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OUR MISSION: TO BE TRANSFORMED THROUGH AN
ENCOUNTER WITH THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH & THE LOVE OF GOD

Yearly Theme: "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" - Matthew 6:21



December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

SCHEDULE

Weekend In-Person Masses
Saturday 5:15PM (Covid-19 Protocols)
Sunday 9AM, 11AM & 5PM

Sunday Mass Online
11AM MST LiveStreamed
through [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Weekday Masses Tuesday to Friday
5:15PM in-person and LiveStreamed
through [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Liturgy of the Hours
Tuesday to Friday
Morning Prayer (Lauds) 8:30AM
Evening Prayer (Vespers) 5:00PM

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4PM and
by appointment. Priest email
addresses are listed in the next
column

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Thursdays at 7:30PM

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Fourth Sunday of Advent
12/17 5:15PM **Jolene Rose Nickols +**
12/18 9AM **Our Newman Community**
11AM **John Edwards Videl +**
5PM **Dona Maria Forte +**

Monday: Advent Weekday
12/19 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**
Tuesday: St. Dominic of Silos, OP
12/20 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**
Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius
12/21 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**
Thursday: Advent Weekday
12/22 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**
Friday: St. John of Kanty
12/23 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

*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

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, in 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!

"For where your treasure is, there also your heart will be!" Amen!

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ Dominican Laity Chapter Mtg 12/18 at 3PM
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Council #16061 Mtg 12/18 at 6PM in the Curry Classroom
- ◆ Winter Break Office Closure Begins 12/19 to 1/6/23
- ◆ Help us Decorate the Church for Christmas Friday, December 23rd at 6PM
- ◆ Christmas Eve Masses 5PM & 7PM (no Confessions on Saturday 12/24)
- ◆ Christmas Day Masses 9AM & 11AM (no 5PM Mass on Sunday 12/25)

SAVE THE DATES

New Years Eve Mass

Saturday 12/31 at 5:15PM

New Years Day Masses

Sunday 1/1 at 9AM & 11AM (no 5PM Mass)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, 1/12 at 7:30PM

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Tucson-grown Poinsettia are available for \$10 sponsorship to help us decorate the church for Christmas. Contact the office for payment along with the family name you would like acknowledged in a gift tag

LOST & FOUND

There are many items in our Lost and Found box in the office that has been with us for a long time. A variety of water bottles, hats, keys, sunglasses, reading glasses, rosaries, earrings, necklace, most recently – a shawl, a lunch bag, purple hat, a house key found by the bike rack. We will dispose of these long-term items at the end of the year. Please stop by the office during the week or on the weekend look in the classroom on the counter. Thank you.

**Sponsor a \$15 Fresh Evergreen Wreath for a
Veteran's Final Resting Place at
Holy Hope Cemetery
National Wreaths Across America Day
December 17th, 2022**

Join for the wreath laying ceremony at 10:00 a.m.
In Honor of SGT. Martin A Lugo
KIA 19 AUG 2010 OEF



Gold Star Family - rltwmartin@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Just as the Lord spoke to Joseph and Ahaz, today's readings call us to listen for God's voice. Let us listen in faith, not fear. Let us focus our thoughts and actions on the coming of the Christ child.

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”
-Mt 1:21-22

Like St. Joseph, we are called to listen deeply to God's spirit stirring within us, guiding us closer to the manger where God leads us to find the Christ child. Stewardship calls us to a deep humility, a profound quiet to hear the voice of God and have the courage to respond.

WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTIONS AT MASS

This is an ongoing community outreach project of the Newman Center and the University of Arizona Knights of Columbus Council 16061. All Newman Parishioners are invited to participate in our ongoing (yearly) food donations. Non-perishable food items only, please. Donation bins are located at all entrances of the chapel. The food donations will benefit Casa Maria, Pio Decimo, and Poverello House.

CASA ALITAS OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

[Casa Alitas](#), located near Kino and Ajo Way, serves migrant families who have left their home countries to escape violence and poverty. After arriving in the US, they have been granted humanitarian parole and are here legally to await an asylum hearing. Casa Alitas volunteers offer support by providing hospitality, including food, shelter, advocacy, and travel assistance. Our goal is to provide a comfortable, healthy location for travelers to await their journeys and to prepare them for a safe trip.

Visits are planned on the 1st Thursdays and the 3rd Saturdays monthly when it fits into your schedule. Here's a [Casa Alitas Orientation PowerPoint](#); it provides an excellent overview and insight into what Casa Alitas is and what it does.

This can help you decide if this type of community service is a good fit for you.

If you are interested in serving and helping others on a 1st Thursday, please contact Michele Brubaker at brubakerm9@gmail.com or (520) 906-1663. If you are interested in serving and helping others on a 3rd Saturday, please contact Dan Chavez at fotoventures@gmail.com or (520) 904-5730.

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

December Online as of 12/9: \$4,274.16
Dec 11th: Envelopes: \$3,379.40; Venmo: \$874
Dec 4th: Envelopes: \$3,379.40; Venmo: \$874

November ACH: \$3,722; November Online: \$11,375.30
Nov 27th: Envelopes: \$2,499.96; Venmo: \$811
Nov 20th: Envelopes: \$7,893.72; Venmo: \$1636
Nov 13th: Envelopes: \$2,336.42; Venmo: \$570
Nov 6th: Envelopes: \$3,174.84; Venmo: \$700.71

October ACH \$2,792; October Online: \$11,506.31
Oct 30th: Envelopes: \$2,556.99; Venmo: \$1412.71
Oct 23rd: Envelopes: \$2,167; Venmo: \$1,579
Oct 16th: Envelopes: \$2,267.35; Venmo: \$1,574
Oct 9th: Envelopes: \$3289.04; Venmo: \$860.71
Oct 2nd: Envelopes: \$2328.34; Venmo: \$719
Dominican Common Room Project: \$500

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
18 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9AM MASS 11AM MASS 5PM MASS	19	20	21	22	23 6PM DECORATE THE CHURCH	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5PM MASS 7PM MASS NO CONFESSIONS
25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9AM MASS 11AM MASS NO 5PM MASS	26	27	28	29	30	31 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD 5:15PM VIGIL MASS
1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD 9AM MASS 11AM MASS NO 5PM MASS	2	3	4	5	6	7 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 5:15PM VIGIL MASS
8 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 9AM MASS 11AM MASS 5PM MASS	9	10	11 1ST DAY OF CLASSES	12	13	14 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5:15PM VIGIL MASS

