



NEWMAN CENTRE CATHOLIC MISSION

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'S ST. GEORGE CAMPUS

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THE MONTH OF MARCH IS DEDICATED TO ST. JOSEPH

The month of March holds a special place in the heart of the Church as it is traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus and the protector of the Holy Family. This devotion invites the faithful to reflect on the quiet strength, humility, and unwavering trust in God that St. Joseph exemplified throughout his life.

As the Church honours St. Joseph, particularly on his Feast day on Wednesday, March 19th, we are reminded of his role as a model of obedience and faithful service. Though the Gospels record no spoken words from him, his actions speak volumes—showing us the dignity of work, the importance of family, and the beauty of trusting in divine providence even amid uncertainty.

During this month, Catholics are encouraged to seek St. Joseph's intercession for their families, for workers, and

for a deeper faith. His example teaches us that holiness is often found in the ordinary, that quiet service is precious in God's eyes, and that every vocation, lived with love and faithfulness, has eternal significance.

May St. Joseph, the patron of the universal Church, guide and protect us, leading us ever closer to his beloved Son, Jesus Christ. St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

Starting on Monday, March 10th, we will praying the Novena to St. Joseph after all Masses.

St. Joseph, guardian of the Holy Family, protect us in our daily work, strengthen our faith, and guide us closer to Jesus. Amen.

Wednesday, March 19th is the Feast Day of St. Joseph.



Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving observed by Catholics and many other Christian denominations. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday, leading into the Easter Triduum. The 40 days symbolize the time Jesus spent fasting in the desert, resisting temptation.

During Lent, Catholics focus on repentance and spiritual renewal, often giving up certain luxuries, increasing their prayer life, and performing acts of charity. The color purple is used in churches to represent penance and preparation. Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat, and Good Friday is a day of fasting.

Lent culminates in Holy Week, which includes Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, leading up to the celebration of Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is a time for believers to grow closer to God and reflect on Christ's sacrifice.

On Ash Wednesday we begin our Lenten journey. It is the start of 40 days of prayer, penance, and almsgiving as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. On this day, Fr. Mark Kolosowski will be celebrating two Masses: the daily Mass at 12:15 pm and an evening Mass at 7:00 pm.

Starting on Friday, March 7th and every Friday after that until Good Friday, Fr. Mark will celebrate the Way of the Cross starting at 6:30 pm.

No Lenten season would be complete without retreats. We will be hosting a Parish Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 22nd. The student Lenten retreat will be taking place on Tuesday, March 25th as part of Pray & Play.

Holy Week starts on Palm Sunday, April 13th and Easter Sunday is on April 20th.

Starting in March, we will launch our Paschal Candle Fundraiser. Your support will help provide a variety of faith-based programs for students, enriching their spiritual journey.

The entire Lenten schedule of Masses and events will be posted online and on our bulletin board.

**LENT STARTS ON ASH
WEDNESDAY: MARCH 5**

LENTEN HIGHLIGHTS

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 5

Two Masses will be celebrated:
12:15 pm and 7:00 pm.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Every Friday Evening During Lent

A devotional practice that commemorates Jesus Christ's passion and death through a series of 14 stations, reflecting on his journey to Calvary.
Starting on Friday, March 7 at 6:30 pm.

LENTEN RETREATS

Our Parish Lenten retreat will be taking place on
Saturday, March 22nd starting at 9:00 am.
Our Student Lenten Retreat will be woven in to the weekly Pray& Play Program taking place on Tuesday, March 25th starting at 6:00 pm.

STUDENT EXTREME WAY OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 28 at 8:00 pm

The Student Extreme Way of the Cross is a powerful, nighttime pilgrimage that combines prayer, endurance, and deep reflection on Christ's Passion.

LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSION

Tuesday, April 1

Confessions will be held at the Centre from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

MARCH AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Embrace the 'YES' that Brings
Christ's Hope to Those in Need.



The first ShareLife collection
will be taken on Sunday, March 30!

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of March 2025

For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken
families might discover the cure for their
wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each
other's gifts, even in their differences.

01

First Saturday
RCIA Class

02

8th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

Confirmation
Class

03

Student Bible
Study: 5 pm

04

Shrove Tuesday
A Night in Paris
Arts Showcase:
6:30 pm

05

Ash Wednesday
Two Masses
12:15 pm &
7 pm

06

UTCCC: 6 pm

07

First Friday

Men's Group:
3:30 pm

Women's
Group: 5 pm

Newman Gambit:
5:30 pm

Way of the Cross:
6:30 pm

08

RCIA Class

09

First Sunday
of Lent

Paschal Candles
will be available

10

St. Joseph
Novena Begins

Student Bible
Study: 5 pm

Newman
Graduate Student
Colloquium: 7 pm

11

St. Joseph
Novena

Pray & Play:
6 pm

12

St. Joseph
Novena

Lunchtime
Apologetics
after Daily
Mass

13

St. Joseph
Novena

UTCCC: 6 pm

14

St. Joseph Novena

Men's Group:
3:30 pm

Women's
Group: 5 pm

Newman Gambit:
5:30 pm

Way of the Cross:
6:30 pm

15

St. Joseph
Novena

RCIA Class

16

Second Sunday
of Lent

St. Joseph
Novena

17

St. Patrick

St. Joseph
Novena

Student Bible
Study: 5 pm

18

St. Joseph
Novena

No Pray & Play

19

Feast Day of
St. Joseph

Lumen Gentium
Forum: 6 pm

20

UTCCC: 6 pm

21

Men's Group:
3:30 pm

Women's
Group: 5 pm

Newman Gambit:
5:30 pm

Way of the Cross:
6:30 pm

22

Parish Lenten
Retreat: 9 am

23

Third Sunday
of Lent

Confirmation
Class

24

Student Bible
Study: 5 pm

25

The Annunciation
of the Lord

Pray & Play
Lenten
Reflection:
6 pm

26

Lunchtime
Apologetics
after Daily Mass

Date Night:
6 pm

27

UofT Faculty &
Staff Social:
5:30 pm

UTCCC: 6 pm

28

Men's Group:
3:30 pm

Women's
Group: 5 pm

Newman Gambit:
5:30 pm

Way of the Cross:
6:30 pm

Student Extreme
Way of the Cross:
8 pm

29

RCIA Class

30

Fourth Sunday
of Lent

Confirmation
Class

31

Student Finance
Presentation:
6 pm

**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 we begin 2025, 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 Bible Study program, Faith Studies, Lunchtime Apologetics, liturgical seminars, student and Parish retreats, the Way of the Cross, Pray & Play, student pilgrimages, sacramental preparation programs, stewardship training, and much more.

Following are the different ways that you can donate: in person, online, or by mail. For more information, please contact Rachelle at: rachelle.ezechiels@newmantoronto.com

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