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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 25, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day

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
(resuming 1/10/23)**
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
Next date: Thursday 1/12 at 7:30PM

Office Hours (resuming 1/9/23)
Monday to Friday 9AM-4:45PM

NEWMAN CENTER STAFF



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MASS INTENTIONS

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
12/24 5:00PM *Mary Lopez +*
7:00 PM *Our Newman Community*
12/25 9:00AM *Gerald & Joyce Nalley ++*
11:00AM *Lucia Zavala+*

Monday: St. Stephen, The First Martyr
12/26 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**
Tuesday: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
12/27 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**
Wednesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
12/28 1 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**
Thursday: Fifth Day within the Octave of
Christmas
12/29 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**
Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
12/30 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

Our days will shorten before they get longer.. This week has ushered in - the longest night of the year, and the opening of the season of Winter. By now, most of the leaves have fallen from the trees.. and barren branches are reaching to the heavens. As for the saguaro and evergreens.., they simply soldier on.. keeping the rhythm of life - despite changing temperatures, and the occasional dip into really chilly weather. What about us... on this Christmas Eve/Day? How are our hearts? Our relationships? Our Christmas packages? Are they filled with hope and healing? Or simply the exhaustion of getting to today?

*In this evening's Gospel we hear the angel's powerful words...
"Do not be afraid;
for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people.
For today in the city of David
a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.
And this will be a sign for you:
you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes
and lying in a manger."
And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:
"Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

These words have become even more popular in secular circles, thanks to *Charles Shultz , and the **Charlie Brown Christmas Special! Charlie Brown has the blues, and he's trying to pull himself out of that place.. So, he agrees to direct the school's Christmas play.. He's organized, and he's trying to inspire his cohort.. It's not happening.. and those he's trying to direct, only seem to want to party, and do their own thing... *frustrated, his tension builds to an overwhelming pitch, and he announces, not "glad tidings" but - "Can anyone tell me what Christmas is all about!!!

Is that ever us? We can see the material signs of Christmas all around us; but can sometimes feel still feel the blues... and/or the frustrations of this time of year! But, here's the *good news... If we have the courage to announce our frustration to God aloud! God will answer! In Charlie Brown's case - God speaks through Linus.... his faithful friend and companion..... In ours, and, in humanity's plea.... *God responds by being born, anyway.... in one the lowest of places.... despite there being "no room" at the inn..., or.... in the homes and hearts... of those tired, poor, and frustrated.... both in his time, and in our present day! Jesus is born anyway.... and, is still, "God w/ us" today!

Although... the imperfections of life and circumstances, still teem about us.... the birth of Jesus.... (in hearts, minds, souls, and society... still rises... and choses to come..

Christmas celebrates God taking our flesh - with all of its drama and potential... and in all of its complexity and beauty... God is there ... to accompany... in our shoes, and in our skin.... in the pain and discomfort of loss... in a pandemic still echoing, even though we have greater "dexterity" in the cray, cray In immigrants displaced, in wars still raging across oceans, and sometimes on our local streets, and among loved ones..... In cultures and races....still separated, in our churches and government's inner turmoil and infighting, in the temptation of people wanting to self-medicate their anxiety with substances, technology, and non-meaningful relationships, or contempt.....,

In all of these tensions....., God still remains! In our job losses, economic and political injustice, the loss of loved ones, in our prisons, our assisted living facilities, with our elderly parents, siblings, and our loved ones with physical, mental, and emotional challenges.... God still remains....., And, the living word stills comes and dwells.... to ransom captive Israel....., as well, as our weary lives seeking freedom..... In doing this.... the light shines "brightly" in the darkness....., a light that creates "possibility"..... in the gathering of "chaos", and "healing" in any 'maladies' that are opposed to resurrection. May we rise and run to the manger as 2023 approaches.

Jesus has entered the dark side of our human abyss, and invites us to lean towards "the love" which can rise from 'struggling to embrace' the hope and joy of this Season of Grace.

For God said in the beginning..... "Let there be light " (And) If we can hear this, our faith will begin to stir again, our hope will begin rise, and the love of God will continue be enfleshed deep within our heart and soul..... When this happens.... we can truly sing "Joy to the World" and "create" Joy "IN" the World!

My wish for all of us this Christmas Season.. Is that we will see, and feel the effects of 'God with us'. May this be "a" source of grace and strength... which allows us to recognize the echo of 'Emmanuel' everyday. May Christ's peace fill our hearts to the point of overflowing, and unlock all that has been frozen by fear. For where your treasure is, there also your heart will be!

May we take this 'heart filled courage' into our souls, — like the air that we breathe..., thus allowing ourselves.... to be lifted from the long night... into the brightness of the one whom we call "the true Light that has come into the world".

May your Christmas and New Year! 2023! Wow..... 2023 be filled with hope, grace, and joy! Amen.

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

- ◆ **Art/Environment for Christmas** Friday 12/23 at 6PM, help us decorate!
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Masses** Saturday 12/24 at 5PM & 7PM, no confessions on 12/24
- ◆ **Christmas Day Masses** Sunday 12/25 at 9AM & 11AM
- ◆ **Winter Break Office Closure** 12/26 to 12/30, no Daily Masses
- ◆ **New Year's Eve Mass** Saturday 12/31 at 5:15PM
- ◆ **New Year's Day Masses** Sunday 1/1 at 9AM & 11AM

View our full schedule at

www.UACatholic.org/calendar

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 brubakermm9@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 REFLECTION

Glory to God in the Highest. The true light has come into the world, breaking through the darkness, and ushering in the Kingdom of God. On this Christmas Day, we receive His light and life.

“What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”
Jn 1:4-5

As faithful stewards, may we kneel with the shepherds in admiration of this infant Jesus. The Son of God and the son of Mary changes our lives completely. May our hearts be open to receive His light, drawing us to his embrace.

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

December Online as of 12/23: \$11,123.14
Dec 18th: Envelopes: \$3,208.88; Venmo: \$956
Dec 11th: Envelopes: \$2400.71; Venmo: \$719
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

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

