

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

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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



March 2, 2025

Eighth 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 6th 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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3/1 5:15PM **Our Newman Community**
3/2 9:00AM **Vincent Luciano +**
11:00AM **Dennis Wasko +**
5:00PM **Ward Cockrum**

Monday: St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

3/3 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: Saint Casimir

3/4 5:15PM **Steve Fimbres +**

Wednesday: **Ash Wednesday**

3/5 8:00AM Word Service with Ashes

12:10PM **Frank Figueroa +**

5:15PM **Flois Heinsius +**

7:00PM **Julio Rodriguez Family**

Thursday: Thursday After Ash Wednesday

3/6 5:15PM **Antonio Nello Rocha +**

Friday: Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

3/7 5:15PM **Irene Fimbres +**

*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

Life moves swiftly—sometimes with clear intention, other times in a blur of busyness. If we are only busy, our lives become a series of frantic movements without direction, like words spoken phonetically but devoid of meaning. Over time, this constant motion exhausts us, leading to a deeper blindness—one that dulls our awareness of both our own needs and the needs of others.

Yet, into our weary and parched souls, Jesus breathes—God's generous and life-giving Spirit. Just as in the Book of Genesis, where God bends over the clay, shaping it with His hands and breathing life into it, so too does He call us to rise. As the poet James Weldon Johnson beautifully put it: **"And God bent over the clay, and worked it with His hands, and blew breath into it, until it arose and came to be."**

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.

In our individualistic and often privatized culture, we can easily think of faith as something personal—meant to enrich or improve our own lives. But true faith moves beyond the self; it opens our eyes to the greater call of love and service.

As we approach the beginning of Lent, may we take time to reflect: Where have we become blind? Where do we need God's breath to restore us? May His Spirit awaken us, heal us, and call us to new life.

Amen. Alleluia



THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ **Sustaining Board Student Dinner**, Sunday, March 2 at 6:00pm.
- ◆ **Young Adult Community**, Tuesday at 7:00pm
- ◆ **Mardi Gras Gathering**, Tuesday, March 4 at 7:30pm. Please bring your favorite desert.
- ◆ **Ash Wednesday**, March 5 at 8:00am, 12:10pm, 5:15pm & 7:00pm
- ◆ **Newman Night**, Wednesday at 7:00pm.
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross**, Friday, March 7 at 5:45pm
- ◆ **Game Night**, Friday at 7:00pm.

COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Lumen Series-Saints & Superheroes-Dr. Alex Nava**, Thursday, March 27 at 7:30pm.

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:

February 24th. Envelopes: \$6,679.36
February 17th. Envelopes: \$3,859.23
February 11th. Envelopes: \$5,078.86
February 3rd. Envelopes: \$3,499.66

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of February is \$5,825.66

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of February is \$4,150.14

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of February is \$7,798.40

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/giving

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CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER**

**SUSTAINING BOARD
SCHOLARSHIP**

2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

APPLY TODAY

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



The Roman Catholic
Diocese of Tucson

One Body, One Mission: Serving In Christ 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Support the vital ministries and programs that serve the people of our parishes, Catholic schools, and communities.

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is the largest source of funding for the works of the Diocese of Tucson. The Appeal provides the financial resources for the ministries and charities that serve individuals and families of our parishes, schools, and communities.

Each year, the Catholic Foundation and the Bishop in collaboration with the parishes and missions of the Diocese, renew the Annual Catholic Appeal to raise the much-needed funding for the financial support of the Catholic charities and ministries which serve people throughout our Diocese.

Your Generous Gift Will Support

- 16% Diocesan Ministries
- 24% Schools, Education & Evangelization
- 22% Seminarian and Clergy
- 10% Grants to Needy Parishes & Native American Missions
- 18% Parish Support Services
- 10% Community Outreach

Why is our Diocese conducting the Annual Catholic Appeal?

The ACA represents more than 51% of the support needed to fund the diocesan ministries each year. The Bishop asks Catholics in the Diocese to generously support these important and on-going ministries that provide educational, pastoral, and charitable outreach to those living in the Diocese, by giving to the ACA.

Why do we need the ministries and services provided by the Diocese?

The ACA funds over 26 on-going ministries and services of the Church. These very important ministries and services are beyond the resources of any single parish. Coordinating programs at the Diocesan level, such as religious education, seminarian education and vocations, lay ministry formation, youth and young adults ministry, prison ministry, etc., eliminates duplication, provides consistency, and saves both time and money.

Is it important to give to the ACA, even though I am already giving to my parish?

The programs at your parish are very important and much of the work of the Church and the Diocese takes place at the local level. However, there are certain specialized services such as education, vocations, diocesan conferences and trainings, construction project services, for which the Diocese takes the major responsibility. These are services no single parish can provide and must be shared by all.

What should I give to the ACA?

The decision on how much to give needs to be personal and prayerful. God has given each of us gifts, graces, talents and abilities, which are to be shared responsibly and wisely with others. We are also challenged to make our financial gifts from substance, not abundance, and in proportion to our blessings.

HOW TO PRACTICE LENT

As Catholics, the spiritual pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving guide us in daily reflection on our own lives as we strive to deepen our relationship with God and neighbor-no matter where in the world that neighbor may live. Lent is a time of personal and spiritual growth, a time to look outward and inward. Especially during this time, the Church encourages us to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Through prayers, God invites us to slow down in the silence and look for him around us-in nature and in people who need us most. Our fasting is an act of penance and solidarity with people who are hungry-and it helps us feel a small part of what they are living day by day. It is in this spirit that our almsgiving is an act of love for God and neighbor.

One Simple way to enhance your Lenten experience is to participate in the CRS Rice Bowl program. During Lent, Catholic families across the United States use a rice bowl-a small cardboard box-to collect alms. We make room for God to act in our lives in new ways, and we have the opportunity to give the money we save to our sisters and brothers in need.

How to Fast for Lent

The Catechism invites Catholics ages 18 to 59 to abstain from meat and to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and Catholics 14 years and older to abstain from meat on the Fridays during Lent.

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE NEWMAN

MARDI GRAS

DESSERT PARTY

Tuesday, March 4th
7:30 PM

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT

Ash Wednesday Schedule
March 5, 2025

AT THE NEWMAN CENTER

1615 E. 2ND ST, TUCSON, AZ 85719 (CORNER OF 2ND ST. & CHERRY AVE.)

8:00 AM Liturgy of the Word
12:10 PM Mass **5:15 PM** Mass
7:00 PM Mass

ON CAMPUS LITURGY

12:10 PM
Liturgy of the Word (Rogers Plaza)

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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

SPRING SEMESTER INVOLVEMENT

We invite everyone to prayerfully consider how you can get involved in the life of your faith community here at Newman. Whether it's serving at Mass as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan or Usher, joining a bible study/faith sharing group, or participating in service opportunities. - learn more at www.uacatholic.org

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.

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.