

# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

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& TUCSON COMMUNITY SINCE 1926

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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



## February 23, 2025

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary

### 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 6th 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  
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### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

2/22 5:15PM **Nicole Simpson**  
2/23 9:00AM **Vincent Luciano +**  
11:00AM **James Lopez +**  
5:00PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: Bl. Ascensión of the Heart of Jesus  
Nichol Goña, virgin

2/24 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: Weekday

2/25 5:15PM **Gabrielle Gaines**

Wednesday: Weekday

2/26 5:15PM **Ariel Lilly**

Thursday: Weekday

2/27 5:15PM **Jim Scuiry +**

Friday: Weekday

2/28 5:15PM **Ward Cockrum**

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

**L**ove your enemies, do good, and expect nothing in return." This invitation, found in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of Luke, cuts to the very core of God's commandment to love. It is the theme of our Newman year, calling us beyond our comfort zones, perhaps even beyond human reason.

An enemy is not someone we typically associate with having our best interests at heart; in fact, it's often the opposite. Yet, this is the very person we are called to love and work with, prayerfully. God, in His infinite wisdom, always seeks to uncover the good He created from the beginning of time. This love is not about liking others or what they do or don't do for us. It's a higher love with the power to transform.

Christ entered the beauty and the mess of our humanity to make it new. Just as God formed humanity from clay and breathed life into it, Christ invites us into a deeper, truer fulfillment of the Law of Moses and the Prophets.

It echoes the words of Mother Teresa: "Love till it hurts, and then keep loving." This kind of love is what births transformation, filling the world with the "Blessings" of God's Kingdom.

**As Desmond Tutu wisely said, "My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together."**

Amen. Alleluia



## THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ **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, March 2 at 6:00pm.
- ◆ **Mardi Gras Gathering**, Tuesday, March 4 at 7:30pm. Please bring your favorite desert.
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross**, Friday, March 7 at 5:45pm

View all of our events at [www.UACatholic.org/calendar](http://www.UACatholic.org/calendar)



ST. THOMAS MORE  
CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

**SUSTAINING BOARD**

**SCHOLARSHIP**

**2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**APPLY TODAY**

[WWW.UACATHOLIC.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP](http://WWW.UACATHOLIC.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP)



The deadline to apply is Friday, April 4, 2025 at 6:00PM

**QUESTIONS?**

Abby Sheppard



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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

## 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:

February 17th. Envelopes: \$3,859.23  
February 11th. Envelopes: \$5,078.86  
February 3rd. Envelopes: \$3,499.66  
January 27th. Envelopes: \$5,800.09

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of February as of February 21st is \$4,626.66

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of February as of February 21st is \$3,694.98

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of February as of February 21st is \$4,744.37

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



View all giving options at: [www.UACatholic.org/donate](http://www.UACatholic.org/donate)

February 19, 2025

My Dear Newman Center Community,

Last week, we received the unexpected yet deeply significant news that Pope Francis has selected Bishop Weisenburger as the new Archbishop of Detroit. This came as a great surprise to him as well, and it is truly a tremendous honor.

Our heartfelt prayers will be with him as he prepares to assume his new role on March 18th.

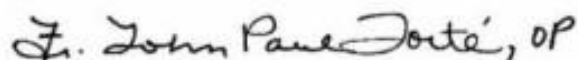
Naturally, many of you may be wondering—as I did—what this means for our Newman Center expansion project in light of these developments.

To provide some clarity, I am attaching a note from Bishop Weisenburger that was shared with me and all the priests of the Tucson Diocese last week regarding the Diocese-wide capital campaign, which includes the Newman Center. Additionally, I have requested a copy of the results from our portion of the feasibility study conducted last fall. Once we receive the report, we will share key highlights with you.

I invite you to join me in prayer as we, along with others in our Diocese, navigate this time of transition. May the Holy Spirit send us a compassionate and faithful shepherd—one who will continue the many wonderful initiatives that Bishop Weisenburger began, including advancing our exciting Newman Center expansion project.

May the good work that God has begun in us be brought to fulfillment with faith, peace, and steadfast hope in Christ. Amen!

Peace and Blessings,



Fr. John Paul Forté, OP

Pastor

St. Thomas More Newman Center

February 14, 2025

Dear Father John Paul,

In light of my impending transfer to Detroit, the diocesan campaign to raise funds for the Newman Center and other parishes is currently on pause. As you are aware, with new diocesan leadership in the coming months there could be new and different priorities. With this in mind, Ruotolo Associates will no longer be on retainer with the Diocese as of April 1, 2025.

While I can say for certain that there will be no Diocesan-wide campaign in the coming year, there 'very likely will be a quiet major gift campaign, but just for the Newman Center project.'

This will be managed by the Catholic Foundation.

May God bless you abundantly,

+Edward J. Weisenburger



## February is Black History Month

February 22 **Audre Lorde** (1934-1992)

NYC public school librarian/ feminist writer/ civil rights activist



"Life is short and we must do what has to be done in the now." Watch Audre Lorde: the Theory of Difference by Hailey Kemp: Audre Lorde

February 23 **Spike Lee** (1957- )

Actor/ film director/ screenwriter/ professor



"I don't think my films are going to get rid of racism or prejudice. I think the best thing my films can do is provoke discussion." Watch Trevor Noah's interview with Spike Lee or the movie Malcolm X

February 24 **James Baldwin** (1924-1987)

Writer, poet, activist, from NYC, passionate on the subject of racism



"The power of the white world is threatened whenever a black man refuses to accept the white world's definitions." Read <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/1962/11/17/letterfrom-a-region-in-my-mind> or watch video of James Baldwin on Racism

February 25 **Alexa Canady** (1950- )

First African American woman neurosurgeon "retired" to be chief of pediatric neurosurgery Sacred Heart, Pensacola



"If you want to be something, you have to perceive that something is possible." Read Dr. Canady's story in her own words: What It Meant to Me, Leaders & Best Impact

February 26 **Odetta Holmes** (1930-2008 )

American singer, lyricist, classical training, Civil Rights activist



"You're walking down life's road, society's foot is on your throat, every which way you turn you can't get from under that foot. And you reach a fork in the road and you can either lie down and die or insist upon your life." Watch her interview archived in the Library of Congress

February 27 **Alvin Ailey** (1931-1989)

Dancer, choreographer, director, founder of the American Dance Theatre, activist.



"...it was a birthday present for Alvin's mother. You see, she was coming from Texas to see her son's company and Alvin knew she'd be celebrating a birthday in New York. In those days, none of us could shop at Tiffany or Bloomingdales, so Alvin decided the nicest present he could give his mother was a ballet."

Watch Cry created by Ailey for his mother

February 28 **Thea Bowman, FSPA** (1937-1990)

Granddaughter of slaves, only child of Methodist parents, her father a physician, her mother a teacher. At 12 she became a Catholic, inspired by the Catholic sisters who taught in her town in Mississippi. PhD, lecturer, teacher, singer.



"I think the difference between me and some people is that I'm 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." Watch: Going Home Like a Shooting Star: the Thea Bowman Story or her address to the USCCB (US Conference of Catholic Bishops)- she had the bishops locking arms and singing

### The Mission of CRS Lenten Rice Bowl

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Rooted in the history of the Eucharistic Congress, CRS Rice Bowl invites Catholics and faith communities in the United States to encounter God and our global family throughout Lent by practicing the [pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving](#). Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 120 different countries each year. Twenty five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised more than \$350 million.

#### Join Your Global Family in Prayer

We can't end global hunger without your help. CRS Rice Bowl's 50th anniversary presents an opportunity to renew your commitment to helping families facing hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. When you pray, fast and give this Lent, you are making a lifesaving difference.

Start your CRS Rice Bowl journey with us by picking up your rice bowl from the doors of our church.

### Ash Wednesday Schedule

8:00am Word Service with Ashes – Newman Center  
12:10pm Word Service with Ashes on Campus Stage to the North of the Student Union (Weather Permitting)

#### Masses at Newman Center

12:10pm Mass with Ashes  
5:15pm Mass with Ashes  
7:00pm Mass with Ashes

### NEWMAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Newman Foundation at The University of Arizona plans to award several scholarships for the 2025-2026 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 Friday April 4, 2025.** If you are interested in applying, send an email to the following address to request application information:  
[newman\\_foundation@yahoo.com](mailto: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.