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OUR MISSION: TO BE TRANSFORMED THROUGH AN
ENCOUNTER WITH THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH & THE LOVE OF GOD

2024-2025 Theme:

“Love your enemies, do good and expect nothing in return.” Luke 6:27



January 19, 2025

Second 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: **January 16th 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 in Ordinary Time

1/18 5:15PM **Our Newman Community**
1/19 9:00AM **Hans Helland +**
11:00AM **Martha Leon**
5:00PM **Max Soriano +**

Monday: St . Fabian, Pope & Martyr
St . Sebastian, Martyr

1/20 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

1/21 5:15PM **Kathleen Gilbert +**

Wednesday: USA Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children

1/22 5:15PM **Jacqueline Rodriguez +**

Thursday: St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

1/23 5:15PM **Special Intention**

Friday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of
the Church

1/24 5:15PM **Antonio Susie +**

*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](#)

Fr. John Paul's Spiritual Brew

It is easy, in the midst of busyness and activity, to overlook the needs of those around us. Emergencies, however, have a way of forcing us to pause, look around, and confront reality. For some, these moments ignite a call to action; for others, they are a shocking wake-up call amid the grind of daily life. For a few, they bring an unexpected disruption to an otherwise peaceful existence.

The fires in Los Angeles have been weighing heavily on my heart. Growing up in LA and spending time in many of the affected neighborhoods makes the devastation feel personal. The loss of homes, cherished memories, and lives is heartbreaking.

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus and his family attending a wedding celebration that spans several days—a joyful event carefully planned with much thought and preparation. When the wine runs out, Jesus' mother brings the matter to his attention. Though his initial response seems hesitant, Jesus promptly steps in, quietly ensuring the celebration continues uninterrupted and abundantly blessed.

On this Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, we are reminded of the importance of stepping forward to uphold the dignity of life in all its beautiful shades and forms.

May Dr. King's words inspire us to be agents of justice, compassion, and hope. **"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."** — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, April 16, 1963.

Amen. Alleluia



THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ **Newman Center Closed**, Monday, January 20-In Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- ◆ **Young Adult Community**, Tuesday at 7:00pm
- ◆ **Newman Night**, Wednesday at 7:00pm.
- ◆ **Game Night**, Friday at 7:00pm.

COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Sustaining Board Student Dinner**, Sunday, January 26 at 6:00pm.

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

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Projected Revenue (6 Months) Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is \$387,622. Actual Revenue is \$352,255. Shortage of **\$35,367**

Weekend Offertory:

January 13th. Envelopes: \$4,362.62
January 6th. Envelopes: \$3,089.45
December 30th. Envelopes: \$3,285.02
Christmas Mass. Envelopes: \$13,809.10
December 23rd. Envelopes: \$25,645.10

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of January as of January 17th is \$2,459.94

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of January as of January 17th is \$4,171.60

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of January as of January 17th is \$4,807.07

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. Recurring giving is available through our online platform Breeze

World Day of the Sick Mass

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger, J.C.L.
Principal Celebrant



Anointing of the Sick Blessing of Caregivers Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes Distribution of Lourdes Water

Saturday, February 15, 2025
10:00 AM

St. Thomas the Apostle
5150 N. Valley View Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85718

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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



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

Greetings and Advent 2024 Blessings!

It's hard to believe that we are ending the semester and entering the Christmas Season and New Year! This term has been filled with energy, enthusiasm, and remarkable participation.

The semester began with great momentum as our forty student leaders in ministry, along with our Newman Focus Missionaries, joined Fr. Emmanuel and me for our annual Formation Retreat. This retreat set the tone for the year through prayer, reflection, and our chosen theme: *"Love your enemies, do good, expecting nothing in return."* Together, we explored what it means to be called, formed, and sent by Christ, deepening our knowledge of and participation in our Catholic faith.

At the Newman Center, we live out this mission through five key pillars: liturgical life, community life, faith formation, outreach, and social justice. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to uplift one another—our hands in prayer, our minds in study, our hearts in connection and community, and our souls in openness to God's voice.

This intentional approach has resulted in a vibrant and active semester filled with weekly and monthly events. We've seen incredible growth in student participation across daily Mass, confessions, small groups, Newman Nights, and more. The Newman library, student lounge, and my daily appointments have all been bustling, with an overall 28% increase in students spending time at the Newman Center. This growth is a tremendous blessing and beautifully aligns with our mission.

However, with this growth comes increased financial need. While students are generously contributing their time and talents, our budget has not kept pace with our rising expenses. Here's where we stand:

Four Months 10-31-24	Actual	Budget	Shortfall
Offertory	\$ 142,310	\$ 156,000	\$ (13,690)
Total Revenue	\$ 197,326	\$ 257,481	\$ (60,155)
Average per week (at 17 weeks)			
Offertory	\$ 8,371	\$ 9,176	\$ (805)
Total Revenue	\$ 11,607	\$ 15,146	\$ (3,539)

Through the first four months of our fiscal year (July–October), we are facing a significant revenue shortfall. To cover our operating expenses, we need an additional \$3,000 per week in our offertory collection. Ideally, we'd also raise an additional \$3,500 weekly to build a sustaining fund for unexpected costs, often stemming from deferred maintenance.

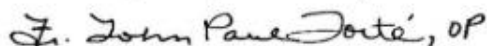
I am especially praying for a large Christmas collection to help offset our current \$60,000 revenue deficit. We need to not only close this gap but also find additional supporters, both locally and beyond, who feel called to partner with Newman's mission. If you know of others who may wish to contribute to this worthy cause, I ask for your help in reaching them.

Despite these challenges, our future remains bright! We are excited about plans for a future expansion of the Newman Center. Thank you to everyone who participated in interviews, focus groups, and the online survey. While I don't have major updates at this time, we expect to share more in late January.

Please know that I, along with our dedicated staff, remain fully committed to our Newman mission: *"To be transformed through an encounter with the Spirit of truth and the love of God."* Thank you for your continued support—spiritually, through volunteering, and in your financial stewardship. Your generosity sustains this ministry and ensures it can thrive for years to come.

As we approach the 100th anniversary of the Newman Center in 2026, my prayer is that this sacred place will continue to foster transformative encounters with God's love and truth for another hundred years and beyond.

With deepest respect and love,



Fr. John Paul Forté, OP
Pastor



Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next Weekend, January 18th/19th there will be a special **Second Collection** for **The Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Your gift will help organizations to end poverty within our diocese, where 25% of your contribution stays to create opportunities in your own neighborhood. Envelopes for this collection are at the end of each pew. Please prayerfully consider how you can make a difference through your financial support.

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred, and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the U.S. Bishop's program aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty in the United States. Through our support of this Campaign, we help to further the mission of Jesus ... "to bring good news to the poor, release to captives, sight to the blind and free the oppressed." The CCHD has a complimentary mission of education about poverty and its root causes to break the cycle of poverty. Education for justice and helping those who are directly impacted by unjust systems and structures reflects the mandate of the Scriptures and the principles of Catholic social teaching. The CCHD helps those most impacted by poverty to participate in decisions that directly affect their lives, families and community. On January 18th/ 19th, we are invited to join other Catholics throughout the United States and donate to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. As Pope Francis said, "when the good of others is at stake, good intentions are not enough". Please prayerfully consider how you can make a difference through your financial support. If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd