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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 3, 2023

First 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



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Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill*

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MASS INTENTIONS

First Sunday of Advent

12/2 5:15PM **Chris Pham**

12/3 9:00AM **Jon Coons +**

1:00AM **Simone Borger +**

5:00PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: Advent Weekday

12/4 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

Tuesday: Advent Weekday

12/5 5:15PM **Tomas & Rosario Oppus +**

Wednesday: Advent Weekday

12/6 5:15PM **Sergio Ocampo Lopez Family**

Thursday: St. Ambrose, bishop

12/7 5:15PM **Beatrice Ramirez +**

Friday: Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

12/8 12:10PM **Richard Hartman**

5:15PM **Mary Bergman +**

*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

Life breaks into our chaos and invites us to come home! "Emmanuel" is what echoes above everything throughout these December days of Advent and Christmas.

Advent's invitation is to slow our inner and external pace - to hear the beating of our hearts, minds, relationships, and spirits. The longer nights remind us that the true light of the world is already present, and offering us guidance in our questions, struggles, finals, and peace-seeking. May the spirit of this season echo the reality of "God with us." May you be blessed over these days of crisper sunrises, and cooler nights. May we know the peace of the Word made Flesh, as well, as the Light that heals and illumines the world.

We are all joyfully tired after a full and productive semester.... especially, our students, faculty and staff of the UofA! The same goes for all involved at the St. Thomas More Newman Center - your pastoral staff, students, grad/young professionals, Newman FOCUS Team, and residents - who actively and faithfully remain involved in this wonderful 'almost one hundred year old' ministry!

Please 'remember' our sincere request for "five dollars more weekly" to retire our 1,500 dollar weekly shortfall in our collection due to inflation and higher participation at the Newman Center. If EVERYONE can pitch in.... our Newman Center will continue to thrive and provide quality ministry, and remain well grounded in our mission.

May we continue to love God, neighbor, and ourselves with ALL of our heart, mind, soul, and strength! Happy Advent! Amen!

CONGRATS TO THE NEWLY-CONFIRMED

Carlos Amado, Juan Duran,
Thomas Fresenius and Jolie Sestiaga
Confirmed in Christ Nov 20th at St Augustine Cathedral

CONGRATS TO THE NEWLYWEDS

Ryan Troutman and Mackenzie Steinbach
Married in Christ November 30th

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ **Sustaining Board Christmas Party** Sunday 12/3 Noon
- ◆ **Faith Formation Committee** Tuesdays 2:30PM
- ◆ **Thomistic Institute Reading Group** Tuesdays 6PM
- ◆ **Young Adult Community (22-35yo)** Tuesdays 7PM
- ◆ **Community Life Committee** Wednesdays 1PM
- ◆ **Social Justice Committee** Wednesdays 2PM
- ◆ **Advent Reconciliation Service** Wed 12/6 7:30PM
- ◆ **Liturgy Committee** Thursdays 3:45PM
- ◆ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** Thursday 12/7 7:30PM
- ◆ **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Vigil Mass Thursday 12/7 5:15PM, Feast Day Masses Friday 12/8 12:10PM & 5:15PM
- ◆ **Fall Baccalaureate Mass** Sunday 12/10 11AM

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

A NOTE OF THANKS & CHRISTMAS INVITE

Gratitude to all our volunteers who helped set the Art & Environment in the church for the Advent Season. Join us to decorate for Christmas on December 21st at 6PM

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.

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.

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

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

SAVE THE DATES

Mariachi Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday, December 12th 6PM
followed by Tamale Dinner, hosted by Arcos de Oro

Christmas Eve Masses
Sunday 12/24 5PM & 7PM

Christmas Day Masses
Monday 12/25 9AM & 11AM



Graduating this December?
WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU!

**Baccalaureate
Mass** **SUN, DEC 10 AT 11 AM**

SIGN UP BY FRIDAY, DEC 8TH
at UaCatholic.org or tinyurl.com/fall23grads

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



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WREATHS across AMERICA



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://wreathsassacrossamerica.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 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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ's first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed.

Whatever we feel God calling us to do this Advent — committing to a daily Gospel reflection, visiting a lonely neighbor, or donating money to those in dire need — there is no time to waste.

Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Progress: July 1st to Nov 30th
Offertory Budget: \$178,673.05; Actual: \$161,051.48
Difference: **-17,621.57**
divided by 22 weekends: **-800.98**
(minimum goal to increase collections each weekend)

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

October Online and Bank Transfers: \$13,376.18
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