

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 6, 2020

Second 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
by the Friars of the Western
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MASS INTENTIONS

Second Sunday of Advent

12/5 5:15PM **Sotelo Family**

12/6 9AM **Elsie Fischer**

11AM **John Swalec+**

5PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: St. Ambrose

12/7 11:30AM **NO DAILY MASS**

Tuesday: Immaculate Conception of the BVM

12/8 11:30AM **Andy Rivera+**

Wednesday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

12/9 11:30AM **All Students**

Thursday: Advent Weekday

12/10 11:30AM **All Hospital Workers**

Friday: St. Damasus I

12/11 11:30AM **Jose & Carmen Canchola+**

*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

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 around" 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...." Thus creating a "Highway to our God."

The Jesus of Mark'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... It's about making the journey out of being asleep, addicted, unmoved, and/or traumatized... to seeing and breathing resurrected life and perspective. This is what it means to rise... and to walk!

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 God." 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

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

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.

FALL BACCAUAREATE MASS SIGNUPS

Sunday, 12/13 at the 11AM Mass
Seniors Graduating in December: send us a photo, your name and major so we can honor your accomplishments during the LiveStream Slideshow to newman@uacatholic.org

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
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
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 for details

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 to keep our community safe.

We learned this week 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

We serve a merciful and patient God. In His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts He has given us.

In our Gospel passage from Mark, John the Baptist instructs us to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." We must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let's be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading of Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service.

In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for all His gifts to us.

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

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 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

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