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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 17, 2023

Third 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

RESUME January 9th
Tuesday to Friday 5:15PM

Liturgy of the Hours

RESUME January 9th
Tuesday to Friday
Morning Prayer (Lauds) 8:30AM
Evening Prayer (Vespers) 5:00PM

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4PM or
by appointment with a priest

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Resumes January 9th
Tues-Fri 8:45AM Holy Hour

Office Hours

RESUME January 8th
Monday to Friday 9AM to 4:45PM

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MASS INTENTIONS

Third Sunday of Advent

12/16 5:15PM **Mary Castillo +**
Our Newman Community
12/17 9:00AM **Mary Ellen Conrado +**
11:00AM **Rudy Rosales +**
5:00PM **Jolene Nichols +**

Monday: Advent Weekday

12/18 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

Tuesday: Advent Weekday

12/19 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

Wednesday: Advent Weekday

12/20 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

Thursday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of
the Church

12/21 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

Friday: Advent Weekday

12/22 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

On this third Sunday of Advent - let us "rejoice" in God's continuing promise to "light" our way through "darkness" with the voices of John the Baptist and Our Lady of Guadalupe, (whose feast day we remembered last Tuesday.) Her words to Juan Diego illumined his steps forward - when he was full of fear and doubt, and allowed him to feel his God-given dignity, and to speak truth and charity to power. Let us pause for a moment... and receive Our Blessed Mother's words:

"Hear me and understand well, my little son, that nothing should frighten or grieve you. Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything. Do not be afflicted by the illness of your uncle, who will not die now of it. Be assured that he is now cured. Climb, my dear son, to the top of the hill; there where you saw me and I gave you orders, you will find different flowers. Cut them, gather them, assemble them, then come and bring them before my presence.

My dear little son, this diversity of roses is the proof and the sign which you will take to the bishop. You will tell him in my name that he will see in them my wish and that he will have to comply to it. You are my ambassador, most worthy of all confidence. Rigorously I command you that only before the presence of the bishop will you unfold your mantle and disclose what you are carrying. You will relate all and well; you will tell that I ordered you to climb to the hilltop, to go and cut flowers; and all that you saw and admired, so you can induce the prelate to give his support, with the aim that a temple be built and erected as I have asked."

We have been baptized in these same waters, and sealed with the Holy Spirit! We have been wrapped (as Juan Diego was) in the same mantle of loving protection by Our Blessed Lady.....

May we go forth unburdened.... from the weight... of all that scatters our clarity, and seeks to create darkness, drama, and useless fear in our lives.

May we join John the Baptist in "Preparing the Way of the Lord... in our Tucson Desert.... and beyond..... Thus, growing in our faith, and finding a "higher and more sober" path to God." Through our Lady's prayers may we strive to Love God, neighbor, and ourselves - all and every fiber of our being..... heart, mind, soul, and strength! Amen!

Our Newman Community can really use 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 lovingly 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!



THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ Dominican Laity Chapter Mtg Sunday 12/17 2:30PM
- ◆ Holiday Office Closure 12/18 to 12/22
- ◆ Christmas Decorating in the Church Thursday, 12/21 starting at 2PM
- ◆ 4th Sunday of Advent Masses Saturday Vigil 12/23 5:15PM and Sunday 12/24 9AM & 11AM
- ◆ Christmas Eve Masses Sunday 12/24 5PM & 7PM
- ◆ Christmas Day Masses Monday 12/25 9AM & 11AM
- ◆ Holiday Office Closure 12/25 to 12/29

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 after Mass to purchase one in honor of your family; the plants will be available to take home after the Christmas Season

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Young families with children (0-5) are gathering on Sunday January 7th after the 9AM mass in the Curry Classroom to discuss "Our Vocation and Grow our Faith as Parents". We are developing an ongoing small group for parents that will meet regularly .

For more information contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth at 520-327-4665 or srmaryelizabeth@uacatholic.org

CONGRATS TO OUR NEWEST CATHOLIC

Theodora Reck, Baptized in Christ on December 17th

NOTES OF THANKS

Gratitude to all who supported this year's Wreaths Across America fundraiser. Special thanks to Genevieve & Ernie Gallardo and Gold Star Mother Maria Marin for leading the efforts in honor and memory of Sgt. Martin A. Lugo

Thanks to Diane Abbott, Maria Michele Brubaker, John OHara and Leah Kapa for providing our RCIA Candidates and Team with lunches this past semester

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.

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.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

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

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Progress: July 1st to December 15th
Offertory Budget: \$196,540.36; Actual: \$182,561.91
Difference: **-13,978.45**
divided by 24 weekends: **-582.43**
(minimum goal to increase collections each weekend)

December Online as of 12/15: \$7,270.91
Dec 10 Envelopes: \$3392.01; Venmo: \$1163
Dec 3 Envelopes: \$5569; Venmo: \$1507

November Grand Total: \$34,688.91
Nov 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

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

WINTER SCHEDULE

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				2PM & 6PM DECORATE THE CHURCH		FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 5:15PM VIGIL MASS
NO DAILY MASSES						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9AM MASS 11AM MASS CHRISTMAS EVE 5PM MASS 7PM MASS	CHRISTMAS DAY 9AM MASS 11AM MASS					FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 5:15PM VIGIL MASS
NO DAILY MASSES						
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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 9AM MASS 11AM MASS NO 5PM MASS						EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 5:15PM VIGIL MASS
NO DAILY MASSES						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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



O COME LET US ADORE HIM