

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 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

FALL SCHEDULE

Weekend In-Person Masses

Masks required indoors

Saturday 5:15PM

Sunday 9AM, 11AM & 5PM

NO 5:15PM Mass on 12/25 and 1/1
NO 5PM MASS ON 12/26 and 1/2

Sunday Mass Online

11AM MST LiveStreamed

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

Weekday Masses Tuesday to Friday

RESUME JANUARY 11th

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 RESUME JANUARY 10th:

Monday to Friday 9AM-4:45PM

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

NEWMAN CENTER STAFF



Served by the Friars of the Western Dominican
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MASS INTENTIONS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

12/18 5:15PM **Mary C. Lopez+**

12/19 9AM **Tim Olsen**

11AM **Julissa Rose Garcia+**

5PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: Late Advent Weekday

12/20 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius

12/21 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

Wednesday: Late Advent Weekday

12/22 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

Thursday: St. John of Kanty

12/23 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

Friday: Christmas Eve

12/24 5PM **Clarissa Lang+**

7PM **Lucia Zavala+**

Saturday: Christmas Day

12/25 9AM **Our Newman Community**

11AM **Lucia Zavala+**

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

Life 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 offering us guidance in our questions, struggles, projects, and peace-seeking. May the spirit of this season echo the reality of "God with us."

May our Blessed Mother's faith and prayers be a supporting light to guide us through this final Sunday of Advent. May we allow God's Spirit, that is upon us.. to anoint and enrich all around us.

May you be blessed over these days of crisper sunrises, and cooler nights. May you know the peace of the Word made Flesh, as well as the Light that illumines the world.

"Increase our Faith! Lord be our Rock! Transform our Hearts and Souls! Increase our Faith!
Amen!

FAREWELL TO ANTHONY PENA

We are deeply grateful to Anthony for over five years of service as our Maintenance Tech. He is now going to be enjoying some much-deserved retirement & we wish him well. We will be giving him a special blessing at the 11AM Mass on Sunday, January 23rd followed by Fr. Tom's Café in his honor, join us to thank him & celebrate.

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
View previous titles discussed by the Book Club [here](#)

CONGRATS TO OUR DECEMBER GRADUATES

Joseph Smith
B.S. Political Science & Spanish

Mary Spitzer
B.S. Public Health

Mayra Taborda
B.A. 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 or email Fr. Manu Franco-Gomez, O.Carm. at 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

DOMINICAN LAITY CHAPTER MTG

Sunday 12/19 at 3PM in the Curry Classroom

OFFICE CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK

December 20th through January 7th

NO Daily Masses until Tuesday, January 11th

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Thursday 12/23 from 4PM to 8PM

we can always use extra help

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Friday 12/24 at 5PM & 7PM

we will livestream the 5PM Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Saturday 12/25 at 9AM & 11AM

we will livestream the 11AM

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday 12/26 at 9AM & 11AM

No Saturday Vigil Mass or 5PM Sunday Mass next weekend

www.UACatholic.org/calendar

SAVE THE DATES

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, January 1st at 9AM

(not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2021)

Anthony Peña Farewell Blessing

Sunday, January 23rd at 11AM Mass, Café to follow

Undergrad Synod on Synodality Listening Session

Wednesday, 1/26 from 7PM to 9PM

Dinner will be served—View the [Reflection Questions](#)

Young Adults Synod on Synodality Listening Session

Thursday, 1/27 from 7PM to 9PM

Dinner will be served—View the [Reflection Questions](#)

Resident Community Day of Reflection & Synod on Synodality Listening Session

Saturday, February 5th 9:30 to 12 Noon

Lunch will be served—View the [Reflection Questions](#)

WE ARE HIRING

Position: [Maintenance Technician I](#)

Location: St Thomas More Newman Center - Tucson, AZ

Job Id: 1904 **# of Openings:** 1

Primary Function: Under the direction of the Pastor and Business Manager, this position is responsible for performing a variety of maintenance duties in the parish, rectory, apartments and convent located at the St. Thomas More complex.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Perform in support of the Church's spiritual and pastoral mission
- Shall abide by Catholic principles in the employee's professional and private life, and shall govern his/her professional and private life in strict accordance with Catholic morals and principles to demonstrate complete adherence to Catholic moral strictures;
- Perform general facility and grounds maintenance duties to include cleaning and maintenance of Church, rectory, convent, apartments, outdoor meeting spaces, or other facilities
- Maintain parish equipment including kitchen, restrooms, plumbing and electrical systems in a functional condition; routine maintenance of parish vehicle; recommend and oversee replacement of equipment as necessary
- Maintain records of maintenance performed as necessary
- Maintain a supply of and account for cleaning supplies and equipment; maintain an adequate inventory at all times
- Comply with chemical handling laws and safety regulations as required; maintain a safe working environment
- Maintain security of buildings, equipment, and tools
- Perform other duties as assigned
- Physical/Mental Requirements: Requires coordination and manual dexterity, normal mental and visual ability; ability to lift as required in a normal maintenance environment.

Required Activities: Walking; sitting standing; stooping; reaching; talking; handling; hearing; carrying; lifting; and climbing ladders.

Education and Experience: High School Graduate or equivalent. Minimum 2 years' experience in a maintenance or similar environment

This is a full-time position with benefits. To apply, [visit this link](#) or call Manny for more info at (520) 327-4665 x 112.

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

She loves to teach! In fact, Nicole Traicoff, U of A Senior, is teaching marine biology to middle schoolers at Quest for Education and Arts, non-profit school, as she finishes her own studies: a major in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology with a minor in Marine Science. She hopes to graduate in 2022.

As background on her own classroom experiences, Nicole, born and bred in Tucson, was home schooled from kindergarten to 12 th grade. She felt that the University of Arizona would be the best choice with the major she had chosen, the in-state tuition, and her father being a UA alum, even though he came from the midwest. Nicole’s younger brother, Anthony, has followed his sister and dad to the UA too.

How does this woman find time to teach, study, and still participate in Newman’s Student Ministry Team? “As I entered college I had one desperate prayer: not to lose my faith while going to a public university.” She joined Newman as a freshman and quickly discovered her need for community—people who challenge her to grow in faith and invite her and accept her to a great group of people.



Nicole’s Newman memories center around the little moments of pure joy, laughing til she cried over random events or retreat karaoke, studying with others in the library, or just hanging out on the couches in the basement talking about the physics of rollercoasters, biology or Trinitarian theology. The little moments have the biggest impact. Retreats, lying, stargazing and hiking and meditating on God’s creation outdoors are some of these big moments.

“Newman is home because its Family and God is here.” She walks into the doors at Newman and sees the altar and knows she’s home. “Like family, we lift each other up, check in on one another and challenge each other. The undergrad community and the staff is the greatest blessing.” Lastly, Nicole is always open to grab a tea, take a hike with anyone and talk about faith and science interweaving perfectly—a passion subject which she could talk about for hours.

Find her participating in the liturgies as lector or usher or greeter or tech streaming the Masses on camera. Nicole is a great example of faith in action!

Coming soon, tell your story. . . .



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 12/13/21

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

Today's Gospel passage from Luke describes Mary's actions immediately after her "yes" to the angel Gabriel's message. "Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah... and greeted Elizabeth." Mary immediately begins to think of others before herself, setting out quickly to be with her cousin, modeling two of the pillars of stewardship – Hospitality and Service.

Our Blessed Mother's example of a stewardship way of life is one that we, her children, can follow in our own lives today. With all the gifts God gives us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — we, too, can offer ourselves to God by using these gifts to serve and glorify Him. In so doing, we will effectively spread the Good News of the Gospel to the world around us today.

We will be stewards after our Mother's own heart.

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

December Online through 12/17: \$8,866
Dec 12th Envelopes: \$3294.08; Venmo: \$1,036
Dec 5th Envelopes: \$2835.56; Venmo: \$1,684
Dominican Common Room Project: \$1800

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

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

