

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWMAN CENTER

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*“Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return...”*

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

(Ashes will be distributed at all Masses and Prayer Services)

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| 7:30 AM | Morning Prayer |
| 12:15 PM | Mass in the Newman Center Chapel |
| 12:15 PM | Mass at UofA (west side of Old Main) |
| 5:15 PM | Evening Prayer |
| 7:00 PM | Mass in the Newman Center Chapel |
| 7:00 PM | Mass at UofA (adjacent to 2nd St. garage) |

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

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the Western Dominican Province and
the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose*

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THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

Monday, February 16

4:30 PM - Rosary - Chapel
7:00 PM - Confirmation Class - Classroom
7:30 PM - Grad Group - Library
9:00 PM - Adoration - Chapel

Tuesday, February 17

4:30 PM - Rosary - Chapel
7:00 PM - RCIA Inquiry - Library
7:00 PM - Sacred Music - Green Hall

Wednesday, February 18

See Schedule Above

Thursday, February 19

4:30 PM - Rosary - Chapel
7:00 PM - Lector Scripture Study - Classroom

Friday, February 20

3:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - Chapel
3:00 PM - Philosophy Reading Group - Library
4:30 PM - Rosary - Chapel
6:00 PM - Soup, Bread & Prayer Night - Green Hall

Sunday, February 22

9:00 AM - Religious Ed - Green Hall
11:00 AM - RCIA Lunch - Patio
1:00 PM - RCIA - Classroom

LITURGY CORNER 18

with Fr. James

Distraction at Mass, Part 2: Distractions of Creativity

The general direction of this series on Distraction at Mass will be from the more abstract to the more specific. Surely the topic of "creativity" is suitably abstract.

New & Improved. But why consider creativity to be a source of distraction at Mass? Surely we do not want Mass to become so static and stale that absolutely every word and gesture is 100% predictable. Of course not. However, in our consumerist American culture we place a high value on variety, options, and "new and improved" products to alleviate boredom.

We tend to bring these same sensibilities into our liturgical planning and expectations. At the extreme, we can make a virtue out of creativity simply for variety's sake.

Nature of Ritual. When we participate in Mass, however, we are engaging in formal, ritual worship. This particular ritual event follows a pattern set down in the first century A.D. The primary method of its preservation was continual repetition handed on from generation to generation. For a ritual even to be a ritual, its primary mark is that it is a repetition of what happened before. Rites evidence a high value placed on having an unchanging core of meaning and action.

On the other hand, a degree of intentional creativity and adaptation is necessary for the viability of a sacred ritual over time. Contrary to the historicist fallacy about some golden age where the liturgy was perfect and later developments are always corruptions, change over time is also necessary for the long-term survival of Christian rites.

But when creativity in liturgy is sought for its own sake, then it is a major distraction. One of the reasons that so-called liturgical dance has not had staying power is because it is not a valid development of the tradition, but has all the markings of creativity for creativity's sake.

The Balance. There is a fine balance to be found here. But if we keep in mind the nature of ritual itself, as well as the focus of the Mass as the worship of God for the purpose forming Christ within us, a measured degree of creative enhancement can lead us into deeper worship rather than distraction.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Feb. 15: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Feb. 16: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

Feb. 17: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21

Feb. 18: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Feb. 19: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Feb. 20: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Feb. 21: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Feb. 15: Molly McKinstry + (8:00), Pro Populo (11:15),

Alexander Teves + (9:30), The Kennedy-Budaya Family (5:00)

Feb. 18 Edward D. O'Donnell + (7:00 PM)

Feb. 19: Gordon Johnson +

Feb 20: Christina Rivera (birthday)

LENTEN SOUP, BREAD & PRAYER NIGHT

Fri., Feb. 20 in Green Hall - 6:00 PM-7:30PM

Bring soup and bread to share with Newman parishioners to begin our Lenten season. Evening of conversation and prayer. SIGN UP IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR AT THE FRONT DESK! If you have signed up for Lenten Longings (Newman Lenten retreat), you will learn of your small group this evening.

LENTEN LONGINGS

Lent invites us to a time of prayer, reflection, and conversation. Make a 6 week retreat this Lent and commit to works of justice and to the ongoing conversion of hearts. Join a small faith sharing community to deepen your faith and meet new friends. Sign-up at UACatholic.org. For information, please contact Jessica Kiesling 515-291-8699, JRoh180@gmail.com or Sr. Elizabeth.

THANK YOU RCIA LUNCH HOSTS

Thank you to Dave and Aggie Sunderman for providing a wonderful and delicious lunch for RCIA on Sunday, February 8. Your generosity is appreciated!

EXPLORING LITURGY & SACRED MUSIC

Br. Cody invites anyone interested in liturgy and music to a weekly event. We will read and discuss a few texts through the semester, to understand more deeply liturgy and especially Catholic sacred music. Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in Green Hall. Questions? Please contact Br. Cody, cojorgensen@gmail.com.

SUSTAINING BOARD STUDENT DINNER

The Sustaining Board will serve a wonderful meal in Green Hall on Sunday, March 1 at 6:00 PM. Come eat, drink, and be merry! All students are invited! The meal is free of charge and a great opportunity to fellowship with other Newman students.

SUSTAINING BOARD SCHOLARSHIP

The Newman Sustaining Board Scholarship application is now available for completion by anyone who wants to apply for one of two \$5,000 scholarships for next year. This is the first time the application has been online and it can only be completed online this year. The deadline for applications is March 13.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY

Come join the Knights of Columbus for our Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, February 27 after Mass at 6:15 PM. \$5 (per person) gets you a plate of fish, fries and a drink!

"COME & SEE" VOCATIONS WEEKEND

Young men who have thought about entering religious life are invited to the Dominican Vocations Weekend at St. Albert Priory in Oakland, CA from 4 PM Fri., Feb. 27 to 1 PM Sun., March 2. Contact Fr. Steven Maekawa, OP (415)264-3103 for information.

2015 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal. By giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal you are helping hundreds of people each year. You help prepare our teachers of religious education, You help strengthen and support our Catholic schools, You encourage and invite vocations to the priesthood and religious life, You reach out to those who seek the programs and services of Catholic Community Services, and so much more. I pray and I ask you to pray with me that we will unite as PEOPLE OF FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY to assure that each of our essential ministries and services has the resources needed to continue HIS mission - the mission that we share as PEOPLE OF FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY. *Thank you for your support and participation!*

Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, D.D.

Bishop of Tucson