

Bulletin

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NON-SEMESTER MASS TIMES

Mon - Fri: 12:15 p.m. | Sat: 9 a.m.
Sun: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

CONFESSION

Mon - Sat after Daily Mass

BUILDING HOURS

Mon - Thurs: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fri: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Reflection

FROM FR. JAKE

May 24, 2024

Dear Friends of St. Lawrence Newman Center,

“In this world, you will have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

What does it mean to “take heart”?

“The heart,” the Catechism of the Catholic Church 2563 says, “is the dwelling place where I am, where I live—our hidden center, beyond the grasp of our reason and others. The heart is the place of decision, deeper than our psychic drives. It is the place of truth, where we choose life or death. It is the place of encounter.”

In the Biblical sense, our heart is all of our past choices, good and bad, what we trust most, and what we most desire. We are currently writing the story of our life, and our heart is where all the writing is found. A priest professor of mine in seminary would say: “By the mere fact that we were born we were born writers! The ink we use to write is our choice, so be careful what you write!”

And yet, if I have learned one thing in the Christian life, it is that I cannot always “trust my heart” since I have an uncanny ability to go astray. This is what we call *concupiscence*—a capacity for disordered desire or inclination. Everyone has this (unfortunately) and it only muddies the waters of our life, actions, and hearts. Perhaps the best definition of humility I have heard is this: humility is a progressive distrust of self and a progressive trust in God.

To “take heart” I think we could do no better than to practice the art of taking heart; not so much in our own hearts, but in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is a fitting time to think about this since the Month of May is traditionally the month of Mary (and her Immaculate Heart) and the month of June is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

WHAT'S NEW?

All students and young adults are invited to join a weekly bible study beginning this **Sunday, May 26th from 10 - 11 a.m.** in the upper level of the Newman Center.

Monday, May 27th, the building will be closed in light of Memorial Day except for Mass and Confession at 9 a.m.

Monday Night Volleyball will be played as usual on Memorial Day at 8 p.m. in the Newman Center Gym.

Join us for a Eucharistic Procession with the Archdiocese as a part of the Eucharistic Revival on **Monday, May 27th**. The procession will begin with Middy Prayer at 12:45 p.m. The procession will conclude with prayer around 4 p.m. inside the cathedral. Visit our website to learn more:

www.gophercatholic.org/events/archdiocese-eucharistic-procession.

The next Women Growing in Faith meeting will be **Tuesday, June 4th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space. All women of the parish are invited to attend. For more information, visit gophercatholic.org/about/women-growing-in-faith.

St. Lawrence Newman Center **will be closed June 11–13th** with no Mass and Confession as the entire staff will be engaging in missionary training with our mission partner, Saint Paul’s Outreach (SPO) that week. We apologize for the inconvenience but are excited to have our whole staff engaged in this endeavor for the sake of the Gospel.

On **Wednesday, June 19th**, in observance of Juneteenth, the building will be open for a limited time from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. However, the office will remain closed all day.

Reflection from Fr. Jake cont...

While the secular culture invites us to take security in defining ourselves according to our sexual desires and self-imposed hedonistic self-gratification, the Sacred Heart of Jesus invites us to “come to me, all you who are weary and heavy-burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart.”

I invite you to “take heart” in the hearts of Jesus and Mary these days.

What are a few ways we can do this?

- Come to Holy Mass on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 7, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturday, June 8.
- Pray daily in the months of May and June the litanies of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- Take into your daily meditation that you are resting your head upon the heart of Jesus and/or the heart of Mary. Allow your whole person to rest in this most secure of all places. Slowly read a short passage of Scripture and repeat this several times slowly. Tell the Lord of your desires. Repent of your sins. Do everything in the Peace of Christ.
- Pray and make reparation for the sins and outrages against the heart of Jesus by which He is greatly offended.

May we “take heart” in the stability of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In Christ,
Fr. Jake

NEWS CONT...

There are many ways to serve here at St. Lawrence Newman Center. A few opportunities include becoming a lector, sacristan, usher, Eucharistic minister, getting involved with music ministry, and many more. Email info@gophercatholic.org to get connected.

Throughout the semester we have collected quite a few items that are in our lost and found. Please view the items on our website. If any of these are yours, please come to the office to claim them. After 2 weeks, the items will be donated.

We are grateful to our generous supporters for contributing to the mission here at St. Lawrence Newman Center. Consider giving a gift today at gophercatholic.org/support-us or contact Joe Geiger at 612-261-2811.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. May 26: 9 a.m.: Christie Schmidt and Family | 7 p.m.: For Our Parish |

Mon. May 27: +Walter and Lisa Bochnak | **Tues. May 28:** +James Bussmann | **Wed. May 29:** +Joseph De Silva |

Thurs. May 30: Lucas Krames | **Fri. May 31:** Anne Radtke and Andrew Donovan | **Sat. June 1:** +Francis De Silva and Flora Nunes

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May 26 - June 1, 2024

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Ministries and More

Young Adults

Come check out the St. Lawrence Young Adult Group. This group is targeted at those 22-32 years old. The group meets every other Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in Room B. For more information, please contact youngadults@gophercatholic.org

Prayer Intentions

- For the recovery of Joe Anderson from a near-fatal work incident
- Pray for financial help to keep our business. We also pray for the strengthening of our marriage
- Pray for my studies. I'm a student at Liberty University in Worship Studies and Commercial Music

Monday Night Volleyball

Join us for Monday Night Volleyball from 8-10 p.m. in the parish gym. If you have questions, please call John Hagen at 612-623-0908.

Builders Men's Ministry

Builders is for men who are grad students, young adults, and parishioners to build a spiritual fraternity in the parish that supports and encourages men. They meet monthly on Wednesday at 7 p.m. To learn more email Br. Gary at brogary@brohope.net or visit gophercatholic.org/about/builders

Fr. Jake's Homilies

Homilies are posted on our website every Tuesday, gophercatholic.org/media.

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Join our email list found at gophercatholic.org/weekly-email for the most up-to-date information.

Women's Group

The Women's Group provides opportunities to share experiences, wisdom, and hold fundraising events. For more information please call the front office at 612-331-7941 or visit gophercatholic.org/about/womens-group

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Want to become Catholic? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) classes will return in the fall.

Victim Assistance Program: (651) 291-4475