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SATURDAY MASS TIME

5 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

8:30 a.m.

11 a.m. (livestreamed)

5 p.m.

8 p.m. (livestreamed)

WEEKDAY MASSES (M-F)

Noon (livestreamed)

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PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA

Those preceding him as well as
those following kept crying out:

"Hosanna!

**Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!"**

- Mk 11:9

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HOPE FOR THE FUTURE - OUR SISTER PARISH IN PANDEMIC TIMES



EMILY SHULL
*Director of
Religious Education*

El Salvador began a lock down of all but a limited number of those deemed essential workers on March 21, 2020. It was one of the world's strictest with the military empowered to stop citizens and detain/quarantine them. The upside is that El Salvador's low median age and strict lock down have kept death rates comparatively low for Latin America. Lock down continued into July though most business delayed reopening of any kind until August due to high summer Covid rates. Over half of working age Salvadorans work in the "informal economy" as day laborers, street vendors, self-employed through in-home businesses, etc. Overall, incomes for these workers were devastated by lock down. The Salvadoran government did provide some aid, food distribution and utility assistance. In our area community gardens have continued to provide fresh healthy food for families which has been extremely helpful.

The school year in El Salvador begins in February and ends in November with a holiday break rather than a summer break. When the country went into lockdown schools closed and have remained closed by government mandate from elementary schools through universities both public and private. El Salvador does plan to reopen schools April 6th, at the same time that Columbia's public schools return to 5-day in-person learning. We've heard from families that learning at home has been especially difficult. Most families have access to a smartphone but few have computers. Any devices a family has must be shared among children. Many families have had to go to the homes of friends or more public locations to reach a cellular or wifi connection to upload and download assignments.

Recovery for El Salvador will be slow, but vaccination rates reveal the biggest gap between our experiences in the US and the experiences of our brothers and sisters in El Salvador. As I'm writing this, roughly 22% of US residents and Missourians have received a Covid-19 vaccination and those rates climb every day but less than one percent of Salvadorans have been vaccinated. To date, vaccines have only been given to healthcare workers. WHO programs promise more vaccines soon for health care workers and the most vulnerable but those promised doses will only inch the country toward a 5% vaccination rate. Mask wearing has been almost universally adopted but social distancing in such a populous country is very difficult.

Our parish support has created real change for families in El Salvador by providing food, income, microloan programs, high school and university scholarships, English language and computer training, empowerment of Women and youth and

positive culturally relevant youth initiatives. Progress always comes with setbacks, but what our prayers and support also provide is hope for a brighter future in El Salvador.

Emily Shull

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: JANE SMITH

HOW LONG HAVE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY BEEN MEMBERS OF THE PARISH?

My husband Bob and I moved to Columbia in 2000, after all our children were out on there on their own.

WHAT MINISTRIES DO YOU VOLUNTEER WITH?

Since the 70s, I have been involved in all things liturgical. I'm a member of the Mass planning team and I serve as a lector and a Mass coordinator.

HOW HAS YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE GROWN THROUGH THE MINISTRIES YOU'RE INVOLVED IN AND HAS THE PANDEMIC IMPACTED YOUR PARISH INVOLVEMENT?

Participation and ministering in the Liturgy has always been the place where I meet God, in the company of the congregation, to assess the details of my life, and how I am being invited to become the best version of myself that can be. It is my place in which to be clay in the hands of the Potter, still molding me, shaping me.





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 our beloved dead:
Sue Crowley and Jim Tunink

Pope Francis' March Prayer Intention: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Bishop McKnight's March Prayer Intention: Through the example and intercession of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, may a gentle disposition rule our hearts and allow for charity, reconciliation, and mercy in our lives.

HOLY WEEK 2021 SCHEDULE

SIGN UP FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASSES

Below is the Holy Week schedule. Please note the office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

As we prepare for the Triduum and Easter Season, we look forward to seeing many more members of our community

If you are planning to attend a Holy Week Service and/or Easter Mass, please sign up under the time you plan to attend. This will help out our entire community as we try to accommodate as many people to attend Mass as we can!

Fr. Dan's study of the Passion, Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday service, the Easter Vigil and 11 a.m. Sunday Mass will all be livestreamed on our Facebook.

Visit the Parish or Students sign up page to RSVP!

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7 p.m. — Study of the Passion with Fr. Dan

HOLY THURSDAY

7 p.m. — Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

Noon — Study of the Passion with Fr. Dan

3 p.m. — Stations of the Cross

7 p.m. — Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY

8:30 p.m. — Vigil Mass

No 5 p.m. Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

7, 8:30 & 11 a.m. — Mass

No 5 or 8 p.m. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 29	Noon	+ Susan Katz
Tuesday, March 30	Noon	Communion Service
Wednesday, March 31	Noon	+ Blake Alexander
Thursday, April 1	7 p.m.	+ Jillian Goehl
Friday, April 2	7 p.m.	The Lord's Passion
Saturday, April 3	8:30 p.m.	+ Clem Schulte
Sunday, April 4	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
Sunday, April 4	8:30 a.m.	+ Russ Taylor
Sunday, April 4	11 a.m.	+ Jim Tunink

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

PARISH FINANCES

March 20/21

Offertory*	\$28,812.33
Month-to-Date	\$95,573.26
Budget for month	\$125,000.00

Variance - \$29,426.74

*This includes EFT giving, mailed envelopes, and online donations through credit/debit cards and Venmo. Thank you for your continued support of the parish!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

E3 TEAM APPLICATIONS

Applications for E3 Team close on Wednesday, April 7. Visit our website to apply or contact Logan Davis for more information

NO 8PM MASSES DURING SPRING BREAK

There will not be an 8pm Student Mass on Sunday, March 27th or Sunday, April 4th.

VOCATION/MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

There are many vocations opportunities available to individuals considering religious life to learn more about specific orders. Visit the campus ministry section of our website to learn about them. Contact campus.ministry@comonewman.org with questions!

SAFE TRAVELS DURING SPRING BREAK

Campus Ministry wishes every one a safe and joyous spring break; whether you're traveling or enjoying a staycation! Our programs will take a break beginning March 26th. Please note the return dates of our programs:

April 3 - Weekly email
April 6 - Morning Holy Hours
April 7 - Journey into Prayer & E3
April 11 - 8pm Mass
April 12 - Power Hour

SENIOR SEND OFF 2021

Seniors keep your eye open for an email from JoAnn Shull, Director of Development, that provides information about all Senior Send-off activities we have planned for you including the senior survey, exit interviews, graduate cords, Baccalaureate Mass, and Graduate Night.

KNIGHTS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Every Knight joins for a reason: whether to grow in faith, to serve our communities or protect those most in need - we work together to make a difference. There is much work to be done in our world — good work, necessary work — bold acts of heroism, and simple gestures of kindness. Our communities and campuses need our help, and we can't do it without men just like you. Faith and service are the reasons the Knights of Columbus exists, and we invite you to join us in putting our faith into action.

Now through June 30, join Knights of Columbus for free, online. Visit kofc.org/joinus and use promo code: MCGIVNEY2020.

When asked if you would like information on a local council, enter council number 7231 so the Newman Center council will receive your information. Email MizzouKnights@gmail.com or call/text Patrick Pullins (Financial Secretary) at 573-881-3727 with questions.

NEWMAN NEWS

FORMED PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Adults: Way of the Cross

Kids: The Witness Trilogy: God with Us

See the Parish & Student Sign-ups page to get your account or contact emily.shull@comonewman.org

JOURNEY INTO PRAYER RESUMES APRIL 7

Journey into Prayer will return on Wednesday, April 7. Join us after daily Mass on Wednesday each week, as we focus on Praise, as a form of prayer. In May we will revisit Lectio for those who missed it in January.

LANGUAGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM: SEEKING FRIENDLY ENGLISH SPEAKERS

We have visiting Korean parishioners who are often in the parish for only a year or two who would like to meet one on one with an English speaker. We're asking volunteers to meet once a week for at least six weeks beginning in March. You can meet in-person or on Zoom. No Korean or teaching experience required! Visit the parish sign-ups page to fill out an interest form to help us pair you with an English learner.

Contact Emily at emily.shull@comonewman.org or Eunsook at esbkwon@gmail.com for more information

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a 2nd Collection at all of the Easter Masses for The Infirm Priest Fund. This serves to maintain a reserve for out-of-the ordinary health needs of diocesan priests not covered by health insurance.

APPLY NOW TO JOIN THE 2021-22 PARISH COUNCIL!

Parish Council is looking for YOU! The Newman Center Parish Council is currently accepting applications for members for the April 2021-April 2022 term. Resident and Student parishioners are invited to apply. Members either serve as liaisons to a parish group or committee or serve in one of the council officer positions (President and Secretary). Selected members will take office at the April 27, 2021 meeting. Applications are due by Noon on Monday, April 19 and can be found on the parish website sign ups page. Please contact Fr. Dan with any questions.

COMO LIFE TEEN

LIFE NIGHT THIS WEEK: LUKE 18 PREP NIGHT!

At Life Night tonight (3/28), join us for a movie and crafts! It's our Luke 18 prep night, but those attending Luke 18 or not attending are all welcome to come! We'll just be watching a movie while making crafts for the weekend. Luke 18 speakers will meet in a separate room to go over talks. We meet 6:45-8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart's Activity Building most Sundays. This is open to all high schoolers, so bring a friend and join us for a great night of community and prayer.

Check out our social media for our semester schedule and more info. You can find us on Facebook and Instagram at @comolifeteen.

CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS REMINDER

High school confirmation students, please turn in any requirements you might be missing - we're getting closer to our Confirmation date. We appreciate the prayers of the parishes as our teens make this next step in their faith lives!



Contact - Renee Molner
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IN THE DIOCESE

TOLTON TEACHING POSITIONS OPEN

Fr. Tolton Catholic High School currently has an opening for a full-time social studies instructor (AP experience is preferred) as well as a full-time math instructor (Algebra II, Geometry, and Statistics) for the 2020-21 school year. Applicants should send a resume to Rose Lloyd at rlloyd@toltoncatholic.org.

TOLTON BOARD EXPANDED TO INCLUDE LAY LEADERSHIP

Successfully fulfilling a goal that was outlined in Tolton Catholic's recently-published VISION 2020 Strategic Plan, Bishop McKnight has announced the expansion of Tolton's Board of Directors to include lay membership.

Previously, the Board of Directors was composed of four appointed clerical members, with the school's president/principal serving in an ex-officio capacity. Underscoring the critical importance of laity and clerical co-responsibility for the future growth of Tolton Catholic High School, Bishop McKnight has appointed Mr. Michael Kelly and Dr. Julie Stansfield as new voting members within this expanded governing body. Please see the Tolton Catholic website or the Catholic Missouriian for more information about these two new members of the board.

CEP & EDGE

SPRING BREAK CANCELATIONS FOR CEP & EDGE

No CEP or EDGE Sunday, March 28th, Wednesday the 31st and Sunday, April 4th due to Spring Break and the Easter holiday.



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KIDS' CORNER

For Kids: Jesus came to bring us LIFE so we remember his death and resurrection in Spring when new life is all around us. Where do you see signs of new spring life?

For Parents: The Passion is long for kids but it's easy to break up into a few verses each day this week. Mon Mark 14:1-11, Tues: Mark 14: 12-26, Wed: Mark 14:27-52, Thurs: Mark 14:53-72, Fri: Mark 15: 1-41, Sat: Mark 15:42-47



PUZZLE

Find and circle ten things that are different:



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

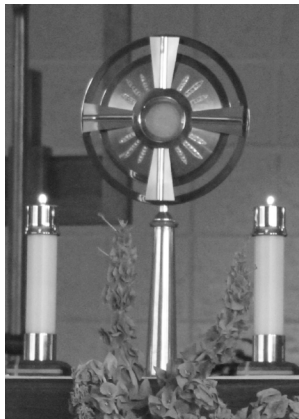
Visit www.comonewman.org/public-health for the most updated information on our procedures and building hours.

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 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.

VOLUNTEER FOR MENTORING AT-RISK KIDS (MARK)

Mentoring At-Risk Kids (MARK), our tutoring program, will return this March! Weekly sessions will take place on Mondays, from 4-5:30, at Newman! Please Contact Jordan Layton at 573-352-0180 or jordanelayton@gmail.com if you are interested in participating!

SISTER PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

We have been supporting our sister parish in El Salvador since 2014! Through this sistering relationship, we commit to support and nurture; friendship, spiritual companionship, cross-boarder visits, advocacy for long-term solutions to problems of poverty and social injustice, initiatives which promote new leadership, citizen participation and women and youth empowerment. Our goal this Lent is \$9500, with funds directed to gardens and youth training coordinated by the SHARE Foundation, and vocational training facilitated by Fr. Paul Schindler, the pastor at our sister parish. We encourage you to donate either through the envelopes on the table in the Gathering Space, or online at www.comonewman.org/lent.

HELP WANTED: LOAVES & FISHES - APRIL 14

On the 2nd Wednesday of each month, Newman cooks and serves at Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen here in Columbia. The meal for Loaves and Fishes will be cooked at the Loaves and Fishes site (702 Wilkes Blvd). Masks and gloves will be required for both cooking and serving. Please bring your own mask if possible; if not, masks will be available. Gloves will be available, and do not be afraid to change gloves when needed. Wash hands thoroughly before using gloves. Sign up by visiting the parish sign ups page on our website.



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