

# 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

2025-2026 Theme:  
"May We Be One." John 17:21



**September 14, 2025**

**The Exaltation of the Cross**

## 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: **October 2nd at 7:30PM**

### Office Hours

Monday to Friday 10AM to 4:00PM

*We are open for prayer, study &  
community weekdays from 8AM-9PM*

## NEWMAN CENTER STAFF



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### The Exaltation of the Cross

9/13 5:15PM **Valenino Liscano**

9/14 9:00AM **No Mass**

11:00AM **Our Newman Community**

5:00PM **No Mass**

Monday: Our Lady of Sorrows

9/15 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: St. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian,  
Bishop, Martyrs

9/16 5:15PM **Tim Olsen**

Wednesday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop &  
Doctor of the Church. St. Hildegard of Bingen,  
Virgin & Doctor of the Church

9/17 5:15PM **Eva Luz Salazar**

Thursday: Weekday

9/18 5:15PM **Christopher Barundia**

Friday: St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

9/19 5:15PM **Art Foles**

*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 Gospel from St. John, we hear words both familiar and life-changing: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." What greater adventure could there be than this? To truly live. To rise above what weighs us down. To enter into the fullness of life that God longs to give. God did not spare even His own Son but laid down His life so that we might live. This is love at its most profound—a love that transforms us into vessels of grace, marked by hospitality, generosity, and charity.

It is always striking to look out at this community—new and returning students, faculty and staff, professionals and alumni; a tapestry of faces from first-year through graduate, from across Arizona and beyond borders of state, country, race, and perspective. As your pastor, it remains one of my greatest privileges to welcome you each year to this Mass of the Holy Spirit—this gathering of our entire community on this Sunday—inviting the Spirit's empowerment to flow over, in, and through us. When I see you all, I see the Body of Christ. I see a symphony of creation—tuning itself to play the music of the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center for 2025–2026. And this year is exceptional. We mark our centennial—ninety-nine years behind us, and this year leading into 100 years (1926–2026) of gathering here to be transformed by an encounter with the Spirit of Truth and the love of God. A century of students encountering Christ in Mass and sacraments, through retreats, Bible studies, small groups, and through service on Student Ministry, Torch Teams, and in this building itself. But now we must ask: What will our music sound like this year? Will it be sharp or flat, loud or soft, rhythmic or smooth? Will we sing solos or blend into a larger choir? Will our song be in a key others can hear, follow, and join? Pope Leo XIII once reminded us that God has never abandoned His people, but remains with us like a gentle breeze—restoring hope and unity. "God's joy is not loud," he said, "but it truly changes history and draws us closer to one another." That is the kind of harmony we are called to play this year: not a noisy or self-centered song, but one that quietly restores, unites, and transforms. When we live this way, we step out of complacency and into the abundant flow of God's life. For Jesus assures us, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst." Look around, people of God. We are far more than two or three! Christ is here, inviting us into life, mercy, joy, adventure, and compassion as this new semester begins at the Newman Center. So let us ask for excellence—not only in our academics, but in grace, in faith, and in every encounter with one another. May we join our voices to the symphony of creation, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide the music of this year so that God's blessings will resound across campus and into the wider world.

May this excellence deepen our study, unite faith with reason, and raise our gaze beyond theories and self-made realities—towards a world fractured by war, shifting economies, climate change, polarization, and the loss of genuine human dialogue. How will we encounter one another this year? I pray it will be with the same Holy Voice that spoke to Moses at the burning bush: "Do not be afraid." Do not be afraid of deeper life. Do not be afraid of new possibilities. Do not be afraid of becoming the best version of yourself. So today, may we turn to one another with real love and presence—not with fear, ego, or doubt—and wish each other peace. For in Christ and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God is giving us another chance to do something amazing. May the Holy Spirit surround us and bring to fruition the work of our hands. Peace be with you. Welcome to your community.

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

- ◆ **Mass of the Holy Spirit**, Sunday, September 14 at 11:00AM, UA Student Union Grand Ballroom 2nd floor.
- ◆ **Young Adult Bible Study**, Monday at 7:00PM
- ◆ **Young Adult Community**, Tuesday at 7:00PM.
- ◆ **Undegraduate Newman Night**, Wednesday at 7:00PM.
- ◆ **Lumen Talk with Dr. Alex Nava**, Thursday, September 18 at 7:30PM, Green Hall
- ◆ **Game Night**, Friday at 7:00PM.

### COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Liturgical Ministry Training**, Monday, September 22 at 6:00PM
- ◆ **Student Sustaining Board Dinner**, Sunday, September 28 at 6:00PM

View all of our events at [www.UACatholic.org/calendar](http://www.UACatholic.org/calendar)

### STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

**Projected Revenue Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is \$778,043.12. Actual Revenue is \$770,095.57. Shortage of \$7,947.55**

#### Weekend Offertory:

September 8th. Envelopes: \$3,309.25  
September 2nd. Envelopes: \$2,434.18  
August 25th. Envelopes: \$3,502.73  
August 18th. Envelopes: \$2,578.51

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of September as of September 12 is \$1,748.00

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of September as of September 12 is \$2,569.87

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of September as of September 12 is \$2,571.52

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](http://www.UACatholic.org/donate)



# Lumen

*Work, the Grind,  
and the Spiritual Life*

*Rerum Novarum, a favorite encyclical  
of Pope Leo XIV, will be  
at the heart of the discussion*

*Led by Dr. Alex Nava*

*Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  
in Green Hall*

## ANNOUNCEMENT

We will have Liturgical Ministry Training on Monday September 22 and Oct. 6 at 6pm in the Church. If you are interested in serving as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister or Sacristan, plan to attend one of these sessions.

## HAVE YOU REGISTERED WITH THE NEWMAN CENTER YET?

Please fill-out the registration form on our website ([www.uacatholic.org/registration](http://www.uacatholic.org/registration)) or scan QR code below.



Are You INTERESTED ..... in the  
CATHOLIC FAITH ?



For those *Considering* joining the Catholic Church or *Inquiring* about the Catholic Faith

Contact Margaret Kish [mkishaz@aol.com](mailto:mkishaz@aol.com)  
or the Newman Center office at 520-327-4665



## UARIZONA HOME FOOTBALL NEWMAN PARKING FUNDRAISER



FOOTBALL SEASON IS HERE!

OUR PARKING FUNDRAISER SUPPORTS  
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA  
AND THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE  
AT ALL HOME GAMES.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- PARKING SPACES ARE \$15 AT THE NEWMAN CENTER.
- HOME GAMES ARE USUALLY SATURDAY EVENINGS, AND PARKING SALES BEGIN AT 11:00 A.M. FOR TAILGATING.
- SPACES FOR SATURDAY EVENING MASS WILL BE RESERVED, BUT MASS ATTENDEES SHOULD ARRIVE EARLY DUE TO HEAVY GAME-DAY TRAFFIC.
- PLEASE NOTE: NEWMAN DAILY PARKING PASSES ARE NOT VALID FOR FOOTBALL PARKING.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



## BEAR DOWN!





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**Monday, Sept 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows**

Scripture: “Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother...” (John 19:25)

Prayer: Mother of Sorrows, you stood faithfully at the cross. Stand with us in times of suffering and give us courage to heal the wounds of creation.

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**Tuesday, Sept 16 – Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian**

Scripture: “Encourage one another and build one another up.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Prayer: God of unity, strengthen us to encourage one another in protecting life and caring for the earth.

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**Wednesday, Sept 17 – St. Robert Bellarmine**

Scripture: “Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.” (Psalm 90:12)

Prayer: Eternal God, grant us wisdom to use our days well, working for justice and living in harmony with creation.

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**Thursday, Sept 18**

Scripture: “The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.” (Psalm 19:2)

Prayer: Creator of the stars, help us to hear the silent witness of the skies and join creation in praising you.

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**Friday, Sept 19 – St. Januarius**

Scripture: “They shall live in security, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.” (Micah 5:3-4)

Prayer: God of peace may your greatness be known to the ends of the earth, and may we live as peacemakers with all creation.

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**Saturday, Sept 20 – Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions**

Scripture: “We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now.” (Romans 8:22)

Prayer: Lord of life, strengthen us to bear witness with courage, and to stand in solidarity with creation as it longs for renewal.

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**Sunday, Sept 21 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Scripture: “The last will be first, and the first will be last.” (Matthew 20:16)

Prayer: Generous God, teach us humility in how we live on the earth, honoring the least and protecting what is fragile.

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