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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



February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
Next Monthly: March 14th at 7:30PM

Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9AM to 4:45PM

*We are open for prayer, study &
community weekdays from 8AM-9PM*

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2/10 5:15PM Terry & Carol Gaughan

2/11 9:00AM Our Newman Community

11:00AM Julieta Sesteaga +

5:00PM Steve Fimbres +

Monday: Weekday

2/12 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

Tuesday: Bl. Jordan of Saxony, OP

2/13 5:15PM Leslie Limmer +

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

2/14 12:00PM Erin Schneck & Family

5:15PM Ward Cockrum

7:00PM Ben Najera

Thursday: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

2/15 5:15PM Esther Sanchez Garcia +

Friday: Friday after Ash Wednesday

2/16 5:15PM Esther Sanchez Garcia +

*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

I do will it... be made clean! These words of Jesus always stop me in my tracks.. They are the words and actions of a compassionate person.

Lepers were outcast. Their disease was something that was feared as being both a physical, and spiritual reason to be “unclean” and therefore to be separated from the community. This was for both spiritual and health reasons, and lepers were outcasts.

To be “unclean” physically” could affect other healthy members of the community. And, the same was true “spiritually”. To be a leper could also mean that there was ‘a stain of sin’ on your family that got passed down through generations, and that people and their loved ones should have nothing to do with you. Talk about ‘social distancing!

Jesus’ action in today’s Gospel was revolutionary! He knew the Mosaic Law deeply, and all that was required. But, he also knew the law of God, as “true man and true God” and all that God’s Eternal Law required. It is from this place and spirit that Jesus reaches out and says, “I do will it... be made clean.”

So, what about us in these days prior to the beginning of Lent, this Wednesday? What needs to be deeply touched and made clean?

In these ongoing days of the semester we are invited to continue to use charity when we need to social distance from others due to health, spiritual, and other appropriate reasons.

May we NOT become indifferent, intolerant, and without concern for one another when for some loving reason we have to do this.

In today’s second reading St. Paul reminds us that we are to be “imitators of Christ” always! For this is what it means to truly fulfill the Law!

As we prepare to enter the Lenten Season this Wednesday may we be inspired by these Sunday readings, and to do our “little bit” in reaching out and touching whatever ‘Dis-Ease’ needs God’s healing touch through us.

I leave you with the words of Sr. Thea Bowman, OSF - who will be among the six Black Catholics American to be Canonized soon. “I think the difference between me and some people is that I am content to do my little bit. Sometimes people think they have to do big things in order to make change. But if each one would light a candle we’d have a tremendous light.”

Loving God with everything - Heart, Mind, Soul, and Strength - keeps this light burning brightly for everyone, including ourselves!

Amen.

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ **Spring Undergrad Retreat** 2/9-11—pray for participants and team!
- ◆ **Dominican Novices Visiting** 2/9-2/15—we are blessed with nine this year! Keep them in your prayers
- ◆ **RCIA Formation Sessions** Sundays 11AM-2PM with lunch for those interested in becoming Catholic
- ◆ **Thomistic Institute Reading Group** Mondays 6PM
- ◆ **Social Justice Committee** Tuesdays NOON
- ◆ **Faith Formation Committee** Tuesdays 3:45PM
- ◆ **Young Adult Community (22-35yo)** Tuesdays 7PM
- ◆ **Mardi Gras Dessert Party** Tuesday 2/13 7:30PM
- ◆ **ASH WEDNESDAY 2/14—see schedule below**
- ◆ **Community Life Committee** Wednesday 1PM
- ◆ **Liturgy Committee** Wednesdays 3PM
- ◆ **Newman Night for Undergrads** Wednesdays 7PM
- ◆ **Rosary Under the Stars** Thursdays 6:30PM, courtyard west of Steward Observatory
- ◆ **Outreach Committee** Fridays 4:15PM
- ◆ **Game Night Fridays** 7PM downstairs

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

ASH FEBRUARY 14 WEDNESDAY

on campus liturgy

12:00 PM liturgy with ashes

STUDENT UNION NORTH STAGE
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

at the newman center

2ND ST. & CHERRY AVE.

8:00 AM liturgy with ashes

12:00 PM mass with ashes

5:15 PM mass with ashes

7:00 PM mass with ashes

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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 tucsonyumacursilloaydirector@gmail.com

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Formation 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

ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM SIGNUPS

Baptized Catholic but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Sign-ups are open via application on the website at UACatholic.org/Confirmation
Sessions are held on Tuesdays at 7:30PM and began Feb 6th, reach out for any questions

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress as of 1/24/24

38 donors - \$25,134 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 54%
Fulfilled to date: \$24,974 or 54% of total goal

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



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. Our next gathering is Sunday, February 18th at 10AM in the Curry Classroom. For more information contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth at 520-327-4665 or srmaryelizabeth@uacatholic.org

TAX CREDIT DONATION LETTERS

2023 Donation Statements were emailed and mailed last week. If you didn't receive yours or would like a hard copy, contact Manny@UACatholic.org or (520) 327-4665 x 113. Please take time to Register if you are new or your address has changed: UACatholic.org/Registration



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



◆ Love is in the air! No matter how long you have been married, you can still have romance in your marriage.

- ◆ The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the tools to keep your marriage alive & vibrant
- ◆ Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on April 6-7, 2024
- ◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.wwme.org



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LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 5:45PM after Daily Mass

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 other times 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 brubakerm9@gmail.com, (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

As the Church prepares for the Holy Season of Lent, may we humble ourselves like the Leper, who sought healing and wholeness from the One who ‘can make us clean’.

“Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.” Mk 1:41

Lent calls us to “make amends” for those times when we have turned away from loving God and our neighbor. Stewardship calls us to take concrete actions (prayer, alms and fasting) as a sign of our humility and desire for cleansing.

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Progress: 7/1/23 to February 9th:
 Offertory Budget: \$261,232.32; Actual: \$266,944.23
 Difference: \$5,711.91 divided by 32 weekends: \$178.49

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO CATCH UP TO BUDGET PROJECTIONS, WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL!

Let’s keep up the momentum. Our goal is 100% participation at \$5 per weekend or \$20 monthly

February Online as of 2/9: \$4,304.21
 Feb 4 Envelopes: \$3,441.15; Venmo: \$1692.50

January Online: \$11,857.79; Bank Transfers: \$3672
 Dominican Common Room Project: \$600
 January 28 Envelopes: \$2,492.63; Venmo: \$840
 January 21 Envelopes: \$2,284.13; Venmo: \$2088
 January 14 Envelopes: \$4,276.66; Venmo: \$651.78
 January 7 Envelopes: \$2998.34; Venmo: \$1166

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.



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