

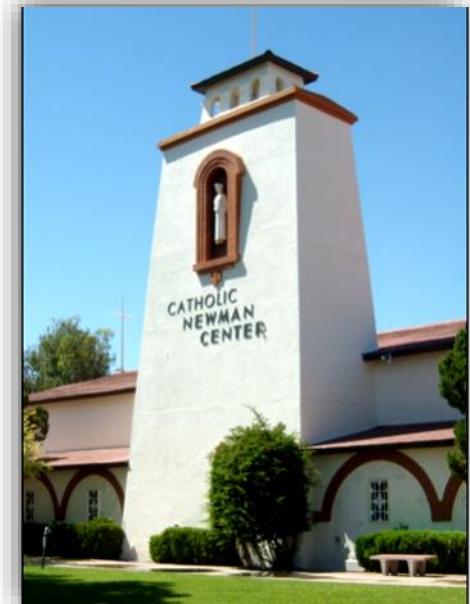
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OUR MISSION: TO BE TRANSFORMED THROUGH AN
ENCOUNTER WITH THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH & THE LOVE OF GOD

2024-2025 Theme:
"Love your enemies, do good and expect nothing in return." Luke 6:27



April 26, 2025

Second 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: **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*

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MASS INTENTIONS

Second Sunday of Easter

4/26 7:30PM Linda Buck
4/27 9:00AM Jon Callahan +
11:00AM Braden & Ryan Kennedy
5:00PM Our Newman Community
Monday: Easter Weekday
4/28 5:15PM No Mass
Tuesday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
4/29 5:15PM Ruben Sanchez +
Wednesday: Easter Weekday
4/30 5:15PM Sandy Gordon +
Thursday: Easter Weekday
5/1 5:15PM Sydney Rivera +
Friday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
5/2 5:15PM Jon 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

It's been a week since Easter Sunday! Just last weekend, our church was filled with joyful hearts, lifted voices, and the vibrant energy of resurrection. Our Lenten fasts were completed, our sanctuary was alive with color and beauty, and the spirit of new life radiated through our Easter hymns.

Today, we journey deeper into the joy of the Easter Season. Once again, we encounter the unrelenting persistence of God's love-calling us to rise, to walk, and to live in that love.

We find the disciples hiding-behind locked doors, closed minds, and fearful hearts. They're gripped by physical and emotional pain, haunted by the trauma of Jesus' arrest and crucifixion. They fear they might be next. And who could blame them?

Yet, into the middle of their fear and uncertainty, Jesus appears. No walls or doubts can keep him out. He steps directly into their pain and says, "Peace be with you. Do not be afraid. Receive the Holy Spirit." He walks through the shadow of death and calls them-again-to life.

And he keeps calling. Even when Thomas isn't there the first time, even when Thomas doubts, questions, and grows cynical-Jesus still calls. He invites Thomas to see, to touch, and to believe in this new, risen life.

So too, we are invited-especially when doubt and fear cloud our vision. Jesus says to us: "Come. Take, eat, and drink. This is my body-broken open, poured out for you." And then he sends us out: "Go. Do likewise with your lives."

Let us love God with everything-heart, mind, soul, and strength. And as that love fills us and transforms us, may it overflow into love for our neighbors and ourselves. May love our enemies, do good, and expect nothing in return!

Amen! 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.

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

- ◆ **Young Adult Community**, Tuesday at 7:00pm.
- ◆ **Newman Night**, Wednesday at 7:00pm.
- ◆ **Game Night**, Friday at 7:00pm.

COMING EVENTS

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

STEWARSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Projected Revenue (6 Months) Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is \$387,622. Actual Revenue is \$352,255. Shortage of \$35,367

Weekend Offertory:

Holy Thursday Envelopes: 411.00

Good Friday Envelopes: \$847.56

Easter Weekend Envelopes: \$9,884.86

April 14th Envelopes: \$5,508.95

April 7th Envelopes: \$3,894.00

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of April as of April 25th is \$5,581.27

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of April as of April 25th is \$4,707.91

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of April as of April 25th is \$6,225.94

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/give

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.

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 Forté, OP

