

# 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: "Increase our Faith" - Luke 17:5



**December 12, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

## FALL SCHEDULE

### Weekend In-Person Masses

Masks required indoors

Saturday 5:15PM

Sunday 9AM, 11AM & 5PM

### Sunday Mass Online

11AM MST LiveStreamed

through [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

### Weekday Masses Tuesday to Friday

Masks required indoors

5:15PM in-person and LiveStreamed

through [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

**Reconciliation:** by appointment only.

Priest email addresses are listed in  
the next column

**Office Hours:** Monday to Friday,  
9AM-4:45PM

**Adoration:** NEXT DATE: Thurs 1/13  
and following First Thursdays at  
7:30PM. The chapel is also open for  
private prayer during Office Hours.

## NEWMAN CENTER STAFF



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Province, Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose  
and Dominican Sisters of Oakford*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Third Sunday of Advent

12/11 5:15PM **Our Newman Community**

12/12 9AM **Rafael Salce+ & Gloia Montoya+**

11AM **Fall Baccalaureate Mass**

5PM **Jose & Carmen Canchola++**

Monday: St. Lucy

12/13 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

Tuesday: St. John of the Cross

12/14 5:15PM **Donna McWilliams**

Wednesday: Advent Weekday

12/15 5:15PM **Sally Kish+**

Thursday: Bl Sebastian Maggi, OP

12/16 5:15PM **Gregory Gravel+**

Friday: Advent Weekday

12/17 5:15PM **Lupita Rivera+**

*Mass Intentions can be requested for Memorials,  
Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing/Recovery or  
Special Intentions by calling the office.*

*\$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*

**T**oday John the Baptist graces the scene as the beginning of God's brightening love and justice- coming into the world. John appears with passion and conviction, and calls for a "turning around" of our lives.. back to a truer and more excellent way..... To a way, and a person... who will make "crooked ways straight, and mountains made low....." Thus creating a "Highway to our God."

We are told that people flocked to John... moved by his message, and sought to be 'washed clean' in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins, and began to 'turn' from their sins/burdens..

As they turned, from old ways of life - they asked John the Baptist... What shall we do? What shall we do? To straighten crooked paths of confusion and crisis? To lower mountains of neglect and fear? To clear a path through wastelands of past mistakes and too much self focus... towards a vision of HOPE... that emancipates ourselves, and others - And, POINTS US - to the promise a "coming Messiah", destined to bring 'healing to humanity' at its very roots.

We have been baptized in these same waters, and sealed with Holy Spirit! May we go forth unburdened 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 the Way for the Lord in our Tucson Desert.... and beyond..... Thus, "Increasing our Faith" and finding that "higher and more sober" path to God." Amen!

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

We are once again accepting \$10 donations for Tucson-grown Poinsettias for the Christmas Season. Please include your family name in the memo line and we will create a tag for the plant. You will be able to take them home after the first of the year. Visit the office or use our [online giving platform](#)

### **NEWMAN BOOK CLUB**

Meets monthly via Zoom and hybrid in-person.

Next Book: The Seven Storey Mountain by Thomas Merton  
Tuesday, January 25th 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](#)

## **CONGRATS TO OUR NEWEST CATHOLIC**

John Clark Mathews

Baptized in Christ on Saturday, December 11th

## **CONGRATS TO OUR DECEMBER GRADUATES**

Mary Spitzer

Public Health

Mayra Taborda

Studio Art with Design Emphasis

## **CORPORATE BOARD ELECTION JAN 16, 2022**

Corporate Board Secretary, term ending 1/19/2024

Incumbent: Clifford Bowman, willing to serve another term.

### **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. If only one person has been nominated by then, the nominee shall be declared elected.

## **SALPOINTE ALUMNI SYNOD GATHERING**

The Catholic Church wants to hear from you! On Sunday, January 9, the Salpointe Chaplain will host a listening session for college-age alumni and their friends. The session will take place from 5:00 to 6:30 PM In Foundation Hall.

Refreshments will be provided.

These sessions are designed as a safe space to open hearts and minds in an effort to understand people's faith journeys in the Catholic Church. The Church wants to hear your experience, your joys, your frustrations, and your advice. This will allow the Church to better understand your needs in the future.

If you are in college and interested in being part of this experience, [please RSVP](#) by Monday, January 3.

Bring your friends; being a Salpointe alum is not a condition to participate. Find more information at [www.synodtucson.org](http://www.synodtucson.org) or email Fr. Manu Franco-Gomez, O.Carm. at [efrancogomez@salpointe.org](mailto:efrancogomez@salpointe.org)

We acknowledge the People of the Land who have dwelt here since time immemorial and continue to live in this place today: Tohono O'odham, Sobaipuri O'odham, Pascua Yaqui and other Native Americans. We give thanks for the original stewards of this land, our ancestors, our elders and all Indigenous People.

# THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

## FALL BACCALAUREATE MASS

Sunday, December 12th at 11AM Mass

## MARIACH MASS FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Sunday, December 12th at 5PM Mass  
followed by Tamale Dinner downstairs

## DOMINICAN LAITY FORMATION SESSION

Thursday 12/16 starting with 5PM Evening Prayer & Mass  
Session in Curry Classroom until 7PM - [learn more here](#)

## YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday 12/16 at 7:30PM—all young adults 22-35 are  
invited for a social night of celebration in the courtyard

## DOMINICAN LAITY CHAPTER MTG

Sunday 12/19 at 3PM in the Curry Classroom

[www.UACatholic.org/calendar](http://www.UACatholic.org/calendar)



**Baccalaureate  
Mass**  
*December 12th at 11AM*

Graduates: email a grad picture, name, major &  
favorite scripture passage by Friday, December 10th  
to: [newman@uacatholic.org](mailto:newman@uacatholic.org)

Mass will be LiveStreamed at:  
[YouTube.com/UACatholic](https://www.youtube.com/UACatholic)  
[Facebook.com/UACatholic](https://www.facebook.com/UACatholic)

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## SAVE THE DATES

### Christmas Eve Masses

Friday, 12/24 at 5PM and 7PM

### Christmas Day Masses

Saturday 12/25 at 9AM & 11AM

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, January 1st at 9AM  
(not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2021)

### Undergrad Synod on Synodality Listening Session


Wednesday, 1/26 from 7PM to 9PM  
dinner will be served

### Young Adults Synod on Synodality Listening Session

Thursday, 1/27 from 7PM to 9PM  
dinner will be served

### Resident Community Day of Reflection & Synod on Synodality Listening Session

Saturday, February 5th 9:30 to 12 Noon  
lunch will be served



**St. Thomas More Newman Center**


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**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**MARIACHI  
MASS**

**Sunday, December 12th, 2021  
5:00PM**

**Tamale Dinner to follow downstairs**

**hosted by Arcos de Oro &  
the Canchola family**

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## GATHER THE PEOPLE; BREAK THE BREAD; TELL THE STORY.

Senior, Erynn Maelaine Labut was born in Mesa Arizona. She has also lived in Queen Creek and Gilbert which she calls home living with her parents, Mary Jane and Gene, and younger brothers, Aiden and Donovan. Her choice to attend the University of Arizona was really made for her because this is the only Arizona school with an agricultural education major. A close look at Erynn's schooling shows a parallel education of the Spirit. It's a clear-cut faith journey which was kick-started in the Summer of 2020, in the midst of the pandemic. Before this, Erynn had attended Mass and a reconciliation service, but this was not full participation. "I knew, thanks be to God, that the only way to keep the new fire for the faith was through the wonderful community that is Newman."



She dove fully into Newman with the Outreach and Liturgy Committees and the Discipleship groups before serving as a Student Minister this year. She now helps to lead the Social Justice Committee and serves at Masses in different roles, attends Evening Prayer and Daily Mass as well as a Bible Small Group.

Erynn considers Newman her second family and jokes, when her Gilbert family comes to Tucson, that her two families will be visiting. Unofficial Newman picnics, baking cookies in the Newman kitchen for goody bags, retreats, praying Stations of the Cross at other Tucson parishes with friends, Newman Nights have strengthened the bonds with her second family. To them, she says, "I am enough. I am not an outcast. I am wanted, loved, seen. . . great conditions for me to flourish and become who I truly am, the Saint that God calls me to be daily. . . The St. Thomas More Community has blessed me with the greatest Catholic community I have ever been a part of&gt;" Erynn hopes to graduate in Spring of 2022. In the meantime, you can see her "fire" in action at Mass or in the lobby or at a Newman event.

Coming soon, tell your story. . . .

Support WAA and St. Thomas More Newman Center  
Peace and Social Justice Committee- #AZ0092P

In Honor of

**Sgt. Martin Lugo**

A Tucson local Hero

Saturday, December 18, 2021

At Holy Hope Catholic Cemetery 10:00 a.m.

Veteran's Section



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*across*  
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Genevieve Gallardo at [egalla1415@cox.net](mailto:egalla1415@cox.net)

## RCIA THANK YOUs AND SPRING SEMESTER MEALS

A special note of gratitude to Edella Schlager, Margaret Kish, Joe & Suzanne Machain for assisting with meals this past semester for the nine catechumens and RCIA team who are walking a journey of faith together to the Easter Vigil and Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & First Eucharist). If you would like to help prepare a meal for one of the Sundays during the Spring Semester, contact Margaret at mkishaz@aol.com or call the office (520) 327-4665

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council 16061 encourages all Catholic men of the St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish to explore the possibility of becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus. If you have a desire to serve the Catholic Church, the St. Thomas More Parish, and the Tucson community, the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. For more info please contact Jay Bell at (520) 237-7417 or by email at jay.bell@cox.net or talk to any member of our council.

## ONLINE GIVING MATCHING PROGRAM

WeShare is matching recurring contributions through our online giving program during the months of November and December. To be eligible for the match, set up a weekly or monthly regular amount to give, this also helps our staff be able to plan our budgets. To sign up, visit:

<https://uacatholic.churchgiving.com>

## 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress as of 12/9/21

40 donors - \$29,945 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 64%  
Fulfilled to date: \$28,480 or 61% of total goal

Donate Online at:

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

Select "St. Thomas More" as your parish



Last 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.

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 annual goal

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The theme for this third Sunday of Advent week is Rejoice, "Gaudete", as we await the arrival of God and the wonders that will unfold. . Zephaniah speaks words of comfort about God's arrival – bringing the people home, saving the lame and gathering the outcast. Isaiah speaks about the day of God's arrival, when they will "draw water from the wells of salvation."

The Lord, your God, is in your midst. A mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love." (Zeph 3:17)

As Faithful Stewards we celebrate Advent, and look with joy to the coming of one whose name, Jesus, means "The Lord is Salvation." Do I believe that Jesus' promise is active and alive in my life, here and now? I am invited today to drink water from the well of salvation and joyfully celebrate his love.

## STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

December Online through 12/10: \$4,634

Dec 5th Envelopes: \$2835.56; Venmo: \$1,684

Dominican Common Room Project: \$600

November ACH: November Online: \$11,046

Dominican Common Room Project: \$10,000

Nov 28th Envelopes: \$2849.75; Venmo: \$739

Nov 21st Envelopes: \$3309; Venmo: \$766.81

Nov 14th Envelopes: \$1323.25; Venmo: \$847

Nov 7th Envelopes: \$4097; Venmo: \$838

October ACH: \$4012; October Online: \$10666.16

Oct 31st Envelopes: \$5711.90; Venmo: \$659.71

Oct 24th Envelopes: \$1,314.48; Venmo: \$920.58

Oct 17th Envelopes: \$1,765.25; Venmo: \$1612

Oct 10th Envelopes: \$3,157.25; Venmo: \$1213.58

Oct 3rd Envelopes: \$3,157.25; Venmo: \$747

Extraordinary Gifts: \$6500

Dominican Common Room Project: \$620


Your contribution during the Offertory goes towards utilities, ministries, staff and residences for the Dominican Friars & Sisters so we can carry out our shared mission.

Parents of our university students, please consider supporting Newman as your son or daughter's parish-away-from-home.

Regular giving or recurring giving helps us be able to plan for future budgets. We invite you to prayerfully consider setting up monthly or weekly recurring donations through our Online Giving Program. Visit: [UACatholic.org/donate](http://UACatholic.org/donate)



# WINTER SCHEDULE

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9AM MASS 11AM MASS 5PM MASS	20	21	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5PM MASS 7PM MASS	25 CHRISTMAS 9AM MASS 11AM MASS NO 5:15PM MASS
26 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 9AM MASS 11AM MASS NO 5PM MASS	27	28	29	30	31	1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD 9AM MASS NO 5:15PM VIGIL
2 2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 9AM MASS 11AM MASS NO 5PM MASS	3	4	5	6	7	8 BAPTISM OF THE LORD 5:15PM VIGIL MASS
9 BAPTISM OF THE LORD 9AM MASS 11AM MASS 5PM MASS	10	11 5:15PM DAILY MASS RESUMES	12 1ST DAY OF CLASSES	13	14	15 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5:15PM VIGIL MASS

