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OUR MISSION: TO BE TRANSFORMED THROUGH AN
ENCOUNTER WITH THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH & THE LOVE OF GOD

Yearly Theme: "Blessed" - Matthew 5:3-12



December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

SCHEDULES

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
5:15 PM

SUNDAY MASSES
9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, & 5:00PM
(7PM resumes January 26th)

MONDAY through FRIDAY
Resumes January 13th
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
(Resumes 1/15/20) Wednesdays 9PM
(Resumes Feb) 2nd Thurs at 7:30PM

OFFICE HOURS
Closed Mon-Fri 12/26 to 1/10
Monday-Friday 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 - The Holy Innocents
12/28 5:15PM **Our Newman Community**

Feast of the Holy Family
12/29 9:00AM **John Edward Vidal+**
11:00AM **Karen Bahill**
5:00PM **Maryann Murrieta+**
Kathryn Moreno+
Joe Mancilla+
Mark Pilon+

Monday: Sixth Day within the Octave
12/30 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**
Tuesday: Seventh Day within the Octave
12/31 5:15PM **Irene Fimbres+**
Wednesday: Mary, Mother of God
1/1 9:00AM **Our Newman Community**
Thursday: Sts. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen
1/2 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**
Friday: Holy Name of Jesus
1/3 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

*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

It's hard to believe that the Fourth Sunday of Advent came upon us, and once again we heard the great account of how Mary was found with child, and Joseph's struggle with this new situation that they found themselves in. What a dilemma to be in! Your beloved with whom you're planning a life with... is now with a child that is not yours... Here, we not only see Mary's great "yes" to God's request in enter her life, but also 'see' Joseph 'assent' to God's invitation into deeper hope and trust.

Advent echos God's constant promise to be present to us in all seasons and moments of life. The witness of Mary and Joseph remind us of what God can do for those who "Bear Down" and believe. What needs a little more, or less attention in our lives this Season? The feast of Christmas celebrates God "bearing down" upon our humanity, and informing us that there is a way for human beings to 'rise above' all limitations, to shed all unhealthy aspects of our ego, and, to embrace 'authentic charity' both in word and deed.

Our Christmas readings celebrate the fact... that even in the darkness of human error and evil choices... God will not be 'denied' in bringing about the faith, hope, and love needed.... to create both transformation, and new birth.

Let us approach this final Sunday of Advent hopeful, and ready... to embrace whatever 'positive changes' that the Holy Sprit has stirred in our hearts this Advent! May our Christmas celebrations allow us to sing with the angels and the shepherds "Glory to God in the highest! And, peace to all people of good will!

May the Light of the Christmas Season... guide us through the dramas, jealousies and failures... in our.. and, in others' behavior. May we not fall prey to "Herodian-Like" responses, thus, not receiving God's invitation to freedom.... but, rather the "deep-listening" obedience... of Mary and Joseph.

May God bless your Christmas Season, and fill you with countless opportunities to "repeat the endless joy" Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year! Amen!

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

WINTER BREAK CLOSURE / NO DAILY MASS

Monday to Friday through 1/10 except for Feast Day

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD FEAST DAY MASSES

Vigil: Tuesday, 12/31 at 5:15PM

Feast Day Mass: Wednesday 1/1 at 9AM

(Holy Day of Obligation/Opportunity)

View the full calendar at:
UACatholic.org/calendar

WELCOME TO OUR VISITING PRIESTS

Fr. Albert Felice-Pace, OP

Fr. Paul Gabor, SJ

Fr. Francis Goode, OP

Fr. RB Williams, OP

PRAY FOR OUR RCIA CANDIDATES

Brandon, Brennan, Isabelle, Jordan, Malia & Morgan
as they prepare for full initiation in the Church
at the Easter Vigil in 2020

RCIA THANK YOUs & LUNCHEs

Thank you to our December volunteers, Mare Grace Wendel and Leah Kapa who prepared delicious lunches for our RCIA participants. The meal preparation ministry is one way that our community shows its support for those men and women who are seeking a closer relationship with God.

We will need volunteers from January 19 through March 29 to prepare simple luncheon meals for 12. A sign up sheet will be located in the back of the Church in January. God Bless you for your generosity and kind hospitality

NEWMAN BOOK CLUB

This month's title is

Death in Holy Orders by P.D. James

Next mtg is on Tuesday, January 21st at 7PM

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

If you need help obtaining a copy of the book or have any questions, contact Kelly Kottmer at kellyklovesbooks@gmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Margarita Bernal, Krystn-Noelle Janicek, Felipe Ladron de Guevara, Sr. Mary Virginia Leach OP, Ruby Munoz, John Orozco, and Adan Sotelo

NEWMAN CORPORATE BOARD TREASURER ELECTION NOTICE

CANDIDATES REQUIREMENTS:

Candidates for election must be lay persons who are:

- * Catholic
- * Registered, practicing parish members
- * At least 25 years old.

WHO CAN NOMINATE A CANDIDATE?

The pastor can nominate two persons. Other nominations may be made in writing by at least 10 registered parishioners in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

All nominations are to be made at least 2 weeks before the election on **January 19, 2020** and announced at Sunday Masses two weeks prior to the election. If only one person has been nominated by then, the nominee shall be declared elected.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

At the time of the notice of the election, the Pastor shall appoint an election committee to receive nominations, prepare ballots, act as tellers and supervise the election.

JORDAN MINISTRY TEAM UPCOMING EVENT

“The Word Became Flesh: A Christmas Retreat”

Friday, January 3, 2020

9:30AM-11:30AM

Jordan Ministry Team Office

48 N. Tucson Blvd #104

The cost for the retreat is \$15; light refreshments will be provided.

Please register by contacting Jordan Ministry Team at (520) 623-2563 or JMT@JordanMinistry.org.

To register online, visit

www.JordanMinistryTeam.org/contact

TUCSON MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 11, 2020

Mass at 9:00 AM - St. Augustine Cathedral

Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, Celebrant

March for Life to Holy Hope Cemetery follows the Mass

Rose Ceremony at the Cemetery

All are Welcome! Let us pray and march together in Support of Life!

December reflection on our theme for this year: “Blessed” taken from Matthew’s Gospel account of the Beatitudes

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.**

What does it really mean to be a child of God?

To be the ‘offspring’ of the Most High who is Love and Peace itself?

Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and invites all who answer the call to follow him to ‘marinate’ in the Peace of his resurrected life.

As Prince of Peace, Christ engages humanity and the universe... at its very core, and heals the ills of the things that create divisions and ‘dis-ease’ among God’s creation and its call to true stewardship.

May this ‘peaceful season’ of Advent provide us with some space to ‘usher in’ the peace of our Savior. May the “blessings” of these holy days inform our spirits, and echo loudly in actions. Amen!

-Fr. JP

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Christmas Collection: unavailable at time of printing

Dec 21/22 Collection: \$3622.25; Venmo \$72

Dec 14/15 Collection: \$4711.39; Venmo \$34

Our Lady of Guadalupe: \$391.20; Venmo \$22

Dec 7/8 Collection: \$4226.83; Venmo \$38.93

Nov 30/Dec 1 Collection: \$3396.60; Venmo \$52

Thanksgiving Collection: \$331.00

Thank you for your generosity each week. Your contribution during the Offertory pays for the utilities, staff and ministries so we can carry out our mission.

Parents of our college students: please consider financially supporting your Wildcat son or daughter’s parish-away-from-home with regular giving.

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.

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The feast of the Holy Family is a fitting time to consider the importance hospitality in the context of Stewardship.

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Col 3:14

How am I intentional in creating a home environment where everyone feels welcomed, accepted and treasured? How is my home a sacred place, a peaceful and loving space?

A gift to you from the Dominicans.
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2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

Progress as of 12/18/19

54 donors - \$46,135 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 99%

Fulfilled to date: \$44,020 or 94% of total goal

Donate Online at:

<https://support.cathfnd.org/donate>

Select "St. Thomas More" as your parish



We are pleased to announce that we were awarded a \$10,000 grant for 2019 that went towards the replacement of the very-leaky roof over the main lobby & offices. Work finished in April.

POINSETTIA MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES

Abbot-Poulos Family
Macedonio Aguilera
Ambroziak Family, living and deceased
Sister Renilde Cade, OP
Mary Carrillo
Frank Carrillo
Juan & Bonifacia Castañon Family
Alfred & Pilar Durazo
Aurelio & Librada Flores Family
Porfiria Gastelum
Grandchildren Camila, Anabel & Alex by Gloria & Ed Graham
Lily Guerrero
Ernie & Rose Hadik and Son
Deen Hatoum
Elodia Jauregui
John & Margaret Kelley
Teresa & Mary Kelley
Sally & Steve Kish
James & Mary Lopez
David Lopez
Carl & Emma Jean Lopez
Lopez & Brichta Family
Martin Family
Justina Mataleno-Clerc
Miguel Moreno
Jolene Nichols
Terry O'Herron
O'Herron & Shaw Grandparents
Elisa Riesgo
Robles Family, living and deceased
Alva Rojel
Deloris & Ed Schlager
Henry Douglas Shoumaker
Josephine Shoumaker-Ruiz
Mary Siqueiros
Juana Solis
Emily Soto
Enrique Soto
Evelyn Steenson
Richard Strayer
Lynne Tronsdal
Teresa Valdenegro
Manuel Valdenegro
John Edward Vidal

BLESSED ARE WE

We are full of gratitude to the amazing crew who decorated the church for the Christmas season: Jude Coompsom, Jules O'Herron, Ana Kelley, Mara Daly, JoAnna Lopez, Ernie Gallardo, Dan Chavez & Sharon Oliver, Alexandria Roche, Gui Roche, Gemma Siml, JohnPaul Siml, Dave Sunderman, Jay Bell and others. *Extra special thanks for the delicious homebaked cookies - YUMMMM!

The Arts & Environment Committee,
Gilbert Mejia, Genevieve Gallardo, Denise Durazo
& The Newman Staff