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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



March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

SCHEDULES

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
5:15 PM

SUNDAY MASSES
9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00PM
7PM is suspended until further notice

MONDAY through FRIDAY
Closed March 16-20 until we receive
further guidance from the Diocese

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

OFFICE HOURS
Closed March 16th through 20th
Sunday 8:30AM-12:30PM

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Vigil Mass:
3/14 5:15PM **Magdalena Velez+**

3rd Sunday of Lent
3/15 9:00AM **Michelle Castillo**
11:00AM **Efrain Batriz**
5:00PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: Lenten Weekday
3/16 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**
Tuesday: St. Patrick
3/17 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**
Wednesday: Lenten Weekday
3/18 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**
Thursday: St. Joseph
3/19 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**
Friday: Lenten Weekday
3/20 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

Positive Encounters can change our lives for the better. What a gift it is to go into a service establishment and to be treated with kindness and respect.

When we walk into a restaurant, hospital, supermarket, or church... and are received well... we return, and tell others about our good experience.

With the uncertainties of the COVID-19 virus these days, the idea of a physical encounter can make us a bit apprehensive to get too close to people... and into this legitimate fear we meet Jesus into today's readings.

In today's Gospel, "The Woman at the Well" Jesus exercises good engagement skills - in an encounter that had all the potential to go poorly.

The woman and Jesus are from different cultures and social classes, and shouldn't be interacting in the first place, but they are! They are engaging in a deeper conversation, and learning more about one another.

The conversation concludes with the Samaritan woman asking Jesus "Give me this water - that I may not have to come to this well". Through this "strange" encounter.... the Samaritan woman's deep thirst for love, and inclusion.... is beginning to find a path to healing.... As she and Jesus walk into deeper dialogue... more freedom is the result....., as well, as a greater clarity.... about what 'truly' quenches a "human and spiritual" thirst, and provides contentment.

The Samaritan woman departs Jesus's presence "leaving her water pitcher behind" Why.....? because she has received 'hydration' from a divine source.... 'God's Word In Christ.... And this..... feeds her soul, and compels her to share what she has received with others.

What heavy water jars are we carrying around? And, what are we filling them with? Are we getting our thirst quenched, or desiring some better?

May our Lenten journey lead us... to those people and places where we may encounter the Spirit of Truth, and the Love of God! May we become more engaged, reflective, and honest.... in our growing relationship with Christ.... May our prayer deepen in its quality; our fasting yield a healthy growth in areas that need change, and our almsgiving create a greater generosity towards others.

These "encounters" are "blessings" that fuel our forward movement through life. May God's accompanying Spirit give us the grace to quench our true thirst, and invite others 'peacefully' to do the same.....

May our prayerful and healthy discernment of our physical boundaries through these days of how to effectively navigate this COVID-19 situation not separate us from the "Blessings" that await those open to receiving God's truth and love this Lent.

Amen!

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

NEWMAN CLOSURE - NO DAILY MASS

Monday, 3/16 through Friday, 3/20

All programming is suspended until further notice. Exceptions must be discussed and approved by the Pastor, Fr. John Paul, and in accordance with Diocesan recommendations to uphold the health and well-being of the community.

Thank you for your patience as we await further instructions from the Bishop, Dominican Provincial and public health officials

View the full calendar at:
UACatholic.org/calendar

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RCIA ELECT

Brandon, Isabelle, Malia & Morgan

They were received by Bishop Weisenburger at the Cathedral on February 23rd along with 300 other RCIA participants from throughout the Diocese. They are now called the ELECT, because they have been elected to enter into the period of purification and enlightenment leading to receiving the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

The RCIA family is most appreciative of our St. Thomas More community who has spiritually nourished them through prayer over these past 5 months as well as nourished them with wonderfully-prepared lunches. Special Thanks to those who provided lunch during January & February: Edella Schlager, Leah Kappa, Diane Abbott, Michelle Brubaker, Tina Bell, Aggie Sunderman, Destiny Pearson and Ruby Rojo. God bless you for your generous spirit of hospitality!

ENCOUNTERING LENT

We have put together a resource page on the website with links to a few reflections and tools that can help you to go deeper this year on what it means "to be transformed through an encounter with the Spirit of Truth and the Love of God", our Newman Mission.

www.UACatholic.org/Lent

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Andrew Alamban, Jose Bermudez, Marty Cole, Clare Hamlet, Leilani Holguin, Jeff Marlow, Randy Mathews & Tim Wheeler

NEWMAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Newman Foundation at The University of Arizona plans to award several scholarships for the 2020-2021 Fall Semester to UofA students active at the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center.

These scholarships are in addition to any that may be offered by the Newman Center or the Newman Sustaining Board. The application deadline is Friday, March 20, 2020. If you are interested in applying, send an email to the following address to request application information:
newman_foundation@yahoo.com

SUSTAINING BOARD SCHOLARSHIP

The application window is open for the 2020-2021 academic school year to students who are active members of St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center. The Sustaining Board will be offering two \$5000 scholarships and one for \$2,500. Deadline is Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6PM. Application and details can be downloaded at:
www.uacatholic.org/scholarships

March reflection on our theme for this year: "Blessed" taken from Matthew's Gospel account of the Beatitudes

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God

Lord, make my heart pure and clean; "Create a clean heart, within me O God" (Ps. 51).

This beatitude teaches me that the opposite of purity is a form of blindness. Sight is a gift, and to see God is to see God in others, creation and in myself! Lord, free me from the focus on self, and to see the OTHER in front of me every day; to see YOU in everything all around me and especially in everyone. It might come down to this: if I don't see you today in those in need all around me, after bodily death, I might not recognize you in your glory.

Again Lord, I dare to pray, make my heart pure and clean. **-Tom Booth**

NEWMAN WEBSITE AND EMAIL LISTSERV

As you know, the public health situation has evolved quickly over the past few days. We will communicate any changes to our schedule via our website and email listserv.

You can sign-up for the emails at:

<https://uacatholic.org/join-our-weekly-email-list/>

There is a link in the top menu of our website to help you find the page

A special thanks to Joe Ornellas and Steven Santaniello for helping with the redesign of UACatholic.org. There are still pieces that need updating but they have already put a lot of hard work into making it mobile-friendly and giving it a makeover

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Mar 7/8 Collection: \$3,153.83; Venmo \$115
OPWest Rosary Sunday Cash Collection: \$1,355.27
Feb 29/Mar 1 Collection: \$3,863.03; Venmo \$125
Ash Wednesday: \$1,192.90; Venmo \$155
February ACH: \$5,112; February Online Giving: \$3,491.75
Feb 22/23 Collection: \$5,549.57; Venmo \$83
Feb 15/16 Collection: \$4,956.58; Venmo \$39
Feb 8/9 Collection: \$3,430.20; Venmo \$150

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 download an ACH form by visiting UACatholic.org/donate

Also Accepting



User ID: [@UACatholic](https://twitter.com/UACatholic)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

This third Sunday of Lent presents us with the theme of “thirst” and show us that a stewardship way of life can satisfy our spiritual thirst for Christ

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” Jn. 4:13-14

This Lent, how am I thirsty for God’s call to holiness? How can I resolve to respond to His call with passion and commitment?

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Donations will benefit Casa Maria, Pio Decimo, and Poverello House. Non-perishable food items only, please. The food drive starts on Ash Wednesday, February 26th and ends on Palm Sunday, April 5th. Please help our Knights of Columbus Council #16061 provide food for those members of our community that are in need.

THANK YOU, NEWMAN COMMUNITY

The Knights of Columbus are grateful to all Newman Parishioners who donated food to our Fall/Holiday Food Drive. Your donations allowed the Knights to donate 491 pounds of non-perishable food to Casa Maria, Pio Decimo, and Poverello House. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the Knights of Columbus

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

Progress as of 3/13/2020

22 donors - \$13,430 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 29%
Fulfilled to date: \$7,630 or 16% of total goal

Donate Online by May 31st at:

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

Select “St. Thomas More” as your parish



We are pleased to announce that we received a \$10,000 grant for 2020 that will address a number of facility maintenance needs. Stay tuned!

SAVE THE DATES*

SPRING UNDERGRAD RETREAT

Friday, 3/27 to Sunday 3/29 on Mount Lemmon
Register at UACatholic.org/SpringRetreat

24 HOUR ADORATION FOR LIFE

Wednesday, 3/25 starting with Mass at 5:15PM

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, April 8th at 7:30PM

***all subject to change, we are awaiting further guidance from the Diocese**

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 Community for
Grad Students and Young Professionals (ages 22-35)

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
Facilities 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