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SATURDAY MASS TIME

5 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES 8:30 a.m. 11 a.m. (livestreamed) 5 p.m. 8 p.m. (Student Mass)

WEEKDAY MASSES (M-F) Noon (livestreamed)

ADORATION Tu, Th, F: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. (Confession also offered)

RECONCILIATION Tuesdays: 5 - 5:30 p.m. Saturdays: 4 - 4:30 p.m.

BUILDING HOURS Open Daily 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

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FORMED PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Adults: Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ Kids: Lukas Storyteller: St. Joseph

See the parish website to get your account set up or contact emily. shull@comonewman.org

PRIEST Q&A THIS THURDAY

Join us as Fr. Dan helps us understand the finer points of our faith by answering questions submitted by parishoners. To submit your questions online, scan the QR code on page 4!!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES JOB OPENING

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is accepting applications for the position of Director of Adult Faith Formation. Qualifications include: committed to the Catholic Faith and attends Mass faithfully; experience preferred though not required; interpersonal and organizational skills; willingness to actively coordinate the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process and to coordinate adult Scripture Studies, small faith-sharing and educational groups, and any other ministry related to adults. Full-time, benefits included, salary will vary according to education and experience. Contact Fr. Chris Cordes at 573-445-7915 or frchris@ ourladyoflourdes.org if interested.

PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

All are invited to a Liturgy of the Word service Monday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. This ceremony will include the "Presentation of the Creed" to those preparing to celebrate the sacraments of initiation at Easter.

IMPORTANT PARKING REMINDER

Hail Mary Full of Grace Help me find a parking place!

Parking at Newman has always been a challenge, so we thought a review of parking guidelines is in order:

- Persons **must** be parked in a **yellow** visitor space, be in the . building the entire time of their visit, and signed in at the office.
- This is in effect from 7:00am 4:00pm daily.
- If a visitor is not parked in a **yellow** visitor space, they will be towed.
- The only exception is during Mass time (11:45-12:45), when persons may park in a white space or in the Turner Garage.
- Even if a person is parked in these locations during Mass and desires to attend a class, a meeting, or adoration afterward, they **must** move their vehicles to a **yellow** space and sign in.

SERVICE AND JUSTICE

REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER WITH FORCOLUMBIA

Registration has started for ForColumbia 2022. The city-wide event of Christian service for our community is April 30, and registration opens March 20. Please register at www.forcolumbia.com/ volunteer/. For more information, please go to forcolumbia.com or ask Sue Yarbrough.

CEP & EDGE

SPRING BREAK SCHEDULE

Sunday CEP, EDGE & Children's Liturgy will be off on March 27th for Spring Break. Wednesday CEP will be off March 30th.



Contact - Emily Shull emily.shull@comonewman.org



1. Donate online at: diojeffcity.org/donate. AND/OR

2. Write a check to your parish, indicate "for Ukraine," and place it in the offertory basket.

Thank you for your generosity!



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COMO LIFE TEEN: HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR LIFE NIGHT THIS SUNDAY

Join us tonight (3/20) for another great Life Night filled with food, faith and friends! We meet at the Activity Building at Sacred Heart most Sundays from 6:45-8:30 p.m. We start with dinner, so come hungry! All high school students are welcome!

LUKE 18 REGISTRATION

Our high school registration for Luke 18 (an in-town retreat for 8th graders led by our high schoolers, April 8-10) is open, so please register now! For more information and/or to register, see the links on our Facebook page, in our weekly email, or in our GroupMe. The sign-up for 8th graders for Luke 18 is also open! Sign your 8th grader up for a weekend of faith and fun! More info and registration on the Our Lady of Lourdes website.



Contact - Renee Molner renee.molner@comonewman.org

College Ministry

EPHESIANS 3 WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP!

Join us for E3, a weekly gathering for college students to enjoy fellowship with each other, encounter Christ through prayer, worship and hearing a talk. Wednesdays at 8:33pm in the Church.



Contact - Angelle Hall angelle.hall@comonewman.org

PARISH FINANCES March 12/13

Offertory* Month-to-Date Budget for month		\$15,200.44 \$62,669.45 \$118,00.00
Variance	-	\$55,330.55

*This includes EFT giving, mailed envelopes, and online donations through credit/debit cards and Venmo. Thank you for your continued support of the parish!

MASS INTENTIONS

Please call the Parish Office at (573) 449-5424 to request a Mass intention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Priest Q & A

March 24 7-8 PM In the Church

Have questions about your faith or anything related to the Catholic Church?

Our priests are here to anwer them!

Scan our QR code to submit your questions!







WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

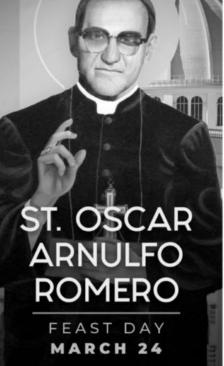
Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9	
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30	
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35	
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19	
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23	
Friday:	ls 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38	
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14	
Next Sunday	: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1- 3. 11-32	

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Lent	
Wednesday:	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop	
Friday:	The Annunciation of the Lord	
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday of Lent	

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

God clearly reveals his identity as "I am who am." God, who is really beyond all names, is the One who simply "is" as the ground of all being. This ever-existing, uncreated, and all-encompassing presence of unconditional God, who is Love, is very patient as he waits for us to grow and change. God is so near to us that it is easy to miss his presence. As true love requires, God seeks a devoted, intimate, free, and exclusive relationship with each of us. As we walk through the parched, desert experiences of our lives it is easily in our thirst for water and a respite from the heat that we reach for and construct idols that will bring us immediate relief and satisfaction. These false gods, made out of our comforts and earthly desires can quickly take the place of the One who really has first dibs on our hearts. Humans have often wandered far away from God as St. Paul reminds us. In helping each other cultivate and fertilize the ground upon which we walk, God gives us yet another chance to bear fruit and return.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

When St. Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, his country was in chaos. Many people in El Salvador were living in poverty, while a smaller elite group controlled all political and economic power. In 1980, El Salvador broke out in a 12-year civil war that left over 75,000 people dead. St. Oscar Romero set up pastoral programs to assist the victims of oppression. He also became an outspoken advocate for human rights, appealing to the Salvadoran military to stop killing their own citizens.

On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was murdered while celebrating Mass in El Salvador. A car pulled up outside, and a gunman fired a single shot straight into St. Oscar Romero's heart.

Calling him a "a martyr for the faith" nearly 40 years later, Pope Francis canonized him in 2018. For the occasion, Pope Francis chose to wear the same blood-stained belt that Romero was wearing at the altar when he died.

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FIRST READING "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." (Ex 3:14)



PSALM The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)



SECOND READING These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, up on whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Cor 10:11)



GOSPEL "But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will parish as they did!" (Lk 13:5)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.

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"I WISH I KNEW ABOUT THIS TREATMENT SOONER"

Columbia resident Ellen suffered the painful side effects of peripheral neuropathy. "I couldn't walk. It was that broken glass feeling. Nothing touched it." Then she met Gina Butler at Acupuncture of Columbia

Before Ellen found relief at Acupuncture of Columbia. she suffered for many months from her diagnosis of peripheral neuropathy.

"I had neuropathy in my legs and feet. They were numb. I had shooting pains, and pins and needles. It felt like I was walking on broken glass all of the time. It was awful."

Ellen tried prescription pharmaceuticals and over the counter medications. "All of that didn't work." Then Ellen found Gina Butler of Acupuncture of Columbia. Her personalized neuropathy program helps to greatly reduce its symptoms and give people their lives back. "Acupuncture is incredible at restoring blood flow and stimulating the regrowth of damaged nerves to prevent them from dying off completely," says Gina. "We take our treatments a step further by also integrating electro acupuncture, microcurrent therapy and custom herbal prescriptions for neuropathy."

Currently on a maintenance program, Ellen says she enjoys her treatments at Acupuncture of Columbia. "It's wonderful. The space is serene, healing and peaceful. And the staff are so friendly and helpful. But most of all I can walk and hike. And I can sleep!" "My doctor applauded me for seeking alternative methods when my condition didn't improve," Ellen says, "I wish I knew about this treatment sooner. I'd encourage anyone with this debilitating condition to try Acupuncture of Columbia."

To determine whether or not you are a good candidate for our neuropathy program, an initial consultation is required. Call (573) 303-5522 today to schedule.



SUFFERING FROM PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY? We can help! Call (573) 303 -5522 to schedule a consultation.