

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



May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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: **June 5th 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
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MASS INTENTIONS

Third Sunday of Easter

5/10 5:15PM **For All Volunteers**

5/11 9:00AM **For All Mothers**

11:00AM **For All Graduates**

5:00PM **For All Mothers**

Monday: Easter Weekday

5/12 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: Easter Weekday

5/13 5:15PM **Carol Fimbres-Gaughen**

Wednesday: St. Matthias, Apostle

5/14 5:15PM **Joe Mejia**

Thursday: Easter Weekday

5/15 5:15PM **For All Graduates**

Friday: Easter Weekday

5/16 5:15PM **For Newman Focus Team**

*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

To be held in God's care is one of the most secure and comforting feelings we can know. God's hand does not seek to crush or control us-it is the hand of a loving parent, mother or father, who soothes, nurtures, and empowers us, lifting us high upon their shoulders with love and pride.

As we pause to remember and honor our mothers-both those still with us and those who have gone home to God-we lift them up in gratitude. We thank God for their steady, loving presence in our lives.

This same presence is the voice and care of the Good Shepherd-a voice we recognize as familiar, clarifying, and protective. The Shepherd walks with us through lush green pastures and also through the darkest valleys. Jesus is this Good Shepherd, and His call is an invitation to live fully in the healing and peace of Easter-especially during these fifty days of the Easter season.

In moments of doubt, struggle, or sorrow, He speaks clearly: "Peace be with you." When we fail, fall short, disconnect, or turn away, He offers again: "Receive the Holy Spirit." Do not stay stuck in despair. Rise. Do not remain confused, defeated, or unforgiven. Rise. This is the call of Easter.

May this peace flow over all of our students-especially those preparing to graduate-and all who are wrapping up the semester. May you find the focus, strength, and energy to finish this season of your journey with grace. And may each of us continue to tune our hearts to the healing, sustaining voice of Christ, the Good Shepherd.

To those graduating or entering new transitions-be it a vocation, a job, a gap year, or the next chapter of your personal growth-hear the Shepherd's voice inviting you to carry forward what you've learned, both in and outside the classroom. Let your life be a gift to others. Let His words echo in your heart: "I came that you might have life, and have it to the full."

So now is the time to bear down in the Shepherd's peace. To love our enemies. To do good, expecting nothing in return. And to live this life with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength.

Amen! Alleluia!



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

- ◆ **Mother's Day-Blessing for Mother**, Saturday, May 10 & Sunday, May 11.
- ◆ **Baccalaureate Mass**, Sunday, May 11 at 11:00am Mass

COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Newman Center will be close**, May 26-31

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

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Projected Revenue (9 Months) Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is \$582,832.34. Actual Revenue is \$559,125.19. Shortage of \$23,707.15

Weekend Offertory:

May 5th Envelopes: \$2,537.25
April 28th Envelopes: \$2,637
Holy Thursday Envelopes: 411.00
Good Friday Envelopes: \$847.56
Easter Envelopes: \$10,634.86

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of May as of May 9th is \$1,144.00

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of May as of May 9th is \$2,624.03

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of May as of May 9th is \$2,271.83

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

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.

Fr. John Paul's Letter

Dear Stewards and Friends of the St. Thomas More Newman Center Catholic Community,

Happy Easter!

Our Lenten journey has come to its beautiful conclusion, and now we rise together, echoing the joyful proclamation: *He is Risen!* As we embrace the season of renewal, I hope this “springtime” has brought new life to each of us, just as Lent is meant to do.

Over the past seven weeks, the Newman Center has been vibrant with energy and life:

- We’ve seen a notable increase in student participation—Mass attendance has grown, confessions are more frequent, and our student-led programs like Torch Bible Studies and Newman Nights are thriving.
- More than just numbers, there’s a palpable sense of community being cultivated in the spontaneous hangouts and connections forming every day.

However, this growth has come with its own set of challenges. In recent months, we’ve experienced a substantial increase in operational costs. Rising utility bills, retreat center fees, and food costs—exacerbated by the welcome rise in student engagement—have all contributed to growing expenses.

In addition, we’ve encountered an unexpected and costly issue at the rectory. After nearly a century of dependable service, the water pipes in my casita began to fail. A persistent puddle in the kitchen led us to discover a spraying pipe—and another close to rupture. While the immediate plumbing repairs cost us \$1,500, further investigation revealed mold and asbestos, leading to an unplanned \$22,000 in remediation expenses. Thankfully, diocesan property insurance covered \$10,000, and additional coverage is expected.

I am deeply grateful to those in our community who responded with generosity during this time. Special thanks to the Smith family, the Lopez Foundation, and several others whose support has made it possible for me to return to my casita by late May or early June. Your kindness has moved me deeply.

As we manage these immediate needs, we must also look toward our long-term stability. To that end, we are actively working to build an endowment that will support:

1. Student ministry programs
2. Building and grounds maintenance
3. Ongoing operational costs

Thanks to the incredible generosity of Humberto Lopez—who has pledged a \$250,000 matching grant—we are making meaningful strides toward this goal. I invite you to prayerfully consider contributing at whatever level you’re able. Beyond this major gift, we’re focusing on three practical strategies to strengthen our financial foundation:

1. Securing major donations to build our endowment
2. Increasing our weekly collection by \$3,000 to comfortably meet our current and future needs
3. Encouraging giving from both students and non-students, through Venmo, online giving, and weekly collections—reminding our students that even \$3–\$5 a week, consistently given, can make a significant impact

I understand that recent transitions—Bishop Weisenburger’s move to Detroit, the pause of the diocesan capital campaign, and the upcoming appointment of a new bishop—may cause uncertainty. I want to assure you that Bishop Kicanas and the Diocese remain deeply committed to the Newman Center during this interim period.

Just two weeks ago, Bishop Kicanas convened a planning meeting with all the key stakeholders of our Newman Expansion Project, including diocesan leadership, our architects and construction partners, and the Catholic Foundation. It was a joy to have everyone in the same room—enthusiastic, united, and focused on the next steps. The main task ahead is clear: we need to secure the necessary funding. The Catholic Foundation will also assist in developing a compelling case and materials to help us engage potential major donors.

Our pastoral staff, though small, is dedicated and resilient—but we cannot maintain this level of activity without the resources to support it. Since arriving at Newman in the fall of 2016, my vision has been to establish a robust, sustainable endowment for the Center—separate from the generous (but often limited) support we receive from the Newman Foundation, Sustaining Board, diocesan contributions, and weekly collections. This will help reduce our reliance on urgent appeals each time a new challenge arises.

As we look toward the 100th anniversary of the Newman Center next year, we will also begin planning for this historic celebration—a joyful milestone that will require additional support and preparation.

If you feel called to support our mission in any way, I would be honored to speak with you. Your generosity—whether in prayer, time, or treasure—directly furthers the mission of the St. Thomas More Newman Center and transforms the lives of the students we serve.

Thank you for all that you do for our community.
Very respectfully yours in Christ,

Fr. John Paul Joste, OP



Congratulations Class of 2025



Elle Nicholson

Nutrition & Dietetics

Shelby Twp, MI

Psalm 20:4: “May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.”



Morgan Yadron

Psychology

Prescott, AZ

Philippians 2:11: “...and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”



Isabella Vazquez

Anthropology: Human Biology
Emphasis

El Paso, TX



Martha Sesteaga

Philosophy, Higher Education

Nogales, Sonora

Proverb 3:5: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”



Isabella Way

Studio Art & minor in Molecular and
Cellular Biology

Tucson, AZ

John 3:30: “He must increase; I must decrease”



Rebekah Eubanks

Music Education

Tucson, AZ

Psalms 108:1: “My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make melody. Awake, my



Katrina Vollmer

Pharmaceutical Sciences

Flagstaff, AZ

John 6:22: Know God, Know Thyself

- **Aidan Yanka.** Business Management. Flagstaff, AZ.
- **Aidan Insall.** Physics and minor in Astronomy. Portland, OR
- **Ashley Schutte.** Marketing. Cincinnati, OH. **Isaiah 54:10**
- **Chaziel Mbah.** Pharmaceutical Sciences. West Melbourne, FL. **Proverbs 24:16**
- **Federico Fernandez.** Computer Science. Broomfield, CO
- **Gabriel MacPherson.** Management Information Systems. Vail, AZ.
- **Grace Varsek.** Communication & French. Camas, WA
- **Jake Pacheco.** Mining Engineering. Tucson, AZ
- **Joe Paglia.** Management Information System and minor in Computer Science. South Plainfield, NJ. **Matthew 11:28.**
- **Josie Portz.** Rhetoric, Composition, and the Teaching of English. Springfield, IL.
- **Laura Mack.** Astronomy. Hillsboro, OR.
- **Mason Kaminski.** Neuroscience and minors in Spanish and Biochemistry. Scottsdale, AZ. **Philippians 1:6**
- **Noah Ranney.** Physiology and Medical Sciences. Frisco, TX.
- **Veronica Hill.** Biology and minor in Biochemistry. Phoenix, AZ. **Romans 12:2.**



Lucia Aguilar-Astiazaran

Psychology and Human Development &
Family Science

Tucson, AZ

John 6:27: “Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”