

# 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



## April 12, 2025

## Palm Sunday

### 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*

### NEWMAN CENTER STAFF



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### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Palm Sunday

4/12 5:15PM **Br. Anselm Kelly, OP**

4/13 9:00AM **Robert Kennedy**

11:00AM **Our Newman Community**

5:00PM **John Barundia**

Monday: Monday of Holy Week

4/14 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week

4/15 5:15PM **Sally and Steve Kish +**

Wednesday: Tuesday of Holy Week

4/16 5:15PM **Christian**

Thursday: Holy Thursday

4/17 7:30PM **For All Priests**

Friday: Good Friday

4/18 7:30PM **No Mass Intention**

*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

**P**alm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, inviting us to journey with Christ through the highs of praise and welcome, to the depths of betrayal and suffering. This week, we hear the Passion narrative from both Luke and John, immersing us in the profound mystery of Jesus' mission-his life, death, and resurrection.

Where do we find ourselves on this Palm Sunday? Especially in a world overwhelmed by war and conflict-in Ukraine, Russia, Africa, Palestine, Israel, the United States, and so many other places. The weight of these realities presses upon us, making this Lent feel different. Many have shared with me a sense of confusion, a fog that clouds reason, emotions, and decision-making. It's remarkable, the burdens we carry-both seen and unseen.

And yet, even in the midst of this uncertainty, Lent continues to call us toward transformation. However small, however subtle, have we sensed any change within ourselves this season? Or do we feel as though Lent has slipped past us, leaving us longing for more?

Wherever we stand today, Christ is present. Perhaps He is whispering, "*Rise and walk... your sins are forgiven.*" Or maybe He is calling us to open our hearts to something new, even in the face of fear and hesitation. As we step into Holy Week, may we rise-not in frantic anxiety, but with eyes open, hearts transformed, and hands extended in love and service to those in need.

For this is what Jesus did. And this is what we, as a people blessed by God's grace, are called to do-living as witnesses to Christ's spirit of truth and love.

Lord, may we practice loving those who are difficult to love, not counting the cost, or expecting anything in return.

Amen. Alleluia



### It's time to decorate the church for Easter!

NEWMAN NEEDS YOU! We need 25 volunteers to transform the art and environment and decorate the Church for Easter. Please join us at 10:00am on Saturday, April 19th to transform our Church!

### The Mission of CRS Lenten Rice Bowl

Thank you for participating in the **CRS Rice Bowl project**. Please place your Rice Bowl boxes in the basket at the back of the Church by Easter Sunday and your gift will be sent to Catholic Relief Services.

### Welcome Newly Baptized and Confirmed

Help us welcome the newly Baptized and Confirmed and their families for a reception downstairs, immediately following the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

### 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

- ◆ **Palm Sunday**, April 12, Mass at 5:15pm. April 13, Mass at 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm
- ◆ **Young Adult Community**, Tuesday at 7:00pm
- ◆ **Newman Night**, Wednesday at 7:00pm.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Game Night**, Friday at 7:00pm.

## COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **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](http://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:

April 7th Envelopes: \$3,894.00  
March 31st Envelopes: \$3,879.50  
March 24th Envelopes: \$3,287.89  
March 17th Envelopes: \$2,652.00

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of April as of April 11th is \$1,472.00

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of April as of April 11th is \$3,270.25

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of April as of April 11th is \$2,099.62

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)

## *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: 5:15 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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# Good FRIDAY

April 18  
Tenebrae at 8AM  
Stations of the Cross at 12PM (East Old Main)  
Liturgy at 7:30PM

**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

## 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/](http://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.