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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 25, 2025

Sixth 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: **September 4th 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

5/24 5:15PM **Our Newman Community**

5/25 9:00AM **Carol Fimbres-Gaughan**

11:00AM **Dennis Wasko +**

5:00PM **Erin Scneck**

Monday: St. Philip Neri, Priest

5/26 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

5/27 5:15PM **No Mass**

Wednesday: Easter Weekday

5/28 5:15PM **No Mass**

Thursday: St. Paul VI, Pope

5/29 5:15PM **No Mass**

Friday: Easter Weekday

5/30 5:15PM **No Mass**

*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

In today's readings, we are invited to embrace the profound mystery of the Trinity as it unfolds in the Easter message. Jesus reminds us, saying: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

This passage is an invitation to enter into an intimate, transformative relationship with God—a love that unites the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as one Divine essence. To love God, to love Christ, or to be receptive to the Holy Spirit... is to embrace a fellowship that transcends the 'confines of human tradition' and expectation. It calls us to 'experience' a love that 'heals, unites, and uplifts'—a love that is 'not bound' by the limitations and divisions of the world.

Although expressed in three distinct persons, these are not fragmented deities but a singular, living mystery of love. This unity is 'vividly illustrated' in our first reading today, where the early followers of Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, become beacons of hope and reconciliation.

They ventured into a fractured world—a community marked by deep divisions and discord—in order to manifest the healing and redemptive power of Christ's message. Their courage and commitment reveal that it is only by trusting in the promise of the Holy Spirit—our Advocate—that hearts can be mended and communities restored.

The journey of faith, however, is not without its challenges. As the message of Christ continues to spread, so too does the spectrum of debates over what it means to be truly "in Christ." Issues such as the observance of age-old customs—whether one should continue to circumcise adults or adhere strictly to Mosaic law—arise as communities grapple with reconciling tradition... with the renewal inherent in the gospel.

The essential question remains: What remnants of the old self and old traditions should we carry forward... into the new covenant? The true transformation lies not in clinging to the external rituals of the past, but in the internal renewal offered by the Holy Spirit... A renewal that transcends mere legalism... and touches the core of our being.

It is in the assurance of Christ's promise to send us an Advocate, the Holy Spirit... that both the early church and today's believers... find the strength to 'persevere' in the face of uncertainty. This divine 'Advocate' infuses us with the 'courage' to pursue a change that is not only superficial... but transformative... One that builds God's kingdom... on the bedrock of 'genuine peace' and unselfish love. It is this same Spirit that 'untangled' the knots of contention and strife... within the early church communities, and guided them towards mutual understanding and reconciliation.

Today, as we encounter our own struggles and debates... we are beckoned to lean on that ever-present Spirit... for guidance, comfort, and strength. For to participate actively... in the love of God... is to engage in a dynamic process of transformation... one that continues the ministry of Jesus Christ in our midst, and through our endeavors.

In this light, our daily lives become a 'canvas' upon which the Spirit works, inviting us to manifest faith, hope, love, and peace in all our interactions. This is the living legacy of Easter: a call to move forward with conviction and compassion, continuously reforming our hearts and communities.

As we journey onward, let us be ever mindful that our trust in the Holy Spirit is not merely a vestige of past promise... but a 'vibrant source' of renewal... that 'empowers' us to foster a world marked by divine love and harmony. So, let's be courageous!

Amen! Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit



THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ **Newman Center will be close, May 26-30**
(No Daily Mass)

COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Newman Center will be close, June 2-6**
(No Daily Mass)
- ◆ **40th Ordination Anniversary Celebration for Fr. Nathan Castle O.P., Saturday, June 7 at 6:30PM**

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 19th Envelopes: \$3,682.00

May 12th Envelopes: \$3,006.61

May 5th Envelopes: \$2,537.25

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of May as of May 23th is \$3,351.50

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of May as of May 23th is \$3,845.89

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of May as of May 23th is \$5,413.65

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.



40th Ordination Anniversary Celebration for Fr. Nathan Castle, O.P.

*Join us at St. Thomas More Newman Center, U of A, to celebrate
Fr. Nathan Castle, O.P.'s 40 years of ordination in the Priesthood.*

June 5:15pm Mass
07 6:30 pm Celebration
2025 U of A St. Thomas More Newman Center
1615 E. 2nd Street, Tucson, Arizona

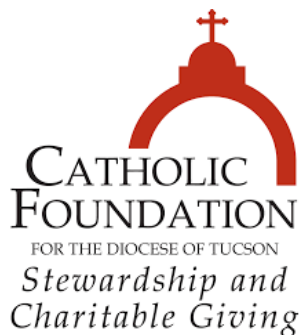
*Donations accepted at the door
nathan-castle.com*

40th Ordination Anniversary for Fr. Nathan Castle, O.P.

Hello Everyone,

Join us for the 40th Ordination Anniversary Celebration of Fr. Nathan Castle, O.P., at St. Thomas More Newman Center-University of Arizona! Mass is at 5:15 pm, followed by a Mexican buffet dinner. No ticket is required, but donations to cover the cost of the meal are appreciated at the event.

Please visit Fr. Nathan Castle's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/share/1BkgVJNa1e/>, and click "interested" or "going" so we have an idea of how many people to plan for dinner! No worries if you don't have access to Facebook; just show up!



Join Bishop Kicanas in pledging your support to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal by May 31, 2025.

As we approach May 31st, let us keep the momentum going for our Annual Catholic Appeal. With your crucial support, our parishes strive to meet their ACA goals, enabling us to fund essential services and programs across our Diocese. We still need to raise \$1,837,747 to reach our overall goal. Every gift matters and brings us closer to fulfilling our mission. Please show your generosity and make your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal today.

"One body, one mission, serving in Christ. That is who we are as Catholics, caring for others, living to give, wanting to live not for ourselves, but for others." -Bishop Kicanas

Thank you on behalf of all the parishes, Catholic schools, diocesan ministries, and social service agencies throughout our Diocese that benefit from the Annual Catholic Appeal! You can learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal by visiting www.cathfnd.org/aca.



[Click Here to Donate to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal](#)



[Click Here for the special message from the Bishop Kicanas for this year's annual appeal](#)

CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following three students from our student community who have been awarded Fall Semester 2025 scholarships by the Newman Foundation:

Isabel Herrera, Brendan Tierney, and Felicity Way.

Congratulations to the following four students from our student community who have been awarded Fall Semester 2025 scholarships by the Sustaining Board:

Sydney Wendel, Felicity Way, Nicole Yendes, and Naomi Da Silva.

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