

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



December 21, 2025

Fourth 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

12/20 5:15PM **Jolene Nichols +**

12/21 9:00AM **Mary Bergman**

11:00AM **Edmund Lynch +**

5:00PM **Robert Madril Rivera**

Monday: Late Advent Weekday

12/22 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: Advent Weekday

12/23 5:15PM **No Mass**

Wednesday: Christmas Eve

12/24 5:00PM **Our Newman Community**

7:00PM **Fr. Albert Felice-Pace +**

Thursday: Christmas Day

12/25 9:00AM **Lucia Zavala**

11:00AM **Ramon & Josephine Benitez ++**

Friday: St. Stephen, the First Martyr

12/26 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

As we arrive at the Fourth Sunday of Advent and move into the joy of Christmas, the Church once again places before us the holy courage of Mary and the quiet, trusting faith of Joseph. Faced with uncertainty and fear, both chose deep listening. Both allowed God to enter their lives in unexpected ways. Their witness reminds us that God is always present—especially when the path ahead feels unclear.

Christmas celebrates God “bearing down” upon our humanity. In the birth of Christ, God proclaims that light is stronger than darkness, love is greater than fear, and hope is never lost. Even amid human weakness and brokenness, God continues to bring forth faith, hope, and love—creating transformation and new life. As we move toward a New Year, may the light of Christ guide us through the dramas, jealousies, and failures—our own and those of others. May we resist fear-driven, “Herodian-like” responses, and instead embrace the deep-listening obedience of Mary and Joseph. May their faith be the bright star that leads us into 2025 with courage, joy, and peace.

This season also invites us to look ahead with gratitude and hope. In 2026, the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center will celebrate 100 years of ministry—a century of forming students, building community, and proclaiming the Gospel on campus. As we prepare for this Centennial, we do so rooted in prayer and united by a simple hope: that we truly May Be One.

Amen! Alleluia!



THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ **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 23, 26, 29, 30, 31, January 1-2. **No Daily Mass.**

COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **No 5:00PM Mass**—Sunday, December 28.

View all of our events at 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:

Immaculate Conception Mass Envelopes: \$362
Mariachi Mass Envelopes: \$652
December 15th. Envelopes: \$6,623.33
December 8th. Envelopes: \$5,805.00
December 1st. Envelopes: \$3,000.53

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of December as of December 19th is \$3,374.00

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of November as of December 19th is \$2,667.62

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of November as of December 19th is \$6,270.75

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



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.



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 Christmas Message

Dear Newman Community,

Our Newman Community continues to thrive because of your prayers, presence, and generosity. As the year draws to a close, I invite you to consider a special Christmas gift to help strengthen our weekly collections and support our ongoing mission. Your generosity allows us to accompany students as they integrate faith and learning, discover their God-given dignity, and grow into leaders shaped by truth and love. Together, we are helping form young hearts and minds for the Church and the world. Thank you for walking with us. Thank you for believing in Newman.

May the light of Christ fill your homes and hearts this Christmas season and bless you with countless opportunities to “repeat the endless joy.” Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

With gratitude and hope,

Fr. John Paul Forté, OP

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Pastor & Director
St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center

**Preparing for 100 Years
1926–2026 | May We Be One**

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.



Holy Day of Obligation (January 1, 2026)



January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation, celebrating the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. As we begin the new year, we honor Mary's role in God's plan and entrust ourselves to the peace of her son, Jesus Christ. There will not be a

Mass at the Newman Center this day but the schedule for Sts Peter and Paul on Campbell is as follows: **7:00am, 9:00am & 11:00am**



WINTER SCHEDULE



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

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
14	DECEMBER 15	16	17	18	19	20
	NO DAILY MASSES					FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 5:15PM VIGIL MASS
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
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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.