

Jan 7-8, 2012

The Epiphany  
of the Lord



**ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER**

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*Catholic*

**WINTER BREAK  
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**  
8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, and 5 PM

**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.*

Love is in the Air at Newman!

In a recent Facebook post referencing the number of new couples that formed in our undergraduate community, I joked that sometimes I felt more like the captain of the Love Boat than the pastor of a parish. A recent discussion with Fr. Donald about the number of couples with whom we are journeying toward the sacrament of marriage brought that image back to mind. The Newman Center was like a wedding chapel last semester. More than any other Fall since my arrival in Tucson, this Fall Semester was wedding season at Newman. There have also been a number of recent engagements in the community. In many of these weddings and engagements, the brides and grooms have met at the Newman Center and much of their life as a couple has been in the context of our Campus Ministry community.

This phenomenon, coupling within our community, reminds me that we primarily serve a very focused population who are in the midst of defining who they will be for the rest of their lives. This includes who they are vis-a-vis love and relationship. This reality, combined with the attempted redefinition of marriage going on in our society, wherein unnatural relationships are equated with natural, temporary with permanent, and lust-filled with loving, demands a remarkable vigilance on the part of our parish community. All of us, but especially married couples who call Newman home have a particular role to play in helping our young people understand both the truth and beauty of our Catholic teaching regarding our humanity, relationships, and sex.

The more I am involved in marriage preparation, the more two concerns are raised for me: 1) The very definition of marriage and public discussions framed in terms of "marriage equality" and 2) the expense, energy, and hype put into weddings.

Young people who find issue with Church teaching very often point to the Church's "unjust treatment of gay people" or "the Church's stand against gay marriage" as a major tenant of their objections. When pushed to discuss the teachings logically, I find that these young people have no idea what they are talking about and advance the same tired emotional arguments rehashed every day in the press. It is distressing to me that such discussions postulate a "right" to marry without any background discussion of what a right is or where that right came from. (This has been the same tactic used by the "pro-reproductive-rights" groups for the last three decades.) We have a responsibility to challenge such notions and to help our young people distinguish between well-thought-out historically-valid arguments and the latest emotion-laden opinion. We, as a church and community, must be willing to engage the conversation, but to do so honestly and dispassionately and on our terms. I am not talking about arguing with the press or local gay-rights group, I am talking about arguing with our own members to reaffirm more than 3000 years of religious understanding and multiple epochs of human reality. This must be an ongoing discussion and, yes, it must also be a part of our marriage preparation as we help young people understand the difference between the sacrament and vocation of marriage and what happens in court-houses and casinos that goes by the name "marriage."

Equally disturbing to me is what weddings have become in our society. I don't know any priest who loves to do weddings. Why? Because weddings have become so disconnected from the reality of our lives. Poor people ride in limousines on their wedding day. People wear rented clothing and dresses designed by someone else (one size and style fits all) on their wedding day. Because so many couples see the Church as just another "venue" they use for the afternoon. When I look out at the congregation at the typical wedding, the only parishioners I see are usually one set of parents - the wedding has little or nothing to do with the Parish, and yet brides and mothers of brides can be the most demanding people we deal with in the course of our ministerial lives. It is not good that I question on a wedding day why this couple chose to get married at this parish in the first place.

In the best of all possible worlds, a wedding should be the culmination of a time of preparation within a community. The parish of the couple should be working with them to help them grow in grace and holiness as they prepare to spend their life together. Every member of the parish should know the couple and be praying with them as they prepare. Every member of the parish should be excited about the engagement, excited about the marriage, excited about the wedding. Every member of the parish should be INVITED to the wedding. Weddings have become such a private affair that often nobody from the parish is invited - after all, we have to limit the invitations to the number we can seat at the reception. Which points to the reality that most weddings are really about the reception. Marriage is not a private reality and weddings should not be either.

I am so thankful that many of the weddings we have at Newman are not like what I described above. They really are parish celebrations. So often, the weddings that we celebrate here are for couples who met here during their university studies. Their relationships have grown up surrounded by Newman friends. Their wedding parties are populated by people they know from Newman. Such was the case of the wedding of Vince Steiner and Danielle Steinfadt on Saturday. (Congratulations, Vince and Danielle!) The Wedding of our former Campus Minister, Tanner John and his lovely bride, Brittany McCain in October brought our Fall season of Love to a beautiful crescendo and reminded me how important it is for us to see marriage prep and weddings both as PARISH CELEBRATIONS.

Between us right now, Fr. Donald and I are preparing about 20 couples for marriage. Most will get married here, a few we are preparing for other places. For all of these couples we ask your prayers. I would like to offer a special congratulations to three couples who got engaged during the winter break: Mike Mayette and Juliane Christina, Alex Gutierrez and Trisha Henry, and Kaylan Burliegh and Sean Cahill. I would also ask your prayers for the couples who have married from our community in recent months: Aidan and Brittany Garza, Sean Small and Christine Pham, Gail Gibbons and Fred Pace, Gabe and Delia Birch, Ryan and Sarah Ostberg, Michael and Lauren Simmons, and the two couples I mentions above. Pray also for the couples who are preparing for marriage: Corey Poindexter and Lucy Martinez, David Rudolf and Kelly Golden, Shelley Hubele and Ed Rubin, Barbara Colondres and Mike Davee, Mike Galeski and Ashley Hunley, Dana Stevenson and John Richards, Megan Stull and J Alexander, Noe Badillo and Elizabeth Riedel, Greg Wagner and Josie Larger. May God bless all these couples richly as they enter into a blessed life together as husbands and wives. Let us also pray for the grace to uphold the meaning of marriage in our society and to help young people who are preparing to be married to stay focused on the true meaning of the sacrament and vocation of marriage.

Peace,

*Fr. Bart op.*



IF THE LORD DOES NOT BUILD THE HOUSE, IN VAIN DO THE BUILDERS LABOR... Psalm 127

# 85 FOR 85 THOUSAND YEARS

A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S HOUSE

The projects to be accomplished by the "85 for 85" Campaign will enhance the beauty of the facility but are not being undertaken for that purpose. They are largely related to safety and security on our property and around our buildings. Much of the needed work is the result of deferred maintenance and the age of the building. Those who call the Newman Center their "church home" and friends of our community are invited to help us raise these funds and make these much needed repairs to our community's house.

PARTIAL LIST OF PROJETS TO BE FUNDED: Replace exterior doors and panic bar hardware, replace evap coolers in lobby, library, and Blessed Sacrament Chapel, re-pad, reupholster, and repair kneelers, replace AC unit in Dominican residence, lawn/sprinkler and landscape work, repairs to roof on south side of building, re-carpet lobby and halls in Newman Center, furniture for lobby and library, replace sign in front of Center/new signage, repair weather damage to ramada, repair weather and termite damage to Dominican residence.

### 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 once a week for about an hour. Sign-up at the table outside after mass, at the reception desk, or online.



### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. day, the Newman Center will be closed Monday, January 16. There will be Mass at 5:15 PM.

### SUSTAINING BOARD STUDENT DINNER

The Sustaining Board will serve a wonderful meal in Green Hall on Sunday, January 29 at 6:00 PM. Come eat, drink, and be merry! All students are invited to share the meal. The meal is free of charge and a great opportunity to fellowship with other Newman students.



### 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.

### 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.

### K-6th GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes for Religious Education will resume on Sunday, January 22 at 9:00 AM in Green Hall.

### COLLEGE JUSTICE WALKING INFORMATION NIGHT

Imagine what would happen to us and our world if we really tried to live the Gospel! College Justice Walking (J-Walking) is a unique discipleship process that brings young adults into a small, committed community. Over the course of the semester, J-Walkers dialogue, reflect and experiment with Gospel-living and practicing Catholic teaching. To learn more about J-Walking, please join us on Thursday, January 12 at 7:00 PM in the classroom.

### SERVE AT CASA MARIA CATHOLIC WORKER HOUSE

Every Monday & Thursdays at 8:15 AM

Casa Maria is a Catholic Worker House that serves the poor and homeless in South Tucson. Only a few miles away, this community of workers provides members of the Newman Center with the opportunity to serve and grow in understanding of the mission of the Catholic Workers. If interested, meet us at the Newman Center at 8:15 AM on Mondays and Thursdays. If you have any questions, contact Matt Campbell at mlcampbe@email.arizona.edu.

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## Wednesdays at 7:00 PM In The Chapel



### The Retreat That Lasts All Semester

January 11

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 AT NEWMAN

### Tuesday, January 10

7:00 PM - OPL Council - Green Hall

### Wednesday, January 11

7:00 PM - Emmaus - Chapel

8:00 PM - Candlelight Mass - Chapel

### Thursday, January 12

7:00 PM - Lector Scripture Study - Library

7:00 PM - Social Justice Jaywalking Info Night - Classroom

### Sunday, January 15

1:00 PM - OPL - Green Hall

### Monday, January 16

Center Closed

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Our regular Mass schedule will resume the weekend of January 15/16

## 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.

### 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.

### Confirmation:

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

### 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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

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## CO-WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

Diocesan Conference  
March 15-17, 2012

### Tucson Convention Center

Come together as a diocese for this gathering of over 3000 people from across Southern Arizona to be inspired, encouraged, and connected to one another and with God. There will be keynote speakers, workshops, liturgies, a resource exhibition hall, and

opportunities for networking. Registration begins at 4 PM on March 15, doors open at 7 PM.

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

### January 8: The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

8:30 AM Genevieve Jelinski

10:30 AM Red & Rosemarie Keith +  
Russell & Mary Piaggi +

5:00 PM Pro Populo

### January 9: The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:35-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9;  
Mk 1:7-11

5:15 PM Stephen Kaminski +

### January 10

1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20 or Mk 1:14-20

5:15 PM Richard Kostuchowski +

### January 11

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

5:15 PM Merle Brantmeier +

8:00 PM No Intention

### January 12

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

5:15 PM Robert Demski +

### January 13

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

5:15 PM Susan Flanahan +

### January 14

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

5:15 PM Maura Tunney +

### January 15: Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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