

Bulletin

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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

April 26, 2024

Dear Friends of St. Lawrence Newman Center,

During the winter months, my car takes a considerable amount of time to warm up in the early mornings. I suppose sub-zero weather will do that to most vehicles. I have made the mistake all too many times of being in a hurry (nothing good ever happens when we are in a hurry) and putting it in drive before the engine has had adequate time to heat up. The result is a very sluggish movement, and the vehicle quite literally groans. It is not a comfortable experience for either me or the car!

Humorously, perhaps there is something analogous to the life of the soul. It is so easy for our love for God to grow cold and stagnant, often as a result of inactivity or passivity. The cold temperatures of our surrounding environment (worldly preoccupation, fleshly comforts, etc.) only solidify this cooling of charity and when it comes time to “move” in obedience to God, e.g., coming to Sunday Mass, prayer life, practicing a particular virtue, etc., we “groan” inwardly as a result of this shifting into ‘drive’ mode.

What can keep us “warm” in the life of God? For this is a far better way to live! I am reminded of the great Fulton Sheen’s words, “The person in love is never static, there is always growth or decay.”

So how do you and I stay in love with God? Let us not forget that our God is a consuming fire and who first revealed Himself to Moses in a burning bush. This is the work of the spiritual life; constantly turning to God so that I decide everything in reference to that love. Jean Jacques Olier (1608-1657) was a Sulpician, a French school of spirituality, and he said that Christianity can be summarized in three movements: 1) *that we look at Jesus*, 2) *that we be united in Jesus*, and 3) *that we act in Jesus*. To look at Jesus?

WHAT'S NEW?

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

We are in need of volunteers to clean the church **tomorrow Saturday, April 27th**. There will be a light brunch following the 9 a.m. daily Mass with the church cleaning beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Join us in celebrating the graduates of 2024 with Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Fr. Jake Anderson, students, parishioners, and friends, at the Graduation Mass on **Sunday, April 28th at 10:30 a.m.**

Join us for the last Eucharistic Encounter Night of the semester on **Sunday, April 28th** after the 7 p.m. Mass. We'll have an opportunity to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament, have praise and worship, and be prayed over if desired. Eucharistic Encounter Nights will return in the fall.

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.

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

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.**

Reflection from Fr. Jake cont...

That is falling in love. To be united with Jesus? That is staying in love. To act in Jesus? That will decide everything.

Let's flesh these out just a bit more. To look at Jesus takes place in the mind, in our thoughts. It is amazing how even a quick second thought can change the trajectory of our day. For what we are attentive to is often a defining measure of our character formation. When our thoughts are rarely on God it is the beginning of the "cooling" factor. That we are united in Jesus is the interior act(s) of faith and repentance, seeking to solidify our belief in Him and to sever all ties with sin and willing disobedience to Him. It is amazing to me how many "small strands of string" quickly become a very strong rope in keeping me attached to things, not of God. Repentance severs all these little attachments. Finally, that we act in Jesus is truly where the rubber hits the road, for nothing warms up our interior life more than when movement in the will is happening. The more decisive we become in acting, truly acting on the Word of God, the more we can run the race set out for us and we will not grow faint.

May our love not grow cold but only warmer in the love of God.

Blessings in the Lord Jesus,
Fr. Jake

NEWS CONT...

Episode ten of season three of Fr. Jake's video series *Faith in Life* is now available. In this episode, Fr. Jake addresses if it's actually possible to pray all the time. To view the video, subscribe to our YouTube channel, *Gopher Catholic*.

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.

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. April 28: 8 a.m.: +Linda Turi | 10:30 a.m.: For Our Graduating Seniors | 7 p.m.: For Our Parish |
Mon. April 29: +Sandy Villella | **Tues. April 30:** +June Kroening | **Wed. May 1:** +Gordon & Elsa Marie Thune |
Thurs. May 2: Richelle Reding & Seth Marek | **Fri. May 3:** +Jose Anadon | **Sat. May 4:** +Melvin Sandquist

April 28 - May 4, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

- Pray for financial help to keep our business. We also pray for the strengthening of our marriage.
- For Guy Strauss who is in the hospital.
- For the repose of the soul of Bob Roessler and for comfort for his family

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