

# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

PROUDLY SERVING THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
& TUCSON COMMUNITY SINCE 1926

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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



**December 14, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

## 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: **January 15th 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

### Third Sunday of Advent

12/13 5:15PM **Libby Grabert +**

12/14 9:00AM **Syd Rivera**

11:00AM **For All Graduates  
Baccalaureate**

5:00PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: Advent Weekday

12/15 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: Advent Weekday

12/16 5:15PM **No Mass**

Wednesday: Late Advent Weekday

12/17 5:15PM **No Mass**

Thursday: Late Advent Weekday

12/18 5:15PM **No Mass**

Friday: Late Advent Weekday

12/19 5:15PM **No Mass**

*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

**O**ur Gospel this weekend comes from Matthew, where John the Baptist—now imprisoned—sends word to Jesus asking, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” When we find ourselves stuck in the prisons of our own making—caught in discouragement, doubt, or fear—what do we do to free ourselves? How do we move toward healing, wholeness, and a renewed capacity to live with purpose? What restores within us the freedom to act with love, forgiveness, mercy, and transformation, as Jesus does? When Jesus receives John’s question, he doesn’t answer with ideas or theories. He points to what is unfolding before their eyes—signs of God’s grace making people whole again:

- the blind regain their sight
- the lame walk
- lepers are cleansed
- the deaf hear
- the dead are raised
- the poor have the Good News proclaimed to them

And he adds, “Blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.”

This Advent, are we allowing ourselves to be made whole again? Are we letting grace break the chains of harmful self-doubt, shifting our “questions” into a holy longing for God? Are we preparing our minds, hearts, and souls to receive His blessings fully—and with gratitude? As we move toward final exams, graduations, and the last days of Advent, may the echo of *Emmanuel* ring joyfully within us. May it clear away the clutter of our “monkey minds” and usher in the peace and blessing of this Season of Grace. On this Third Sunday of Advent—Gaudete Sunday—we rejoice in God’s promise to light our way through every shadow. This last week we honored Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose tender words to Juan Diego helped him walk forward through fear and doubt, reclaiming his dignity and speaking truth with charity. Let us pause and receive her consoling message: “Hear me and understand well, my little son, that nothing should frighten or grieve you... Am I not here, who am your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold?... Climb, my dear son, to the top of the hill... there you will find the flowers. Gather them, assemble them, and bring them into my presence...” We, too, have been baptized in the same waters and sealed with the same Holy Spirit. We, too, are wrapped—like Juan Diego—in the loving mantle of our Blessed Mother.

May we go forth unburdened, freed from anything that clouds our clarity or draws us into darkness, drama, or unnecessary fear. May we join John the Baptist in preparing the way of the Lord here in our own Tucson desert. May we—together—Be One.

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

- ◆ **Baccalaureate Mass**, Sunday, December 14 at 11:00AM.
- ◆ **Young Adult Bible Study**, Monday at 7:00PM
- ◆ **Young Adult Community**, Tuesday at 7:00PM.
- ◆ **No Daily Mass**, January 16-19.

### COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Christmas Eve Mass**, Wednesday, December 24 at 5:00PM & 7:00PM.
- ◆ **Christmas Day Mass**, Thursday, December 25 at 9:00AM & 11:00AM. Newman Center Closed after Mass.
- ◆ **Newman Center Closed**-December 26, 29, 30, 31.

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

### STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

**Projected revenues 1st Quarter 2025 are \$183,330.00.**  
**The actual revenues are \$166,744.08. Shortage of \$16,585.92.** Projected expenses 1st Quarter 2025 are \$161,943.32. The actual expenses are \$170,812.52, due to the increase in utilities & insurance expenses.

### Weekend Offertory:

December 8th. Envelopes: \$5,805.00  
December 1st. Envelopes: \$3,000.53  
November 24th. Envelopes: \$3,811.00  
November 17th. Envelopes: \$2,735.60

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of December as of December 12th is \$2,086.00

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of November as of December 12th is \$1,988.13

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of November as of December 12th is \$4,470.93

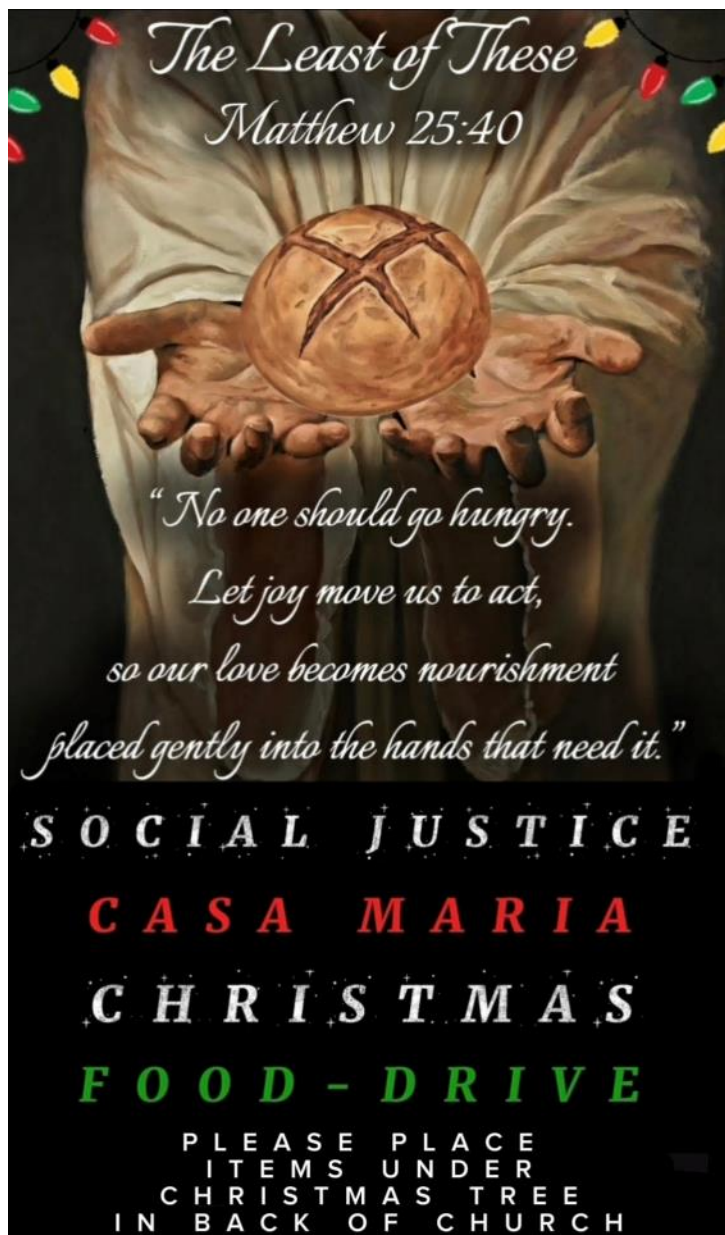
Your contribution during the Offertory goes towards utilities, ministries, staff and residences for the Friars & Sisters so we can carry out our shared mission.

**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/giving](http://www.uacatholic.org/giving)





## Newman Center Christmas Wish List

We appreciate and thank you for your continued generosity and financial support. The Newman Center continues to have ongoing needs which include the following:

- Sacristy Window Replacement.
- Green Hall Sound System.
- Portable Sound System.
- Power Washer - \$200.00.
- 5- Outside Door Mats - \$100.00 each.
- Molding Repair for the Stain Glass Window - \$100.00.



## CALLING ALL NEWMAN CENTER ALUMNI!

Update your contact information and share your Newman Center story.

Be entered for a chance to win a **\$100 Amazon gift card.**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATES

- **Fransiska Pogolamun** from West Papua, Indonesia—BS in Mining Engineering.
- **Gabrielle Daines** from Tucson, Arizona—BS in Neurological & Cognitive Science.
- **Piper Johnston** from Phoenix, Arizona—BS in Speech, Language & Hearing Science.
- **Robert Rivera** from Tucson, Arizona—BS in Microbiology.
- **Silvania Rosas** from Nogales, Arizona—BS in Psychological & BA in Spanish.
- **Sarah Torres** from Sacramento, California—BS in Environmental Science & B Art in French Language, Literature & Culture.





# WINTER SCHEDULE



**ST. THOMAS MORE**  
CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER  
— CELEBRATING 100 YEARS —

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	DECEMBER					FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 5:15PM VIGIL MASS
	NO DAILY MASSES					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9AM MASS 11AM MASS	NO DAILY MASSES		CHRISTMAS EVE 5PM MASS 7PM MASS	CHRISTMAS DAY 9AM MASS 11AM MASS NO 5PM MASS	NO DAILY MASS	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 5:15PM VIGIL MASS
28	29	30	31	JANUARY 1	2	3
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 9AM MASS 11AM MASS NO 5PM MASS	NO DAILY MASSES					EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 5:15PM VIGIL MASS
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 9AM MASS 11AM MASS NO 5PM MASS	NO DAILY MASSES					BAPTISM OF THE LORD 5:15PM VIGIL MASS



## Annual Catholic Appeal

We want to thank all who made donations for the Annual Catholic Appeal. We also would like to inform everybody that we are still short \$14,000 from our goal of \$46,640. The Appeal provides financial resources for the ministries and charities that serve individuals and families of our parishes, schools, and communities.

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.