

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

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& TUCSON COMMUNITY SINCE 1926

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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



October 1, 2023

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

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

Sunday Mass Online

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

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
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MASS INTENTIONS

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9/305:15PM **Beatrice Ramirez +**
10/1 9:00AM **Our Newman Community**
11:00AM **Marcella Ambroziak +**
5:00PM **Antonio Salazar +**

Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels

10/2 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

Tuesday: Bl. Dominic Spadafora, friar & priest

10/3 5:15PM **Fr. Ricardo Elford +**

Wednesday: St. Francis Assisi

10/4 5:15PM **Frank Pimentel, Jr. +**

Thursday: Bl. Raymond delle Vigne of Capua

10/5 5:15PM **Dr. Thomas Meixner +**

Friday: Bl. Bartolo Longo, lay Dominican

10/6 5:15PM **Tim Olsen**

*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

What a recognizable human experience.... We're asked to do something that we're not feeling.... and we either complain, or rebel.... or both! It's hard to move from comfort, to engagement.... especially, if that engagement is not something that we want to do. Initially this can be unsettling.... We have to think about it, let it soak in, and see if it delights or bothers us.... And, after all that... then we have to see... if there is some 'value' to doing or not doing.. what we've been asked to do? All this is called DISCERNMENT.... and it is very 'helpful' in our lives towards discovering what is helpful, true, and needed.... to be peaceful people.

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses this parable to underscore the importance of being intentional. Do we know what we are saying yes, and no, to? Saying yes, and no ...both involve 'energy'..... And, it is this 'well-discerned' energy in today's Gospel - that allows the first son in the parable... to reflect and 'otherwise' about his initial response, to breathe... and to return and to right thing. In the case of the second son, there is no discernment, so there is no proactive or helpful response to his father. He ends up ignoring the whole request.

In our culture of busyness it's easy to become judgmental about what people are doing, and not doing. Discernment reminds us to truly "mind" our own business' and, to ask.... Am I loving God, others, and myself with my whole person... mind, body, heart, and strength! Amen!

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ **Family Weekend Brunches** Sunday 10/1 after the 9AM and 11AM Masses downstairs
- ◆ **RCIA Inquiry Sessions** Sundays Noon to 2PM for those interested in becoming Catholic
- ◆ **Young Adult Community (22-35yo)** Tuesdays 7PM
- ◆ **Community Life Committee** Wednesdays 1PM
- ◆ **Social Justice Committee** Wednesdays 2PM
- ◆ **Newman Night for Undergrads** Wednesdays 7PM
- ◆ **Liturgy Committee** Thursdays 3:45PM
- ◆ **Day of Remembrance for Dr. Tom Meixner** Thursday 10/5. Services at Noon, 3PM and Mass at 5:15PM
- ◆ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** Thursday 10/5 at 7:30PM
- ◆ **Rosary Under the Stars** Thursdays 6:30PM courtyard west of Steward Observatory
- ◆ **Outreach Committee** Fridays 4PM
- ◆ **Game Night** Fridays 7PM downstairs

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

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.

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 UACatholic.org/RCIA

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREP

The Sacrament of Confirmation is the final step towards full initiation in the Catholic Church. Sessions are held 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 [Maintenance Tech I](#) 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: <https://wwmearizona.com>

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress as of 9/29/23

33 donors - \$24,794 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 53%
Fulfilled to date: \$23,483 or 50% of total goal

Donate Online at:

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

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

Fall Undergrad Retreat

October 20-22 at La Purísima Retreat Center in Hereford
Register at: UACatholic.org/retreats

Young Adults Mini-Retreat

Saturday, October 28th 10AM-4PM at Newman

LUMEN SPEAKER SERIES
DISCOVERING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PATHWAYS TO GOD: An Immersive Experience Thurs, Sept 21 at 7:30 PM	COLLEGE DATING 101: 6 Tips for Everlasting Love Thurs, Sept 28 at 7 PM
THE MASS: Why Do We Do What We Do? Thurs, Oct 19 at 7:30 PM	ST. ALBERT THE GREAT Faith & Science: Compatible? Tues, Nov 14 at 7:30 PM

UACATHOLIC.ORG

New Outlook
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

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
HONORING

DR. THOMAS MEIXNER

JULY 29, 1970 - OCTOBER 5, 2022



THURSDAY, OCT 5, 2023

10:00 AM
- 4:30 PM

Reflection and Remembrance

Light a candle and sign a remembrance book to be given to the Meixner family.

12 PM

Scripture Service

3 PM

Words of Healing

Prayer Service and Reflections

5:15 PM

Daily Mass in Memory of Dr. Meixner

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CASA ALITAS OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Casa Alitas 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 1st Thursday and 3rd 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 (1st Thursday leader) at brubakermm9@gmail.com, (520) 906-1663 or Dan Chavez (3rd Saturday leader) at fotoventures@gmail.com, 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.

RED MASS FOR LAW STUDENTS AND OTHERS

Join Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger for the Annual Red Mass for the Diocese of Tucson on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., at St. Augustine Cathedral, 192 S. Stone Ave. We will recognize John Brady, Esq. and Captain Douglas Hanna during the celebration this year. The Annual Mass of the Holy Spirit is celebrated to inspire, guide, and strengthen judges, lawyers, law enforcement officers, public officials and all involved in the legal and law enforcement community and their families. We continue to remember the late Judge John Roll at this Mass each year as we award scholarship gifts in his name to two University of Arizona law students. A Reception will follow the Mass at the Bishop Kicanas Pastoral Center.



My Dear Community,

I will be stepping away for my yearly “retreat/renewal time”. I will be off of email, phone, and all those other forms of communication. Fr. Emmanuel, Manny Guzman, Sr. Lynn, Nathan P, Sr. Mary Elizabeth, our amazing Pastoral Staff, will be able to assist you in anything that comes up in my absence.

I take this “intentional time” to renew myself....every year - so that I may continue to stay grounded in all those things required - to be healthy, grounded, and peaceful.

Ministry demands much, gives much, and requires a qualitative and clear-mindedness, if it is to be effective, and centered in God’s charity. So, I go away “so that I can continue to love you, and that you can continue to love me.” This is not my own quote, but one that I borrowed from a friend - that I deeply believe to be true.

The Sunday readings while I am away - deal with unpacking our commitments, and ‘truly discerning’ what it means to love God, neighbor, and self - with ALL - our mind, heart, soul, and strength! It invite you to pray with me.... while I’m renewing my heart, mind, soul, and strength. Please use my ‘spiritual brews’ as my pastoral guidance for our Newman community while I’m away.

I also want to say how happy I am with the beginning of this semester! There has been amazing energy and excitement about starting the school year with our Pastoral Staff, our Student Ministry Team, our Torch Small Group Team, our Young Adult Core Team, our Newman Focus Team, and our Resident Community. With all this “increase” has come an INCREASE in costs and our operating expenses at the Newman Center Everything has gone up in price from our weekly expenses, our student ministry programs and formation, our staff salaries, and of course - maintaining our Newman Center building with its continuing need for addressing deferred maintenance issues over the years. The good news is that our community continues to grow and more and more students are getting involved, being served, and are getting formed - as faithful and intentional disciples of Jesus Christ.

In the coming months we will be inviting your stewardship and participation in greater ways towards the financial support of the Newman Center. We’ve come a long way since my arrival in the Fall of 2016! There is more joy, student participation, pastoral staffing, improvements on our building, weekly infrastructure - so that daily operations flow smoothly, cooperation with the Diocese of Tucson and the Western Dominican Province, and a greater sense of well-being all around.

Our Pastoral Staff is small but mighty! Our volunteers are few, but greatly committed! We need more financial support, and more volunteers from the community to serve on our finance, stewardship, receptions/events, and facilities committees. All of these committees are discerned by our staff, and chosen by myself - so that the generosity of talent - moving forward - can be directed in the best places - towards the greatest stewardship of our Newman Center community and its mission.

With all this in mind - I invite your ‘deep reflection’ on how you can support your Newman community.

Please accept my profound gratitude for the many ways that many of you are already doing this! Your kindness over the months and years... is felt and appreciated! For those of you who are new to participating - I invite you into the joyful, exciting, and fruitful journey of the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center. We have been extremely blessed since 1926..... and there is more to come!

Written with the deepest love, respect, and gratitude -in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. John Paul Forté OP". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Fr. John Paul Forté, OP



Support your son's or daughter's parish-away-from-home

Our Mission

To be transformed through an encounter with the Spirit of Truth and the Love of God.

Thank you for sharing in this mission as we provide opportunities for students to invite God into their studies, work and relationships.

Ways to give one-time or recurring



Online



Venmo: UACatholic



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Mailing Address for checks
St. Thomas More Newman Center
ATTN: Stewardship
1615 E. 2nd St. - Tucson, AZ 85719

Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

As Christian we are called to a high and holy standard — living as Christ’s disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path. Our response must be sincere, and honest.

“Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.” Ps 25:4

As faithful stewards, we are assured of the grace we need to enter our discipleship more deeply, to walk God’s pathways of truth. How is God calling me to be more truthful and open in my response to discipleship?

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1st to September 24th

Offertory Budget: \$100,056.91; Actual: \$81,479.23

Difference: **-18577.68**

divided by 13 weekends: **-\$1,429.06**

September Online as of 9/29: \$8,121.72

Sept 24 Envelopes: \$3577.56; Venmo: \$1503

Sept 17 Envelopes: \$4359.96 ; Venmo: \$959

Sept 10 Envelopes: \$2349.39 ; Venmo: \$113.50

Sept 3 Envelopes: \$2586.84 ; Venmo: \$906

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.



View all giving options at: www.UACatholic.org/donate