

# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

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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 8, 2020**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

## SCHEDULES

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**  
5:15 PM

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

**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**  
Wednesdays at 9PM

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Mon-Fri: CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK  
Sunday 8:30AM-12:30PM

## NEWMAN CENTER STAFF



*This Newman Center is served  
by the Friars of the Western  
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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Vigil Mass: Sts. Perpetua & Felicity  
3/7 5:15PM **Mary Helen Fimbres+**

2nd Sunday of Lent  
3/8 9:00AM **Michelle Castillo**  
11:00AM **Julieta Sesteaga Preciado+**  
5:00PM **Our Newman Community**  
7:00PM **Wanda Devert+**

Monday: St. Frances of Rome  
3/9 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**  
Tuesday: Lenten Weekday  
3/10 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**  
Wednesday: Lenten Weekday  
3/11 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**  
Thursday: Lenten Weekday  
3/12 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**  
Friday: Lenten Weekday  
3/13 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*

**M**ountains in Scripture are places of Godly encounters. Many of the great heroes of the Bible were called to ascend a mountain to hear the voice of God calling, bestowing, directing, forming, and pointing them in some new direction. God showers down healing and new possibilities for all who are hungry for meaning, forgiveness, and reconciliation.... both within and beyond... our personal borders.

Today we hear about Abraham, Peter, James, and John.... How they were called from their ordinary experience.. into a place of transformational obedience and glory.

Abraham was called from a place of curious wandering.. into a loving relationship with the God of life. Abram who felt at times flat... discovered the power of new life, and received the stewardship of many nations.

This is what can happen when our ears and hearts are open... Abram, struggling to see his and Sarah's future..... had the courage to respond to God's promptings in his life. They listened to God's voice, and followed his requests.... even when it seemed against what they would have initially chosen to do. Abraham was "obedient" to God's commands, and God was abundant in His response to Abraham declaring him the "father of many nations."

In today's Gospel Peter, James, and John accompany Jesus on his journey up the mountain. In the midst of their conversation Jesus is "transfigured" before them, and they witness the 'divinity' that they have only 'experienced' behind the power of mighty words spoken... and deeds performed. As they encounter Jesus in this way, they are caught up in the 'glory' of those great figures in the Bible who have gone before them, and, who have been formed by the grace.. and discipleship of the Most High. Their response to this encounter is fear, wonder, and a greater desire 'to participate' in what they have been called to.

May our Lenten days be 'opportunities' to climb God's mountains. May our struggles up... and through them... be places of surprising encounters, and transformations. May we move from old behaviors that lead to death.... to ascending "heights" that bring greater truth and love.... to ourselves... and all around us. The Lenten Season calls us into abundant "blessings".

May we climb into "transformation" that Jesus invites us all to...Amen!

## **THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN**

### **SPRING BREAK CLOSURE - NO DAILY MASS**

Monday, 3/9 through Friday, 3/13

### **YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY**

Mondays at 7PM in the Curry Classroom

### **NEWMAN BOOK CLUB**

Tuesday, 3/10 at 7PM in the Curry Classroom

Reading *Lilith* by George MacDonald

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Thursday, 3/12 at 7:30PM in the church

Hosted by the Young Adult Community

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #16061 MTG**

Sunday, 3/15 at 8PM in the Curry Classroom

### **View the full calendar at:**

[UACatholic.org/calendar](http://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**

Pick up a CRS Rice Bowl at the entrances to the church for daily reflections and an easy way to give alms. Also, 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](http://www.UACatholic.org/Lent)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Steve Forgacs, Alan Guerra Davis, Brielle Kendrioski, Tamra Mullen, Richard Pfisterer, Andrea Sanchez and Tommy Tran

## SPRING BREAK CLOSURE - NO DAILY MASS

Monday, 3/9 through Friday, 3/13

## NEWMAN BOOK CLUB

This month's title is Lilith by George MacDonald

Next mtg is on Tuesday, March 10th 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](mailto:kellyklovesbooks@gmail.com)

## 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.

Donate online at [www.ccs-soaz.org](http://www.ccs-soaz.org), or call 520-670-0854

All donations through April 15, 2020 can be claimed for 2019

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 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](mailto: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](http://www.uacatholic.org/scholarships)

## STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Feb 1/2 Collection: \$4,314.98; Venmo \$81

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](http://UACatholic.org/donate)

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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

To rise and be confident in responding to God's call is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent.

"Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone." Mt. 17:8

As I continue my Lenten journey, how can I more fully "Listen to Him," and then with confidence, rely on God's strength to support me spiritually throughout Lent?

## 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 3/4/2020

15 donors - \$8,530 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 18%  
Fulfilled to date: \$2780 or 6% 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](http://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

### 60th JUBILEE FOR SR. DIANE & FR. ALBERT

Saturday, 5/2 at the 5:15PM Vigil Mass with reception

## 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](http://UACatholic.org/Registration)