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YouTube Channel UONewmanLive

Meet Fr. Emmanuel Taylor, O.P.
Hi Everyone in Eugene and at the U of Oregon Newman Center. I look forward to arriving July 1. It will be a return. I spent the academic year 2009-10 at the Newman Center as a Dominican Student Brother (Seminarian).

Currently I am coming to you from the University of Arizona where I served as the director of evangelization and faith formation integrating the process of faith sharing into formation that fuels the growth at the Newman Center. I did the same thing previously at Stanford. Before that I was first assigned to St. Dominic’s in San Francisco. I have experienced in the transformative power of a teams united in Christ.

To share a bit of background I love the outdoors and especially water. I received my Dominican vocation through Oceanography. My love of the ocean comes from growing up in northern California and taking family camping trips. On my way to graduate school I had a job experience on a research vessel and manned submersible. We sailed from Astoria many times. We would study the hydrothermal vents on the Juan de Fuca tectonic plate. It was there exploring the depths of the ocean that a desire welled up in me to explore the depths of God.

This led to a desire for religious life with the Order of Preachers. The Dominicans, known for their pursuit of truth using philosophy, is an excellent bridge to connect science and theology.

From my background, I am passionate helping others discover how God fits into one’s life and career. I have witnessed how students and community members at the Newman Center, when they are grounded in Jesus, learn the habit of daily prayer, they overcome personal obstacles and learn to channel the fullness of the gifts God gives. I look forward to a flowering of the Lord’s gifts in Eugene.

Coffee Talk with Fr. Peter
On Wednesdays at 8:30am, Fr. Peter will be on Zoom and invites you to join him in his chat room. Here is the link to join in, and it is also on the website.
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MASS INTENTIONS THROUGH MAY

May 16    Fernando Mendoza
May 17    Dick Stokes (d)
May 19    Janet Dunn (d)
May 20    Merle Maichrowicz (d)
May 21    Robert Wilken (d)
May 22    Carolyn Reid (d)
May 23    Steve Roland (d)
May 24    Tony Moran (d)
May 27    Ruby Shelton
May 28    Alice Mendes
May 29    Paul Johnson(d)
          Pamela Coots
May 30    Sherry Zerbal (d)
May 31    Dick Stokes (d)

"Although the world is VERY full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it." Helen Keller

It’s Time to Say Good-bye

As the school year ends, it means we must say good-bye to Br. Paul Maria Mullner, O.P., who will leave at the end of May. We’re sorry that his time with the students was truncated by world events. We greatly enjoyed having him with us in Eugene and we wish him well on his continuing journey towards ordination.

Br. Paul’s writings on the Rosary will be in the next few bulletins.

Sunday Readings
May 17, 2020  Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

The story behind the masks donated to Newman Center

Andy heard of a married couple who make and distribute masks. He contacted them and they generously donated 50 masks to Newman. Here is the reply Andy received from Craig Edwards and his wife Yen Pham. (Craig is a production foreman by trade; his wife was a tailor in Viet Nam.

Thank you Andrew. The needs you have described are just what we strive to do. We want to put masks on everyone who does not have one. Not just people who can afford it. I work 10 hours a day so it would be helpful if you would come pick up the masks. I can have 50 ready to go.

I’m generally careful not to talk about money because this has never been about money. It’s always been about masks. As you can imagine there is a huge need in the community. We have been mailing to 19 states so far. Your order will put our total distribution of masks at 3,234. We started March 25th. We have a lot of helpers, drivers, seamstresses, and small donors. If I was to put a price on any one thing it would be fabric. We spend about $100 a week on that.

We do accept donations.
Please stay safe!
The Mysteries of the Rosary

In this month of May, I will write a short, weekly reflection on the mysteries of the Rosary, so that at the end of the month there will be here a reflection on all four sets of mysteries. I hope they might be helpful aids for some, in praying the rosary.  Br. Paul Maria

Second Joyful Mystery: The Visitation

We only get very few moments of Mary’s life, so it is all the more interesting, in what those few moments tell us about her. Upon hearing that her relative Elizabeth was pregnant, Mary went to visit her. This was right after she heard that she herself was very unexpectedly pregnant. With this act Luke shows us how Mary put others before herself.

But really the focus of this mystery is on the greeting of Elizabeth and in Mary’s response. When we pray the rosary, we repeat Elizabeth’s greeting over and over, but in this mystery we focus on it. “Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” What an extraordinary statement. How did she come upon it? Elizabeth interprets John’s joyful movement in her own womb in this way.

The infant John jumped at the coming of the savior. What does it teach us that the adult John would sometimes doubt. I find it very reassuring that even one such as John the Baptist, who leaped in the womb, who baptized Jesus, could later be confused and ask again. He would send his disciples to ask: “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” (Lk 7:19) There are different interpretations on why he did this.

But, coming back to the visitation, it should remind us to remember the times we encountered God, and to treasure them.

And what is Mary’s response to being so overwhelmingly praised? Her response is so beautiful, it has become a daily part of the Liturgy of the Hours. She praises God for all he has done for her. She sings his praise in the Magnificat. “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord…” (Lk 1:46)

She does not claim credit for her own beauty and the good she has, but praises God for it. The Magnificat also highlights her faith, in that she praises God for what he will do, not only in what he has already done.

May we also praise God through our whole life, and echo Mary in her song.

Third Joyful Mystery: The Birth of Our Lord

God was born among us. God became a helpless baby. That is the central mystery of Christianity and it is mind-boggling.

We can only wonder what the shepherds and the magi thought at what they saw. The shepherds had seen the angels, and had learned “... a savior is born for you who is Messiah and Lord” (Lk. 2:11), before they found him in the manger. They must have had some expectations. What did they think? They shared with Mary and Joseph all they had seen and heard, and they left, “glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.” (Lk. 2:20) What was it about the child that moved them?

In a similar fashion, what happened to the magi on the way following the star, and after departing seems far more extraordinary, then the meeting itself. And yet, when they found the child, they “prostrated themselves and did him homage.” (Mt. 2:11) Both the magi and the shepherds must have been in awe that heaven and earth moved for such a little child, in the tiny town of Bethlehem.

The fact that Jesus decided to be born of such humble origins, reminds me of a passage in the Letter to the Hebrews, “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.” (4:15)

God does not take half measures, through the incarnation, he knows every aspect of the human experience, from personal experience. Even how it is to be little and helpless.

Are we in awe of this core mystery of our faith?
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Memorial Day Mass
Mt. Calvary & Gethsemani Catholic Funeral Services invite you to a livestreamed Memorial Day Mass with Archbishop Sample at 10:00am on Monday, May 25, via Facebook live. You may find it at their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/archdpdx/

Question to readers, for next week’s bulletin:
What changes have you made in your life or to your routine during this time of quarantine, that you hope to continue after we “open up?”

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Years ago, anthropologist Margaret Mead was asked by a student what she considered to be the first sign of civilization in a culture. The student expected Mead to talk about fishhooks or clay pots or grinding stones.

But no. Mead said that the first sign of civilization in an ancient culture was a femur (thighbone) that had been broken and then healed. Mead explained that in the animal kingdom, if you break your leg, you die. You cannot run from danger, get to the river for a drink or hunt for food. You are meat for prowling beasts. No animal survives a broken leg long enough for the bone to heal.

A broken femur that has healed is evidence that someone has taken time to stay with the one who fell, has bound up the wound, has carried the person to safety and has tended the person through recovery. Helping someone else through difficulty is where civilization starts, Mead said.”

We are at our best when we serve others. Be civilized.

- Ira Byock