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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 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

SCHEDULES

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
5:15 PM

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

MONDAY through 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**
(Wednesday 9PM resumes Jan 15th)
2nd Thursdays at 7:30PM

OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday 9:00AM-4:00PM
Sunday 8:30AM-12:30PM

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Vigil - St. Ambrose
12/7 5:15PM **Our Newman Community**

2nd Sunday of Advent
12/8 9:00AM **Kay O'Callaghan+**
11:00AM **Esai Aviles 15th Birthday**
5:00PM **Dominican Laity**
7:00PM **Rodrigo Barnett+**

Monday: Immaculate Conception of BVM
12/9 5:15PM **The Church in the United States**
Tuesday: Advent Weekday
12/10 5:15PM **Candida Stoll**
Wednesday: St. Damasus I
12/11 5:15PM **All Students**
Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
12/12 9:00AM **Jose & Carmen Canchola+**
Friday: St. Lucy
12/13 5:15PM **Harriet Sherwin+**

*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

Today John the Baptist graces the scene as the beginning of a lighting process to God's illumination coming into the world. John appears with passion and conviction as he calls for a "turning" of our lives... back to a truer and more excellent way.... To a way, and to a 'person' who will make "crooked ways straight, and mountains made low...." When this happens... a "Highway to our God" is created, and our pathway becomes more focused.

The Jesus of Matthew's Gospel - calls everyone, including the Religious Leadership.... to a deep conversion. He reminds the Pharisees that their heritage as "Sons of Abraham" means nothing... if this relationship does not 'change' their hearts, and draw them closer to God and his will. True 'metanoia' is about a transformed way of seeing things.. "I was lost, and now I'm found... was blind but now I see."

Baptism initiates a new and grace-filled relationship with God, and supports us well beyond the pouring of water at our baptism. In this encounter we become children of God, and share his light with all that we meet.

We have been baptized in these same waters, and sealed with the Holy Spirit! May we go forth free from the weight of all that scatters our *clarity, and seeks to create *darkness and *useless drama in our lives.

May we join John The Baptist in "Preparing a highway in the Desert.... A highway to the God of all 'blessings". Amen!

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Volunteer to place wreaths on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at Holy Hope Catholic Cemetery at 10:00AM

This year between football parking and wreaths purchased, \$1100 was raised for the Newman Center's Social Justice Ministry. Contributions made it possible for 225 wreaths to be placed on Veterans' graves during the holiday season. Thank you!

A special thanks to Genevieve Gallardo for coordinating this effort each year in honor of Sgt. Martin Lugo.

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

DOMINICAN LAITY CHAPTER MTG

Sunday, 12/8 at 3PM in the Curry Classroom

FINAL 7PM MASS OF THE SEMESTER

Sunday, December 8th - resumes January 26th

TABLING ON THE MALL

Mondays from 11AM-1PM - look for the Newman Tent

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, 12/9 at 5:15PM

(not a Holy Day of Obligation but you can still come!)

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 7PM in the Curry Classroom

ROSARY UNDER THE STARS

Tuesdays at 6:30PM—Highland Bowl on campus

HERETICS LETTERS

Tuesday, 12/10 at 7PM downstairs

Group discussion on topics of faith raised by young adults

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, 12/11 at 7:30PM in the church
Several priests will be available for confession

ANNUAL MARIACHI MASS

Thursday, 12/12 at 5:15PM in honor of
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Free tamale dinner to follow in Green Hall

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday 12/12 at 7:30PM in the church
hosted by the Young Adult Community

FALL BACCALAUREATE MASS

Sunday, 12/15 at 5PM

Graduating seniors - to register email your
Name and Major to Manny@UACatholic.org

View the full calendar at:
UACatholic.org/calendar

PRAY FOR OUR RCIA CANDIDATES

Brandon, Brennan, Isabel, Jordan, Malia & Morgan
as they prepare for full initiation in the Church

RCIA THANK YOUs & LUNCHES

We are blessed with six individuals who are seeking to deepen their faith and listen to God's call in their life through their participation in the RCIA journey. Our community's support for them is an intricate part of their process. We want to thank those who have been providing delicious lunches: Joe and Suzanne Machain, Janie Kirk & Jim Kushner, Helen Castillo, Dr. Evangeline Fuentes, Edella Schlager, Gilbert Montiel and Margaret Kish.

Volunteers will be needed beginning January 12th and throughout the Spring semester. Lunches consist of a very simple meal for 12 people. A sign up sheet will be posted in the back of the Church starting in the new year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Jade Born, Ariane Guthrie, Jerold Hassman, Josephine Kasper, Kari Linares, Sarah Ostberg, Dana Pineda, Michael Robillard, Nick Shank, Diane Stocum, & Patrick Sullivan

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

We will have 30 poinsettias from Green Things placed throughout the church for the Christmas Season. If you would like to sponsor one in memory of a deceased loved one, please stop by the Newman Office or donate online \$10 with the name you would like displayed on a tag

FALL FOOD DRIVE

Knight of Columbus Council #16061 invites all Newman Parishioners to participate in our Fall/Holiday Food Drive through Dec 15th. Donations will benefit Casa Maria, Pio Decimo, Poverello House and Casa Alitas.

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

Nov 30/Dec 1 Collection: \$3396.60; Venmo \$52
Thanksgiving Collection: \$331.00
Nov 23/24 Collection: \$3271.86; Venmo \$289
Nov 16/17 Collection: \$3753.48 ; Venmo \$582
Nov 9/10 Collection: \$3688.40, Venmo \$334

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.

Text UACatholic to 555888 for a link on your mobile phone or to download an ACH form visit UACatholic.org/donate

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.” And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love.” Romans 15:9

This is the essence of Christian hospitality, a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives.

How can I be a more welcoming presence to others during this Advent Season?

A gift to you from the Dominicans.
Download the new OPWest app.



Available in App Stores
Available on Roku

opwest.org/app

Seek Truth. Learn the Faith.

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

Progress as of 12/4/19

53 donors - \$45,685 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 98%
Fulfilled to date: \$43,570 or 93% 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.

SAVE THE DATES

CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 22nd at 6PM - volunteers needed

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Tuesday, December 24th at 5PM & 7PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Wednesday, December 25th at 9AM & 11AM

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD FEAST DAY MASSES

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

Feast Day Mass: Wednesday 1/1 at 9AM

STUDENT MINISTRY TEAM COMMITTEES

Community Life
Liturgy
Outreach
Social Justice

GROUP MINISTRIES

Dominican Laity
Faith & Science Forum / Thomistic Institute
Knights of Columbus Council #16061
Newman Book Club
Transformation Team leading small groups
Young Adult Group for
Grad Students/Young Professionals

FAITH FORMATION/SACRAMENTAL PREP

Becoming Catholic: RCIA
(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
Adult Confirmation
Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples
First Holy Communion for children
Infant and Child Baptisms

PARISH COMMITTEES

Finance Council
Stewardship Council
Grounds Committee
Art/Environment Committee

COMMUNITY-BASED ADVOCACY GROUPS

Newman Foundation
Newman Sustaining Board

Register online to get linked up with our ministries and programs: UACatholic.org/Registration