

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 4, 2025

Third 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



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MASS INTENTIONS

Third Sunday of Easter

5/3 5:15PM **Gianna Constand +**

5/4 9:00AM **Carol Fimbres-Gaughen**

11:00AM **Isabella Budaya-Kennedy**

5:00PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: Easter Weekday

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

Tuesday: Easter Weekday

5/6 5:15PM **Carol Fimbres-Gaughen**

Wednesday: Easter Weekday

5/7 5:15PM **Alma Caffall**

Thursday: Easter Weekday

5/8 5:15PM **Therese Oliver +**

Friday: Easter Weekday

5/9 10:30AM **Jon Callahan Funeral**

5:15PM **Gilbert 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](#)

Liturgy of the Hours via the [iBreviary App](#)

Fr. John Paul's Spiritual Brew

Responding to God's call is both a mystery and an invitation—a moment to deepen our friendship with the Risen Christ. It is a mystery because God's voice can reach us anywhere: in familiar places we've carefully planned, or in landscapes that feel opaque, chaotic, and utterly unexpected. Yet, in all of it, the God of all creation holds our lives—the visible and the invisible—and breathes divine life into our hearts, minds, and souls, calling us to rise and walk in the light of Easter freedom.

In today's Gospel, Peter and the other apostles are still carrying the weight of grief and loss, even after the Risen Jesus has appeared to them with the words, "Peace be with you." It's striking how the burden of past sins can linger—disturbing our peace, dimming our love, and dulling our capacity for joy.

Sensing that something in them is still unsettled, Jesus leads them back to a familiar moment: the miraculous, abundant catch of fish. There, He turns to Peter and asks, "Do you love me?" With that question, Jesus lifts the shadow of fear and shame, offering instead the embrace of His resurrected love. He invites Peter not just to follow—but to follow with a renewed heart, a shepherd's heart.

As we enter the month of May, may we, too, take time to pause, to listen, and to hear the voice of God speaking to us—calling us to respond with the gifts and talents we've been given. Let us enter the sacred dialogue and echo the words of the prophet: *"Speak, Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of everlasting life."*

Amen! Alleluia!



Job Opening:

Coordinator of Youth Ministry Our Lady of Joy Parish Carefree, AZ

Please see the job description on the Newman Center bulletin board in the lobby.

Contact Laura Hicks for information
Director of Parish Operations/HR
Our Lady of Joy Catholic Parish
36811 N. Pima Rd/ PO Box 1359
Carefree, AZ. 85377
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www.oloj.org

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

- ◆ **Sustaining Board Student Lunch**, Sunday, May 4 after 11:00am Mass
- ◆ **Social Justice Committee**, Tuesday, May 6 at 1:00PM
- ◆ **Young Adult Community**, Tuesday at 7:00pm.
- ◆ **Liturgy Committee**, Wednesday, May 7 at 8:00am
- ◆ **S.M.I.L.E 2025-Student Ministry Incredibly Large Event**, Wednesday, May 7 at 7:30pm

COMING EVENTS

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

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:

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 April is \$6,898.27

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of April is \$5,097.38

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of April is \$7,719.84

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

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

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PLEASE JOIN US AS WE
CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF

JON CALLAHAN

MAY 9 2025

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC
NEWMAN CENTER
1615 E. SECOND STREET 85719

10:30 AM

Reception to follow

CALLAHAN RESIDENCE
2426 E. EASTLAND ST. 85719

Congratulations

BACCALAUREATE MASS

Sunday, May 11 at 11AM

Scan QR Code for registration.



Deadline to register is Friday, May 9 at Noon.

Wishing you all the best
for a bright future!

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.