



Sunday Catechesis

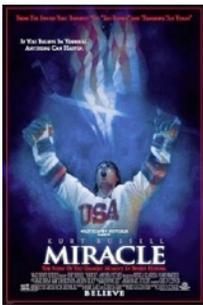
Sunday, December 1 – 6:45p

Join in the last Sunday Catechesis of the semester tonight as Father Kerry talks about the Mass and wraps up Part One. The three-week long Part Two will begin in January.

face2Face

Monday, December 2 – 9-10p

Experience the presence of Christ wholly and truly present in the exposed Eucharist, praise Him through song, and take advantage of the opportunity for Confession at this month's face2Face. Come for a few minutes or stay the whole hour.



Movie Night: Miracle

Friday, December 6 – 7p

Get pumped up for our broomball battle with CYA by watching Miracle before heading to the rink. In case you haven't seen it, here's the rundown : underdog story, based on real events, about the American hockey team at the 1980 Olympics.

Broomball

Friday, December 6 – 9:30p carpool

It's time for the showdown of the semester: Newman versus Catholic Young Adults battling it out on the ice. Wear tennis shoes, bring \$5 to help pay for the rink, and come to play or to cheer.



Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14 – 6p

Although it'll still be Advent, we'll celebrate Christmas together when everyone's still here. We'll start with a delicious catered dinner, then settle in for a white elephant gift exchange (\$5 limit) and a live auction with a bona fide auctioneer. Up for auction: dreamy dates for the Spring dance, delicious dinners, piano lessons, and several surprises. All are welcome, so bring a friend or three!



THIS WEEK

Mon Dec 2

Morning Prayer – 8:30a
Mass – 12:05p
Evening Prayer – 5p
face2Face – 9-10p

Tue Dec 3

Morning Prayer – 9a
Free Lunch – 11:30a-1p
Evening Prayer – 5p
Mass – 5:15p
Brainstorm – 9p

Wed Dec 4

Morning Prayer – 8:30a
Evening Prayer – 5p
RCIA – 7p
Choir Rehearsal – 8p
Rosary – 9p
Mass – 9:30p

Thu Dec 5

Morning Prayer – 9a
Evening Prayer – 5p
Daily Mass – 5:15p

Fri Dec 6

Rosary at Garden of Hope – 7:15a carpool
First Friday Adoration – 8a-12n
Morning Prayer – 8:30a
Mass – 12:05p
Evening Prayer – 5p
Movie Night: Miracle – 7p
Broomball vs CYA – 9:30p carpool

Sat Dec 7

Winter Extravaganza – 11:50a carpool

Sun Dec 8

Confession – 9:45-10:45a
Mass – 11a
Confession – 3:45-4:45p
Mass – 5p
Student Supper – 6p

SAVE THE DATE

Tue Dec 10

Italy Pilgrimage Meeting – 7p
Holy Grounds – 7:30p carpool

Fri Dec 13

Choir Concert – 7:30p at Tyrrell Hall

Sat Dec 14

Christmas Party – 6p





Winter Extravaganza

Saturday, December 7 – 11:50a carpool
Oklahoma may have wonky weather, but we're doing it up cold weather style regardless of the outdoor temperature with ice skating, hot chocolate, movies, and - once it's dark outside - the spectacular light display at Rhema Bible Church. Talk to Ariana Hernandez or Kaitlyn Ptacek for more info.

Pilgrimage Meeting

Tuesday, December 10 – 7p

Interested in going on pilgrimage to Italy with Newman right after graduation this spring? Come to the meeting next week for more details on pricing and itinerary. Questions? Talk to Father Kerry or Kyle Radtke.



T-Shirts

Ready for pick up now

T-shirts are in! If you preordered one, pick it up at the office during business hours and pay your \$12 if you didn't prepay. Make sure to let Chelsea know when you get your shirt.

Choir Concert

Friday, December 13 – 7:30p at Tyrrell

'Tis the season for Christmas carols and the Newman choir's annual Christmas concert. This year, the performance will be at the newly renovated Tyrrell Hall. It's free and open to everyone, so bring some friends.



Are you a BA (blind apostle)?

"Our Catholic Faith should not be a blind unreasoning thing, but something based on a firm foundation of reasoning." -BCCp236

Missing Mass and Mortal Sin by Fr. Dwight Longenecker

Is missing Mass on Sunday a mortal sin? You have to stop and define mortal sin. First of all, a mortal sin is something which, by its very nature orients us away from God rather than toward God. One of the ten commandments is 'keep holy the Sabbath Day'. How do you sanctify the Sabbath? By worshipping God. How do you worship God? By going to Mass. If you don't to this you orient your life away from God and if you continue in this same direction then you will not end up with God. You will end up away from God, and since God is love and light and beauty and truth, then you will end up without love and light and beauty and truth, and that means death. So is missing Mass a mortal sin? Yes.

However, the definition of mortal sin is that it not only has to be grave matter, but you have to know that it is grave matter and there has to be an element of pre meditation to your decision. I'd add, that you also have to continue in your decision without any thought of regret or acceptance of wrongdoing. Also, when deciding a person's culpability we have to weigh up the circumstances and the intention of the action. Mitigating circumstances and a good intention cannot make a wrong action right, but they can lessen one's culpability.

If you miss Mass on Sunday because you can't be bothered, or because something has come up which you believe is more important, then even if it seems a small thing, you have committed a mortal sin. If, however, you miss Sunday Mass because you are traveling and you genuinely can't get to Mass—even though you tried—it's not a mortal sin. If you missed Mass because you were sick or because you were looking after a sick old person or child, then it is not a mortal sin.

However, if you miss Mass because you are working—you have decided to put something before God. Even so, if you have to work to support yourself and your family and there really is no way you can get to Mass on a Sunday because of your work commitments, it is possible to ask for a dispensation from your pastor to attend another Mass as soon as possible. But is this ever the case? In most towns there are Mass times from around 5 on a Saturday evening through 5 or even 7 on Sunday night. Does anyone work a shift that keeps them at work that long? I doubt it.

The Catholic Church's teaching is simple and makes common sense. You have an obligation to go to Mass each Sunday. This helps you to put God first in your life. It helps you to orient your life towards heaven. It helps you to order all things in priority after God. It helps you to walk the path to heaven with confidence and hope. If you miss for a good reason and at no fault of yourself it is not a mortal sin. If you miss through negligence or because you have put something else (anything else) before God, then you've oriented yourself away from God and need to go to confession and re-orient your heart to God.

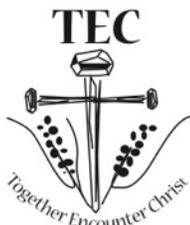
Finally this: why go to confession? Can't you just say 'sorry' to God and be done with it? Several reasons why confession is important: first, the sin of missing Mass intentionally is a sin against the Church as well as against God. Therefore we go to the Church for forgiveness. Secondly, although we make an act of contrition and confess our sins to God on our own, we cannot receive absolution from Holy Mother Church without a priest. Finally, the sin of missing Mass is a formal and ceremonial duty. The restitution for that is to go through the formal and ceremonial sacrament of confession.

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/standingonmyhead/2010/11/missing-mass-mortal-sin.html>

TEC Retreat

January 18-20, 2014

Spend your long weekend next semester on retreat. TEC (Together Encounter Christ) facilitates a unique encounter with Jesus in the Paschal Mystery and teaches how this mystery is experienced in your life's journey. Registration is \$55 - use the form on the back table or go to www.tectulsa.org. Questions? Ask Elizabeth Beam.



MEME OF THE WEEK

