

# 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



**December 27, 2020**

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

## SCHEDULES

**In-Person Masses**  
Reservations Required  
Saturday 5:15PM  
Sunday 9AM & 11AM  
(5PM & 7PM resume in late 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  
resume January 12, 2021  
11:30AM Mountain 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



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## MASS INTENTIONS

Feast of the Holy Family  
12/26 5:15PM **Our Newman Community**  
12/27 9AM **Thomas W. Leach+**  
11AM **Karen Bahill+**

Monday: The Holy Innocents  
12/28 11:30AM **NO DAILY MASS**  
Tuesday: Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas  
12/29 11:30AM **NO DAILY MASS**  
Wednesday: Sixth Day in Octave of Christmas  
12/30 11:30AM **NO DAILY MASS**  
Thursday: Seventh Day in Octave of Christmas  
12/31 11:30AM **NO DAILY MASS**  
Friday: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
1/1 11:30AM **Irene Fimbres+**

*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*

It's hard to believe that the Fourth Sunday of Advent is upon us, and once again we hear 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 echoes 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 Spirit 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 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!

### **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.

### **JORDAN MINISTRY TEAM OFFERINGS**

- January 1: [Midday Prayer](#) for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- January 2: Online Retreat "[The Word Was Made Flesh: A Christmas Retreat](#)" presented by Bro. Silas Henderson, SDS
- January 9: Online Workshop "[Sing to the Lord: Becoming the Psalms](#)" presented by Bro. Silas Henderson, SDS
- January 13: JMT Book Club "[North of Hope](#)" by Jon Hassler
- January 14: Online Workshop "[Extraordinary Prayer in Ordinary Time](#)" presented by Timothy Johnston of Liturgy Training Publications

### **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 Mountain 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.

### **NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS TIME**

1/1 Mary, Mother of God: 11:30AM - livestream only

### **WINTER BREAK CLOSURE**

We won't have Daily Mass between December 14th and January 8th to give staff some time for rest and renewal during the UA's Winter Break.

### **NOTES OF THANKS**

Deep gratitude to Gilbert Mejia, Danitza Duarte, Terry & Manny Guzman Sr. for helping to create our beautiful Christmas environment; Denise Durazo for assistance with ordering the poinsettias from Green Things; Andy Romo for the Christmas Tree from Brian & Kelly's Christmas Tree Lot; and Daniel Chavez with [fotoventures.net](http://fotoventures.net) for the Dominican Community's Christmas Card.

### **YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY**

meets weekly on Thursdays at 7:30PM via Zoom and resumes in January 2021  
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  
Next Book: [A Song for Nagasaki](#) by Paul Glynn  
Tuesday, January 26th at 7PM  
Contact Kelly for login info or to get a copy of the book: [kellyklovesbooks@gmail.com](mailto:kellyklovesbooks@gmail.com)  
View previous titles discussed by the Book Club [here](#)

## 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

## CTSO END-OF YEAR GIVING

The Catholic Tuition Support Organization makes it possible for youth to attend Catholic schools within the Diocese of Tucson. Tax Credits of up to \$1183 for individuals & \$2365 for couples available. Visit [www.ctso-tucson.org](http://www.ctso-tucson.org) for details

## 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress as of 12/23/2020

48 donors - \$27,598 pledged of \$46,940 goal - 59%  
Fulfilled to date: \$27,468 or 59% 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 to keep our community safe.

We learned that the 2020 Appeal is facing a shortfall of over \$85,000. Funds raised by this campaign go to support Diocesan Seminarians, Jordan Ministry Team, Youth & Young Adult Ministries, and several Catholic Community Services programs such as the Kolbe Society prison outreach and St. Jeanne Jugan Ministry With Elders.

If you are financially able, please donate and list **St. Thomas More** as your parish so we can reach our 2020 goal

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph serves as a model for each of us, that our relationships with family, friends and community are meant to be grounded in holiness.

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. Col 3:12

As members of God's holy family, let us deepen our commitment to our holy relationships that are based in compassion, kindness, gentleness and patience.

### STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

December Online Giving as of 12/26: \$14,217  
Christmas Envelopes: \$1103; Venmo: \$3547.35  
Extraordinary Gift from HSL Properties: \$25,000  
December 13th Envelopes: \$2759; Venmo: \$610  
December 6th Envelopes: \$2834; Venmo: \$354

November ACH: \$4359.50; November Online: \$8903.75  
November 29th Envelopes: \$4000; Venmo: \$650  
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

Thank you for your generosity each week. Your contribution during the Offertory pays for utilities, ministries, staff and residences for the Dominican Friars & Sisters 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)

Also Accepting



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# *2020 Christmas Poinsettias*

Alvarez Family ✧ Ambroziak Family ✧ Bell Family ✧  
Bernadette Family ✧ Cardenas Family ✧ Juan & Bonifacia  
Castañon Family ✧ Diener Family ✧ Duarte Family ✧  
Alma Rose Enciso ✧ Monce & Cristina Flores Family ✧  
Terry & Carol Gaughan ✧ Gomez Family ✧ Gonzalez  
Family ✧ Hardy Family ✧ Havens Family ✧ Hughes Family  
✧ McCarthy Family ✧ O'Hara Family ✧ Kelley Family ✧  
Lenczycki Family ✧ Lopez Family ✧ Schlager Family ✧  
Stenson Family ✧ Traicoff Family ✧ Zapor Family

## In Memory of

Manuela & Lorenzo Alvarado ✧ Sister Renilde Cade, OP ✧  
Frank Carrillo ✧ Mary Carrillo ✧ Cleophas Castillo ✧  
Ramon & Angelita Castillo ✧ Ramon & Angelita Castillo ✧  
Ramon & Enedina Castillo ✧ Louisa Castillo-Cockrum ✧  
Lendell & Irma Cockrum ✧ Sandra Sue Cockrum ✧ Terry  
Daly ✧ Sister Rosemary Ferguson, OP ✧ Guadalupe  
Gomez ✧ Steve & Sally Kish ✧ Elsa Riesgo ✧ Ramona &  
Ben Valenzuela ✧ Michael & Margaret Walls

## In Honor of

Thich Nhat Hanh ✧ Diarmuid O'Murchu