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

2023-2024 Theme: Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." - Mark 12:30-31



### September 17, 2023

#### SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses Sunday 9AM, 11AM & 5PM Saturday Vigil 5:15PM

Sunday Mass Online 11AM MST LiveStreamed through <u>Facebook</u> and <u>YouTube</u>

Weekday Masses Tuesday to Friday 5:15PM

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 next column

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament First Thursdays at 7:30PM Tuesday to Friday 8:45AM-9:45AM

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

We are open for prayer, study & community, weekdays from 8AM-9PM

#### **NEWMAN CENTER STAFF**



Served by the Friars of the Western Dominican Province, Dominican Sisters of Oakford and Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill

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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9/16 5:15PM Linda Marie "Chickie" Conley 9/17 9:00AM Carol Fimbres-Gaughan 11:00AM Simone Borges + 5:00PM Our Newman Community

Monday: Weekday 9/18 5:15PM *NO DAILY MASS* Tuesday: St. Janarius, Bishop & Martyr 9/19 5:15PM **Ruben Canastillo** Wednesday: St. Andrew Kim & Companions Martyrs 9/20 5:15PM **Rose Jones** Thursday: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist 9/21 5:15PM **Milton Bejarano & Family** Friday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina 9/22 5:15PM **Connie Torres** 

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 <u>iBreviary App</u>



# Fr. John Paul's Spiritual Brew

Forgiveness heals us at the very root and core of ourselves. It can be very difficult to do, especially when we are injured by someone in a vulnerable area of our heart, mind, or soul. Hurt from these traumatic experiences moves us to construct hard and sturdy walls that protect us. After all... why shouldn't we? It's healthy not to allow ourselves to be abused!

In today's Gospel Jesus presents a parable that's meant to challenge us in our thinking and relationships with others. When asked how often he should forgive, Peter was seeking direction.... Is there a number of times, and then you can stop forgiving? J

esus shares a parable that focuses on how God sees us when we fail. God appears to focus on the heart of why humanity fails, and with "pity" or compassion... seeks to offer a hand of healing into that wound..... and begins a process that allows us to find our way back to health. In the parable the amount owed was "huge"... But, moved with 'compassion' the whole amount is 'forgiven' so that the person can find healing and reconcile their own situation, and possibly be in better situation to manage their debts. Real forgiveness given and received... allows us not to build walls that keep us from not "seeing" others and their needs..... But, allows us to set healthy boundaries to care for ourselves and others.

May we seek forgiveness from all those areas of our lives that don't allow the "loving" of God, others, and self.... with all our heart, mind, and soul! Amen!

#### **CONGRATS TO OUR NEWEST CATHOLICS**

Clara McGovern, Ezra Molina & Harper Rae Ostberg Baptized in Christ on September 17th



### THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- <u>RCIA Inquiry Sessions</u> Sundays Noon to 2PM for those interested in becoming Catholic
- Dominican Laity Chapter Mtg 9/17 2:30PM
- Faith Formation Committee Tuesdays 3PM
- Thomistic Institute Reading Group Tuesdays 6PM
- Young Adult Community (22-35yo) Tuesdays 7PM
- Community Life Committee Wednesdays 1PM
- Social Justice Committee Tuesdays 2PM
- Newman Night for Undergrads Wednesdays 7PM
- Liturgy Committee Thursdays 3:45PM
- Rosary Under the Stars Thursdays 6:30PM courtyard west of Steward Observatory
- Lumen Series Pathways to God: An Immersive Experience Thursday 6/21 7:30PM
- Outreach Committee Fridays 4PM
- Game Night Fridays 7PM downstairs

View all of our events at <u>www.UACatholic.org/calendar</u>

#### **ARE YOU REGISTERED**?

If you are new to Newman or have updated contact info, Welcome! Please fill out the online registration form so we can connect you with our ministries: www.UACatholic.org/Registration

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

We need more ministers in each of the roles at Mass. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining one of the ministries: Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, Ushers, Choir Vocal & Instrumental, and LiveStream Team. Reach out to SrLynn@UACatholic.org or NathanP@UACatholic.org for more info. Upcoming training dates are listed on the next page

#### **MORE THAN A CHURCH**

The Newman Center is open 8AM to 9PM during the week. The chapel is available for a prayer break and there is free wifi with many places to study. The downstairs student lounge has couches, a pool table and an assortment of board games; come and meet others in your faith community.

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.

#### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Inquiry Sessions for those interested in Adult Baptism are Sundays from Noon to 2PM. For more info, contact Manny@UACatholic.org or call the office. Applications and more info are available at <u>UACatholic.org/RCIA</u>

#### **ADULT CONFIRMATION PREP**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is the final step towards full initiation in the Catholic Church. Sessions begin on September 19th on Tuesdays at 7:30PM for those who were baptized Catholic and for whatever reason never received the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation. To learn more visit UACatholic.org/Confirmation

#### WE ARE HIRING!

Our <u>Maintenance Tech I</u> position is open on the Diocese of Tucson's Website under the Employment Section. Full time with benefits, at least two years experience helpful with the ability to troubleshoot electrical, plumbing, and carpentry.

#### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on October 21-22, 2023 in Phoenix. Apply at: <u>https://wwmearizona.com</u>

#### 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal <u>Progress as of 9/8/23</u>

33 donors - \$24,194 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 52% Fulfilled to date: \$22,703 or 49% of total goal

Donate Online at: <u>http://support.cathfnd.org/donate</u> Select "St. Thomas More" as your parish



Funds raised by this campaign go to support Diocesan Seminarians, Youth & Young Adult Ministries, and several Catholic Community Services programs such as the Kolbe Society prison outreach & St. Jeanne Jugan Ministry With Elders providing communion to nursing homes & other assisted living facilities

If you are financially able, please donate and list **St. Thomas More** as your parish so we can reach our annual goal

## **SAVE THE DATES**

Family Weekend Brunches Sunday, Oct 1st after the 9AM & 11AM Masses

#### **Fall Undergrad Retreat**

October 20-22 at La Purísima Retreat Center in Hereford





Diocese of Tucson Online News

Visit: https://news.diocesetucson.org/subscribe

#### How to report abuse

- 1. Call 911 to make a police report
- 2. If the abuse happened in any other state, call the Police or Sheriffs Office in the specific area of that state
- 3. Call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson 1.800.234.0344 and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection at 520.838.2513



Connect with others & encounter the Word of God in our lives!

Scan or visit uacatholic.org/ smallgroups



#### **CASA ALITAS OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY**

<u>Casa Alitas</u> needs community support to serve migrant individuals and families fleeing their home countries to escape violence and poverty. The individuals served by Casa Alitas have been granted humanitarian parole by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and they are allowed to remain in the U.S. to await their asylum court date. The stop-over at Casa Alitas is a brief respite en route to their final destinations with family or sponsors.

Casa Alitas is largely volunteer-run. If you are interested in community service, the Newman Center leads volunteers on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday monthly. Volunteers create a safe and welcoming space for guests. Opportunities include guest intake, food service, clothing donation room, laundry and linen support, arts and activities for children, travel planning, and airport escort.

We encourage you to reflect on how you can serve our community to help others. Please consider signing up to volunteer at a time that fits your schedule. To sign up or for questions, please contact Michele Brubaker (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday leader) at <u>brubakermm9@gmail.com</u>, (520) 906-1663 or Dan Chavez (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday leader) at <u>fotoventures@gmail.com</u>, or (520) 904-5730.

#### WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTIONS AT MASS

Non-perishable food items only, please. Donation bins are located at all entrances of the chapel. Donations will benefit Casa Maria, Pio Decimo, and Poverello House.

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today's readings call us to embrace God's ways of mercy, justice, and love. We must have hearts filled with mercy and kindness, turning away from anger, vengeance, and injustice.

"Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself? Sirach 27:32

When we embrace the stewardship heart — we promote unity and reconciliation, not brooding over hurts. How is God calling me to bring peace and healing into my life, my relationships, into my community?

#### **STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT**

September Online as of 9/15: \$5,743.25 Sept 10 Envelopes: \$2349.39 ; Venmo: \$113.50 Sept 3 Envelopes: \$2586.84 ; Venmo: \$906

August ACH: \$3,972; August Online: \$7,064.11 Aug 27 Envelopes: \$3243.13; Venmo: \$379 Aug 20 Envelopes: \$3208.10; Venmo: \$2097 Aug 13 Envelopes: \$2424.21; Venmo: \$1226 Aug 6 Envelopes: \$3226.04; Venmo: \$991 Dominican Common Room Project: \$100

Your contribution during the Offertory goes towards utilities, ministries, staff and residences for the 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.



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