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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.*

5 p.m. & 8 p.m. (Students)

SATURDAY: 5 p.m.

WEEKDAY: Noon*

*livestreamed

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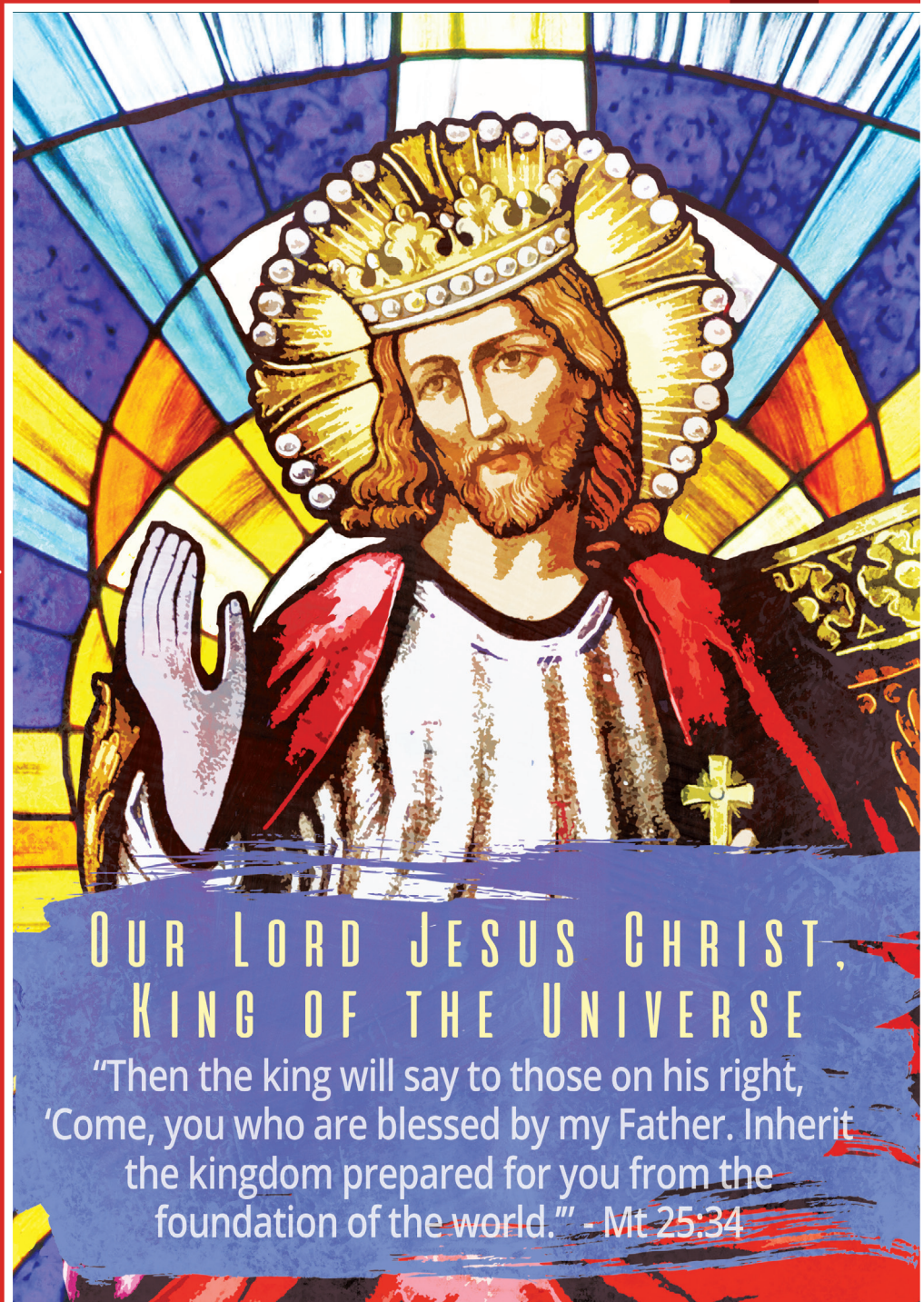


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"Jesus loves us with no strings attached." - Madison Rial, student parishioner



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Then the king will say to those on his right,
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit
the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world.'" - Mt 25:34

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WHAT IS AN INDULGENCE?



PHILLIP NOVOTNY
Seminarian

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the need to avoid large groups, the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those who visit a cemetery has been extended beyond the normal dates of November 1-8. This year, the indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, on any day in November, and devoutly prays for the faithful departed. Seminarian Phillip Novotny dives in to the question "What is an indulgence?" below:

"Sin speaks to the sinner in the depths of his heart." Psalm 36 helps us better understand Christ's teaching that, "everyone who sins becomes a slave to sin." (John 8:34) Every sin

we commit will make us more susceptible to temptation, more likely to sin again. Sin can be very attractive; it knows how to charm our hearts. Vices, like virtues, are strengthened by practice.

God alone forgives sins. But He forgives sin through His Church, through the ministerial Priesthood He Himself established. Sins are forgiven, but punishment due to those sins remains. Think about being a child: your parents tell you not to take a cookie from the cookie jar, but you do anyway. Whether you got caught or turned yourself in, it matters not, you are guilty of cookie theft, which you know is wrong. So you confess, you own your sin, your guilt, and your parents forgive you. Does this forgiveness mean that the punishment for the crime has been lifted? No. God is the perfect parent; He is parenting par excellence. Any good parent knows that if the punishment is not carried out, the behavior will continue. Nothing learned=no growth. So you receive your just punishment (let's say quiet time in your room). No parent stops loving their child at any point of this process. To the contrary, it is love that drives a parent to punish, willing the good of the child for the child's sake. Good parents do this because God does this. He loves us so much He is willing to watch us suffer so that we might become better persons.

But what if you do something fantastic whilst doing hard time in the slammer (your room)? Not only are you quiet and well-behaved, you far exceed the mandate of your sentence by making your room superbly clean. Your punishment may be drastically reduced due to this act of love, presuming you do this because you know how upset your parents are and you are grieved to see them so. This is an indulgence, a remission of temporal punishment due to sin, whose guilt has already been forgiven. But note that it is done out of love; this demands true contrition, which is sorrow for sin and desire (as well as intention) to never commit that sin again. This is also called firm purpose of amendment: to wholly intend to amend your ways, to change your life, to turn away from sin and vice. We are sorry for sin because it hurt the One against whom we sin, the One we love. Don't we regret hurting our loved ones? This should not only include God, but He must be the primary beloved.

What is this temporal punishment? Indulgences may be partial or plenary, which means complete or absolute and unconditional. In either case they are reducing the "time" we must spend or the amount we must suffer to make satisfaction for our sins. Every sin entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures (creature=created thing) and by choosing the creature over the Creator we must be purified either here on Earth or after death in the state called Purgatory (final purification before entering Heaven).

WHAT IS AN INDULGENCE (CONTINUED)

These punishments must not be viewed as vengeance inflicted by God, but as the natural consequence of sin; moreover, the Christian must strive to accept this temporal punishment of sin as a grace, an undeserved gift. And this gift can be applied for ourselves or can be passed on to the poor souls in Purgatory, to remit the temporal punishment of their sins.

Mortal sin can only be forgiven through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, whereas venial sin can be forgiven through the penitential act at the beginning of almost every Mass. But all sin has a double consequence. The first is that we sever Communion with God in the case of mortal sin and merely damage it in the case of venial sin. Even when Communion with God is restored and the eternal punishment is washed away (hell), temporal punishment, the second consequence of sin, remains. Prayer and sacrifice, penances, pilgrimages, works of mercy and charity all have indulgences that can relieve this. Indulgences are granted to the faithful only through the prescribed conditions of the Church, which usually involve, in addition to Reconciliation, Praying for the Pope and his intentions, and detachment from sin. A few other examples: kissing a crucifix, giving alms, tithing, and the stations of the cross.

To be clear, no one can earn their way to Heaven. We can inherit the Kingdom of Heaven only through the merits of the Cross of Christ, through His passion, death, and resurrection. Anything whatsoever we merit, we merit because He first merited it for us. We merit indulgences through the suffering of Christ. Questions about indulgences? Read Paragraphs 1471-1479 in the CCC or talk to a Priest or a seminarian.

Phillip Novotny

A LOOK AT NEXT SUNDAY

Watch for the Glory of the Lord



November 29 | First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B, 64:2-7; Psalm 80
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37





WE PRAY

for our Newman Community

"It is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the living and the dead." 2 Maccabees 12:46

For those who are sick:

Fred & Betty Weisel

Ron Branch

David Hurt

For our beloved dead:

Bill Davis

Gary Winter

Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Pope Francis' November Prayer Intention: We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Bishop McKnight's November Prayer Intention: For a greater sense of gratitude to God for all blessings received, and a greater sense of our responsibility for the mission of the Church in our parishes.

To make a prayer request, go to our website www.comonewman.org. Prayer Requests will be listed in the bulletin.



Thanksgiving Mass at 10 a.m.
Office Closed November 26-27

DECREE FROM BISHOP MCKNIGHT

DISPENSATION EXTENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

All the faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City, and those who are present in the territory of the Diocese, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation **until further notice**, provided that they do one of the following:

- Prayerfully participate in the Sunday or holy day of obligation Mass livestreamed from their parish church or chapel, the Cathedral, the Vatican, or of any Mass of the day celebrated in communion with the Roman Catholic Church.
- Prayerfully read and meditate on the readings of the Mass for the Sunday or holy days of obligation, and recite the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- The faithful still have the obligation to keep the Lord's Day holy and "to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (CCC 2185)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 23	Noon	+ Alexander Lising
Tuesday, November 24	Noon	+ W.H. "Jack" Donnell
Wednesday, November 25	Noon	+ Alphonse Pham & Anne Dong
Thursday, November 26	10 a.m.	+ Robert Chamberlain
Friday, November 27	Noon	Wassinger Family
Saturday, November 28	5 p.m.	+ Gary Winter
Sunday, November 29	8:30 a.m.	+ Mr. & Mrs. B. Huynh
Sunday, November 29	11 a.m.	+ Elizabeth Muscato
Sunday, November 29	5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, November 29	8 p.m.	+ Harold & Dorothy Snedden

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

PARISH FINANCES

The November 14/15 parish finance report will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

QUARANTINE SUPPORT

If you or a friend are in quarantine and would like support from our Catholic Campus Ministry staff (prayer, food, medicine, etc.), fill out our [Catholic Campus Ministry Quarantine Support form](#). Any questions, contact Logan Davis, our Resident Campus Minister at logan@comonewman.org.

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY

Find a small group that fits your needs by contacting McKenna at mckenna.kukla@focus.org.

COME LEARN DIFFERENT FORMS OF PRAYER

Are you curious about what prayer is, or are you looking to learn a new way to pray? If so, join us to learn about different prayer methods, in a 15-minute mini workshop. Sessions will take place following daily Mass, in the Disciples room, Wednesdays (when MIZZOU is in session) beginning December 2. Contact Yvonne Chamberlain (yvonne@comonewman.org) for more information.

TITHING REPORT

October 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

\$307.55	Columbia Meals on Wheels
\$256.29	Coyote Hill Children's Home
\$153.77	Day Dreams Foundation
\$358.81	Food Bank of Central/NE MO
\$102.52	Heart of Missouri Girls on the Run
\$205.03	Habitat for Humanity
\$205.03	Life Network of Central Missouri
\$256.29	Love, INC.
\$102.52	Spectrum Health Care
\$358.81	St. Francis House
\$102.52	Tiger Pantry
\$205.03	True North
\$307.55	Vitae Foundation
\$256.29	Voluntary Action Center
\$205.03	Welcome Home

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ADVENT SALE

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Advent Wreaths, Candles, and Calendars in the Gathering Space after all Masses the weekends of November 22 and 29. There are an assortment of real and electric candles and wreaths available. All proceeds benefit the council's charitable activities.

NEWMAN NEWS

REVISED CONFESSION TIME

Please note the change in time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will now be heard from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR #GIVINGTUESDAY!

This year, #Giving Tuesday falls on December 1. Newman will be raising funds for two important projects:

1. Funding for the SEEK Conference, which will be held on-site at Newman with virtual connections for keynote addresses and breakout sessions. Funds will help reduce student costs for the conference as well as providing for meals, worship, sacraments and other logistical needs.
2. Funding the new Martha Trauth Social Justice Education Endowment Fund. This fund has been newly created by parishioners John Gahl and Kate Trauth. Martha, Kate's mother, was a strong follower of the Church's teachings on social justice. This fund in her memory will provide funds for social justice programming at Newman.

By the generosity of donors, all gifts made on Giving Tuesday will be matched! Give online at comonewman.org/givingtuesday or through Venmo (@comonewman with comment #GT).

2021 CATHOLIC EXTENSION CALENDARS

Pick up a free copy of your 2021 Catholic Extension "Devotions to Our Lady" wall calendar in the Gathering Space. Thank you to Bear Creek Family Dental for sponsoring the calendars for our parish!

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1. Go to formed.org/signup or parish and student sign-ups page
2. Enter Newman's Zip Code 65201 & Select Newman Center
3. Provide your full name and email address
4. Stream, read & listen!

PARISH COUNCIL BYLAWS REVISION

The Parish Council at its December 1 meeting will consider adopting revised bylaws governing the council. The proposed changes can be reviewed on the parish website (click ministries, then click on "Parish Council" and there will be a downloadable PDF), on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space, or at the Parish Office. Comments or questions may be emailed to Secretary, Patrick Pullins, at patrick.pullins@gmail.com. Parishioners may also attend the December 1 meeting, contact Patrick for the Zoom link or to register to attend in person (in-person attendance will be limited due to social distancing measures).



COMO LIFE TEEN

NO LIFE TEEN THIS SUNDAY!

No Life Teen this Sunday (Nov. 22) because of Thanksgiving break! We'll miss you all, but please know how thankful we are for all of our teens and their families! Our next Life Night will be Nov. 29. We'll be talking about why it's important to take care of our mental health and how that corresponds to our faith.

CONFIRMATION PRAYERS & REMINDER

Please continue praying for our Confirmation students as they continue on in this journey! If you have not turned in your copy of your Baptismal certificate or your sponsor form yet, please do so. Enjoy your Thanksgiving!

A STEWARD'S WAY

As we approach Thanksgiving this week, we'd like to highlight a couple of our parish tithing partners that our parishioners are active in supporting through volunteer hours in addition to financial support. Let us say a prayer this week for those we serve and those that serve us.



LOVE, INC (Love, In the Name of Christ) is a gospel-driven organization that exists to "Connect and Equip," by connecting those in need with those willing to help; equipping those willing to help with training resources and encouragement; equipping those in need with supportive friends and assistance in many forms to move forward in life. Beyond financial support, many Columbia churches provide the resource backup for concrete services, hospitality for meetings and education groups, tutoring, sewing lessons, classes in parenting and financial management. Professional social work staff and volunteers act on the belief that a trusting relationship with a family-in-need is the only basis for trying to alleviate the underlying issues that keep people mired in poverty, violence, addictions and defeat. Newman parishioners were instrumental in creating a furniture bank under LOVE, INC's auspices which has now evolved into The Love Seat used furniture and clothing store on the Business Loop.

St. Francis Catholic Worker: This Columbia unit of the Catholic Worker movement has, for over 25 years, provided food and shelter to the poor in accord with the call to action Christ gave in the Sermon on the Mount. Emergency shelter and longer-term housing for some is offered through St. Francis House (men) and Lois Bryant House (women/families) and their facilities provide early morning access to showers, toiletries, food, laundry facilities and telephones for the poor who live on the streets. They operate Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen where a daily meal is served to dozens of guests every day of the year. Our tithing is dedicated specifically to the hospitality mission. Newman parishioners are very active in every aspect of this unique community.

CEP & EDGE

IN-PERSON & ZOOM CEP TODAY & OFF NEXT WEEK

We will have in-person CEP Nov 22nd & Dec 6th for Sunday and Dec 2nd & 9th for Wednesday. We will NOT meet Nov 25th & 29th to allow family time for the Thanksgiving holiday. Families can also switch to the zoom/check out groups at any time.

EDGE ZOOM GROUPS DEC 6TH & 13TH (NO IN-PERSON GROUPS)

We plan to have our 3:30 & 6:30 zoom groups for Advent prayer and Christmas games but haven't had many families meeting in-person so all events will be zoom only until the new year.

KIDS' CORNER

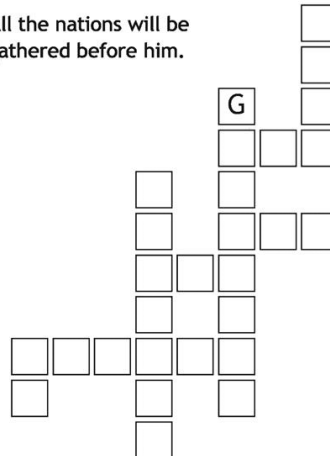
For Kids: What can you do this week to help Jesus by helping someone else?

For Parents: Jesus tells us to reach out to those in need at a time when our world is suffering. Please ask us, your church family for help if you are in need. If you are able, please do what you can to help others.



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

All the nations will be gathered before him.



HELPFUL LINKS

INFORMATION ON ATTENDING MASSES

Visit www.comonewman.org/attend-mass to view the current instructions on attending Mass at the Newman Center.

VIEW THE LIVESTREAM MASS

Visit www.comonewman.org/view-newmans-livestream-mass (or click the "Livestream Mass" button on our website) to watch our livestream Masses.

PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

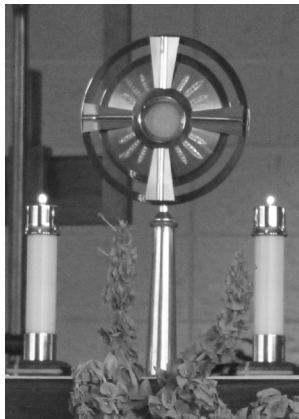
Visit www.comonewman.org/public-health for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

PRAYER RESOURCES

Visit www.comonewman.org/prayer-resources for links to daily Masses, readings, and other prayer opportunities.

Prayer for a Communion of Desire

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, renew my heart now with the power of Your Spirit. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Unite me more closely to Your Body, the Church. And never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



CONTINUING YOUR SUNDAY TITHE

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.

NEWMAN VOLUNTEER CORPS



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We are now collecting non-perishable items for our local Food Bank of Central & Northeast Missouri! You can drop off your donations in the tall bin in the chapel entryway of St. Thomas More Newman Center. The Food Bank is not accepting volunteers at this time.

SALVADORAN COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE SALE

It's that time of year again! Newman Volunteer Corps is selling Salvadoran Coffee and Chocolate! Coffee and Chocolate from last season will be discounted at 50% off while supplies last. Contact Jaynie at nvc@comonewman.org to order ahead!

We will be selling these in addition to newly ordered items at regular price after every mass on the weekend of December 5th-6th, so mark this in your calendars! These are both great Christmas gifts to give to your family & friends as you head home for the holiday season.

THE GIVING TREE RETURNS TO NEWMAN

The Giving Tree is back at Newman this Advent! Through the Giving Tree, many children will be able to celebrate Christmas with a gift to unwrap on Christmas morning. We have opted to add a couple additional ways to participate this year, starting Saturday, November 14th:

The Usual Way: Please take a tag off of the tree and return your unwrapped gift next to the tree in the Gathering Space (with tag attached) by Sunday, December 13th.

Donations: We have set up a method by which you can donate money at the link below. Be sure to select the correct fund (labeled "Giving Tree") and we will purchase gifts on your behalf. There are fees associated with this method (approximately 3%) and we would greatly appreciate it if you could include the fees in your donation. <https://comonewman.breezechms.com/give/online>

Direct To Church Delivery: If you are ordering gifts for the Giving Tree online, you may have them delivered directly to The Newman Center at 602 Turner Ave, Columbia, MO, 65201. To assist with assigning the gift to the correct person, please use the Message option available for most online orders to note the family number/name on the gift tag.

All gifts, no matter the method you give, must be at The Newman Center by Sunday, December 13th. Thank you so much!