

CATHOLIC WILDCAT

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

December 7-8
Second Sunday of Advent



Congratulations to Newman Parishioners: Tucson City Councilman (Ward 5) Richard Fimbres, and his wife, Mary. This photo was taken on Monday when Councilman Fimbres was sworn in for his second term. He joked that he made it a "Newman event" by inviting Federal Judge Frank Zapata, also a Newman Parishioner, to administer his oath of office and Fr. Bart to deliver the invocation.

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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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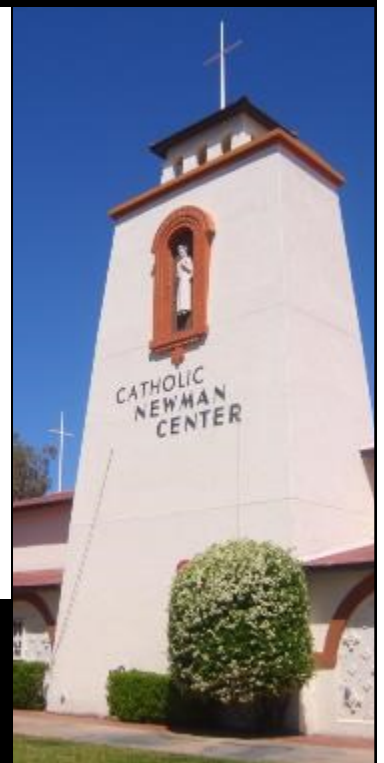
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The Newman Mission:

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. 8

4:30 AM - Primavera
11:00 AM - RCIA - Classroom
3:00 PM - OPL - Classroom

Monday, Dec. 9

4:00 PM - Campus Renew (Brian/Angelica) - Classroom
7:00 PM - Campus Renew (Josilyn) - Green Hall
7:00 PM - Campus Renew (Michael) - S Elizabeth's Office
7:00 PM - Campus Renew (Sammy/Jose) - Classroom
7:30 PM - Grad Reading Group - Library

Tuesday, Dec. 10

4:00 PM - Campus Renew (Dustin/Silvia) - Classroom
6:00 PM - *Lives of the Saints* - Library
7:00 PM - RCIA Inquiry - Library
7:00 PM - Social Justice Speaker - Classroom
7:00 PM - Theology on Tap at O'Malley's on 4th Ave

Wednesday, Dec. 11

7:30 PM - Student Centered Mass - Chapel

Thursday, Dec. 12

9:00 AM - CMLT Breakfast - Green Hall
7:00 PM - Lector Scripture Study
7:00 PM - Campus Renew (Emily) - Green Hall
7:00 PM - Campus Renew (Kristina) - Classroom

Sunday, Dec. 15

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

Let's Take the "Ad" out of Advent

There is an interesting paradox in the Advent season in a university community. For most of our parishioners, Advent does not feel like a beginning, it is very much the an ending; specifically an ending of the Fall semester. While the Church calls us to be in "beginning mode" - beginning of a new liturgical year, beginning of the Natal season, beginning of our annual rehearsal of the drama of salvation - our students are very much focused on ending well the semester at hand.

This paradox illustrates the very real dichotomy that all of experience during the Advent season, especially because we live in a commercial world that has been celebrating the "Christmas season" since the day after Halloween. If we are not careful, we can be lulled into believing that Advent is nothing more than the number of shopping days until Christmas. (This, of course, is not helped by the ubiquitous "Advent calendars" counting down the days until Christmas).

Advent, especially early Advent, really is not about Christmas at all, and I did not really understand Advent (for Advent's sake) until I was able to divorce it from Christmas. Pay attention to the readings at Sunday Mass in the first 3 weeks of Advent: Apocalypse, coming of the kingdom, revelation of God, second coming of Jesus. At this moment, university life is a much better sign of the season than the stuffed newspapers, flashy commercials, and shopping. Students are more focused on their final papers, final exams, final projects, and final grades than anything else right now. The Christmas season will begin for them when that final project, exam, or paper is turned in to their professor and they can head home for the holidays. Students are (perhaps unwittingly) reminding all of us the focus of the Advent season: FINAL JUDGMENT! In this season, we, like students who have been learning in a course, are called to examine our hearts to see what we have truly learned and how we put it into practice in our daily lives. We're called to demonstrate our proficiency and to be prepared to make an accounting to the one who is responsible for our training.

The Advent season shifts focus on December 17 to prepare our hearts and minds for this year's celebration of the first coming of Jesus. In the meantime, there is a much more important focus for us - Jesus's continual coming in the world - we are called to be instruments of his coming in the lives of all we meet, so that in us, all can encounter Jesus. And yes, this will be on the FINAL EXAM. :)

Peace,

Fr. Bart op.

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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

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, ICON OF JUSTICE

December 10 — 7:00- 8:30 PM

Join us for a unique presentation for all ages; a retelling of the apparition with artistic expressions from near and far. The Jordan Ministry Team offers this opportunity to take a new look at Our Lady of Guadalupe from a historical, religious and cultural perspective! Presenter: Rebecca Pina-Cammarota holds a Master of Arts in Latin-American Literature from the University of Arizona. Rebecca is experienced in secondary and post-secondary education. She completed the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Certification Program in the Diocese of Tucson in June 2012. Active in Hispanic Ministry, she is also a wife and mother of two grown sons.





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.

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 15. Please leave your name and information with the office by calling 327-6662.

THANK YOU RCIA LUNCH HOSTS

A belated thank you to Linda and Curt Mracek our RCIA Luncheon Hosts for Nov. 24. Our Candidates Ari and Michaela, and Catechumen Desmond, as well as the RCIA Team and staff greatly enjoyed a homemade meal of chicken enchiladas, tossed salad, ice cream and homemade pecan and apple pies. Wow, it was yummy! Blessings to you both!

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 1:00-2:30 PM. Next session: Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014.

A wise, southern gentleman once said:
"God is good. God and beer is better"

**Service Springing
From Spirituality**

Tuesday, December 10th, 7pm
at O'Malley's 247 N. 4th Avenue
with Monica Leon, Tanner John & Matt Campbell

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

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

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

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**



Congrats to members of the Newman Center intramural Wiffleball Team who won the Championship this semester: Luke Huffaker, Nate Langdon, Kendra Dadisman, Jessica Ferlman, Claire Maxey and (not pictured) Danny Zicarelli.



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!

NEWMAN CENTER SPRING 2014 PARKING PERMITS

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

Applications for spring 2014 parking permits are now being accepted through Friday, December 13. Spring parking permits are \$100. Those receiving permits will be notified by December 20. 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.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 8: Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

8:00 AM No Intention
9:30 AM Pro Populo
11:15 AM Sustaining Board Intentions
5:00 PM No Intention
7:00 PM No Intention

Dec. 9: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

5:15 PM No Intention

Dec. 10

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

5:15 PM No Intention

Dec. 11

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

5:15 PM Roberta Ishmael (Birthday)
7:30 PM Student Intentions

Dec. 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

5:15 PM No Intention

Dec. 13: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

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

5:15 PM No Intention

Dec. 14: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor

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

5:15 PM No Intention

Dec. 15: Third Sunday of Advent

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

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