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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 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

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

Second Sunday of Lent

2/24 5:15PM **Helen Roman +**

2/25 9:00AM **Our Newman Community**

11:00AM **Francisca Enciso +**

5:00PM **Budaya - Kennedy Family**

Monday: Lenten Weekday

2/26 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

Tuesday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbott

2/27 5:15PM **Elizabeth Cuesta +**

Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

2/28 5:15PM **Jim Johnson +**

Thursday: Lenten Weekday

2/29 5:15PM **Steve Fulmer +**

Friday: Lenten Weekday

3/1 5:15PM **Joseph John Ley +**

*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

Mountains in Scripture are places of Godly encounters. Many of the great heroes of the Bible were called to ascend a mountain to hear the voice of God calling, bestowing, directing, forming, and pointing them in some new direction. God showers down healing and new possibilities for all who are hungry for meaning, forgiveness, and reconciliation.... both personally and outside of ourselves.

Today we hear about Abraham, Peter, James, and John.... How they were called from their ordinary experience.. into a place of 'transformational' obedience and glory.

Abraham was called from a place of curious wandering.. into a loving relationship with the God of life. Abram, who felt at times flat... discovered the power of new life, and received the stewardship of many nations.

This is what happens when our ears and hearts are open... Abram, struggling to see his and Sarah's future..... had the courage to respond to God's promptings in his life. They listened to God's voice, and followed his requests.... even when it seemed 'against' what they had initially chosen to do. Abraham was "obedient" to God's commands, and God was abundant in His response to Abraham declaring him the "father of many nations."

In today's Gospel Peter, James, and John accompany Jesus on his journey up the mountain. In the midst of their conversation Jesus is "transfigured" before them, and they witness the 'divinity' that they have only 'experienced' behind the power of mighty words spoken... and deeds performed.

As they encounter Jesus in this way, they are caught up in the 'glory' of those great figures in the Bible who have gone before them, and, who have been formed by the grace.. and discipleship of the Most High. Their response to this encounter is fear, wonder, and a greater desire 'to participate' in what they have been called to.

May our Lenten days be 'opportunities' to climb God's mountains. May our struggles up.... and through them... be places of surprising encounters, and, fresh air. May we move from old behaviors that lead to death.... to ascending "heights" that bring greater truth and love.... to ourselves... and to those all around us. The Lenten Season calls us into abundance.. may we swallow it whole and entire.

May we let go of useless fears, love God with EVERYTHING, and climb into the "transformation" that comes when 'we wander with Jesus' into the heights of faith, hope, and love. May we love God as Abraham did - with all his heart, mind, soul, and strength! May this also be the case with our neighbors and ourselves.

As we close this last Sunday of Black History Month - may we be encouraged by the words of Dr. Martin Luther King...

"Love is the greatest force in the universe. It is the heartbeat of the moral cosmos. He/She who loves is a participant in the being of God."

AMEN

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ Thomistic Institute Reading Group Mondays 6PM
- ◆ Social Justice Committee Tuesdays NOON
- ◆ Faith Formation Committee Tuesdays 3:45PM
- ◆ Young Adult Community (22-35yo) Tuesdays 7PM
- ◆ Community Life Committee Wednesday 1PM
- ◆ Liturgy Committee Wednesdays 3PM
- ◆ FOCUS Summer Projects Info Night Wednesday 6PM
- ◆ Newman Night for Undergrads Wednesdays 7PM
- ◆ Rosary Under the Stars Thursdays 6:30PM, courtyard west of Steward Observatory
- ◆ LUMEN SERIES: "Respect, Rigor & Reverence in Decision Making with Sr. Mariane Farisa CSC. Thursday 2/29 7:30PM
- ◆ Via Crucis Fridays of Lent at NOON in the church
- ◆ Outreach Committee Fridays 4:15PM
- ◆ Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent 5:45PM
- ◆ Game Night Fridays 7PM downstairs
- ◆ UA Spring Break 3/4 to 3/8 Newman will be closed for building repairs & floor improvements in the library and student lounge

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

LUMEN SERIES COMING UP

Thursday, February 29th at 7:30PM

Sr. Mariane Farina CSC from the Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology in Berkeley will present "*Respect, Rigor and Reverence in Decision Making*"

NEWMAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Newman Foundation at The University of Arizona plans to award several scholarships for the 2024-2025 Fall Semester to UofA students who are full-time students and active at the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center. These scholarships are in addition to any that may be offered by the Newman Center, or by the Newman

Sustaining Board. **The application deadline is Monday April 8, 2024.** If you are interested in applying, send an email to the following address to request application information:
newman_foundation@yahoo.com

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, Sobaijuri 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

FACILITY UPDATES—KITCHEN APPLIANCE EDITION

Note from Manny: we have had a number of unexpected bills pop up lately. Both the fridge and freezer went out downstairs and the costs to repair are greater than the purchase of new ones. We are making a direct appeal to raise \$6,000 to get our kitchen back up and running. List "Kitchen" in the memo line of any donations to help us track progress. Please help us spread the word to alum networks www.uacatholic.org/donate

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress as of 2/22/24

10 donors - \$10,920 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 23%
Fulfilled to date: \$9,500 or 20% 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

Please donate and list **St. Thomas More** as your parish so we can reach our annual goal. Envelopes are at the exits

SAVE THE DATE

Walking with
Moms in Need

Mother's Ministry Fair

March 21, 2024
4-6pm

Cathedral Pastoral Center
192 S. Stone Ave
2nd Floor

Contact: Ana Sanguinetti, MD
asanguinetti@diocesetucson.org
(520) 481-8624

TAX CREDIT DONATION LETTERS

2023 Donation Statements were emailed and mailed at the end of January. 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



FIND US READY LORD! DAY OF REVIVAL

SATURDAY – APRIL 20, 2024
9:00 am – 9:00 pm

St Francis de Sales Catholic Church Gymnasium
1375 South Camino Seco, Tucson

You are invited to join men and women throughout the diocese for this exceptional conference which will include teaching from internationally known speakers & authors, times of praise & worship, mass, adoration, and a healing service! This day promises to be a life changing experience of spirit filled evangelization! For schedule information, speaker biographies, and to register visit www.vineofgrace.org or call 520.631.1408.

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



◆ 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 the website at: www.wwme.org



Resources at UACatholic.org/Lent

Pick up a CRS Rice Bowl & Hallow App flyer at church entrances

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 brubakermm9@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

Today’s readings challenge us to a profound faithfulness and trust in God. In return, we come to know the profound love God has for each one of us.

“I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son” GN 22:13

As faithful stewards, we are called to give all to the Lord – our time, talents, and possessions. Am I able to give my entire life to God with full confidence that He will provide all that I need?

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Progress: 7/1/23 to February 23rd:
 Offertory Budget: \$278,483.51; Actual: \$283,743.02
 Difference: \$5,259.51 divided by 34 weekends: \$154.69

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

Let’s keep up the momentum

February Online as of 2/23: \$8,260.58
 Feb 18 Envelopes: \$6,313; Venmo: \$1077
 Ash Wednesday: \$1099.25
 Feb 11 Envelopes: \$3,366.85; Venmo: \$794
 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.



View all giving options at: www.UACatholic.org/donate