

# SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
January 17, 2021

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Outdoor) ..... 4:00 PM  
Saturday (Anticipatory) ..... 5:30 PM  
Sunday ..... 8:00 AM  
Sunday ..... 10:00 AM  
Sunday (Labor Day thru Memorial Day) .... 6:00 PM  
Daily (Mon, Wed-Fri) ..... 12:15 PM

## CONFESSION

Sunday ..... 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM  
And before/after daily Mass, or by appointment.

## BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Parent Baptism Class before the baptism of their child. The class is offered the first Sunday of each month following the 10:00 AM Mass.

## MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least six months prior to the wedding date. The diocese requires Marriage Prep.

## VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office to request home or hospital visitation.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office.

## QUO VADIS?

But now I [Jesus] am going to the one who sent me, and not one of you asks me, "Where are you going?" —John 16:5

"Quo Vadis" [Lt., Where are you going?] is a proverbial phrase from the Bible (see John 16:5). The most famous use is found in the apocryphal Acts of Peter (ca. late 2nd century). The Acts of Peter concludes with an account of Saint Peter's upside-down crucifixion, a tradition that originates from this work. These chapters (35-36) were also preserved separately as the Martyrdom of Peter. The story, as it is related, has Saint Peter, pressed by the disciples to escape certain martyrdom in Rome, relent and flee the city in disguise. The excerpt below continues the story.



CHRIST APPEARING TO SAINT PETER  
ON THE APPIAN WAY  
by Diogo de Contreiras (d. 1563)

"Amen, amen, I [Jesus] say to you, when you [Peter] were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.' He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, 'FOLLOW ME!'" —John 21:18-19

AND as [Peter] went forth from the city, he saw the Lord entering into Rome. And when he saw him, he said, "Lord, whither goest thou thus?" And the Lord said unto him, "I go into



Rome to be crucified." And Peter said unto him, "Lord, art thou being crucified again?" He said unto him, "Yea, Peter, I am being crucified again." And Peter came to himself; and having beheld the Lord ascending into heaven, he returned to Rome, rejoicing and glorifying the Lord, for that he said, "I am being crucified," the which was about to befall Peter.

He went up therefore again unto the brethren, and told them that which had been seen by him: and they lamented in soul, weeping and saying, "We beseech thee, Peter, take thought of us that we are young." And Peter said unto them, "If it be the Lord's will, it cometh to pass, even if we will it not; but for you, the Lord is able to stabilize you in his faith, and will found you therein and make you spread abroad, whom he himself hath planted, that ye also may plant others through him. But I, so long as the Lord will that I be in the flesh, resist not; and again if he take him to him I rejoice and am glad."

And while Peter spake, and all the brethren wept, behold four soldiers took him and led him unto Agrippa. And he in his madness commanded him to be crucified on an accusation of godlessness.

The following excerpt from The Catechetical Instructions of Saint Thomas Aquinas (d. 1274) explains why the Son of God suffered for us.

BUT what need was there that the Son of God should suffer for us? There was a great need; and indeed it can be assigned to two reasons. The first is that it was a remedy against sin, and the second is for an example of what we ought to do. It was a remedy to such an extent that in the passion of Christ we find a remedy against all the evils which we incur by our sins. And by our sins we incur five different evils. [In summary:]

The first evil that man incurs by sin is the defilement of his soul. Just as virtue gives the soul its beauty, so sin makes it ugly.

Secondly, we commit an offense against God.

Thirdly, we have been weakened by sin.

Fourthly, we incur the punishment due to sin.

Fifthly, we incur banishment from the kingdom of heaven.

From all this then is seen the effect of the passion of Christ as a remedy for sin. But no less does it profit us as an example. Saint Augustine says that the passion of Christ can bring about a complete reformation of our lives. Whoever wishes to live perfectly need do nothing other than despise what Christ despised on the cross, and desire what Christ desired. There is no virtue that did not have its example on the Cross.

So if you seek an example of charity, then, "greater love than his no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

If you seek an example of patience, you will find it in its highest degree upon the Cross.

If you seek an example of humility, look upon

Him who is crucified; although He was God, He chose to be judged by Pontius Pilate and to be put to death: "Thy cause has been judged as that of the wicked."

If you seek an example of obedience, imitate Him who was obedient to the Father unto death: "For by the disobedience of one man, many were made sinners; so also by the obedience of one, many shall be made just."

If you seek an example of contempt for earthly things, imitate Him who is the King of kings, the Lord of rulers, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom; but on the Cross He was stripped naked, ridiculed, spat upon, bruised, crowned with thorns, given to drink of vinegar and gall, and finally put to death.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 16 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Catherine Marie Shea (req. by Mary Dumont)
Jan 17 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Robert Graham (req. by Peter Manesco)
Jan 17, 10:00 AM	Theresa Dowling (8th Anniv., req. by Terry Williams)
Jan 17, 6:00 PM	SJN Parishioners

The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Mass(es) for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### — NOTICE —

The SJN office will be closed Monday, January 18 in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King holiday. No daily 12:15 PM Mass.

##### — TAX NOTICE —

If you would like a statement of your 2020 contributions to the parish, please fill out the **CONTRIBUTIONS REQUEST CARD** (located alongside the bulletins in the foyer) and place it in the collection basket. You can also request a statement by emailing us your:

- Name
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Statements will go out in February. Your financial support, especially during the past few months, has been very much appreciated!

### PARISH INFORMATION

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### — EMAIL SCAM ALERT —

NOTE: A number of parishioners both here at St John Neumann and at other parishes throughout the diocese have received emails purporting to come from the pastor requesting help purchasing Gift Cards. **DO NOT RESPOND TO THESE REQUESTS.**

The diocesan website lists Recent Cyber Alerts as well as best Cyber Security Practices:

<https://www.catholicnh.org/security>

### — NOTICE —

- Due to the Saturday 4:00 PM Outdoor Mass, CONFESSION has moved temporarily to Sundays following the 10:00 AM Mass = 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM.
- The Sunday 10:00 AM Mass continues to be LIVE STREAMED at:

<https://www.facebook.com/112258683764613/live>

- The 12:15 daily Mass is posted Monday, and Wednesday thru Friday to:

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- PLEASE NOTE: the 4:00 PM Outdoor Mass affords the greatest pandemic precautions for those most at risk.

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**SESSION &  
REGISTRATION  
INFORMATION**

SESSION 1:	6/27 - 7/10
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SESSION 3:	7/25 - 8/7
SESSION 4:	8/8 - 8/21
SPECIAL NEEDS WEEK:	8/22 - 8/25

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#### DAY AWAY UPDATE

- Governor Sununu and his Economic Reopening Taskforce issued SAFER AT HOME GUIDELINES FOR REOPENING ADULT DAY SERVICES (effective June 29, 2020):  
  
<https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt381/files/files/inlinedocuments/guidance-adult-day-services.pdf>
- At this time, the CDC and Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS) recommends avoiding large groups until there is no longer a risk of spreading the virus to the vulnerable elderly populations that attend these programs.
- OUR DAY AWAY PROGRAM IS THEREFORE ON HIATUS. However, we are offering "VIRTUAL ACTIVITY SESSIONS" each Thursday. For information, please contact:

Kathy Hopkins, RN, M.Ed., Director at  
[dayaway@sjnnh.org](mailto:dayaway@sjnnh.org)

#### — AMAZON SMILE —

Please consider supporting our St John Neumann FOOD PANTRY whenever you purchase items through AMAZON.COM. Go to:

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and add "Saint John Neumann Parish" as your charity of choice. 0.5% of every purchase is donated by Amazon.com to the SJN FOOD PANTRY.

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