# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

PROUDLY SERVING THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA & 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



**November 19, 2023** 

# Thirty-Third 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 Province, Dominican Sisters of Oakford and Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill

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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 11/18 5:15PM Our Newman Community 11/19 9:00AM Elva Jaramillo Guerrero + 11:00AM For All Confirmation Candidates 5:00PM Louann Costa +

Monday: Weekday

11/20 5:15PM NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

11/21 5:15PM David Nadzan Wednesday: St. Cecilia, Virgin 11/22 5:15PM Reggie Scudder + Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

11/23 9:00am Dona Maria Forté Friday: St. Andrew Dung-Lac, & Companions,

Martvrs

11/24 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











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# Fr. John Paul's Spiritual Brew

o use our talents... or not to use our talents.... that is the question? Is it more noble to exercise these God given gifts... planted within our DNA at birth, and intended to elevate our existence, and, that of the created universe......? Or, by hiding them.... to allow the 'force' of their potential..... to drive us crazy; distracting us... with other pursuits, that 'fail to satisfy' our authentic inclinations and natural talents - given by God - to us his stewards.... to bare God's fruit?

I find that 'reflection' upon these questions... allows this Gospel.... to live deeply in me.

We all have a vocation, a God given call - that is assisted with talents.... and invites us.... build God's kingdom. By using whatever we have.... giving it back to God..... so that people, in their various circumstances... can see and experience the love of God in some way!

How do we respond? Do we invest what has been given to us, or not? When we do... the world is richer and brighter! When we don't.... our world is colder and Christ's embrace feels more tepid.

As we approach the table of Word, Sacrament, and Community..... May we "Go Forth" truly fed, "To Love the Lord our God, with ALL that we are.... Heart, Mind, Soul, and Strength.... And, may we love our Neighbor, as we Love... Ourselves.

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

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, and facilities committees. All of these committees are discerned by our staff, and chosen by myself - so that the generosity of talent - coming forward can be directed in the best places - towards the greatest stewardship of our Newman Center community and it's 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, Fr. John Paul Forté, OP

# THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ Becoming Catholic Inquiry Sessions Sundays 11AM to 2PM. We accept new people year-round
- ◆ Newman Thanksgiving Meal 11/19 6PM, hosted by the Sustaining Board
- ◆ Faith Formation Committee Tuesdays 2:30PM
- ◆ Thomistic Institute Reading Group Tuesdays 6PM
- ◆ Community Life Committee Wednesdays 1PM
- ◆ Social Justice Committee Wednesdays 2PM
- ◆ Newman Night for Undergrads Wednesdays 7PM
- ◆ Thanksgiving Day Mass Thursday 11/23 9AM
- ◆ Thanskgiving Holiday Closure Thursday 11/23 and Friday 11/24—the office and building will be closed

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

#### **CURSILLO WEEKENDS SCHEDULED**

Men's Cursillo April 25, 2024 through April 28 and the Women's Cursillo May 2, 2024 through May 5, 2024 @ St Francis De Sales, Tucson.

In order to live a Cursillo a person has to be invited by a Cursillista or have a Cursillista sponsor them. Sponsors need to attend a Sponsor meeting in order to sign up his/ her candidate for the Cursillo. Sponsor meetings will be held around the diocese between now and the scheduled weekends. They are also seeking Cursillistas that would like to work the weekends and in order to do that they must be cleared through the Safe Environment at their parishes and be attending a School of Leaders, Grouping and attending Ultreyas. If there are no Cursillo activities in your parish, you can reach out to Alma Clark, the English Cursillo Lay Director tucsonyumacursillolaydirector@gmail.com

#### CTSO TAX CREDIT DONATIONS

Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) wants to "thank" all the parishioners that have supported Catholic education and ask you to renew your support to the students in our Catholic Schools through CTSO. Brochures are in the vestibule or visit www.ctsotucson.org to make an online contribution.

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.

#### **RCIA HELP NEEDED**

We are blessed with 15 men and women who are seeking full initiation in the Catholic Church. If you are interested in serving as a Sponsor, please contact Manny@UACatholic.org to get more information. We are also in need of help coordinating Hospitality/Meals. If you are interested in serving as a point-person to coordinate or volunteering to cook for a weekend session, please reach out

#### **INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

Inquiry Sessions for those interested in Adult Baptism are Sundays from 11AM to 2PM. For more info, contact Manny@UACatholic.org or call the office.

Applications and more info are available at UACatholic.org/RCIA

#### **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.

#### **2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

Our Annual Report for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year is now available on the website. Hard copies will be available soon when we provide Stewardship Updates at Masses. The report outlines our ministries and finances between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. It's linked at the top of the <a href="UACatholic.org/Donate">UACatholic.org/Donate</a> page and on the Bulletin Page

### 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal <u>Progress as of 11/2/23</u>

36 donors - \$24,884 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 53% Fulfilled to date: \$24,080 or 52% of total goal

Donate Online at:
<a href="http://support.cathfnd.org/donate">http://support.cathfnd.org/donate</a>
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

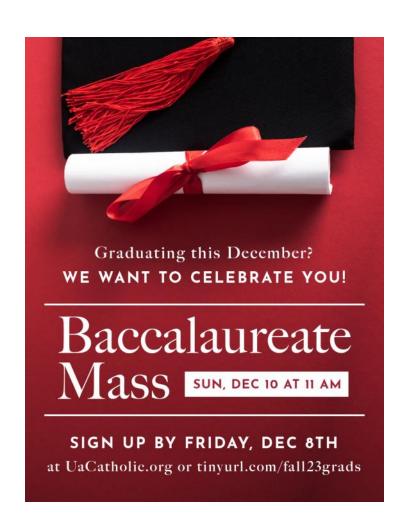
# **SAVE THE DATES**

Thanksgiving Day Mass Thursday 11/23 at 9AM

Advent Reconciliation Service Wednesday, 12/6 at 7:30PM

Mariachi Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12th 6PM followed by Tamale Dinner





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





Support WAA and St. Thomas More Newman Center Social Justice Committee- #AZ0092P In Honor of

#### Sgt. Martin Lugo

A Tucson local Hero Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> , 2023 At Holy Hope Catholic Cemetery 10:00 a.m 3555N Oracle Veteran's Section Please Join the Wreath Laying Ceremony

Your \$17 Donation\* made payable to
"Wreaths Across America"

Or purchase a wreath online at
https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/42855/Overview/?relatedId=15499

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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 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 (1st Thursday leader) at <a href="mailto:brubakermm9@gmail.com">brubakermm9@gmail.com</a>, (520) 906-1663 or Dan Chavez (3rd Saturday leader) at <a href="mailto:fotoventures@gmail.com">fotoventures@gmail.com</a> 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

We are reminded today that we will each be called to give an account for the gifts God has given us — our physical, intellectual and material gifts — as well as the gift of time itself.

Jesus illustrates this truth in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a wealthy man who is about to go on a journey. Before he leaves, the man calls his three servants to "entrust his possessions to them."

Let us embrace the stewardship way of life, using all the gifts entrusted to us — Time, Talent, and Treasure — in such a way that at the end of our life on this earth, we will hear these words from our Father: "Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master's joy."

#### STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Progress: July 1st to Nov 10th Offertory Budget: \$163,188.05; Actual: \$145,984.26

Difference: -17,203.79 divided by 20 weekends: -\$860.18

(minimum goal to increase collections each weekend)

November Online as of 11/17: \$7,955.01 Nov 12 Envelopes: \$2,574.83; Venmo: \$606 Nov 5 Envelopes: \$5482.01; Venmo: \$913

October Online and Bank Transfers: \$13376.18
Oct 29 Envelopes: \$3629.41; Venmo: \$811
Oct 22 Envelopes: \$2511; Venmo: \$1,139.20
Oct 15 Envelopes: \$2767.57; Venmo: \$901
Oct 8 Envelopes: \$3162.01; Venmo: \$760.50
Oct 1 Envelopes: \$3692.87; Venmo: \$1639.50
Dominican Common Room Project: \$600

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