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NEWMAN NEWS

Fifth Sunday of Lent | March 29, 2020 | www.comonewman.org



VIRTUAL MASS TIMES

SUNDAY: 11 a.m.

WEEKDAY: Noon

Visit www.facebook.com/CoMoNewman/video to watch our livestream Masses.

RECONCILIATION:

Tuesdays & Saturdays: 4-4:30 p.m.

BUILDING HOURS:

Monday — Saturday:

8-10:30 a.m. & 2-5 p.m.

Sunday: 2-5 p.m.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK**



@kirbypower

...I'll never take another day in @mizzoutheta for granted, I'll stay in the reservation chapel at @comonewman for five minutes longer, and enjoy every walk to class. I love you so much it hurts @mizzou.

Behold, now
is a very
acceptable
time; behold
now is the
day of
salvation.

2 Corinthians 6

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COME TOGETHER IN OUR WEAKNESS



FR. RICH
Servant Leader

Let's review. Jesus, following his baptism by John in the Jordan, was driven by the Spirit into the desert and tempted by the Master Tempter; a ringing indictment of that Tempter, *"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."* That's the 1st Sunday of Lent. The forty days in the desert prepared Jesus for his encounter with Satan and for his public ministry. The forty days of Lent present us with the opportunity to strengthen our defenses, or, in some cases, create them. We are invited to more actively pursue prayer or study. We are invited to more deliberately

set time aside to participate in ministries or Bible studies. We are invited to intentionally move away from those things that detract from our relationship with God: less time on the internet, more time on church; less time watching television, more time with family or friends in prayer. Did we take advantage of this time to prepare ourselves to face down the Tempter, for our ministry?

In the course of his public ministry, *"Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light."* We share a glimpse of the Son of God in his true glory; a glimpse of the Messiah. Even of more significance is that Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Jesus Christ stands amid the Law and the Prophets, fulfilling both. And that is the 2nd Sunday in Lent. This event was transformative for the disciples that witnessed it; I would offer to you that this event might have transformed us, too. It can move us from our complacency, to a place of engagement with our faith and with our community.

With the 3rd Sunday, we have the encounter of Jesus and the woman at the well. It is likely the longest conversation Christ has with a single individual recorded by Scripture. It describes a moment of true catharsis, a moment of rebirth for this woman. Her personal encounter with Jesus begins with her referring to the law and customs that kept Samaritans and Jews from interactions of any kind. Jesus, as usual, offers grace and love that supersedes the Law and custom. The question becomes, for us: are we too locked into laws and customs, points of view, the *we've always done it that way* disease? If we are, are we prevented from truly encountering Christ in ways that might challenge us? Are we open to a cathartic relationship with the Rabbi who reaches across barriers with love and compassion?

We come to the story of the man born blind on the 4th Sunday of Lent. This complex story offers yet another example of how the spirit of the Lord works in cultures and circumstances that are grounded in shortsightedness and prejudice. As the man who is healed works his way back and forth between Jesus and the Pharisees, he is guided by a growing understanding of who this Jesus is, the power that he possesses, and the new life that he offers.

Do we stand with the man newly sighted? Are we growing throughout this Lenten season to come to a deeper relationship with Christ? Do we stand in our brokenness, bruised often by our encounters with evil in the world? I invite you to recall what Henri Nouwen offered us: "We all are bruised reeds, whether our bruises

are visible or not. The compassionate life is the life in which we believe that strength is hidden in weakness and that true community is a fellowship of the weak." If we are going to strive to be a strong community of faith, we must come together in our weaknesses.

Here in the final Sunday of the Lenten season we find ourselves near Jesus as he stands at the tomb of his friend Lazarus. He is weeping, standing in his humanity, tears flowing for this death. And so we encounter this Christ, in his full humanity, once again teaching us, this is what faith looks like — weep in sadness, but stand in hope. And then, standing in the full divinity of his Sonship he calls across the divide and summons Lazarus.

Have we prepared ourselves with our Lenten involvement for this moment? Are we prepared to encounter Christ, divine and glorified? If we aren't, time is racing. The glorious entrance, the sacred meal, the garden, Cross, the empty tomb: the time is upon us.

Fr. Rich, O.P.

CURRENT PROCEDURES AT NEWMAN

Thank you for being patient with us, as we navigate how to serve you during this crisis. As the situation continues to change day by day, you can find the most updated information on procedures, building hours, and spiritual resources on our website. Click on *"Public Health information"* on the popup tab (or visit www.comonewman.org/public-health).

Participate in Mass online

We are livestreaming daily Mass and the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass on our Facebook page, @comonewman. **You can view the livestream even if you do not have access to Facebook.** The livestream will begin 15 minutes prior to the Mass time, and the video will be available to view after the Mass is over. See the last page of the bulletin for more information.

For those in quarantine

If you are self-quarantined due to age or health and need someone to check on you every few days via phone, the Long Term Care/Homebound Ministry team will help you. If you need an essential item such as groceries or medications, let us know. We will try to identify a resource to help you. Contact the parish office at (573) 449-5424 or email Janet Kelly at reception@comonewman.org.

Help Make Us a Center of Charity and Mercy

Newman is working to connect with and help parishioners who are in self-quarantine and in need of resources such as groceries, medicine, or just someone to check in on them. If you are willing to be part of this team and help us, please contact Susan Devaney at devaney.susan@gmail.com.

Building Hours

The building is open Monday through Saturday from 8-10:30 a.m. and 2-5 p.m. and Sundays from 2-5 p.m. Jesus has been moved to the Tabernacle in the main Chapel, and you are welcome to pray there while the building is open. Please be mindful of distancing and having less than 10 people in the Chapel at any time. Enter through the side door on Turner Avenue.



WE PRAY

for our Newman Community

For those who are sick, especially Gary Winter.

For our beloved dead, especially David Hart. Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Pope Francis' April Prayer Intention: We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Bishop McKnight's April Prayer Intention: For a stronger sense of the mission of the Church, especially among our youth and young adults, in this time of pandemic and in our discernment of a new pastoral plan.

Call the Parish Office to request prayers or assistance if you are homebound. Names will be listed in the bulletin for two weeks.

Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Protection from the Coronavirus

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, we entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. Patroness of the Diocese of Jefferson City, you know what we need. We are certain of the power of your intercession, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who taught us to "love one another, as I have loved you" took our sufferings upon Himself and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Bring under your mantle of protection all who provide care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

V. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

R. Do not despise our pleas and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

TITHING REPORT

February 2020

As a "tithing parish," the Newman Center contributes 5 percent of the offertory each month to nonprofit organizations. You can read more about the organizations we tithe to at:

www.comonewman.org/tithing

\$364.66	Adult Day Connection
\$437.60	Columbia Meals on Wheels
\$364.66	Coyote Hill Children's Home
\$218.80	Day Dreams Foundation
\$364.66	Food Bank of Central/NE MO
\$291.73	Habitat for Humanity
\$145.87	Heart of Missouri Girls on the Run
\$291.73	Life Network of Central Missouri
\$364.66	Love, INC.
\$145.87	Spectrum Health Care
\$437.60	St. Francis House
\$145.87	Tiger Pantry
\$291.73	True North
\$364.66	Voluntary Action Center
\$291.73	Welcome Home

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 30	Noon	Thomas O'Day Smith
Tuesday, March 31	Noon	+ Richard Heimberger
Wednesday, April 1	Noon	+ Blake Alexander
Thursday, April 2	Noon	+ Jillian Goehl
Friday, April 3	Noon	Dinh & +Hanh Nguyen
Sunday, April 5	11 a.m.	The Joe Fick Family

Please call the Parish Office at (573) 449-5424 to request a Mass intention.

PARISH FINANCES

March 21/22

Offertory	\$28,266.00
Month-to-Date	\$96,763.99
Budget for month	\$145,250.00
Variance	— \$48,486.01

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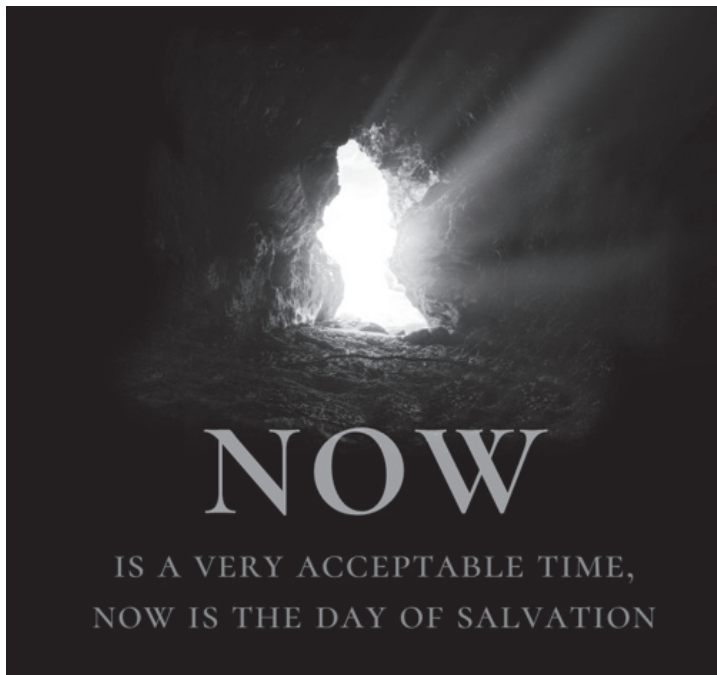
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FIRST READING (EZ 37:12-14)

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 130)

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,

LORD, who can stand?

But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered.

I trust in the LORD;

my soul trusts in his word.

More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD.

For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities.

SECOND READING (ROM 8:8-11)

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive

because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

GOSPEL (JN 11:1-45)

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him."

But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

Act of Spiritual Communion prayer

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself
wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

CONTINUING YOUR SUNDAY TITHE

As public Masses are temporarily suspended, we are working to serve you, albeit in a new way, during these trying times. In the Bishop's instructions to the faithful of the diocese, he has asked us to continue our Sunday offertory tithe by postal mail or electronic means.

If you are already giving through EFT (electronic funds transfer) or through your credit/debit card online, your gift will continue as you have previously set it up. Thank you for your commitment to the parish through this giving option. If you are accustomed to giving to the offertory through cash or your envelopes, please consider continuing your gift in one of the following ways:

- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- Credit/Debit Card or Bank Account through online giving
- Venmo — a PayPal app
- Mail Your Gift through USPS

You can learn more about these options or set up an electronic way of giving on our website at www.comonewman.org/parish/support/offertory. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Claas at angie@comonewman.org.

CEP & EDGE

CEP, EDGE, & KIDS PROGRAMS CANCELED UNTIL EASTER

There are no kids or middle school events while Columbia Public Schools are closed. We'll do our best to stay in touch primarily via email. If you're not receiving emails, contact emily.shull@comonewman.org.

FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION

Please continue to do your at-home lessons. There will be no priest interviews and all April and May events are still on as scheduled. If you have questions, contact emily.shull@comonewman.org.

SAVE THE DATES FOR SUMMER EVENTS

- Totus Tuus: Grades 1-6 | June 15-19 | 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Totus Tuus: Grades 6-12 | June 14-18 | 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- PreK & K VBS: June 25-27 | 9 a.m. to Noon
- VBS: Grades 1-5 | 9 a.m. to Noon | *afternoon childcare option*

KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: Our God gives life. Where do you see new life around you?

For Parents: In the face of death, we are a people who believe in a God of life. For Jesus and for us, suffering and death don't mean that the promise isn't real. This week, pray together for hope and find a way to bring hope to someone else.



Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

GOD'S SON
SICKNESS
RISE

LAZARUS
MARY
MARTHA

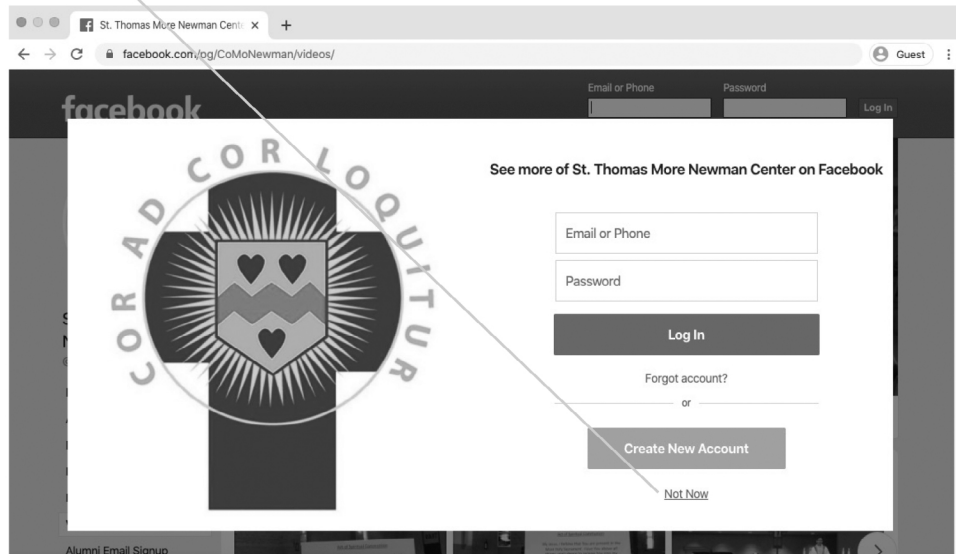
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WEEPING
WRAPPED

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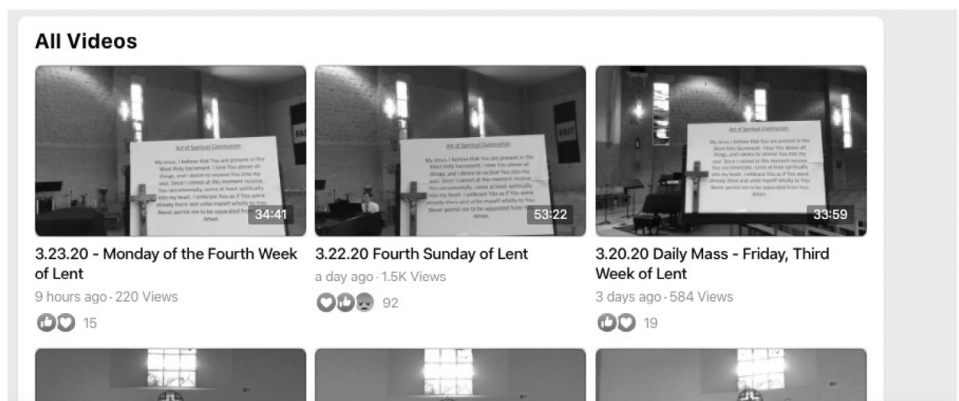



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4. If you cannot see a live video and it is 15 minutes or less before the scheduled Mass start time, refresh the page. Click the  button, located to the left of the search bar.

