

Dec 3-4, 2011
Second Sunday
of Advent



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

Catholic **WILLDCAT**



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MONDAY—FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
5:15 PM

SUNDAY MASSES
8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:15 AM and 5 & 7 PM

**WEDNESDAY STUDENT
CENTERED WORSHIP**
7:00 PM EMMAUS (Praise and Study)
8:00 PM Candlelight Mass

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

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The Newman Mission:
To be the Presence of Jesus Christ on the Campus of the University of Arizona

The Newman Promise:
The entire Newman Community will work together to create an environment where university students are formed to live their Faith more intentionally and future leaders are formed for the Church and the world.

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

Sunday, December 4

11:00 AM - RCIA Lunch - Courtyard

1:00 PM - RCIA - Classroom

Monday, December 5

8:15 AM - Casa Maria Trip

7:00 PM - Women's Faith Sharing - Wildcat Lounge

7:30 PM - St. Albert the Great Forum - Green Hall

Tuesday, December 6

7:00 PM - Reconciliation Service- Chapel

Wednesday, December 7

7:00 PM - Emmaus - Chapel

8:00 PM - Candlelight Mass - Chapel

Thursday, December 8

8:00 AM - Immaculate Conception Mass

12:15 PM - Immaculate Conception Mass

5:15 PM - Immaculate Conception Mass

7:00 PM - Lector Scripture Study - Library

7:00 PM - XLT - Chapel

Sunday, December 11

11:00 AM - RCIA Lunch - Courtyard

1:00 PM - RCIA - Classroom

5:00 PM - Baccalaureate Mass - Chapel

6:00 PM - Pasta Supper - Green Hall

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. Vigil Masses on Wednesday, December 7 will be at 5:15 PM and 8:00 PM. Masses on Thursday, December 8 will be at 8:00 AM, 12:15 PM, 5:15 PM.

RCIA LUNCH HOSTS NEEDED

RCIA lunch hosts are needed for the spring semester. Please see the sign-up sheets on the back wall in the church.

POINSETTIA DONATIONS



The Newman Center is accepting poinsettia donations for the Christmas season to create a prayerful and beautiful chapel environment. Please bring your poinsettias to the front desk by Sunday, December 18. Financial donations toward purchasing the plants are also accepted. Thank you!

Sacramental Formation @ Newman

Adult Initiations:

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please speak to one of the Pastoral staff about participating in the RCIA program.

Confirmation:

Eight-week classes and the Sacrament of Confirmation are offered twice each year. Please contact the office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday, 4:00 PM
(or by appointment)

Marriage:

Couples who would like to celebrate this Sacrament should contact one of the priests at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

Infant Baptisms:

Infant Baptisms are celebrated at Sunday Masses. Please call the office to schedule baptisms and preparation classes.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please contact one of the priests if you would like to be anointed because of sickness, injury, or surgery

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT REFLECTION

A question often asked of children is "Who do you want to be when you grow up?" Responses may be such as an airplane pilot, a doctor, a nurse, a lawyer, a professional baseball player. This question becomes more real and anxiety-ridden in our college years when deciding on a major. The decision seems to carry such weight on one's psyche, it seems as if by making this decision, we will have emerged from the fortune-teller's tent and the vote of our future success or fortune in life has been cast. However, interpreting this question from a professional standpoint only leads us to one level of living out our life; it focuses only on what we might do, it doesn't really respond to who will we be.

The most profound experience I have had of asking myself, "Who do I want to be?" came for me after my dad's death. Less than forty-eight hours after learning he had a brain tumor, the tumor burst and he was gone. In the shock and grieving, I reflected on many regrets of things unsaid or said, attitudes and behaviors I wished I had been more mature than to express toward him. I resolved within myself that when I see him again, I want to be a more mature woman. I want to be a woman that he would be proud of. I asked myself, who is the woman I want to be "when I grow up?"

In today's second reading, we are told that when the Lord comes, "the elements will be dissolved by fire... and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be?" As adults, this question should take on a new meaning and call us to consider the living of our life on a deeper level; that of how we live our life. Who is the person we want to be? This is not about doing. Reflecting truthfully on who we are, the kind of person we are and who it is we want to be, (ie. Am I a woman of love? Am I a man of integrity?) may be discouraging. We may look at ourselves and find much that is distasteful and lacking. Here is where the good news of today's readings comes in. God is like a shepherd who feeds his flock, God speaks tenderly to God's people and forgives their guilt. God is patient with us, and is not lurking around every corner waiting to catch us in our failures and smallness. God wants for us to grow into the beautiful human beings we have been created to be, each one in God's own image, created for love and to be love on earth. God is patient with us. God is actually waiting for us to come to him, to open to him and to believe in his power to save us, to heal us, to transform us.

God's time is not our time. Advent is a time of waiting for Christ to come, to come within us and transform us. Our readings today speak of God's tender love and forgiveness, and that God is faithful in keeping his promise that he will send us a savior who will redeem us from our sins. Christ has come and has redeemed us.

Who is it that you most desire to be? Who is the best person you can imagine yourself being? With God's help, we can each grow into something more beautiful that we can ever ask or imagine and we will know true peace. "Be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace."

S. Elizabeth O'Donnell

R.I.P. Fr. Bede Wilks, O.P.

1929 - 2011

2012 would be the 50th Anniversary of Fr. Bede Wilk's ordination to the priesthood. He has touched many lives ministering throughout the Western United States in those years. Born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, young Frank Wilks spent his adolescence working for the Union Pacific Railroad in his native state. After serving in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict, Frank was able to use the GI Bill to begin his college studies. Baptized a Catholic while in the Navy, Frank continued practicing his new-found faith at the Newman Center at the University of Washington. It was there that he met the Dominican Friars. He entered the Order in 1956, taking the religious name "Bede." He spent his formation years at Saint Albert's College in Oakland, CA.

During his years as a priest, Bede served in many pastoral ministries both in the parochial setting and in university ministry. Notable among his assignments are Anchorage, Eugene, OR, Salt Lake City, and, of course, here in Tucson. Known as a man of great humor and a quick and sharp wit, he was a wordsmith of highest order and used all of those gifts in ministry and in preaching.

When Fr. Bede retired from active ministry to Tucson in 2004, he was already beginning to show signs of Alzheimer's Disease. He made his final move to Handmaker's Jewish Services for the Aging in 2006, where he spent the last five years of his life. We are so grateful to the wonderful patient care staffs on the Tynan and Golding Units at Handmaker for their extraordinary care for Fr. Bede in his declining years.

It is hard to see a beloved brother, especially one who trafficked so easily in words all his life, ravaged by the effects of dementia. But even as late as November 6, when last I was able to speak with Fr. Bede, his sense of humor and love for words were still present.

Having probably suffered a stroke in the second week of November, Fr. Bede's final decline came rapidly. Called to his bedside last Friday evening, we were able to offer our brother last rites and to sing the Dominican Salve Regina in his room. He died peacefully less than hour later. Fr. Bede was 82.

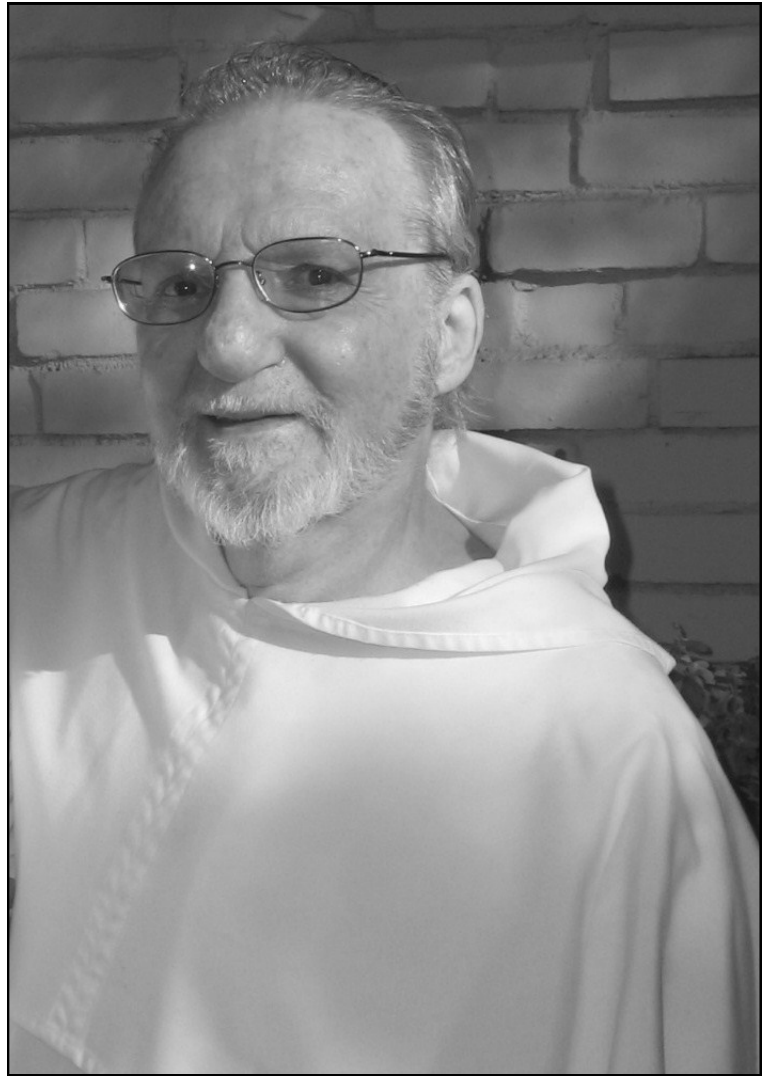
Thank you, Bede, for a life of dedicated service. You have guided many to the Lord. May the angels and saints now receive your soul and guide you to Lord's side. Rest in Peace, Brother.

The following was written by Fr. Bede for a bulletin publication (parish unknown) and read by Fr. Miguel Rolland, OP at Fr. Bede's funeral service:

It doesn't seem a wondrous thing that November is the month in which we remember the dead. For about a month now, the leaves have been letting loose of their tree limbs and falling quietly to carpet the ground below. Their fall is always tinged with sadness, redolent as it is of the temporariness of living things, and ultimately with their death. So in November we remember all the people who have existed on this earth and have fallen into death. We join hands with them in this great community of humankind beginning with the first human and extending to the last human that will be. My hope is that this will be coextensive with the Church; but we have to leave that to God's wisdom which is so much greater than our wisdom. We join hands, we human beings, to pray to God for all those who have been, who are, or who will be fire-tired before gaining entry to the face of God. Purgatory: a place of being purged, of being cleansed, that all things dark, all things twisted, thorned, venomous; all blinding thing, false and deceiving, everything of darkness be burnt away from us so that nothing remains of us but clarity of vision and love. How much to be desired, this cleansing; whether it be here or there. Pain and humiliation are desired that love might emerge. "Like a dry weary land without water" sings the psalmist, "so my soul longs for you my God."

So, it is November, the month of the dead. And, although red berries, naked and blatant in their unleaved state, still decorate the trees in front of the church, they only await the hoard of cedar waxwings to make their November repast of them, and the trees will appear dead. But we know, like all of those being cleansed, that in Christ there is unsurpassing beauty of LIFE.

Fr. Bede



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

The Newman Advent Reconciliation Service will be held Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 PM. Please take advantage of the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this wonderful event.

BACCALAUREATE MASS

If you are receiving a Bachelor's degree, Master's degree or Doctorate we would like to honor you at the 5:00 PM Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, December 11. Please leave your name and information with the office by calling 327-4665.

SIGN-UP FOR 2nd SEMESTER CAMPUS RENEW

A weekly gathering with other students to reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading, to consider how God is present and active in your life, and to share faith with other students in a small group. Meets one time per week for about an hour. Sign-up at the table outside after mass, at the reception desk, or online.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES SPRING 2012

Spring Confirmation classes will begin on Monday February 6 at 7:00 PM. Those interested in participating in the spring session must complete and submit an application and be interviewed by Sr. Elizabeth. Applications may be picked up at the receptionist's desk.

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT FORUM On Theology and Science

Mon., Dec. 5, 7:30 PM in Green Hall, Fr. Christopher Corbally, S.J., Vice-Director of the Vatican Observatory Research Group at the UofA, will speak on, *Heroic Galileo and the Message of the Stars*. Was Galileo a hero battling clerical obscurantism? What is a true relationship between faith and science? Come and explore this old yet very new universe of ideas!

NEWMAN CENTER SPRING PARKING PERMITS

You must be a registered Newman parishioner to receive a parking permit

Applications for spring parking permits are now being accepted through Friday, December 9. Spring parking permits are \$100. Those receiving permits will be notified by December 16. There will be no special status granted to people who've had a permit in the past. A Newman parking permit grants the right to park in a Newman lot from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday-Friday ONLY. No overnight parking. A permit does not guarantee the availability of a space.

THE GIVING TREE

In support of the many needy families in our Tucson community we will assemble a Christmas Giving Tree (located in the church) containing ornaments with gift ideas organized by age and gender. We invite you to take an ornament, purchase a gift, bring it in a gift bag (including the ornament), and place it under the tree.



All gifts will be given to the Primavera Organization, which provides homes, counseling, and other services for needy families and individuals of Tucson. The gifts will be presented to these families at the annual Primavera Christmas celebration.

Gifts are due back by December 13

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Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
In The Chapel

The Retreat That Lasts All Semester

December 7

7:00 PM

Praise & Worship
Speaker & Discussion

8:00 PM

Candlelight Mass & Dialogue Homily

9:00 PM

Refreshments & Fellowship
(Come for any or all of it!)

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

December 4: Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

8:00 AM Gilbert Fimbres +

9:30 AM Pro Populo

11:15 AM Milos Kuhn +

5:00 PM Laura Hankocyc +

7:00 PM No Intention

December 5

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

5:15 PM Margaret Fracisco

December 6

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

5:15 PM Deceased Dominican Sisters of MSJ +

December 7: St. Ambrose, bishop & doctor

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

5:15 PM Souls in Purgatory

8:00 PM Irene Tschida

December 8: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

8:00 AM

12:15 PM William Riley +

5:15 PM Pro Populo

December 9

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

5:15 PM No Intention

December 10

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

5:15 PM Gilbert Fimbres +

December 11: Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

8:00 AM No Intention

9:30 AM No Intention

11:15 AM Pro Populo

5:00 PM No Intention

7:00 PM No Intention