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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



April 5, 2025

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: **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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

4/5 5:15PM **Adam Thomas Mychajliw +**
4/6 9:00AM **Minerva and Raul Zamorano +**
11:00AM **Naji Al-hilfy (Birthday)**
5:00PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: Lenten Weekday

4/7 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

4/8 5:15PM **Robert Clary +**

Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

4/9 5:15PM **Rich & Ida Hartman**

Thursday: Lenten Weekday

4/10 5:15PM **Frances Way +**

Friday: Lenten Weekday

4/11 5:15PM **Madeline McKenzie +**

*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

It's hard to believe that Palm Sunday is just a week away! Where has this Lenten season gone? It feels like Ash Wednesday was just yesterday, when we were still figuring out what to "give up" or "take on" for Lent.

I hope this season continues to be a time of renewal and deeper awareness for each of us. I pray that we have taken the opportunity to listen for Christ's call to "Come forth"—to step out from whatever cave of darkness, unhealthy habits, or burdens have trapped us, and to walk toward the freedom of a life that truly reflects God's presence within us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus steps into the "stench of death" that surrounds his friends-Lazarus, Martha, and Mary. He enters fully into their grief, even to the point of shedding tears, yet he also proclaims with power: "I am the Resurrection and the Life." With these words, Jesus calls Lazarus back to life and invites the community to take part in his healing: "Unbind him, and let him go free."

Every time we gather for Mass, receive the sacraments, or seek God's mercy in confession, we are reminded that Christ is with us—our true treasure! We are never alone.

As we enter this final full week of Lent, may we strengthen our resolve—to embrace healthier habits, let go of unnecessary drama, and grow in acts of love and charity. May we open our ears, hearts, minds, and souls. And like Lazarus, may we find the courage to step out of fear and "Come forth" when Christ calls us. May we be *unbound*—set free to help untie the burdens of others.

Amen. Alleluia



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.

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

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ **Young Adult Community**, Tuesday at 7:00pm
- ◆ **Newman Night**, Wednesday at 7:00pm.
- ◆ **Lent Reconciliation**, Wednesday, April 9 at 7:30pm.
- ◆ **Game Night**, Friday at 7:00pm.

COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Palm Sunday**, April 12, Mass at 5:15pm. April 13, Mass at 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm
- ◆ **Holy Thursday**, April 17, Tenebrae at 8:00am. Mass at 7:30pm. Adoration at 9:00pm.
- ◆ **Good Friday**, April 18, Tenebrae at 8:00am. Stations of the Cross at 12:00pm (East Old Main). Liturgy at 7:30pm.
- ◆ **Easter Vigil**, April 19, Tenebrae at 8:00am. Mass at 7:30pm.
- ◆ **Easter**, April 20, Mass at 9:00am & 11:00am. No 5pm 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 31st Envelopes: \$3,879.5
March 24th Envelopes: \$3,287.89
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 is \$6,563.52

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of March is \$4,725.96

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of March is \$7,833.19

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



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

HOLY WEEK 2025 at NEWMAN

PALM SUNDAY 4/13



Sat: 5:45 pm Sun: 9 & 11 am, and 5 pm

HOLY THURSDAY 4/17



Tenebrae at 8 am.
Mass at 7:30 pm.
Adoration at 9 pm

GOOD FRIDAY 4/18



Tenebrae at 8 am Stations of the Cross 12:00 pm (East Old Main) Liturgy at 7:30 pm

EASTER VIGIL 4/19



Tenebrae at 8 am
Mass at 7:30 pm

EASTER DAY 4/20



Masses at 9 am and 11 am (no 5 pm)

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STEP CITY OF TUCSON
PARKS & RECREATION

FORWARD For Senior Wellness

SATURDAY, MAY 10 8AM - 12PM

A COMMUNITY WALK & HEALTH FAIR

**ARMORY PARK
220 S. 5TH AVE
TUCSON, AZ 85710**

WALK 9AM
FREE - REGISTRATION DAY OF

**HEALTH FAIR
8AM-NOON**
HEALTH RESOURCES FROM AROUND SOUTHERN ARIZONA

JOIN US IN HONORING LOVED ONES LOST TO AGE-RELATED DISEASES AND SUPPORTING THOSE LIVING WITH THEM.

Anyone in need of an accommodation should contact the department at least two weeks in advance-123-456-7890
WWW.REALLYGREATSITE.COM if possible. For more details email TPRD-Therapeutics@tucsonaz.gov or contact call 520-791-4504

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE



NEWMAN CHAPEL
April 9th
7:30 pm

Is God Calling You to be a Sister?
Explore your Future with Us!
Search & Serve Retreat
May 21 - 26, 2025
San Francisco Bay Area



Stay with us. Pray with us.
Search your Heart about being a Sister.
Serve those living in Poverty
Side-by-Side with Sisters.

Housing, Meals and Daily Transportation Provided.
Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul
For more Information: Daughters-of-Charity.com/retreats/
For Single Catholic Women Ages 18-40.

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.