

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 22, 2025

Third 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: **April 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

Third Sunday of Lent

3/22 5:15PM **Terry Caughan**

3/23 9:00AM **Vincent Luciano +**

11:00AM **David Cockcrum +**

5:00PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: Lenten Weekday

3/24 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

3/25 5:15PM **Sr. Maria Angela Mesa +**

Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

3/26 5:15PM **Amalia Bravo +**

Thursday: Lenten Weekday

3/27 5:15PM **Ward Cockrum**

Friday: Lenten Weekday

3/28 5:15PM **Jack Rumps +**

*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

Positive encounters have the power to transform our lives for the better. How wonderful it is to step into a service establishment and be treated with kindness and respect. Whether we're entering a restaurant, hospital, supermarket, or church, when we are received well, we not only return but also share our positive experience with others.

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus exemplify excellent engagement skills in His encounter with the woman at the well—an interaction that had all the potential to go wrong. Despite their differences in culture and social status, Jesus and the Samaritan woman engage in a meaningful conversation. Their exchange is one of openness and deeper understanding, bridging divides that would have kept them apart.

The conversation concludes with the Samaritan woman asking Jesus, "Give me this water, so that I may not have to come to this well." In this "unexpected" encounter, her deep thirst for love and inclusion begins to find a path toward healing. As they continue their dialogue, freedom and clarity emerge, revealing what truly quenches both human and spiritual thirst, providing the contentment she longed for.

The Samaritan woman leaves Jesus' presence, leaving her water jar behind. Why? Because she has received something far greater than physical hydration—she has encountered God's Word in Christ. This divine nourishment feeds her soul, and she is compelled to share this life-giving truth with others.

What burdens are we carrying, and what are we filling our lives with? Are we truly quenching our thirst, or are we longing for something more?

May our Lenten journey lead us to encounters with the Spirit of Truth and the Love of God. Let us grow in our relationship with Christ, becoming more engaged, reflective, and honest. May our prayer deepen, our fasting yield growth in areas that need change, and our almsgiving inspire greater generosity toward others.

These encounters are blessings that propel us forward in life. May God's Spirit grant us the grace to satisfy our true thirst and invite others to do the same in peace. As we discern and cultivate healthy boundaries this Lent, may we be open to the blessings that await those willing to receive God's truth and love. May our fears guide us toward the living Christ, who always awaits us with words of healing, inclusion, truth, and charity.

"May we love our enemies, do good, and expect nothing in return."

Amen. Alleluia



THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ **Young Adult Community**, Tuesday at 7:00pm
- ◆ **Newman Night**, Wednesday at 7:00pm.
- ◆ **Lumen Series-Saints & Superheroes-Dr. Alex Nava**, Thursday, March 27 at 7:30pm.
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross**, Friday, March 28 at 5:45pm
- ◆ **Game Night**, Friday at 7:00pm.

COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Knights of Columbus Fish Tacos**, Friday, March 28 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Anointing of the sick**, Saturday, March 29 at 5:15pm Mass & Sunday, March 30 at 5:00pm Mass
- ◆ **University of Arizona Staff & Faculty Mixer**, Thursday, April 3 after 5:15pm Mass

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:

March 17th Envelopes: \$2,652.00
March 10th Envelopes: \$2,515.00
Ash Wednesday Envelopes: \$1,505.58
March 3rd. Envelopes: \$3,307.00

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of March as of March 21st is \$3,817.35

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of March as of March 21st is \$3,818.35

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of March as of March 21st is \$4,398.85

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

for those struggling with illnesses of the body and the mind.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated

Saturday
March 29th, 5:15 PM Mass

Sunday
March 30th, 5:00 PM Mass

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 Sheriff's 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

Fr. John Paul's Letter

My Dear St. Thomas More Newman Center Community,

I hope this letter finds you well and that your Lenten season is off to a blessed start. On Ash Wednesday, our chapel was filled to capacity with students throughout the day. We held two Liturgy of the Word services and three Masses, each with the distribution of ashes. It was truly inspiring to witness so many students actively engaging in this sacred time of reflection and renewal.

As we enter this season of Lent, we are invited to deepen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—practices that cultivate a greater sense of hope, love, and devotion.

However, over the past several months, we have faced significant increases in our operational costs. Utility expenses have risen, retreat center fees have gone up, food prices have climbed due to greater student participation, and overall program costs have grown as we continue to serve more students.

Additionally, an unexpected and costly issue has arisen: the water pipes in my casita, which had been functioning without issue for nearly a century, began to fail. Persistent puddles on my kitchen floor led to the discovery of a spraying pipe that required immediate repair, along with another pipe that was on the brink of failure. These repairs cost us \$1,500, but we also uncovered mold and asbestos, which resulted in nearly \$22,000 in unplanned expenses. Thankfully, our diocesan property insurance covered \$10,000 of that amount.

As we work to manage these costs, we are also looking ahead to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Newman Center. To do this, we are focused on building an endowment that will support three key areas:

1. Student Ministry programs
2. Building and grounds maintenance
3. Ongoing operational expenses

Thanks to the generosity of Humberto Lopez, who has pledged a \$250,000 matching grant, we are making strides in this direction. I ask for your prayerful consideration in offering support at any level you are able.

In addition to grants, we are focusing on three strategies to stabilize our budget:

1. Securing larger donations to help build the endowment.
2. Increasing our weekly collection by \$3,000 to comfortably cover costs and prepare for unforeseen expenses.
3. Encouraging both students and non-students to contribute through Venmo, electronic giving, and weekly donations. Even \$3 to \$5 per student per week can make a significant impact when combined with the faithful contributions of our regular donors.

I recognize that the recent transition of Bishop Weisenburger to Detroit, the pause of the diocesan-wide capital campaign, and the anticipated appointment of a new bishop for Tucson may raise questions about the future of the Newman Center and our needs. The good news is that the Diocese remains committed to the Newman Center project during this time of transition, and management of this project has been entrusted to the Catholic Foundation. While I don't yet have the specifics, I anticipate that once Bishop Weisenburger is installed as Archbishop of Detroit on March 18, and an Apostolic Administrator is appointed for the interim period, a plan for moving forward on various projects, including ours, will be put in place.

I hope this brings some clarity during this time of change. Our pastoral staff, though small, is dedicated and capable. However, we cannot sustain our current level of activity without ensuring the necessary funds to support it.

Since my arrival at Newman in the fall of 2016, my vision has been to establish a substantial endowment for the Newman Center, separate from the generous support provided by the Newman Foundation, the Sustaining Board, occasional diocesan contributions, and weekly collections. This would allow us to reduce the need for constant appeals for financial support as costs rise or unexpected maintenance issues arise.

As we approach the 100th anniversary of the Newman Center next year, we must also begin planning for this significant milestone, which will require additional effort and resources.

If you are able and willing to support this mission, I would love to speak with you about how you can contribute. Your stewardship—however you are called to give—will help to further the mission of the St. Thomas More Newman Center and continue to transform the lives of our students.

Thank you for all that you do for our community.

Very respectfully yours in Christ,



Fr. John Paul Forté, O.P.
Pastor




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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  Dasdesert@gmail.com

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

Congratulations to Our Newest Catholic

- Patrick Stephen Smith, baptized in Christ on March 6th
- Nicholas, James and Sylvia Gallagher, baptized in Christ on March 16th

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.