

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 19, 2025

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: **May 1st 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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Easter Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

Easter Sunday

4/19 7:30PM **RCIA Elect & Candidates**

4/20 9:00AM **Our Newman Community**

11:00AM **Agustina Gallardo +**

5:00PM **No Mass**

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

4/21 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

4/22 5:15PM **No Mass**

Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of
Easter

4/23 5:15PM **No Mass**

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

4/24 5:15PM **Sacred Heart Home Sisters,
Resident & Staff**

Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter

4/25 5:15PM **Jan Callahan +**

*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

He is Risen! Alleluia!

For those who believe, Easter is more than a day; it is the breaking of darkness, the lifting of shadows, the opening of tombs, and the unleashing of a new and glorious spring.

Jesus Christ—who walked among us, preached, healed, and loved—is truly Risen. And because He lives, everything has changed. His resurrection is not just an event of the past but a living reality that calls us to transformation.

But how will we embody this transformation? How will we walk in the light of Christ's rising, especially in these uncertain times—where the world still grapples with division, hardship, and the lingering effects of our own personal fears and resentments?

How will we embrace the next fifty days of the Easter season as a time of hope, renewal, and faith?

How will forgiveness and reconciliation—both in our personal lives and in the world—shine brighter?

How will compassion and true regard for others extend beyond our personal and global borders, becoming a tangible reality?

How will we break down the walls that separate us—walls of culture, class, race, gender, and injustice—that continue to wound our Church, our society, our environment, and our very humanity?

How will these burdens fade in the radiance of Easter's glory so that all that remains is the healing touch of the Risen Christ, filling us with His Spirit of truth and love?

I don't always know how this transformation will unfold in the challenges and uncertainties of life, but I do know this: Christ has died. Christ is risen and Christ will come again.

This reality changed everything for those first disciples. Fearful and uncertain, they were transformed into bold witnesses, proclaiming the Gospel with courage. And as their hearts were set ablaze, lives were renewed, and brokenness was healed.

Even today, we continue to be shaped by their witness, encountering the Spirit of Truth and the love of God in ways that transform us. This is the Good News of Easter: useless fear is dismissed, and, trust and faith rises with new hope! The stone has been rolled away, and the light of God's glory shines forth! Let us walk in that light.

Amen.

Happy Easter! Alleluia, Alleluia!



A Note of Thanks

Thank you to everyone for helping decorating the 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.

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ **Newman Center** will be closed on April 21-23
- ◆ **Game Night**, Friday at 7:00pm.

COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Sustaining Board Student Lunch**, Sunday, May 4, after 12:00pm Mass

View all of our events at 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 14th Envelopes: \$5,508.95

April 7th Envelopes: \$3,894.00

March 31st Envelopes: \$3,879.50

March 24th Envelopes: \$3,287.89

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of April as of April 18th is \$2,736.27

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of April as of April 18th is \$4,318.44

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of April as of April 18th is \$4,435.74

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

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

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: 5:45 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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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.

Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist:

Abel	Jude	Castellanos-Diaz
Annie	Elizabeth Ann Seton	Thiel
Dominic	Maximillian Kolbe	Self
Drew	Michael The Arch Angel	Sheppard
Graham	Peter	Nelles
Tyler	Raphel The Arch Angel	Keefe
Will	Salvador Huerta Gutierrez	Romanenko

Confirmation, Eucharist:

Andre	Thomas Aquinas	Celaya
Cate	Catherine of Sienna	Yip
Eliana	Maryam	Smith
Isabelle	Francis of Assisi	Kizans
Jose Miguel	Joseph	Mendivil-Fuentes
Landen	Joseph	Lujan
Myla	Lucia	Gonzalez
Gael	Tavera	
Alan	Ornelas	

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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/
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.