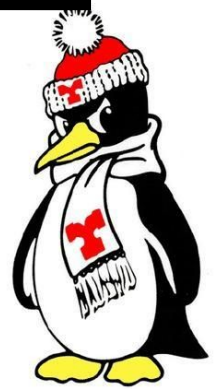


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**Mission Statement**

*We, as members of the Body of Christ, seek to fulfill the spiritual, service, and social needs of the YSU students, faculty, and staff by sustaining a strong and active Catholic-Christian presence on campus.*

**Office Hours- Monday through Thursday:  
12:00-9:00**

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

***Enlivening the Spirituality of the Next Generation!***

## Sunday Liturgy Guide

Gathering Hymn

#537 Sing a New Song

Gloria

Mass of Creation

Opening Prayer

First Reading

Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

Psalms Response

#93 Proclaim to All of the Nations

Second Reading

Thessalonians 1: 1-5b

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Matthew 22: 15-21

Offertory

#615 Seek Ye First

Mass of Creation

Communion Hymn

#830 One Bread One Body

Closing Hymn

#678 City of God

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Dear Friends,

In today's first reading, Cyrus is called by God to be a liberator of His chosen people. The psalm passage reminds us of God's goodness and how we are called to respond. Paul's epistle gives encouragement to the Thessalonian community. In the Gospel, Jesus avoids a snare that is set for Him by responding with a statement on what should be expected by the civil authorities and what should be expected by God.

My reflection today centers on God's plan. I am not sure that individuals always immediately recognize how their particular experiences and actions fit into His bigger plan. In today's readings, we see contributions to Salvation History. I would like to think that we have a God who is still active in the world today.

In the Gospel, Jesus is given a question, the answer to which seemingly can only bring Him trouble. In being asked if it is right to pay taxes to a repressive government, He is set up to antagonize one group or another. Jesus expresses His frustration with those questioning Him. The Gospel records a wise response that allows for giving the government what it is due, while subjugating that to the service of God's plan.

My mother would say that there is a reason for everything. In today's world, not everyone buys into the idea of a bigger plan. We would like our world to thrive, but there are violent acts, injustices and natural disasters. There are many individuals who argue that who and what we are today is the result of chance and random events. I recently read comments from one of this year's Nobel Laureates expressing his hypothesis that not only consciousness, but also our sense of a transcendent are the results of natural selection. Are one's sense of beauty, one's feelings of love, and the empathetic actions, which one observes, signs of a plan in which God has a role?

There are times when things seem comfortable and clear. These are the moments when I find it easy to point to God's presence and God's plan in the world. Then the tide shifts. I can feel lost and discouraged. I can sympathize with the frustrations of Jesus and Paul. Fortunately, I can also imagine the moments in which they feel satisfaction. I can envision Cyrus, who some would call an infidel, as he is heralded as a messiah by the Jewish people.

When I was younger, I felt that I knew it all. It took moments of failure to recognize the gifts that had been visible before. It was the moments of hurt, like the loss of a someone close, that helped make me aware of the love that had been there. I have learned to see myself in the world having a purpose, a world that expounds the goodness of the divine plan. I can embrace the times of challenge and sorrow as a recognition that there were times of peace and joy. I can seek out the directions in which my time is spent as it should be, as a part of God's plan.

God Loves you always!

Dr. Thom

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Calling all volunteers, we need your help! Our Sippin' With the Saints Wine Taste is November 4<sup>th</sup> and we need your help! We need people to help work tables, greet guests, and sell tickets and help with other things. Dressing as a Saint is preferred but not required. Please invite all friends and family to attend. We hope to make this a successful event and raise funds for the Newman Center.

Tickets are now on sale for the Sippin' with the Saints wine taste on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets can be purchased at the Newman Center or be purchased online at [ysunewmancsa.org](http://ysunewmancsa.org).



This coming October 27<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Newman Center **Halloween Party!** Please wear your favorite Halloween costume and there will be a contest for the best costume! Please come and join us that evening!



Daily Mass is offered at St. Columba Cathedral Monday through Friday at 12:10. St. Patrick's in Youngstown also offers daily Mass Monday through Friday at 8:30am except on Wednesday morning; a Word and Communion Service. St. Edward's Parish also in Youngstown offer daily Mass Monday through Saturday at 8:30 am.



Table of Plenty is a free community meal held here at the Newman Center on Wednesday night at 6:00. All are welcome to join for dinner!



The Alpha Program continues this coming Wednesday on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30! All are Welcome to attend. Any questions please contact Dr. Thom, or Darlene.



Adoration is held on Sunday's night's in the Church from 6:00-7:00 in the church.



We are seeking to update our Newman Center Records which are very out of date. Please fill out the Census Form after Mass so we can have it on record. Any questions call the office.

The Deadline for the bulletin for anything that needs posted is Tuesday by 5:00 p.m. Information can be emailed to [ysunewmancsa@gmail.com](mailto:ysunewmancsa@gmail.com) or to [mjdrajic@student.ysu.edu](mailto:mjdrajic@student.ysu.edu). Also phone messages can be left on the answering machine at (330) 747-9202.