

Christmas

Greetings

From the Chaplains
and Staff of

the Newman Center.

May 2015 be filled
with God's Blessings



Dear Parishioners of the Newman Center,

A very blessed & merry Christmastide to all of you!

Despite all the maudlin emotional manipulation that surrounds this season, there is some hidden power in this feast that confounds explanation. As G. K. Chesterton put it, "The great majority of people will go on observing forms that cannot be explained; they will keep Christmas Day with Christmas gifts and Christmas benedictions; they will continue to do it; and some day suddenly wake up and discover why." Part of the reason surely comes from the nature of the Incarnation itself. St. Bernard put it this way: "When God reveals his humanity, his goodness cannot possibly remain hidden." Whatever joy or grief has come our way, may the piercing beauty of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ take our breath away this Christmas, if even for a moment.

A major joy for us on staff is being available for service to our university students, whether in direct ministry or in support of the brick and mortar operations. We are therefore grateful to all who support this ministry in any way, whether the students themselves, or university faculty and staff, or those who without direct connection to the University of Arizona simply choose to make Newman their spiritual home. Like Christmas, the very existence of a Newman Center parish contains some hidden power that the Lord uses to affect young lives in ways that are both seen, and perhaps more often, invisible and incalculable. There is a divine goodness dwelling here. It appears in your loving faces and generous deeds!

With all our Newman Center staff, I once again wish you a very Merry Christmas and abundant blessings in the New Year, A.D. 2015.

Peace,

Handwritten signature of Fr. James

*Today a light will shine upon us,
for the Lord is born for us;
and he will be called Wondrous God,
Prince of Peace, Father of future ages:
and his reign will be without end.*

WINTER BREAK MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays at 5:15 PM
Sundays at 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM

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

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

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

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

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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!

DIRECTOR ELECTED TO PARISH BOARD

Please congratulate Cliff Bowman, who is our newly elected Director of the Parish Board. Since there was only one nomination for the position, Cliff was automatically elected to this position in accordance with our corporate by-laws. Cliff accepted the position and will begin the term in January 2015.

RELIGIOUS ED TEACHERS MEETING

Those interested in working with the K-6th grade Religious Ed program are asked to attend a meeting on Sat., January 24 from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Newman Center.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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
Dec. 28: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Dec. 29: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Dec. 30: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Dec. 31: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Jan. 1: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Jan. 2: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Jan. 3: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 25: Pope Francis (8:30 AM) and Pro Populo (10:30 AM)
Dec. 27: Priscilla Rivera
Dec. 28: Pro Populo (5:00 PM)
Dec. 31: Irene Fimbres
Jan. 1: Pro Populo
Jan. 3: Carlos Madril

CONFIRMATION CLASS SIGN-UP

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

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.

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