

# 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: "Fear is useless, what is needed is trust" - Mark 5:36



**November 29, 2020**

**First Sunday of Advent**

## SCHEDULES

**In-Person Masses**  
Reservations Required  
Saturday 5:15PM  
Sunday 9AM, 11AM, & 5PM  
(7PM resumes in January)

Reservations Open Monday 8AM  
through Fridays at Noon. [Details here](#)

**Sunday Mass Online**  
11AM Pacific Live-Stream  
through [Facebook Live](#), and our  
[YouTube Channel](#)

**Weekday Masses Online Only**  
**Tuesday through Friday**  
11:30AM Pacific Live-Stream  
through [Facebook Live](#) and our  
[YouTube Channel](#)

**Reconciliation:** by appointment only.  
Priest email addresses are listed in  
the next column

## NEWMAN CENTER STAFF



*This Newman Center is served  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

First Sunday of Advent  
11/28 5:15PM **Our Newman Community**  
11/29 9AM **Mary Ann Rodemacher Lavergne**  
11AM **Wilburn "Pete" Lavergne**  
5PM **Tudy Alvarado**

Monday: St. Andrew the Apostle  
11/30 11:30AM **NO DAILY MASS**  
Tuesday: Advent Weekday  
12/1 11:30AM **Kaylie Hillig**  
Wednesday: Advent Weekday  
12/2 11:30AM **Mary Guzman+**  
Thursday: St. Francis Xavier  
12/3 11:30AM **Deceased MSJ Dominicans+**  
Friday: St. John Damascene  
12/4 11:30AM **Terry Guzman**

*Mass Intentions can be requested by calling the  
office for Memorials, Birthdays, Anniversaries,  
Healing/Recovery or Special Intentions.  
\$10 is the suggested donation*

[Link to the Readings at Mass](#)  
[Guide to the responses during Mass](#)

Liturgy of the Hours via the [iBreviary App](#)

## *Fr. John Paul's Spiritual Brew*

**L**ife breaks into our chaos and invites us to come home! "Emmanuel" is what echoes above everything throughout these December days of Advent and Christmas.

Advent's invitation is to slow our inner and external pace - to hear the beating of our hearts, minds, relationships, and spirits. The longer nights remind us that the true light of the world is already present, and offers us guidance in our questions, struggles, finals, and peace-seeking.

May the spirit of this season echo the reality of "God with us." May you be blessed over these days of crisper sunrises and cooler nights. May we know the peace of the Word made Flesh, as well as the Light that heals and illumines the world.

We are all tired of the pandemic and hoping for a healthy vaccine and a new way forward into a hopeful future.

May this season of Advent provide us with some quiet moments to check our fears and anxieties, and to realize that "Fear is useless what is needed is trust" Amen!

### **PRAY FOR OUR RCIA CANDIDATES**

Please keep Danielle, Nathan, Corey, Hannah, and Jenny in your prayers as they continue their formation to be fully-initiated in the Church at the Easter Vigil in 2021.

### **USHERS NEEDED FOR WINTER BREAK**

We are in need of additional ushers as we approach the holidays and the university's winter break through the middle of January. If you are able and willing to serve in this ministry, please contact Sr. Mary Virginia at [smaryv@uacatholic.org](mailto:smaryv@uacatholic.org)

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

We will be ordering poinsettias soon for the chapel's Christmas Season Environment. If you would like to purchase one, the cost is \$10 - please write your family name in the memo line for the label.

You can either send a check or pay online through [Venmo](#) or [WeShare](#) no later than December 18th

### **IN-PERSON MASSES & RESERVATIONS**

Reservations are required in order to maintain safe social distancing. The Reservation Window is open from Monday at 8AM to Friday at Noon and can be done online [www.UACatholic.org/Mass-Reservations](http://www.UACatholic.org/Mass-Reservations)

We will continue to broadcast a Sunday Mass live at 11AM Arizona Time. Communion distribution will be available afterwards near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Door on the north side of the Church between 12:15PM and 12:45PM on Sunday for those who view the Live-Stream.

### **CONGRATS TO OUR NEWEST CATHOLIC**

James Paul Napier  
Baptized in Christ on Saturday, November 28th

### **CHOOSE CHRIST MISSALS AVAILABLE**

We have a limited number of 2021 Choose Christ Missals that include the readings and most of the music for our Masses. Take one from the side bench if you attend an in-person Mass or we will have them available to those who view the LiveStream and come for communion on Sundays between 12:15 and 12:45PM.

### **ROSARY UNDER THE (DIGITAL) STARS**

Every Tuesday at 7PM on Zoom - all are welcome  
Meeting ID: 996 023 6892 - Password: uarosary

### **YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY**

meets weekly on Thursdays at 7:30PM via Zoom  
Graduate Students and Young Professionals between the ages of 22-35, email the co-leaders Joe and Edith to get connected: [YoungAdultLeaders@UACatholic.org](mailto:YoungAdultLeaders@UACatholic.org)  
or join the YAC [Facebook Group](#)

### **NEWMAN BOOK CLUB**

Meets monthly via Zoom  
This month: The Samurai by Shūsaku Endō  
Tuesday, December 1st at 7PM  
Contact Kelly for login info:  
[kellyklovesbooks@gmail.com](mailto:kellyklovesbooks@gmail.com)

## A NOTE OF THANKS

Our heartfelt gratitude to Gilbert Mejia & Danitza Duarte for their help and vision to create our beautiful Advent Season Environment in the church.

## DOMINICAN LAITY FORMATION

The Order of Preachers, founded by St. Dominic de Guzman in 1216, has always included lay people (those of us who are not ordained). Grounded in the four pillars of Dominican Life: Prayer, Study, Community & Preaching; members of the Dominican Laity are full members of the Order. Formation sessions will begin soon via Zoom, contact Dorothy for more info: gazelleaugust@yahoo.com or visit: [oplaitywest.org](http://oplaitywest.org)

## CORPORATE BOARD SECRETARY 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 may nominate up to two persons, including the board member whose term is expiring. 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 and announced at Sunday Masses two weeks prior to the election date of **January 17, 2021**. 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.

### KNOWN CANDIDATES AS OF BULLETIN PRINTING

Clifford Bowman, current Secretary, willing to continue serving

## 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress as of 11/24/2020

47 donors - \$27,395 pledged of \$46,940 goal - 59%  
Fulfilled to date: \$26,940 or 58% of total goal

Donate Online at:

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

Select "St. Thomas More" as your parish



This year we received a \$10,000 grant used to do a number of facility updates including new water fountains in the lobby and student lounge; hand sanitizer stations and other public health elements needed for our reopening.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder Advent that does not always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards.

Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!

## STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

November Online Giving as of 11/29/2020: \$7126  
November 22 & 26th Envelopes: \$3743; Venmo: \$1061  
November 15 Envelopes: \$2056; Venmo: \$274  
November 8 Envelopes: \$1554.00; Venmo: \$744.50  
November 1 Envelopes: \$1930.50; Venmo: \$417  
Extraordinary Gift from the Barbara Emich Trust: \$66,060

October ACH: \$6559.50; October Online \$7,686  
October 25 Envelopes: \$3259; Venmo: \$418  
October 18 Envelopes: \$3537; Venmo: \$1050  
October 11 Envelopes: \$1560; Venmo: \$397  
October 4 Envelopes: \$2,560; Venmo: \$586  
Extraordinary Gift: \$5000  
Dominican Common Room Project: \$500

Sept ACH: \$5509.50; Sept Online Giving: \$8,255.75  
Sept 27 Envelopes: \$1,936; Venmo: \$567  
Sept 20 Envelopes: \$2,261.00; Venmo: \$1,244  
Sept 13 Envelopes: \$2,795.81; Venmo: \$589.39  
Sept 6 Envelopes: \$900; Venmo: \$711.31

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.

We invite you to prayerfully consider setting up one-time or recurring donations through our Online Giving Program or through ACH with your bank. It provides an easy way to track your contributions for tax credit purposes.

Text **UACatholic** to 800-950-9952 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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