

CATHOLIC WILDCAT

The Weekly Newsletter of the Catholic Community at the University of Arizona

December 14-15
Third Sunday of Advent



SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

Preaching the Gospel at the University of Arizona since 1926

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

**WEDNESDAY EVENING
STUDENT MASS**
7:30 PM

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

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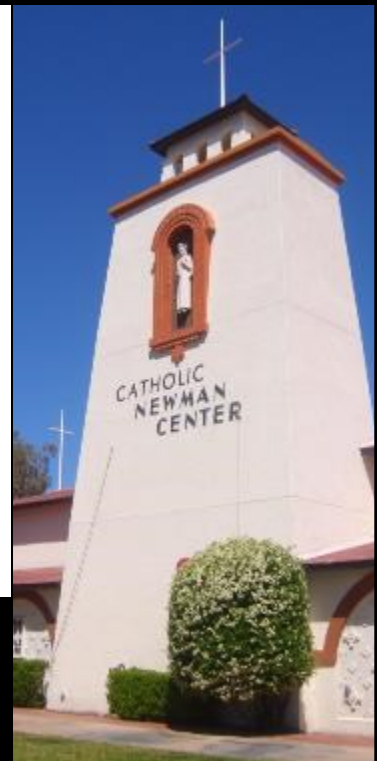
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The Newman Mission:

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, Dec. 15

5:00 PM - Baccalaureate Mass - Chapel
6:00 PM - Pasta Supper - Green Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 17

7:00 PM - RCIA Inquiry - Library

Wednesday, Dec. 18

7:30 PM - Student Centered Mass - Chapel

Thursday, Dec. 19

7:00 PM - Lector Scripture Study

Sunday, Dec. 22

Winter Break Mass Schedule Begins
Masses at 8:30, 10:30 & 5:00

Dear Friends -

As the Fall semester wraps up, I'd like to thank all who have been involved in making this a wonderful semester at the Newman Center. As the student community finishes exams and head home for the holidays, we wish them a very blessed, holy, and restful Christmas. We look forward to your return in January and to another great Newman semester next year.

For those who are staying for the holidays, I remind you that our holiday Mass schedule begins next weekend and will continue thru the weekend of January 11-12. We look forward to celebrating a wonderful Newman Christmas with you.

Peace,

Fr. Bart op.

HELP DECORATE THE CHAPEL FOR CHRISTMAS

We welcome anyone who is willing to lend us a couple of hours and help create our Christmas environment. Join us Tuesday, December 24 at 8:00 AM. No special skills are needed. It will be a great way to prepare ourselves one last time for our joyous Christmas celebration!



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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



Grad Gatos activities will begin at the beginning of the Spring Semester in January, with the following schedule:

Monday Night Reading Group

Every Monday night at 7:30 PM starting January 27th.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap will start the new year on January 14th, featuring Fr. James Thompson presenting a talk titled, "How to Read the Apocalypse Like a Catholic". Theology on Tap is recurring on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at O'Malley's on 4th Avenue. Arrive at 6:30pm for drinks with the talk beginning at 7pm.

Hikes

A hike will occur on January 18th. Contact Tamra at tamrak1@email.arizona.edu. Hikes occur on the third Saturday of the month.

Social Event

We are planning a bonfire for January 24th at 7:30pm. Contact Darren at dcmullen@ieee.org. Social events occur on the 4th Friday of the month.

For questions or instructions to subscribe to the mailing list, contact Ben at bjohnd@email.arizona.edu



IN HONOR OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE NEWMAN CENTER CHURCH, THE CENTER IS CREATING A NEW OUTDOOR MARIAN DEVOTIONAL SPACE WITHIN THE EXISTING ROSE GARDEN IN FRONT OF THE CENTER... STUDENTS, ALUMNI, PARISHIONERS, PARENTS, BENEFACTORS & FRIENDS OF THE NEWMAN CENTER ARE INVITED TO PURCHASE ENGRAVED BRICKS WHICH WILL PAVE THE RENOVATED SPACE. Each Brick is \$100 and can be ordered in the Newman Office.

NEWMAN PHOTOS

Photos taken by Carolyn Vieira at Confirmation on November 17 are now available on the Web at <http://carolynmvieira.smugmug.com/Newman-Center>.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS MEETING

Those interested in working with the K-6th grade Religious Education program are asked to attend a meeting on Saturday, January 25 from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Newman Center.

R.C.I.A.

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

You may have noticed that we now have a third member who dismisses on Sunday morning after the homily at the 11:15 AM Mass. We welcome Ms. Arisdelzi Urtusuastegui (Ari for short) to our program. Ari was baptized Catholic as an infant, and is seeking the completion of her sacraments of initiation. We count on your continued prayerful support for our Catechumen and Candidates, Desmond Ondoua, Michaela Duarte, and for Ari through the season of Advent.

Growth in our faith takes ongoing nourishment through prayer and education for ALL of us throughout our adult lives. PARISHIONERS are invited and welcome to attend any or all presentations offered through the RCIA program throughout the year. Sessions take place in the Newman Classroom from 1-2:30 PM. Next session: Sun, Jan. 19.



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 Friday, December 20. Financial donations toward purchasing the plants are also accepted. Thank you!

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

The Newman Center has EFT available to make it possible for you to make your regular contribution by automatic deduction from your checking account. This is intended to help those who would like help being more intentional with their regular parish stewardship. Pick up an Authorization Form at the Newman front desk.

TAX CREDITS...HELP STUDENTS

Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) for the Diocese of Tucson is helping students attend Catholic schools regardless of their race, religion, national origin and economic status, etc. Take advantage of the Arizona Tax Credit Program by directing your tax dollars to CTSO, and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. Take the credit and mail your contribution up to \$2,062 for a couple filing jointly and \$1,031 for an individual to: CTSO, P.O. Box 14467, Tucson, AZ 85732-4467 or visit www.ctso-tucson.org for online giving.

NEWMAN CENTER CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24
5:00 PM (Children's Mass), 8:00 PM, Midnight

Wednesday December 25
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

THERE WILL BE NO 5:15 PM MASS ON THUR., DEC. 26 or FRI., DEC. 27

The Newman Center Will Be Closed Dec. 26 & 27 and Dec. 30 - Jan. 3

WINTER BREAK MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 22: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:00 PM

Saturday, December 28: 5:15 PM

Sunday, December 29: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:00 PM

Tuesday, December 31: 5:15 PM (Vigil Mass for Holy Day)

Wednesday, January 1: 5:15 PM
(Mary Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, January 4: 5:15 PM

Sunday, January 5: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:00 PM

Our regular worship schedule resumes the weekend of January 11/12

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 15: Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

8:00 AM Dana Swenson +

9:30 AM No Intention

11:15 AM Pro Populo

5:00 PM Hector & Oscar Ramos +

7:00 PM Tom Tate +

Dec. 16

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

5:15 PM No Intention

Dec. 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

5:15 PM No Intention

Dec. 18

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

5:15 PM Shirley Grimaldi +

7:30 PM Student Intentions

Dec. 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

5:15 PM No Intention

Dec. 20

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

5:15 PM Aurelia Araneta +

Dec. 21

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

5:15 PM No Intention

Dec. 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

8:30 AM No Intention

10:30 AM No Intention

5:00 PM Pro Populo