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Yearly Theme: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me" -Luke 4:18

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

SCHEDULES

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
5:15 PM

SUNDAY MASSES
9:00 AM, 11:00 AM,
5:00PM & 7:00PM

MONDAY—FRIDAY
Morning Prayer (Lauds): 8:30AM
Evening Prayer (Vespers): 5:00PM
Daily Mass: 5:15 PM

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

**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**
Wednesdays at 9PM

OFFICE HOURS
M-F 9:00AM-4:00PM
Sunday 8:30AM-12:30PM

NEWMAN CENTER STAFF



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by the Friars of the Western
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Vigil—Immaculate Conception
12/8 5:15PM **Phyllis Taylor+**
Second Sunday of Advent
12/9 9:00AM **Our Newman Community**
11:00AM **Joseph Hills**
5:00PM **December Graduates**
7:00PM **Velma Drassler**

Monday - Advent Weekday
12/10 5:15PM **Dotty Calabrmso**
Tuesday - Saint Damasus I
12/11 5:15PM **Pat DeLaune**
Fr. Patrick LaBelle, OP+

Wednesday - Our Lady of Guadalupe
12/12 5:15PM **Kathy Wood**
Cuco del Cid+

Thursday - Saint Lucy
12/13 9:00AM **Rex Andrada**
Friday - St. John of the Cross
12/14 5:15PM **Joanne DiNatale**

*Mass Intentions can be requested at the
office for Memorials, Birthdays or Special
Intentions. \$10 is the suggested donation*

Fr. John Paul's Spiritual Brew

The winding roads will be made straight, and the rough paths smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God”

I can imagine that during finals week that many of you are feeling like you're on a winding road... I am sure you're tired from a long semester, and looking forward to a few weeks to relax, connect w/ loved ones, and to simply get into the Spirit of the Advent/Christmas Season.

Our first reading from the Isaiah speaks beautiful words to those in the throws of finals...”Comfort, give comfort to my people.... For a voice cries out in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord.. Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God”

These words were spoken to a people in captivity.... And, yes..., sometimes ‘final’s week’ can feel like we are stuck in captivity..... But, only if we keep our eyes downward.. upon the negative things in life.. Those things that keep us trapped, and not free to study, eat, rest, participate in healthy relationships, and to remember why we are studying, or focusing on an area or wider vocation in our lives. We have to see a bigger picture... to hear a greater voice crying out – Prepare a highway through the “wastelands” of this finals week and life.... that will connect us to something better, truer, healthier, and freer... Namely, the God of life, truth, and love!

These are the voices of Isaiah the Prophet and John the Baptist, that rang out to a people in darkness - millennia ago - and still echo loudly today! Look up from your struggle, and hear the voice of God seeking to shatter the darkness! The voice that says in your prayer, through your roommate/friend/parent/or mentor – study, ask for help, go to office hours, tell someone what’s really going on with you, and don’t be afraid to seek support in hard times! This is how we learn how to hear that “voice” which is always crying out....And, to get on that “higher way” through life’s “wastelands” to our God, who’s Spirit is upon us, and anoints us for the journey of life!

Students be assured of our prayers through this week of finals, and into your Advent and Christmas break. We have some special finals survival bags to help with your week. The answers to all your exams and projects are not inside.... Only, a little echo of the love of God – to hear his voice, and to prepare a way forward! Amen!

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

FALL BACCALAUREATE MASS

Sunday, 12/8 at 5PM

FINAL EXAM STUDY SESSION

Sunday 12/8 starting at 6:15PM downstairs

ANNUAL MARIACHI MASS

Wednesday 12/12 at 5:15PM

followed by a tamale dinner downstairs

GRAD STUDENTS/YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Thursdays at 7:30PM downstairs

This week: Christmas Party with food and fun
bring a \$5 white elephant gift

View the full calendar at:

UACatholic.org/calendar

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Thanks to Denise Durazo and Gilbert Mejia for taking the lead on our wonderful Advent environment in the church. Also, thanks to Andy Romo and Brian & Kelly’s Christmas Tree Lot near Broadway and Rosemont for the generous donation of Christmas trees. We are blessed!

GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SAVE THE DATE FOR SPRING RETREAT

Grad students and young professionals, mark your calendars for January 25-27. It's time to "Retreat Yo Self to Time with Jesus!" More details about the retreat and registration will be coming soon.

JANUARY NEWMAN BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, 1/22 at 7:00PM in the Curry Classroom

Join us for a discussion of

Fyodor Dostoevsky’s The Brothers Karamazov

Please read the book beforehand. There will be snacks and good conversation. All are welcome—students and resident community members alike!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

In the Christmas Spirit, on Tuesday the 18th of December, the Newman Young Adult Group will be hosting a blood drive through the American Red Cross in the parking lot in the alley behind the church just off Cherry Ave.

Please be advised to eat well prior to the donation, and stay hydrated.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FALL BACCALAUREATE DECEMBER GRADUATES

Jordyn Paige Luna - Psychology, Minor: Pre- Law

Angela Maria Martinez - Journalism

Allysa Neri - Nursing

Abriana Silva - Care, Health and Society

Kalyn Justine Tejada - Public Health & Africana Studies

Roselani-Mari Mata Valdenegro - Family Studies

PLEASE KEEP OUR CANDIDATES AND CATECHUMENS IN RCIA IN PRAYER

The Rite of Welcome was celebrated last weekend, beginning their formal journey towards the Easter Vigil and full

reception in the Catholic Church

Emma Anderson

Kaili Marion

Richard Nguyen

Lilliana Nunez-Breceda

Destiny Pearson

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY CANDELIGHT VIGIL AT EVERGREEN CEMETERY

International Migrants Day, Tuesday, 12/18 at 4PM at the cemetery where the remains of hundreds of migrants discovered in the Sonoran Desert have been buried after attempts to identify many of them were exhausted. Pima County Medical Examiner Dr. Gregory Hess and leaders with Tucson Samaritans, the Colibrí Center for Human Rights, No More Deaths, Humane Borders, Derechos Humanos, Tucson-area churches, synagogues and mosques and the Tohono O'odham Nation and Pascua Yaqui Tribe will offer remembrances and prayers during the vigil at Evergreen Cemetery, 3015 N. Oracle Rd., Tucson, AZ

CATHOLIC TUITION SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

Your contribution to CTSO makes an outstanding Catholic education possible. Arizona now allows contributions up to \$2213 for a couple filing jointly and \$1,107 for an individual. Envelopes in support of the program are available near all of the entrances to the church

For more info: www.ctso-tucson.org

DONATE TO CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES DO GOOD WITH YOUR AZ CHARITABLE TAX CREDIT

Married couples filing jointly claim a credit up to \$800

Individual filers claim a credit up to \$400

Donate to CCS, claim the credit when you file your Arizona state income tax, (use QCO Code 20345) and reduce your state taxes dollar for dollar.

Instead of giving your dollars to the state, help children, families, seniors and people with disabilities - right here in our community.

Completely separate from the CTSO credit!

Donate online at www.ccs-soaz.org, or call 520-670-0854

JORDAN MINISTRY TEAM December Busy-People's Retreat Advent: The Season of Welcome

Hospitality is a hallmark of the Advent Season. It is our tradition, our practice, and our calling. Jordan Ministry Team's Peggy Guerrero invites you to reflect on some of the stories and promises that help us deepen our appreciation of this sacred call and opportunity. This evening of reflection, led by Peggy Guerrero, will take place on Monday, December 10, from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the JMT Office. Light refreshments will be provided; a \$10 materials fee is requested.

Space is limited, so please RSVP by contacting the Jordan Ministry Team office at 520-623-2563 or email us at JMT@jordanministry.org.

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille helps married couples show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them. With His help and your efforts, your marriage can be healed and restored!

Register Now for the Weekend Program in Tucson beginning **Friday evening, January 18 - Sunday, January 20, 2019**. Visit: www.retrouvaille.org or Call 520-686-1598.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Freddie Contreras, Marisa Edmonston, Mary Alice Grabe, Graciela Jauregui, Adam Skora, & Patrick Sullivan

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

December 1st and 2nd Collection: \$3,175.23

Thank you for generosity each week! Your contribution during the Offertory provides the funding for us to carry out the mission of the Newman Center.

An alternative to bringing cash or a check to Mass is to set up one-time or recurring donations through our Online Giving Program. It also provides an easy way to track your contributions for tax credit purposes.

Text UACatholic to 555888 for a link on your mobile phone or visit uacatholic.org/donate

Our next big project is the Sound System for the church as well as the audio/visual systems for each of our meeting rooms: Bishop Green Hall, Curry Classroom, Student Lounge and the Timothy Parkman Memorial Library. Please consider donating to this long-term investment as you consider end-of-year giving opportunities.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE

Knight of Columbus Council #16061 invites all Newman Parishioners to participate in our Annual Fall/Holiday Food Drive. Donations will benefit Casa Maria, Pio Decimo, Poverello House and Casa Alitas. Non-perishable food items only, please. The food drive starts on Saturday, 11/3 and ends on Sunday, 12/16. Please help the Knights of Columbus provide food for those members of our community that are in need. Leave your donations in the plastic bins at the entrances to the church. Thank you!

SPRING BREAK IMMERSION TRIP

SAVE THE DATE! March 2-6 2018

St. Michael's Indian School—St. Michaels AZ near Gallup NM

St. Michael Indian School provides students from local Native American communities with a quality education that is rooted in Catholic values, is sensitive to Native heritage, teaches leadership skills and enables students to contribute in a culturally diverse world.

Participants will team up with teachers, coaches, & students to learn about the Navajo culture, learn about the night sky, discuss Catholic values for new college students, engage in conversation about Newman ministry, pray, and complete a work project!

More details to come. Limited Space for 10 students!



Annual Catholic Appeal Progress as of 12/7/18

61 donors - \$44,166 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 95%
Fulfilled to date: \$42,301 or 91% of total goal

Donate Online at: <https://support.cathfnd.org/donate>
Select "St. Thomas More" as your parish

We are thankful for the new tables & chairs in our meeting rooms and Bishop Green Hall, made possible by the Catholic Foundation and your support of this appeal

GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone who took an ornament from this year's Giving Tree. Please return your unwrapped gift by December 17th to the office so we can get them distributed out to our partners at Diamond Children's Hospital and Kino Border Initiative

MASS AND MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019 – Mass at St. Augustine Cathedral at 9:00 AM followed by the March for Life to Holy Hope Cemetery. All are welcome to gather for prayer and the Rose Ceremony at Holy Hope. We encourage all to join together as able for either or both the Mass and the March, as we continue to spread the message of the dignity of all life from conception to natural death. Newman will be forming a group to participate.

SAVE THE DATES

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve: 5:00PM and 8:00PM

Christmas Day: 9AM and 11AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass: Monday, December 31st at 5:15PM

Feast Day Mass: Tuesday, January 1st at 9AM

STUDENT MINISTRY TEAM COMMITTEES

Community Life
Faith Formation
Liturgy
Outreach
Social Justice

GROUP MINISTRIES

Dominican Laity
Young Adult Group for
Grad Students/Young Professionals
Knights of Columbus Council #16061

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Finance Council
Grounds Committee
Stewardship Commission

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Newman Foundation
Newman Sustaining Board

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