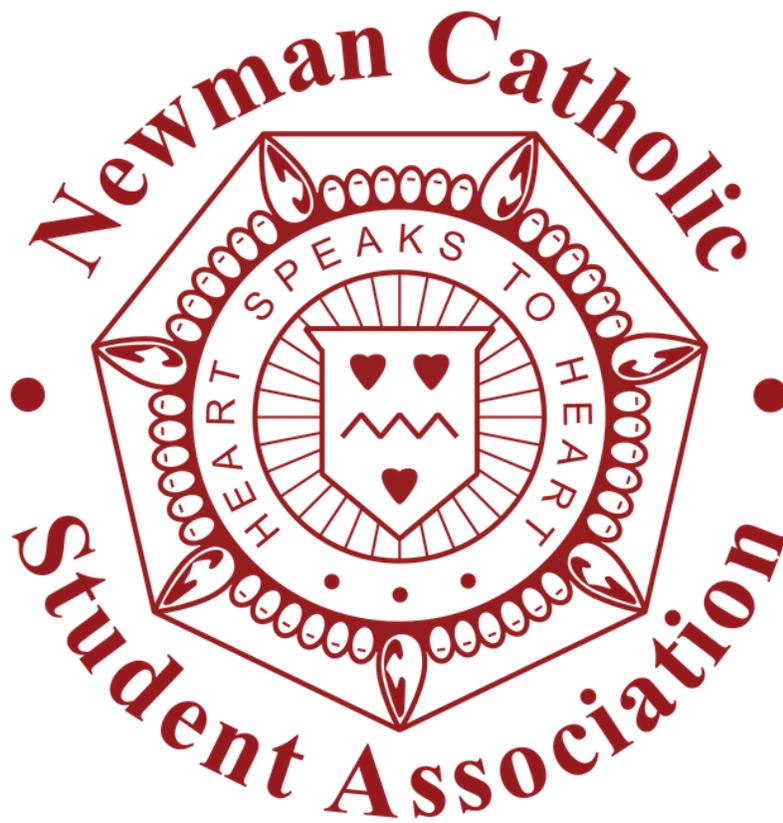




# Ash Wednesday Mass



# Introductory Rite

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit

## Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God  
and to you my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
(Strike breast x3) through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God...to everlasting life.

People: Amen

## Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie, eleison.  
Christe, eleison.  
Kyrie, eleison.



# First Reading

## A reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel

Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment. Perhaps he will again relent and leave behind him a blessing, Offerings and libations for the LORD, your God.

Blow the trumpet in Zion! proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the people, notify the congregation; Assemble the elders, gather the children and the infants at the breast; Let the bridegroom quit his room and the bride her chamber. Between the porch and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep, And say, “Spare, O LORD, your people, and make not your heritage a reproach, with the nations ruling over them! Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”

Then the LORD was stirred to concern for his land and took pity on his people.

**The word of the Lord**

**RESPONSE: Thanks be to God**



## Responsorial Psalm

**R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

**R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always: "Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight."

**R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

**R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

## Second Reading

### A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says:

In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you. Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

**The word of the Lord**

**RESPONSE: Thanks be to God**



# Gospel

**PRIEST: The Lord be with you**

**PEOPLE: And with your spirit**

**PRIEST: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew**

**PEOPLE: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you,

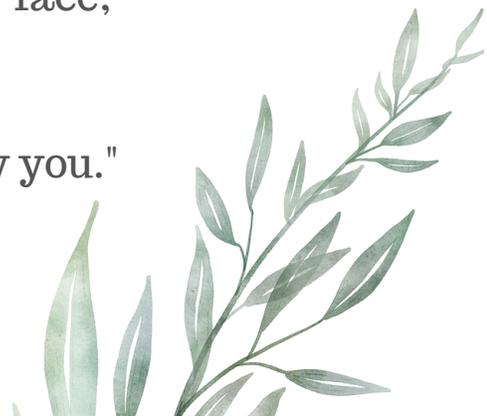
as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

"When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**RESPONSE: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



# The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.

**Amen.**



# Prayers of the Faithful

Please Stand

The lector will declare the petitions of the congregation.

Priest: We pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

Please Stand

Priest: Pray, brothers, and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

# The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.



# The Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again

## Our Father

**Priest:** At the Savior's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say...

**People:** Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord...the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People:** For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.

## Communion

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb...supper of the Lamb.

**People:** Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul  
shall be healed.



# The Concluding Rites

Please Stand

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

## Dismissal

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

People: Thanks be to God

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## Reflection:

1. During the season of Lent we are called to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. What actions can you take in each area?
2. Are there any behaviors or habits God is asking you to change?



# Join Us!

## Student Mass Sundays @7pm

Join us for a student-centered Mass for an opportunity for all college students to find a Mass that speaks to them.

## Young Adult Bible Study Mondays @6pm

Come and learn alongside other young adults about how scripture is alive in our daily lives.

## Student Dinners Wednesdays @6pm

Join us on Wednesdays for a free dinner and Mass/an activity inside the Newman Hall, beginning at 6 p.m.

## Student Lounge

Needing a space to focus outside your room?

The Student Lounge features:

- couches
- free snacks & school supplies
- printing
- study space
- prayer room



## Lounge Hours

Monday: 11:00AM - 8:00PM

Tuesday: 11:00AM - 5:00PM

Wednesday: 11:00AM - 9:00PM

Thursday: 11:00AM - 4:00PM

Friday: CLOSED

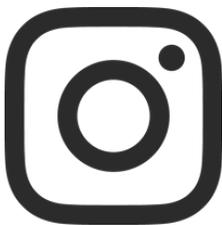
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