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SEMESTER MASS TIMES

Mon - Fri: 12:15 p.m. | Sat: 9 a.m.
Sun: 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 7 p.m.

CONFESSION

Mon - Sat after Daily Mass

BUILDING HOURS

Mon - Fri: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Reflection

FROM FR. JAKE

May 3, 2024

Dear Friends of St. Lawrence Newman Center,

“Free will, though it makes evil possible, is also the only thing that makes possible any love or goodness or joy worth having.” -C.S. Lewis

We are on the cusp of entering into summer mode. The academic year is winding down and perhaps there is growing anticipation, albeit mingled with some trepidation for job seekers and graduating seniors, for the “quieter” months of summer. Having said that, it is amazing how quickly our time fills up rendering our summer schedules even more inflated than other seasons. May the Lord give us good discernment in evaluating what to take on and what to take out.

I simply want to hold out to you a small recipe of sorts for true freedom in the Holy Spirit. Like all recipes though, it requires certain steps to follow, certain actions that are necessary for the full flowering of the outcome. On a personal note, I do find this mildly amusing since I am a lousy recipe follower.

Anyways, may we not forget the Christian understanding of freedom which is not doing whatever *we want* but rather is the power to do what *we ought*. In other words, it is a life that is freed from the tyrannical rule of sin in one’s life and experiences “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” A life dominated by ego-centric self-interest, constant noise and media, recourse to one’s not-so-smart phone, fleshly compulsions, and relentless anxiety is only a recipe for agitation and dis-ease. A life lived in the following tryptic is a path towards the peace of Christ that the world cannot give.

The three steps for greater freedom in the Holy Spirit are the following: With our free will (our capacity to choose and decide), we can choose to live:

- 1) For Him
- 2) From Him
- 3) In Him

Perhaps a few words on each of these, as they are somewhat distinct from each other. What does it mean to live “for God?” St. Ignatius of Loyola famously said: “Our one desire and choice should be the end for which we were created.” I find that this is very fruitful when “reconstituted” every day,

WHAT'S NEW?

The Non-Semester Sunday Mass times will begin **next Sunday, May 12th** at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Reminder: Adoration has concluded for the semester. There will be **NO** adoration during the summer months.

Women Growing in Faith will be meeting monthly over the summer with the first gathering on **Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Gathering Space. All women of the parish are invited to attend. The topic for the summer will be how we encounter Christ in the Eucharist. For more information, contact Amy Sippl at asippl003@gmail.com.

The next Builders, Men’s Night, will be **Wednesday, May 8th at 7 p.m.** in the Gathering Space. Men who are grad students, young adults, and parishioners are invited.

Please join us in extending congratulations and offering prayers for alumnus, Alexander Hall as he prepares to be ordained into the transitional diaconate on **Saturday, May 11th at 10:30 a.m.** at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. Alexander will assist at the 9 a.m. Mass here at St. Lawrence Newman Center the following day.

Beginning, **Monday, May 13th**, the summer building hours will be **Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**, and **Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

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

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.

Do you have a prayer intention? We have a place to collect your prayers on our website. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

Reflection from Fr. Jake cont...

particularly in the mornings when the day is fresh. To bend the knee before a crucifix as the sun is rising and pray to our Creator and Lord and consciously remember that I was not made by accident but on purpose and for a purpose—to live not for myself but for Him and His glory. Now this is a most excellent way to form a freedom-filled mindset.

What does it mean to live “from Him?” The Danish philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard says our lives tend to be the result of our dominant thoughts. On any given day, there are certain thoughts that dominate the horizon of our attention from which stem myriads of decisions. For the disciple of Jesus, we want to grow in the art of living from what motivated and animated the Lord Himself. It is the gradually learned art of drawing power from grace.

Finally, we want to live “in Him.” This means living in the Divine Will. For as Dante Alighieri reminds us, “In His will is our peace.” Perhaps nothing entails more “work” for our free will than aligning and re-aligning (especially by repentance) our will and ways into His will. I know I have stressed this countless times but permit me to say again—we must immerse ourselves in His Word. For as St. Jerome says, “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ”. How can we know His will if we do not know His Word? We risk living in a shallow sentimentality at best and a life of inevitable self-destruction at worst. And yet...great peace is in store for those who seek Him. Jesus Himself promises this, “Whoever has my commandments and obeys them is the one who loves me, and whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him” (John 14:21).

May we live deeply for Him, from Him, and in Him.

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, serving donuts and coffee, and many more. Contact Br. Gary Davis at brogary@brohope.net to hear about our volunteer opportunities.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. May 5: 8 a.m.: The Anderson Family | 10:30 a.m.: For Our Parish | 7 p.m.: +Bryce Schultz |

Mon. May 6: John & Patty Groetsch | **Tues. May 7:** The Kirsh Family | **Wed. May 8:** +Fr. Jeff Huard |

Thurs. May 9: For the Pope and All Our Shepherds | **Fri. May 10:** +Wayne Zenk | **Sat. May 11:** +Susanna Na

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May 5 - May 11, 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

- 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
- For me and my family's move to Minnesota

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.

Gopher Catholic

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