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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



January 10, 2020

The Baptism of the Lord

SCHEDULES

Sunday Mass Online

11AM Mountain
Live-Stream through [Facebook Live](#),
and our [YouTube Channel](#)

In-Person Masses

suspended for the Diocese of Tucson
through February 5th
Saturday 5:15PM
Sunday 9AM & 11AM

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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by the Friars of the Western
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MASS INTENTIONS

Baptism of the Lord
1/10 11AM **Alice B. Lopez+**
Our Newman Community

Monday: Bl. Bernard Scammacca, OP
1/11 11:30AM **NO DAILY MASS**
Tuesday: Weekday
1/12 11:30AM **James Lopez+**
Wednesday: St. Hilary
1/13 11:30AM **Sandra DeLaune**
Thursday: Weekday
1/14 11:30AM **Annette Gagne**
Friday: St. Francis Fernandez de Capillis
1/15 11:30AM **Frank Barrios+**

*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.

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

MED STUDENT SEEKING HOUSING

Sarah Leonard, who was active at Newman as an undergrad, is beginning a surgery residency at UMC and is seeking housing. Contact her if you have a lead:
sleonard91@gmail.com

Note from Bishop Weisenburger 1/4/2021

In light of substantial spikes in Covid-19 virus transmission, along with substantially increased critical hospital census numbers, the following changes to Diocese of Tucson protocols are in effect as of January 8, 2020. They shall remain in effect for four weeks, until February 5th, with a review taking place early in the week of February 1st.

Mass Celebrations and Baptisms

- Both Sunday and weekday indoor Masses or gatherings are suspended. Masses may be celebrated outdoors in accord with existing protocols.
- Funerals and weddings may be celebrated indoors but are limited to a maximum of 25 persons; baptisms are limited to a maximum of ten persons. No gatherings before or following these celebrations are allowed on parish or church property.
- In individual circumstances a pastor may petition me, Bishop Edward Weisenburger, for permission to celebrate indoor Masses. Multiple issues will be taken into consideration based upon local circumstances. For instance, permission will not be considered for a parish that offers only indoor Masses. Moreover, pastors are strongly encouraged to provide pastoral care through Masses celebrated for the people via the internet as well as providing Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Penance outdoors.

Parish Offices

- During this same four-week period, parish offices must close to the public. Parish staff shall work from home with the exception of the priests assigned to the parish (or canonical Parish Administrator) and maintenance staff.
- In individual circumstances a pastor may petition me, Bishop Edward Weisenburger, for permission to have staff in the office. However, if staff needs to be in the office it must be limited to one employee at a time and without clergy present.

It is significant to recall that in light of the Catholic Church's rich history of spiritual devotions (most especially praying the Rosary, meditating upon Scripture, and prayer books) we are uniquely positioned to provide generous spiritual assistance to the faithful. A suspension of four weeks from indoor liturgies also allows us to stand in solidarity with those who are critically ill, healthcare workers, the unemployed, those grieving the loss of loved ones, and all those whose lives have been far more substantially altered.

Those persons identified in the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines as "high risk" are strongly encouraged to receive the Church's ministry mediated through the internet while remaining at home. This caution is greatly lessened after such persons have been able to receive a Covid vaccination.

Unlike the period of time early in the pandemic, when in-person worship was initially suspended, we now can see victory on the horizon. A period of four weeks should make a considerable difference in the availability of the Covid vaccine for those most at risk. Hopefully it also will help us to evaluate more accurately the anticipated post-Christmas spike in infections and resulting hospitalizations.

—Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger

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

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](#)

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

Our Christmas season concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus was not baptized because he needed to repent — rather, He was revealing who He is and what He came to do.

It is from His mission that we can receive the sacrament of baptism — when we become adopted sons and daughters of God. From that moment, we belong to Christ — we become His stewards. Our lives should be a reflection of this relationship. The way we live should reveal Whose we are.

In our Gospel, Mark reveals the intimate relationship between God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus and God the Father proclaimed, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." We, too, have access to an intimate relationship with God. But like all good relationships, it flourishes with effort. How we spend our time and share our gifts says a great deal about Whose we are.

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

January Online Giving as of 1/9/21 : \$3347

Jan 3rd Envelopes: \$14,925

Dominican Common Room Project: \$1600

December ACH: \$6852; December Online : \$22,428.75

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

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: 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