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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



# January 14, 2024

# 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 or by appointment with a priest

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tues-Fri 8:45AM Holy Hour First Thursdays at 7:30PM

**Office Hours** Monday to Friday 9AM to 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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1/13 5:15PM Cesar & Zenaida Corpuz++ 1/14 9:00AM Kennedy–Budaya Family 11:00AM Manuel Manjarrez+ 5:00PM Our Newman Community Monday: St. Francis Fernandez de Capillis, Priest

1/15 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS** Tuesday: Weekday 1/16 5:15PM **Margaret Lordon+** Wednesday: St. Anthony, Abbot 1/17 5:15PM **Henry James Delgado+** Thursday: St. Margaret of Hungary, Nun, Virgin 1/18 5:15PM **Marie Luise Wernz** Friday: Bl. Andrew Grego of Peschiera, friar 1/19 5:15PM **Andy Kelley** 

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 <u>iBreviary App</u>





# Fr. John Paul's Spiritual Brew

ollywood has released another iteration of Alice Walker's award-winning novel 'The Color Purple' which follows the lives of a poor black woman and her family growing up in the South with poverty, abuse, racism, and other surrounding issues.

A powerful part of this story is how the story is told... it is in Celie's "Dear God" letters - which is the main way that she copes with all the sufferings, disappointments, and ultimately the freedom that comes when she realizes that although life can feel impossible at times.... God still called her name... and her life.... into being, and.... that she is "here".

In our first reading... God is calling young Samuel who is sleeping in the temple area not far from Eli his mentor. "Samuel, Samuel....." Out of "obedience" (deep listening) Samuel rises immediately and goes to Eli and asks.. "Did you call me? To which Eli says "no, go back to sleep" And, this happens two more times until finally, Eli begins to "listen harder" and realizes that it is God who is calling Samuel.

So, like in today's Gospel Eli, like John... sends young Samuel, as John "sends" Andrew and the other disciple - to receive Jesus's invitation to "Come and See"

This is the 'power of contemplative prayer... learning over time how to listen deeply for God speaking... in creation, in and through reconciliation of ourselves.... and/or in relationships.... and, in the 'power of sanctifying grace in the Spirit... who calls, stirs, and directs.. our "gifts".... towards good and proper use - for ourselves, others, and in all situations.

Today's readings remind us that God is always at work..... calling, inspiring, moving, healing, forgiving, and sustaining us..... We only need to "Come and See" For "Maybe.... God is trying... to tell us something"

As we move into a new semester... may we ask for the courage and the stamina.... to listen and to love God... with EVERYTHING! All of our heart, mind, soul, and strength.... As well, as our neighbor and ourselves. Amen!

I want to thank you for your ongoing generosity towards closing our \$1,500 dollar of week shortfall in our weekly collection. We are deeply grateful to those of you who have responded, as well, as those of you still discerning how to best offer your stewardship towards Newman. We are beginning to see our weekly collections climb, and ask you to please continue your caring support.

Our operating and deferred maintenance expenses remain a challenge, but the joy of our student's care and faith formation is light that spurs us onwards! Thank you for allowing us to keep our mission and ministry flourishing!

Peace and Blessings in the New Year! -Fr. John Paul Forté, OP

#### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The annual Mass for the World Day of the Sick sponsored by the Order of Malta will be Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 10:00 AM at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 51050 N. Valley View Rd., Tucson, 85718. Bishop Gerald Kicanas will preside at the Mass which will include the Anointing of the Sick

# THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- Becoming Catholic: RCIA Sessions Sundays from 11AM Mass to 2PM with lunch provided
- ◆ Martin Luther King Jr Office Closure January 15th
- Thomistic Institute Reading Group Tuesdays 6PM
- Young Adult Community (22-35yo) Tuesdays 7PM
- Newman Night for Undergrads Wednesdays 7PM
- Rosary Under the Stars Thursdays 6:30PM courtyard west of Steward Observatory
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 1/18
  7:30PM with Benediction
- Game Night Fridays 7PM downstairs
- March for Life Saturday 1/20 9AM Mass at St. Augustine Cathedral with procession to Holy Hope
- ◆ Dominican Laity Chapter Mtg 1/21 2:30PM

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

#### VATICAN OBSERVATORY OFFICE PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Vatican Observatory Foundation is a 501©(3) non-profit corporation with its headquarters in Tucson, Arizona. It is dedicated to supporting the research and works of The Vatican Observatory, whose world headquarters is at Castel Gandolfo, outside of Rome, Italy, and the Observatory's Research Group at The University of Arizona. The Foundation has a majority ownership interest in the Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope, which is part of the Mt. Graham International Observatory.

The Foundation is in need of a part time administrative support person, to be compensated

on an hourly basis or on such terms as the Foundation and assistant may agree. It is expected that the position would require the successful applicant to work 8 to 16 hours per week. The Foundation expects to be setting up a new office space in Tucson and the successful applicant will have some duties in connection with the set-

up of that office. Any background in bookkeeping or accounting would be highly desirable. Interested applicants should email a statement of interest and education and work history to <u>c.kennedy@vaticanobservatory.org</u>

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

#### **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 <u>UACatholic.org/RCIA</u>

#### SPRING SEMESTER INVOLVEMENT

We invite everyone to prayerfully consider how you can get involved in the life of your faith community here at Newman. Whether it's serving at Mass as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan or Usher, joining a bible study/faith sharing group, or participating in service opportunities. - learn more at www.uacatholic.org

#### 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal <u>Progress as of 12/19/23</u>

37 donors - \$25,084 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 54% Fulfilled to date: \$24,774 or 53% of total goal

Donate Online at: <u>http://support.cathfnd.org/donate</u> 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 YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

A CATHOLIC HERO'S



Winter 2024 Retreat

Evening 1/26/2024 - Morning 1/28/2024

La Purisma Retreat Center Hereford, AZ

Cost: \$50 (scholarships available)

Scan below to sign up:



#### PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Young families with children (0-5) are forming a faith sharing group to support the spiritual life of parents in this unique time of life. For more information contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth at 520-327-4665 or srmaryelizabeth@uacatholic.org



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

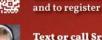
# Eucharistic Day of Discernment

# FOR YOUNG ADULT CATHOLIC WOMEN

January 20<sup>th</sup> San Xavier Mission



Discernment Reflections, Prayer, Adoration and a Meal with Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity



Text or call Sr. Mary Ann 920-320-1627

Visit fscc-calledtobe.org

for more information



# CASA ALITAS OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

<u>Casa Alitas</u> 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 at <u>brubakermm9@gmail.com</u>, (520) 906-1663.

# 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**

"Speak, for your servant is listening." With those few words, Samuel humbles himself and declares his loyalty and obedience to God. There are perhaps for many of us challenges in those words. Initially, Samuel responds, "Here I am," but thinks it was Eli who called him. The idea of being a servant and the willingness to serve are what may be trials for us in terms of how we live.

Samuel does not recognize the voice of the Lord. That, too, might be a problem for us. First, we need to be listening. Are we, or are we merely going through the motions? Responding to God with "Here I am" is a magnificent way to react to God. It is not that God does not know where we are but saying that can serve as a reminder to us that we are stewards and servants to Him, and it implies we are prepared to hear what He wants us to do.

### STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Progress: July 1st to January 11th Offertory Budget: \$227,087.68; Actual: \$230,315.63 Difference: \$3,227.95 divided by 28 weekends: \$115.28

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO CATCH UP TO BUDGET PROJECTIONS, WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL! Let's keep up the momentum

January Online at of 1/11: \$5,355.30 January 7 Envelopes: \$2998.34; Venmo: \$1166

Dec Online: \$20,281.98; Bank Transfers: \$8,322 Dec 31st Envelopes: \$5938; Venmo: \$2,427 Christmas Eve/Day: \$7297.10; Venmo: \$2272 Dec 23/24: \$1,563; Matching Campaign: \$5700 Guadalupe & 12/17 Envelopes \$3708.76; Venmo \$2204 Dec 10 Envelopes: \$3392.01; Venmo: \$1163 Dec 3 Envelopes: \$5569; Venmo: \$1507

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