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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



May 18, 2025

Fifth 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: **September 4th 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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

5/17 5:15PM **Todd Faulkner**

5/18 9:00AM **Our Newman Community**

11:00AM **Noel Marbella +**

5:00PM **Carol Fimbres-Gaughan**

Monday: Easter Weekday

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

Tuesday: Easter Weekday-St. Bernardine of
Siena, Priest

5/20 5:15PM **Todd Faulkner**

Wednesday: Easter Weekday-St. Christopher
Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
St. Matthias, Apostle

5/21 5:15PM **Mark Figueroa**

Thursday: Easter Weekday-St. Rita of Cascia

5/22 5:15PM **Mark Figueroa**

Friday: Easter Weekday

5/23 5:15PM **Donna Baker OP**

*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

In Today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a new commandment: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

As we carry the light of the Risen Christ into the world, may we draw deeply from the wellspring of His self-giving love: "This is my Body... my Life... my Love, given for you. This is my Blood... my Breath... my very Self, poured out freely for you." Do this. Be this. Offer this-in memory of Me."

And so, as our graduates complete their time at the University of Arizona, may they go forth with our blessing and with hearts formed in this love.

A Graduation Blessing (*Adapted by Fr. John Paul Forté, OP, from the words of Pope Francis*):

Gracious God,

Pour out your blessing upon these graduates. Fill them with your grace and peace as they close this chapter of their lives and step into the future you have lovingly prepared for them. May their lives become a garden of possibility-rich soil for joy, growth, and renewal. In spring, may they be lovers of beauty and wonder. In winter, seekers of depth and wisdom. And when they fall, may they rise-stronger, wiser, and more compassionate. For in rising, we learn to treasure the gift of life. Let them discover that true happiness is not found in perfection, but in transformation:

- That their tears may water the roots of tolerance,
- That their losses may nurture patience,
- That their mistakes may shape serenity,
- That their pain may deepen joy,
- And that every obstacle may become a window into insight.

May they never give up. And at the same time-may they let go of all that weighs them down.

May they never give up on those who love them, nor on the joy that flows from you, O Lord.

For life is an extraordinary journey-an unfolding story of grace, surprises, and second chances.

A divine drama that invites us not only to receive your love, but to become vessels of it for the world.

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

COMING EVENTS

- ♦ Newman Center will be close, May 26-31

View all of our events at www.UACatholic.org/calendar

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Projected Revenue (9 Months) Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is \$582,832.34. Actual Revenue is \$559,125.19.

Shortage of \$23,707.15

Weekend Offertory:

May 12th Envelopes: \$3,006.61

May 5th Envelopes: \$2,537.25

Holy Thursday Envelopes: 411.00

Good Friday Envelopes: \$847.56

Easter Envelopes: \$10,634.86

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of May as of May 16th is \$1,868.50

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of May as of May 16th is \$3,360.23

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of May as of May 16th is \$4,293.44

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

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.

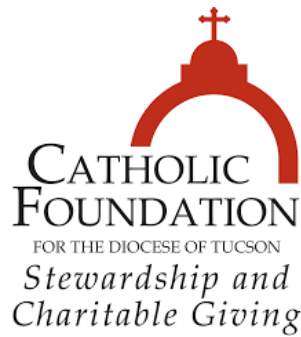
As we look toward the 100th anniversary of the Newman Center next year, we will also begin planning for this historic celebration—a joyful milestone that will require additional support and preparation.

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 Jorté, OP



Join Bishop Kicanas in pledging your support to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal by May 31, 2025.

As we approach May 31st, let us keep the momentum going for our Annual Catholic Appeal. With your crucial support, our parishes strive to meet their ACA goals, enabling us to fund essential services and programs across our Diocese. We still need to raise \$1,837,747 to reach our overall goal. Every gift matters and brings us closer to fulfilling our mission. Please show your generosity and make your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal today.

"One body, one mission, serving in Christ. That is who we are as Catholics, caring for others, living to give, wanting to live not for ourselves, but for others." -Bishop Kicanas

Thank you on behalf of all the parishes, Catholic schools, diocesan ministries, and social service agencies throughout our Diocese that benefit from the Annual Catholic Appeal! You can learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal by visiting www.cathfnd.org/aca.



[Click Here to Donate to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal](#)



[Click Here for the special message from the Bishop Kicanas for this year's annual appeal](#)

CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following three students from our student community who have been awarded Fall Semester 2025 scholarships by the Newman Foundation:

Isabel Herrera, Brendan Tierney, and Felicity Way.

Congratulations to the following four students from our student community who have been awarded Fall Semester 2025 scholarships by the Sustaining Board:

Sydney Wendel, Felicity Way, Nicole Yendes, and Naomy Da Silva.