life works and theological significance of Hildegard - polymath, saint and doctor of the Church.

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PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE SOON-TO-BE PRIESTS: 5:30 PM - 10 PM

There will be a prayer vigil at **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**. Praise and worship, communal prayers, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, as well as praying the Rosary. All are welcome.

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PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS: MAY 13, 2023: 10 AM

Most Reverend Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, will ordain seven transitional deacons with the Sacrament of Holy Orders as they become priests to the Archdiocese of Toronto. All are welcome. **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**. Mass will also be livestreamed.

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MOTHER'S DAY

The celebration of Mother's Day is important in our culture as it is in our faith. In the Catholic Church, we recognize the importance of putting our faith into our action. This is an opportunity to do something charitable for your mother, something charitable for mothers in the community, to recognize and thank God for the gift of life, and to speak with the Virgin Mother.

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER: 6 PM - 9 PM

This dinner and presentation is a way for us to give thanks and appreciation to all our Newman volunteers who selflessly serve our Centre and Parish community. More information to follow.

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VICTORIA DAY

Victoria Day is a federal Canadian public holiday celebrated on the last Monday preceding May 25 to honour Queen Victoria. Daily Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am. The Centre will be closed all day.



CALLING ALL ALUMNI

Are you a former University of Toronto student? Are you a former Newmanite?

If you answered YES, we would like to hear from you!

We are in the process of creating and building our Newman Alumni Resources so that we can better communicate with former students who are looking to connect with us and with other alumni. In doing so, we can grow our pool of speakers, supporters, and much more.

Please scan the QR Code to complete the Google Form or contact Rachelle at: rachelle.ezechiels@newmantoronto.com



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