



2016 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve	Saturday, December 24	<i>Midnight Mass only (No 9:30 am Mass)</i>
Christmas Day	Sunday, December 25	<i>11 AM (No 7 pm)</i>
Daily Mass	December 26 - 30	<i>12:15 PM</i>
Daily Mass	Saturday, December 31	<i>9:30 AM Mass</i>
New Year's Day	Sunday, January 1	<i>11 AM (No 7 pm)</i>
Daily Mass	Monday, January 2	<i>12:15 PM</i>

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Liturgical SCHED. - Dec 24/25 and Jan 1

December 24, Midnight: *Sacristan* - SCM;
Server - Julio, Rob, Richard B.; *Lectors* - Assembly
Volunteers; *EMHC* - Assembly Volunteers.

December 25, 11 am: *Sacristan* - SCM;
Server - SCM.; *Lectors* - Martin S., Joan B.;
EMHC - Richard B., Mary V.

December 25 - No Mass at 7 pm

January 1, 11 am: *Sacristan* - SCM;
Server - SCM.; *Lectors* - Joan B.;
EMHC - Richard B., Mary V., Diane L.

January 1 - No Mass at 7 pm

Liturgical SCHED. - Jan 8 and 15

January 8, 11 am: *Sacristan* - Nathan F.; *Server* -
SCM ; *Lectors* - John K., Joan B.; *EMHC* - Richard
B., Sr. Ann M., Assembly Volunteers.

January 8, 7 pm: *Sacristan* - Jeremy J.;
Server - Richard R.; *Lectors* - Mike P.; *EMHC* -
Hyewon K.

January 15, 11 am: *Sacristan* - SCM; *Server* - Gayle
A.; *Lectors* - Brian S., Larry R.; *EMHC* - Mary V.,
Sr. Ann M., Assembly Volunteers.

January 15, 7 pm: *Sacristan* - Bluky N.;
Server - Richard R. ; *Lectors* - Liam F., Mike P.;
EMHC - Assembly Volunteers.

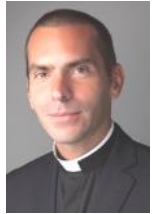
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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings in the Lord:

The Advent season is quickly coming to an end. The Church offers us a beautiful devotion to help intensify our preparation for the celebration of Christmas. The "O" Antiphons, refer to the antiphons that are recited prior to the Magnificat during Vespers. Each one focuses on a title for the Messiah. The Benedictine monks ordered them in such a way that one starts with the last title and takes the first letter of each one forming the Latin words *ero cras*. Translated into English, it means: ***Tomorrow, I will come!*** Indeed, the 8 days prior to December 25th are focused on preparing for Christ's first coming.



While many parishioners will be away on Christmas holidays visiting family and friends abroad, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for being part of the Newman community. It is a blessing to be pastor of such a welcoming community of men, women and children as is ours. Our recent Advent Dinner was a visible sign of this. The staff and several students worked tirelessly to ensure that we could have this moment of fellowship with each other and Bishop Kasun while honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was also an honour to have Fr Pat O'Dea, a former pastor, join us for this event.

I leave you with an excerpt from Pope Francis' Christmas Eve Homily given in 2014. "Today, the Son of God is born, and everything changes. The Saviour of the world comes to partake of our human nature; no longer are we alone and forsaken. The Virgin offers us her Son as the beginning of a new life. The true light has come to illumine our lives so often beset by the darkness of sin. Today we once more discover who we are! Tonight we have been shown the way to reach the journey's end. Now must we put away all fear and dread, for the light shows us the path to Bethlehem. We must not be laggards; we are not permitted to stand idle. We must set out to see our Saviour lying in a manger. This is the reason for our joy and gladness: this Child has been "born to us"; he was "given to us", as Isaiah proclaims (cf. 9:5). The people who for two thousand years has traversed all the pathways of the world in order to allow every man and woman to share in this joy is now given the mission of making known "the Prince of peace" and becoming his effective servant in the midst of the nations."

May these words challenge us individually and collectively to become every increasing effective witnesses of the Prince of Peace this coming year.

Have a Blessed Christmas - Fr. Peter.

Want to hear about our events? Join our email list. Email: maria.dasilva@newmantoronto.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice: This bulletin covers 4 weeks. The next bulletin will be published on January 15, 2017

Newman Centre Hours: December 19 & 20th - Open 9 am - 5 pm | December 21st to January 4th - Closed | January 5th & 6th - Open 9 am - 5 pm | January 9th onwards - 9 am - 9 pm.

Archdiocese of Toronto Celebrates 175th Anniversary : December 17 marks the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, kicking off a year-long celebration of this historic milestone. The Archdiocese is planning numerous historical and spiritual activities to commemorate the anniversary, including a celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on May 30, 2017. In acknowledging this significant anniversary, Cardinal Thomas Collins remarked: *"It is always a joy to express my gratitude to those, past and present, who have made incredible contributions to our city, province and country, inspired by their faith. Over the next year, we will honour the past, energize our present faith community and look forward to an exciting future."* Visit: www.archtoronto.org to read more.

Mentorship Program at Newman: Are you a 3rd or 4th year student parishioner searching for a mentor or are you an experienced professional willing to mentor a student? Please apply to our Mentorship Program at: <http://newmantoronto.com/ministries/mentorship-program> or contact Sonal Castelino at sonal.castelino@newmantoronto.com. Application deadline: December 30th.

Te Deum Holy Hour of Adoration: All are invited to celebrate Te Deum in Thanksgiving for the past year on Saturday, December 31st from 10 - 11 am and to renew our consecration to Jesus through Mary. This will be held after the 9:30 am Saturday Mass (Rosary at 9 am).

Bible in a Year: Would you like to learn the Word of God through a Bible in a Year program? Copies of the program will be handed out at Sunday Masses. If you would like to join an online chat group about the Bible, please email Sonal at sonal.castelino@newmantoronto.com.

Notice: The 2017 Sunday Missals are arriving soon. We are grateful to Catholic Cemeteries and Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto for their generous contribution of missals for the Newman community.

To Volunteer for a Liturgical Ministry, please contact:

Altar Servers - Rogelio, rogelio_mir@hotmail.com

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Sonal, sonal.castelino@newmantoronto.com

Sacristans - Julie, julie.wright@mail.utoronto.ca

Lectors - Joan, sarika@bell.net

Lay Pastoral Visitors - Anne, anne.skrepichuk@newmantoronto.com

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



First Annual Angelic Doctor Lecture: We mark the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas with our first Angelic Doctor lecture with guest speaker, Fr. Peter Cameron O.P. Join us on Thursday, January 26th at 6 pm for a special Mass with lecture at 7 pm. **Offered by: Newman Centre | Open to: All**



Pilgrimage to Italy: To join Newman's group pilgrimage to Italy from May 22-June 1, 2017, please contact Sonal at sonal.castelino@newmantoronto.com. See full itinerary here: <http://bit.ly/2h0f176> 40 spaces available. **Open to: All** (Please note: \$300 Deposit deadline is Sunday, January 15, 2017.)



Winter Retreat: Join our beautiful annual winter retreat in Jericho House from January 27 - 29, 2017 with the Sisters of Life and Jesuit Scholastics. The weekend includes fellowship, prayer, silence and rest. Students: \$100; Non-students: \$150 (Includes food, transportation and accommodations) For brochure and registration, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2hSBIFv>
Offered by: Newman Centre | Open to: Ages 18 - 35



Save the Date: Don't miss this amazing opportunity to join a very special Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 9 am - 3:30 pm with Fr. Jacques Philippe who joins us from France! Cost is \$15 only! The day comprises Rosary, Mass, spiritual talks, prayer time and confession. To RSVP, please visit: <http://bit.ly/newmanretreats>. **Open to: All**

DOUBLE YOUR EFFORTS FOR NEWMAN STUDENTS!

We have good news! A generous donor has offered to match every donation to Newman Centre from now until December 31, 2016 up to a total of \$5,000!

While your Christmas gift list is filling up, open your heart to supporting students. Please consider making a gift to Newman Centre so that we can help to strengthen the students' faith and share the light of Christ with others.

Your Christmas gift can help us reach thousands of Catholic students. Read the amazing story of Natalie and Virginia who came from non-practicing families and have re-established their faith in God (<http://bit.ly/2ggKXBH>)

You have the power to make a difference in these young lives with your gift! Donate today at: <http://newmantoronto.com/about-us/giving>



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