

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWMAN CENTER

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December 20-21, 2014

Fourth Sunday in Advent

NEWMAN CENTER CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24

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

Thursday December 25

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

THERE WILL BE A 5:15 PM MASS on Wed., Dec. 31 & Thu., Jan. 1 (Mary Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation)

THERE WILL NOT BE A 5:15 PM MASS on Fri., Dec. 26, Mon., Dec. 29, Tue., Dec. 30 & Fri., Jan. 2

The Newman Center Will Be Closed December 26 - January 2

WINTER BREAK MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING DECEMBER 20

Saturday 5:15 PM

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

Our regular worship schedule resumes the weekend of January 17/18

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

RECONCILIATION

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

NEWMAN CENTER STAFF

*This Community is served by the Friars of
the Western Dominican Province and
the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose*

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THIS MONTH AT NEWMAN

Sunday, December 21

Winter Break Mass Schedule Begins

Monday, December 22

7:00 PM - Lector Scripture Study - Classroom

Wednesday, December 24

8:00 AM - Decorate the Chapel
Masses: 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM, Midnight

Thursday, December 25

Masses: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Wednesday, December 31

5:15 PM - Mass - Chapel

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with Fr. James

Meanings of Christmas Mass

It is well-known that the word "Christmas" derives from the phrase "Christ's Mass." The earliest attested use in English is "Cristes Maesse" in A.D. 1038. Since at least the year A.D. 800, three distinct Masses were celebrated in Rome on December 25th in honor of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Since Vatican II, with permission to celebrate vigil Masses, the number of Masses a parish might celebrate on Christmas has proliferated. Yet to this day we have different sets of readings for the Vigil Mass, the Night Mass, the Mass at Dawn, as well as for Mass during the Day. But what was the symbolism, centuries ago, for the tradition of three Christmas Masses?

St. Thomas Aquinas (*Summa Theologiae* III.83.2) explains that one way of looking at them is as representing three nativities of Christ: the Night Mass stands for Christ's being "born of the Father before all ages" as we say in the Creed. The Mass at Dawn speaks to us of his spiritual birth within believers, as "the morning star rises in your hearts" (2 Peter 1:19). And the third Mass represents his physical birth into the world through Mary, the Incarnation of the Son of God.

There is also an ancient chant from the *Roman Martyrology* which gives a solemn proclamation of the Nativity of the Lord. It begins with creation, and situates the Nativity in time, relating to the Flood, Abraham, the Exodus, King David, and the year 752 A.U.C. (from the founding of Rome), which was the 42nd year of the reign of Caesar Augustus. In many churches today, this is still chanted just before the beginning of Midnight Mass. We plan to continue that tradition this year at our Midnight Mass. And, yes, Midnight Mass will be at midnight!

CONFIRMATION CLASS SIGN-UP

Applications for the spring semester Confirmation classes are now available online at www.UACatholic.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 21: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
Dec. 22: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56;
Dec. 23: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Dec. 24: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Dec. 25: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Dec. 26: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Dec. 27: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 21: Gianni (8:30 PM)
Dec. 21: Richard Kennedy & Family (5:00 PM)
Dec. 22: Christina Rivera
Dec. 23: The Ciernik Family
Dec. 24: Ruben Sr., Rick, Fina, Louie & Fred Gabusi + (5:00 PM)
Dec. 24: Mr. & Mrs. Red Schnider (8:00 PM)
Dec. 24: President Obama (Midnight)
Dec. 25: Pope Francis (8:30 AM)
Dec. 25: Pro Populo (10:30 AM)
Dec. 27: Priscilla Rivera

NEWMAN CENTER PARISH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It is time to elect a new secretary to serve on the Parish Board of Directors. Fr. James has nominated Cliff Bowman. If you would like to nominate someone, nomination forms are available at all Chapel entrances and the front desk. Nominations will be open until, December 21.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Our student musicians are away during the Christmas break. If you are a vocalist or instrumentalist and would like to help provide music for one of the Christmas Masses, especially the Midnight Mass, please contact Br. Cody.

POINSETTIA DONATIONS

The Newman Center is accepting poinsettia donations for the Christmas season. Please bring your poinsettias to the front desk by Fri., Dec. 19. Financial donations are also accepted. Thank you!

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 Wednesday, December 24 at 8:00 AM. No special skills are needed.

THANK YOU FOR JESSE TREE GIFTS

On behalf of Stand Up For Kids and Primavera we want to express our gratitude for your generosity of gift giving. God bless you for your goodness. May this week of anticipated joy bring you abundant blessings.

FR. JAMES AT PROVINCE CHAPTER

Every four years the Western Dominican Province holds its Provincial Chapter in January. The next Chapter begins January 2, 2015, and Fr. James has been elected to be a delegate. At this series of meetings the friars elect a Provincial, make various appointments, and revise the *Acts & Statutes* of the Province. These meetings will probably continue for 2-1/2 weeks, but during this time the parish will be in the capable hands of Fr. Jacek. Please pray for wisdom for this Chapter!

SAN MIGUEL INTERNS

We bid a fond farewell to our San Miguel High School receptionist interns: Ricky Garcia, Gabriela Quiroga, Bianca Vega and Alejandro Lopez. For financial reasons Fr. James has decided not to renew the Corporate Internship Program for next semester. We are, however, grateful for their work here, and wish them blessings on their new placements next year.

YEAR-END STOCK GIVING

When you are planning your year-end giving, please consider donating your appreciated securities to the Newman Center. Why not avoid capital gains, receive a tax deduction and support the Newman Center all at the same time. For information, contact Nancy Kirk at the Catholic Foundation, 838-2508.

TAX CREDITS...HELP STUDENTS

Continue to support a needy and deserving student by continuing to take advantage of the tax credit. Please pick up a brochure at the Chapel entrance that explains how you can get a dollar-for-dollar tax credit or visit the CTSO website; www.ctso-tucson.org.

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