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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 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas

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 10th
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
Thursday 1/11 at 7:30PM

Office Hours

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

12/23 5:15PM **Our Newman Community**
12/24 9:00AM **Mariana & Rand McNamara**
11:00AM **Jorge A. Martinez+**

Christmas Eve

12/24 5:00PM **Ward Cockrum**
7:00PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

12/25 9:00AM **Gerald & Joyce Nalley++**
11:00AM **Lucia Zavala+**

Tuesday: St. Stephen, Martyr

12/26 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

Wednesday: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

12/27 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

Thursday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

12/28 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

Friday: 5th Day in the Octave of Christmas

12/29 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

The Fourth Sunday of Advent is upon us, and once again we hear the great account of how Mary was found with child, and Joseph's struggle with this new situation that they found themselves in. What a dilemma to be in! Your beloved with whom you're planning a life with... is now with a child that is not yours... Here, we not only see Mary's great "yes" to God's request in enter her life, but also 'see' Joseph 'assent' to God's invitation into deeper hope and trust.

Advent echos God's constant promise to be present to us in all seasons and moments of life. The witness of Mary and Joseph remind us of what God can do for those who "Bear Down" and believe. What needs a little more, or less attention in our lives this Season? The feast of Christmas celebrates God "bearing down" upon our humanity, and informing us that there is a way for human beings to 'rise above' all limitations, to shed all unhealthy aspects of our ego, and, to embrace 'authentic charity' both in word and deed.

Our Christmas readings celebrate the fact.... that even in the darkness of human error and evil choices... God will not be 'denied' in bringing about the faith, hope, and love needed.... to create both transformation, and new birth.

Let us approach this final Sunday of Advent hopeful, and ready... to embrace whatever 'positive changes' that the Holy Spirit has stirred in our hearts this Advent! May our Christmas celebrations allow us to sing with the angels and the shepherds "Glory to God in the highest! And, peace to all people of good will!

May Light of the Christmas Season... guide us through the dramas, jealousies and failures... in our.. and, in others' behavior. May we not fall prey to "Herodian-Like" responses, thus, not receiving God's invitation to freedom.... but, rather the "deep-listening" obedience... of Mary and Joseph. May their gift of authentic listening be a bright star that guides our paths into a New Year, and provides "Epiphanies" that allow our world to resound with Joy and Peace in 2024!

May God bless your Christmas Season, and fill you with countless opportunities to "repeat the endless joy" Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

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.

Please share the good news of Newman's loving impact college students by assisting them with the formation and integration of their faith and their studies. Please consider a special Christmas donation towards the St. Thomas More's Newman Center's mission of "transforming" young minds, hearts, souls and strength "through an encounter with the Spirit of Truth and Love of God" Amen!



THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Feast of the Holy Family** 12/30 5:15PM Saturday Vigil, 12/31 9AM & 11AM ONLY—**No 5PM Mass**
- ◆ **Holiday Office Closure** January 1st to 5th

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

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

GRATITUDE FOR POINSETTIA SPONSORS

Diane Abbott, Carole Ambroziak, Jay & Tina Bell, Budaya-Gaughan-Kennedy Families, Jose & Celina Cardenas, Rosemary & Tom Cashman, Magdalena & Ward Cockrum, Lilia & Mark Corpuz, Lucas D'souza, Jackie Dominguez, Alma Enciso, Irene+ & Gilbert+ Fimbres, Genevieve & Ernie Gallardo, Peggy Hazard, LuzElena Howard, Teresa Jordan, Ana & Andy Kelley, Sarah Kelley, Allen & Michelle Kinnison, Margaret Kish, Vincent Lacsamana, Bob Leko, Joe & Suzanne Machain, Patty & Ross McCallister, Gilbert Mejia, Susan Oppuz, Bill & Wesen Peterson, Ana Robles, Derek & Marisa Rowen, Bruce & Char Steenson, Lisa Steenson, Evelyn Walls, Bob & Mary Grace Wendel, Lucia+ & Graciano+ Zavala

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 12/19/23

37 donors - \$25,084 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 54%
Fulfilled to date: \$24,774 or 53% 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 21st
Offertory Budget: \$202,880.37; Actual: \$191,016.51
Difference: **-11,863.86**
divided by 25 weekends: **-474.55**
(minimum goal to increase collections each weekend)

December Online as of 12/20: \$9,548.71
Guadalupe & Dec 17 Envelopes: \$3708.76; Venmo: \$2204
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						
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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