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### Newman Masses during Chapel Restoration

**The Newman chapel is closed for restoration until March 2018.**

**Monday - Friday at 12:15 pm** - Oak Room, Newman Centre

**Saturday Mass at 9:30 am (Rosary 9 am)** - Oak Room, Newman Centre

**Sunday Masses from Dec. 3rd at 11:00 am & 7:00 pm** - Regis College, 100 Wellesley Street West

**Mass on statutory holidays:** 9:30 am in the Oak room

**Confession:** Monday to Friday 11:45 am - 12:05 pm | Saturday 9-9:20 am | Sunday 10:15 am - 10:45 am & 6:15 pm - 6:45 pm (*Alternatively, schedule an appointment with Fr. Peter*)

**For all Sunday Masses until March 2018, including Christmas and New Year's Masses, please refer to the insert. For Parking information, please see inside.**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings in the Lord:

This past week we celebrated the Memorial of St. John Damascene. He was a monk and priest who lived near Bethlehem. This last of the Greek Fathers of the Church wrote many beautiful hymns in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He is best known for his defense of the use of holy images during the iconoclast controversy of the 8th Century. During a time when holy images were banned and destroyed due to the belief that they were a violation of the Old Covenant interpretation of the Ten Commandments. However, St. John Damascene successfully argued that the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity rendered it possible to make and venerate (not worship) holy images.

The season of Advent is a blessed time when we are called to reflect upon *the fact* that God became man. The Virgin Mary, the focus of this blessed season, represents the absolute best of Israel. It is she who is chosen and prepared right from the beginning of her conception to become the Holy Mother of God. Her obedient "Ave" to God heals the tragic wound caused by the disobedience of Adam and "Eva".

The Ven. Fulton Sheen once said, "only she who raised Christ can raise a Christian". My prayer for each of us is that we can all experience her loving intercession in our own lives as the Father continues to re-create the image of His Son in us through the power of His Holy Spirit on our way to Bethlehem this year. As baptized men and women, all of us are called to reflect the love of God to those around us. Despite the fact that the world seems to be growing dimmer with time, we are called to be beacons of light and hope because God is *with* us, *in* us and *awaits* us in His glorious kingdom.

Have a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year!

God bless, Fr Peter



### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS REPORT: NOVEMBER 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Chapel Maintenance Fund</u>	<u>\$19,944</u>
Nov. Offertory	\$9,620	\$8,722		
Total Year to Date:	\$106,448	\$101,841	Shepherd's Trust	\$467

Want to hear about our events? Join our email list. Email: [maria.dasilva@newmantoronto.com](mailto:maria.dasilva@newmantoronto.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Notices:

- 1) The Newman Centre will be open from 9 am - 5 pm on December 18th & 19th. The Centre will be closed to the public from December 20th and will reopen on Thursday, January 4th, 2018.
- 2) There will be only one bulletin published for December 2017.
- 3) Our weekly programs such as Genesis, Spiritual Direction, Divine Mercy etc. will return in the New Year.

**Pray and Play:** Returns Tuesday, January 9th. Adoration at 7:30 pm and board games with treats at 8:30 pm in the Oak Room. **Open to: All**

**Advent Day of Confessions:** In addition to our regular confession schedule, our Parish Day of Confessions is on **Friday, December 15th from 10 am - 12 pm and 2 pm - 3 pm** in the Newman Centre. Regular confession is available every day before Mass, please see timing below: Monday to Friday: 11:45 am - 12:05 pm | Saturday: 9:00 - 9:20 am | Sunday: 10:15 - 10:45 am & 6:15 - 6:45 pm.

**Mentorship Program at Newman:** Are you seeking guidance in correlating your faith with the development of your career? *OR* Are you a professional who would be willing to provide mentorship support to a student? All who are interested in learning about or participating in the program are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Alexandra at [alexandra.whittle@newmantoronto.com](mailto:alexandra.whittle@newmantoronto.com) The next mentorship series event will be held on Thursday, January 18th at Newman Centre.

**Newman Catholic Students' Club:** Please visit their Facebook page for all events @UofT.NCSC

**Giving Tuesday Campaign:** We are so very grateful to all our donors who supported Newman Centre's Giving Tuesday Campaign! Some of you have given of your time while others have given to support the homeless. Giving is not just about making a donation. It's about putting your faith in action.



### Parking Information for Sunday Masses during Chapel Restoration:

Sunday Mass parking vouchers for the Rotman garage are available. Street parking is free until 1 pm. Please arrive early so you have 10 minutes to walk over to Regis College at 100 Wellesley Street for Mass during the restoration period. Alternatively, there is limited paid parking around Regis College.



***Want to get involved with our community? Drop by or email us.***

# DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS AT NEWMAN CENTRE



Are you going to **Rise Up** in Ottawa from Dec 28, 2017 – Jan 1, 2018? Join the Rise Up bus today. Spaces are limited, so if they're looking for cheap transportation to and from Ottawa (\$50), visit [bit.ly/riseupbus](http://bit.ly/riseupbus) and buy your ticket asap.



The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is on the second floor next to the library in the Newman Centre for private Adoration. Chapel hours are Monday - Friday 9 am - 9 pm. All are welcome.



**Mission Trip to Jamaica:** April 27 - May 6, 2018. Cost is \$500 per person plus a donation to the Brothers to cover food and residence. Only 20 spots available, and we're teaming up with UTSCC this year. Newman and UTSCC-associated students will receive first priority, followed by non-students and students from other universities. Registration packages: <http://bit.ly/NewmanUTSCCMissionTrip2018>



**Pilgrimage 2018: Austria, Hungary, Poland** July 2 - 12, 2018, 11 Days C\$ 3,650 (includes taxes & tips) Join us for our second annual pilgrimage under the spiritual direction of Fr. Peter Turrone. Full itinerary: [bit.ly/NCPilgrimage2018](http://bit.ly/NCPilgrimage2018) For more information, please contact: [maria@qstours.com](mailto:maria@qstours.com) or [agnes@qstours.com](mailto:agnes@qstours.com) 905-412-2242; 1-800-565-3619



## St. Francis Xavier Relic Pilgrimage - Thursday, January 11, 2018

Special event for GTA University Students - We are praying for graces of healing, conversion of souls and the raising up of missionary disciples who are more abandoned to God's will. More information here: <https://cco.ca/relic/>

## Angelic Doctor Lecture: A Catholic Perspective on Evolution

Join us on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at the Newman Centre for the Angelic Doctor lecture with Fr. Thomas Davenport, OP on *A Catholic Perspective on Evolution*.

Fr. Davenport is a scientist and co-author of "Thomistic Evolution"

**Synopsis:** Many Christians have found it hard to reconcile modern science with their faith, particularly when it comes to evolution. Although they may not realize it, Catholics have a wealth of philosophical, theological, and scriptural tradition to draw on to help address difficulties raised by the developments of modern science. This lecture will lay out some of the fundamental principles that help Catholics understand the harmony between faith and science, and evolution in particular.



Fr. Thomas Davenport, OP

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## **NEWMAN CENTRE SUNDAY MASS TIMES DURING CONSTRUCTION**

**@ Regis College** (100 Wellesley St W, Toronto, ON M5S 2Z5)

All Sunday Masses at 11am and 7pm

Sunday Dec 3rd, 2017  
Sunday Dec 10th, 2017

**@ St. Peter's Catholic Church** (830 Bathurst St, Toronto, ON M5R 3G1)

Masses will be at St. Peter's because Regis College will be closed for the Christmas Holidays

Sunday, Dec 17th, 2017 (9 am, 11:15 am and 6 pm)  
Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (11:15 am Mass) **Day of Obligation**  
Sunday, December 24th, 2017 (Midnight Mass)\* **Day of Obligation**  
Monday, December 25th, 2017 (11:15 am)\*  
Sunday December 31st, 2017 (11:15 am) **Day of Obligation**  
Monday, January 1st, 2018 (11:15 am Mass) **Day of Obligation**

**\*It is obligatory to attend any of the Sunday Masses in addition to either Midnight Mass or Christmas Day Mass. Catholics will have fulfilled their obligations if they choose to go to Midnight Mass after having gone to Sunday morning Mass on the same day (Dec 24<sup>th</sup>). Alternatively, it is also possible to go to any Sunday Mass on Dec 24<sup>th</sup> and then go to Christmas Mass on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

**@ Regis College:** All Sunday Masses at 11 am and 7 pm

Sunday, January 7th, 2018  
Sunday, January 14th, 2018  
Sunday, January 21st, 2018  
Sunday, January 28th, 2018

Sunday, February 4th, 2018  
Sunday, February 11th, 2018  
Sunday, February 18th, 2018  
Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**@ Newman Centre** (Tentative Re-dedication):

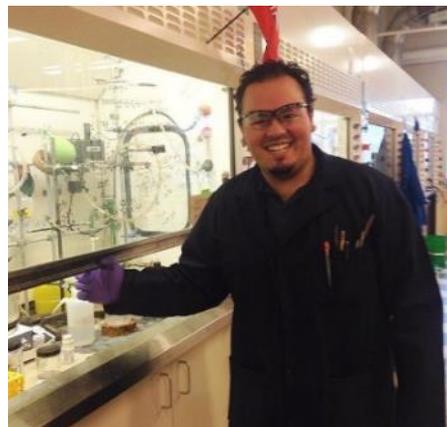
Monday, March 19th, 2018 at 7pm: Re-dedication of the Chapel, Solemn Mass celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Collins on the Solemnity of St. Joseph!

## Thank you for putting Faith into Action!

During the Advent season, I thought you might want to know how your donations have been used at Newman Centre. Please read José's story, it bears witness to Newman Centre's success in nurturing students to put faith into action.

***“Moving away from home to come to Toronto for graduate studies was a difficult thing for me. Not only the PhD program itself being quite intense, but the aspect of being so far away from my family and friends took its toll on me as a young graduate student. I felt alone, helpless, and ever-so –distant from God. Then through the grace of God I was introduced to the Newman Centre at U of T.***

***Newman has given me so much. From lifelong friendships in Christ to a solid foundation and understanding of what it means to be a Catholic scientist, and the ability to grow in holiness- especially in my prayer life- Newman has been a Godsend to my life as a PhD student. Jesus through the Newman Centre has done for me in the 21st century what Jesus did for Lazarus in the 1st century. People often ask me if I believe in Jesus and His Church. The apt response from me is always “After all I’ve seen Him do in my life, how could I not be?” - José Campos, a Student Campus Minister at Newman Centre, who is a third year PhD student in Biological Chemistry at the University of Toronto.***



At Newman, Fr. Peter and our team look for opportunities for students to encounter the Catholic faith and to develop leadership skills through the Bursary Fund, the catechesis, the lectures, mission trips, ecumenical activities and social outreach events.

Thank you for being a supporter of Newman. This week, you will have received a package from Newman where you can find out how your donations can make an immediate impact on the lives of our students.

In this season of giving, I invite you again to be a Newman supporter. To make a donation, please visit our website: [www.newmantoronto.com](http://www.newmantoronto.com) and click



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