

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



December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

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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Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill*

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MASS INTENTIONS

Second Sunday of Advent

12/9 5:15PM Chris Pham
12/10 9:00AM Jon Coons +
1:00AM Simone Borger +
5:00PM Our Newman Community

Monday: Advent Weekday

12/11 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

12/12 5:15PM **Jose & Carmen Canchola ++**

Wednesday: St. Lucy, virgin & martyr

12/13 5:15PM **Ramon Castillo +**

Thursday: St. John of the Cross, priest & doctor
of the Church

12/14 5:15PM **Louisa Cockrum +**

Friday: Advent Weekday

12/15 5:15PM **Syd Rivera +**

*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

Today John the Baptist graces the scene as the beginning of God's brightening love and justice-breaking into the world. John appears with passion and conviction, and calls for a "turning around" of our lives.. back to a truer and more excellent way..... To a way, and to a person... who will make "crooked ways straight, and mountains made low....." Thus creating a "Highway to our God."

John is very proactive in his response..... He says: do good, instead..... seek justice, always..... see and recognize people, everyday..... those that are easy to, as well, as those..... are difficult.

Share your time, talent, and resources... generously, and practice 'charity' always!

This is what it means to love to God/Neighbor/Self with ALL that we are.... heart, mind, soul, and strength! This is what it means to "practice" this daily!

This not easy, and the only way to 'change our behavior' is by asking God to 'help us' through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Advent is an excellent time to beg God for more 'faith' to desire this, and to "practice" this more!

May the prayers and example of John the Baptist.. move us... towards... greater 'generosity' in our giving of time, talent, and treasure.

Our Newman Community needs your help 'financially' in raising our weekly collections by 1,500 dollars a week. That's everyone giving five dollars more, or five dollars a week.

Your kindness will allow us to retire our weekly shortfall and to continue our loving stewardship to our St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center.

May our care of one another truly allow us to "Prepare the of the Lord".

Amen!

CONGRATS TO OUR NEWEST CATHOLIC

Natalia Bennett, Baptized in Christ December 3rd

A NOTE OF THANKS & CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Gratitude to all our volunteers who helped set up luminarias outside. Join us to decorate for Christmas on December 21st at 2PM and 6PM

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ **Fall Baccalaureate Mass** Sunday 12/10 11AM
- ◆ **Mariachi Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe** Tuesday, December 12th at 6PM followed by Tamale Dinner, hosted by Arcos de Oro
- ◆ **Dominican Laity Chapter Mtg** Sunday 12/17 2:30PM

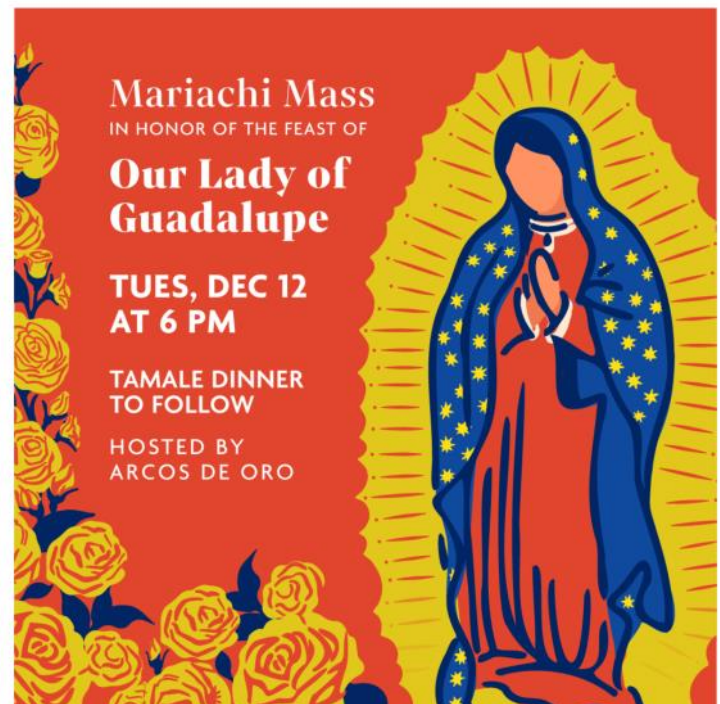
View all of our events at www.UACatholic.org/calendar

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Tucson-grown Poinsettias can be sponsored for \$12 to help decorate the church for Christmas. Stop by the office to purchase one in honor of your family; the plants will be available to take home after the Christmas Season.

ADVENT CEMETERY MASS & WREATH-LAYING FOR VETERANS

The Diocese of Tucson Catholic Cemeteries will hold the Annual Advent Day Mass on Saturday December 16, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at Holy Hope Cemetery; 3555 N. Oracle Road. Following Mass, Wreaths Across America will be holding a wreath laying ceremony, placing wreaths at each of our Veteran graves. This ceremony will begin at 10:00 am at the Veterans Section
All are welcome.



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.



Congratulations Class of 2023



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

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress as of 11/30/23

36 donors - \$24,884 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 53%
Fulfilled to date: \$24,317 or 52% of total goal

Donate Online at:
<http://support.cathfind.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

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.ctso-tucson.org to make an online contribution.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

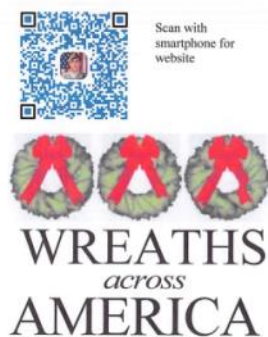
Inquiry Sessions for those interested in Adult Baptism are Sundays from 11AM to 2PM. For more info, contact Manny@UACatholic.org or call the office. Applications and more info are available at UACatholic.org/RCIA



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 16th, 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://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/42855/Overview/?relatedId=15499>

• Your \$17 Donation is fully tax deductible as allowed by law.

For more information - Contact
Proud Gold Star Mother - Maria Marin at rltwmartin@gmail.com
Genevieve Gallardo at egalla1415@cox.net



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 brubakerm9@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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

During this 2nd week of Advent, we are asked if we are ready to receive our Savior? John the Baptist's calls us to "Prepare the way of the Lord". We are asked to wait patiently for the glory of God to be revealed.

"What sort of person ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God." 2 Pt 3:12

Christian stewards must make good use of the gift of time during this Advent season to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord. How am I called to a deeper sense of holiness and devotion during Advent?

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Progress: July 1st to December 8th
Offertory Budget: \$187,894.88; Actual: \$173,949.29
Difference: **-13,945.59**
divided by 23 weekends: **-606.33**
(minimum goal to increase collections each weekend)

December Online as of 12/8: \$5,212.81
Dec 3 Envelopes: \$5569; Venmo: \$1507

November Online \$11,101.64; Bank Transfers \$3872
Nov 26 Envelopes: \$3,981.10; Venmo: \$1642
Thanksgiving Day: \$653
Nov 19 Envelopes: \$2,258.33; Venmo: \$1605
Nov 12 Envelopes: \$2,574.83; Venmo: \$606
Nov 5 Envelopes: \$5482.01; Venmo: \$913

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