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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



March 17, 2024

Fifth 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

NEWMAN CENTER STAFF



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MASS INTENTIONS

Fifth Sunday of Lent 3/16 5:15PM Richard Michael & **Vanessa Fimbres** 3/17 9:00AM Kathryn Nunnink + 11:00AM Ricardo Zavala 5:00PM Our Newman Community

Monday: Lenten Weekday 3/18 5:15PM NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday: St. Joseph

3/19 5:15PM Justina Maraleno + Wednesday: Lenten Weekday 3/20 5:15PM Raymond O'Malley +

Thursday: Lenten Weekday 3/21 5:15PM Robert Rivera Friday: Lenten Weekday

3/22 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











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Fr. John Paul's Spiritual Brew

t's hard to believe that we are a week away from Palm Sunday! Where has this Lenten Season gone? It seems like Ash Wednesday was yesterday, and we were stumbling to get ourselves together to figure out what to "give up" or "to do" for Lent.

I hope this Lent season continues to be a time of new awareness and renewal for each of us!

I pray that the Holy Spirit continues to provide opportunities to discover where Christ is calling us to be "transformed" from whatever 'protective husk' that needs to be rended..... and to "fall to the ground and die! Thus, letting out..... all that is walled in and stifled... onto a freer path... where hearing, sight, and, clarity of mind, heart, soul and strength..... is possible! For this is what it means to truly encounter the living God.... in both bright fire, as well as in gentle whispers. God is always speaking..... in some way..... we just need to continue listening.... through all weather, and seasons!

Every time we gather for Mass, go to confession, and receive the Sacraments... we are reminded that Christ is here... God is here... (our life and breath!) and we are not alone!

May this last full week of Lent be a time for us to intensify our conviction... to strive towards "healthier" behaviors, letting go of useless drama, and, growing in acts of charity.

May we strive with the strength of the "rising springtime" to Love God, neighbor, and self with everything..... heart, mind, soul, and strength. Amen!

PRAYERS FOR THE ELECT & CANDIDATES

Keep in your prayers our RCIA Elect and Candidates who are seeking Full Initiation at the Easter Vigil:

The Elect, seeking baptism: Angelique Budaya, Sailor Keahiolalo, Ron Kirklin II, Cody Robb, Jenny Torres, Sarah Torres

Candidates for Full Reception into the Church: Megan Corona, Dina Mathis, Edward McDugald, Julia Melendy

Confirmandi: Amanda Curran & Faith Dupree

FISH TACO DINNER THIS FRIDAY

Our Knights of Columbus Council #16061 will be hosting a fish taco dinner this Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. after Mass and Stations of the Cross. You are welcome to join the community in sharing a Lenten meal together! The cost is \$5 per person, cash only. We look forward to seeing you!

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ Parents of Young Children Meet-up Sunday 3/17 10AM in the Curry Classroom
- ◆ St. Patrick's Day Student Dinner Sunday 3/17 6PM, hosted by the Newman Sustaining Board. All welcome
- ◆ Thomistic Institute Reading Group Mondays 6PM
- ◆ Panel With Bishop Weisenburger on Clean Air and Laudato Si Monday 3/18 7PM in the church
- ◆ 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
- ◆ LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE Wed 3/20 7:30PM with several priests available for confessions
- ◆ Rosary Under the Stars Thursdays 6:30PM, courtyard west of Steward Observatory
- ◆ Via Crucis Fridays of Lent at NOON in the church
- ◆ Outreach Committee Fridays 4:30PM
- ◆ Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent 5:45PM
- ◆ Fish Taco Dinner 3/22 6PM hosted by Knights of Columbus Council #16061, \$5 plate (cash only)
- ♦ Game Night Fridays 7PM downstairs

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

SUSTAINING BOARD SCHOLARSHIPS

The application window is open for the 2024-2025 academic school year to students who are active members of St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center. The Sustaining Board will be offering several awards at different tiered levels depending on fund availability. **The deadline is Friday, April 5, 2024 at 6PM**. Download an application at www.uacatholic.org/scholarship

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, 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?

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

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Young families with children (0-5) have formed a faith sharing group to support the spiritual life of parents in this unique time of life. Our next gathering is **Sunday, March 17th at 10AM** in the Curry Classroom. For more information contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth at 520-327-4665 or srmaryelizabeth@uacatholic.org

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal <u>Progress as of 3/14/24</u>

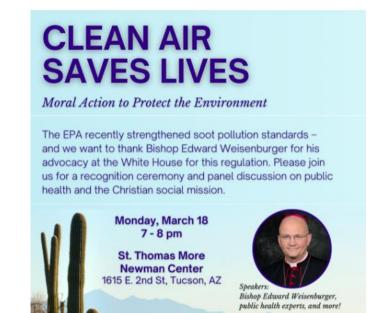
17 donors - \$\\$\frac{1}{17,270}\$ pledged of \$46,640 goal - 37% Fulfilled to date: \$14,390 or 31% of total goal

Donate Online at:
http://support.cathfnd.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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese of Tucson is looking for a Chief Financial Officer, a Property Director, and a Finance Controller. Each of these positions offers an opportunity for the successful candidate who wants to contribute to the mission of the Church. These ministerial employment positions are crucial for the day-to-day operations of the Diocese as well as strategic planning and major projects. Successful candidates have 10+ years of work experience, along with formal education supporting their expertise. Detailed job descriptions, along with information on the application process, is found on the Diocese of Tucson website

https://diocesetucson.org/Apply/Employment



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 <u>UACatholic.org/Lent</u>
Pick up a CRS Rice Bowl & Hallow App flyer at church entrances

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Via Crucis en español Viernes 12PM en la iglesia English: 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 Gospel message calls us to follow Jesus through sacrifice, self-giving and detachment. Jesus calls us to be like the grain of wheat, disciples that truly give our lives over to God.

"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be." JN 12:26

God calls his stewards to give their entire heart, not just a portion of it. What can I do today to detach myself from my own needs and offer some small sacrifice to follow the Lord more closely?

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Progress: 7/1/23 to 3/15/24: Offertory Budget: \$303,744.19; Actual: \$308,566.20 Difference: \$4,822.01 divided by 37 weekends: \$130.32

Thank you for helping us to catch up to budget projections; we are deeply grateful!

Let's keep up the momentum since expenses are up with increased participation (a blessing!) and unexpected maintenance crises (not a blessing)

March Online as of 3/15: \$6,742.14 March 10 Envelopes: \$3,986.72; Venmo: \$1,081 March 3 Envelopes: \$3,354.78; Venmo: \$831 Kitchen/Downstairs Donations: \$13,709.71

February Online: \$9,346.29; Bank Transfers: \$4,052 Feb 25 Envelopes: \$6,925; Venmo: \$1974.71 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

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