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The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

5:15 PM

SUNDAY MASSES

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:15 AM
5:00 PM & 7:00 PM

MONDAY—FRIDAY

Morning Prayer: 7:30 AM
Evening Prayer: 5:00 PM
Daily Mass : 5:15 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00-5:00 PM
Sunday 4:00-4:45 PM
(or by appointment with a priest)

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LITURGY CORNER 10

with Fr. James

HOLDING HANDS AT MASS

Recently someone asked me about the meaning of the congregation holding hands during the Our Father. That is a good question, but difficult to answer for the simple reason that it is not a liturgically prescribed gesture. It is instead a popular addition that took hold in many parishes in this country four or five decades ago. It is so ubiquitous that many assume it is an integral part of the Mass.

In partial answer to this question, first let's look at the general liturgical principles of posture at Mass. (We already considered their symbolism at Mass in Liturgy Corner 7.) Then we'll consider how holding hands might fit in with these principles.

The primary go-to source for questions on celebrating Mass is the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*. It has been given the unfortunate anagram "GIRM", and is found at the beginning of the *Roman Missal*. The main principles given on posture are in GIRM no.42:

The gestures and posture of the priest, the deacon, and the ministers, as well as those of the people, ought to contribute to making the entire celebration resplendent with beauty and noble simplicity, so that the true and full meaning of the different parts of the celebration is evident and that the participation of all is fostered.

That is a bit flowery, but it echoes the language of Vatican II. The main point is that each posture and gesture should not be superfluous, but beautiful, simple, and a clear manifestation of what is happening at each point in the Mass. GIRM 42 continues:

Therefore, attention should be paid to what is determined by the General Instruction and the traditional practice of the Roman Rite....rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice.

Many people may well find congregational hand-holding to be movingly simple and beautiful. Not all agree, but that is a matter of taste and personal space. Possible meanings would clearly include unity and solidarity. But the crucial question is how does this gesture fit in with the meaning of what is going on at that moment in Mass? Why here and nowhere else at Mass?

You would be hard put to give a consistent and principled answer to those questions. Liturgically speaking, it is an unwarranted addition not to be found in any edition of the GIRM or other official liturgical documents. And although holding hands at the Our Father is a popular notion that caught on, in its origins it was likely determined by "private inclination or arbitrary choice."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Oct. 27: Eph 4:32-5:8; Lk 13:10-17

Oct. 28: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

Oct. 29: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30

Oct. 30: Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35

Oct. 31: Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6

Nov. 1: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Nov. 2: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

November 2: Jenny Obregon +

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

Monday, November 3

7:30 PM - Grad Group - Library

9:00 PM - Adoration - Chapel

Tuesday, November 4

7:00 PM - RCIA Inquiry - Library

7:00 PM - Confirmation Prep. - Classroom

Wednesday, November 5

7:00 PM - *Lumen Fidei* - Library

Thursday, November 6

7:00 PM - Lector Scripture Study - Classroom

Friday, November 7

3:00 PM - Philosophy Reading Group - Library

4:30 PM - Rosary - Chapel

Saturday, November 8

3:00 PM - Football Tailgate on the Front Lawn

Sunday, November 9

9:00 AM - Religious Ed - Green Hall

11:00 AM - RCIA Lunch - Patio

1:00 PM - RCIA - Classroom

2:00 PM - OPL - Green Hall

VOCATIONS DINNER WITH BISHOP KICANAS

The Newman Center will host a dinner with Bishop Kicanas and Fr. Jorge Farias Salcedo (Diocese of Tucson's Vocations Director) on Thursday, November 6 at 6:00 PM in Green Hall. If you are discerning a possible vocation to religious life or the priesthood, come and meet others who are also exploring their calling. Please RSVP to Fr. James at frjames@uacatholic.org or Fr. Jorge at jfarias@diocesetucson.org by Tuesday, November 4.

THANK YOU RCIA LUNCH HOSTS

Thank you to Gloria and Ed Graham and their neighbor, Grace, for providing a wonderful and delicious lunch for RCIA on Sunday, Oct. 26. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

FOOTBALL TAILGATE

Come cheer on the Wildcats as they go against the Colorado Buffaloes at 6:00 PM on Sat., Nov. 8, Homecoming weekend. Join us at 3:00 PM for a tailgate on the front lawn.. We will have food, refreshments and games. All are welcome!

GRAD GATOS

Theology on Tap: Tue., Nov. 11, at O'Malley's on 4th Ave. The topic is *The Journey to the Catholic Church* with Br. Cody Jorgensen, Ian Merrill, & Jesse Munoz. Talk begins at 7:00 PM.

Questions, or to subscribe to the mailing list, contact Elizabeth at edelcurto@email.arizona.edu.

WORLD YOUTH DAY MEETING

Wed., Nov. 5 at 6:00 PM in Green Hall, there will be an organizational planning meeting for those interested in attending the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. We will also watch a film on St. Pope John Paul II. Questions? Please contact Kendra, kdadisman@email.arizona.edu.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 22 — 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

A day for Catholic Men to be inspired and renewed in their Catholic faith with Most Rev. Ricardo Ramirez and Mr. Peter Herbeck. The closing Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev. Gerald Kicanas. For more information or to register, please go to www.tucsonmensconference.org.