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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



November 30, 2025

First 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: **December 4th at 7:30PM**

Office Hours

Monday to Friday 10AM to 4:00PM

*We are open for prayer, study &
community weekdays from 8AM-9PM*

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MASS INTENTIONS

First Sunday of Advent

11/29 5:15PM **Shirley Kilgress**

11/30 9:00AM **Our Newman Community**

11:00AM **Louise McCormick +**

5:00PM **Greg Hartman +**

Monday: Bl John of Vercelli

12/1 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: Advent Weekday

12/2 5:15PM **Our Newman Community**

Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

12/3 5:15PM **Max Soriano +**

Thursday: St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor
of the Church

12/4 5:15PM **Our Newman Community**

Friday: Advent Weekday

12/5 5:15PM **Marilyn Ann Surina +**

*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

The quiet light of Advent breaks gently into our chaos and invites us home. It calls us to join the ancient mantra, “O come, O come, Emmanuel,” whose echo rises above all the noise—illuminating our path through these December days and opening the doorway to Christmas glory. Advent is, at its heart, an invitation: An invitation to slow both our outer pace and our inner rushing... to attune ourselves to the quiet rhythms of our hearts, minds, relationships, and spirits. As the nights grow longer and darker, December reminds us that the true Light of the world is already here—offering guidance in our questions, struggles, losses, preparations for finals, and our longing for peace. That same Light also beckons us to ask a serious question: Are we ready to climb God’s mountain?

As the first reading challenges us, will we climb out of quarreling and bitterness... out of hatred and cancel culture... out of fear and indifference? Will we allow the Lord to transform our swords and spears—our warring and harmful conflicts—into pruning hooks and ploughshares... tools for cultivating reconciliation, deep community, and good stewardship of one another and our world?

In today’s second reading, we are urged to “throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.” Our task is to remain faithful and vigilant—discerning what plunges us into fog and shadow, and what helps us step more fully into the light of Christ’s love and peace. This is what we practice every time we come to Mass, go to confession, or reach out to someone in need—whether we help perfectly or imperfectly. God does not ask us to stop praying when life grows chaotic. Instead, He invites us to take a deep... deep... deep breath, and to pray more honestly, more truly, from the place where we actually are. God always hears our prayers. The deeper question is: Do we hear God speaking back to us? Especially when life feels crazy, confusing, or heavy? God is always speaking, always reaching, always calling us into the grace and freedom of His love. The real invitation is whether we will allow His Spirit to touch our hearts exactly where they most need healing.

May the spirit of this season echo the beautiful truth of “God with us.” May these days of crisp sunrises and cool evenings bless us with peace. May we know the healing Light of the Word made Flesh. And may we begin this Advent season with hearts, minds, and souls open—willing to listen, to search, and to welcome God’s loving embrace in every moment of life. For it is there, in those very moments, that true transformation takes place. May we be one!

Amen! Alleluia!



CTSO TAX CREDIT DONATIONS

Arizona’s Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) wants to “thank” all the parishioners that have supported Catholic education and ask you to **renew** your support to the students in our Catholic Schools through CTSO. Brochures are at the exits of the church. www.ctso-tucson.org to make an online contribution

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 Bible Study**, Monday at 7:00PM
- ◆ **Young Adult Community**, Tuesday at 7:00PM.
- ◆ **Undegraduate Newman Night**, Wednesday at 7:00PM.
- ◆ **Adoration**, Thursday, December 4 at 7:30PM.
- ◆ **Game Night**, Friday at 7:00PM.

COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation Masses**, Monday, December 8 at 12:10PM, 5:15PM 7:00PM
- ◆ **Mariachi Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, Friday, December 12 at 6:00pm, followed by Tamale dinner.
- ◆ **Baccalaureate Mass**, Sunday, December 14 at 11:00AM.

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

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Projected Revenue Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is \$778,043.12. Actual Revenue is \$770,095.57. Shortage of \$7,947.55

Weekend Offertory:

November 24th. Envelopes: \$3,811.00
November 17th. Envelopes: \$2,735.60
November 10th. Envelopes: \$2,296.66
November 3rd. Envelopes: \$3,813.00

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of November as of November 28th is \$5,704.03

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of November as of November 28th is \$3,665.29

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of November as of November 28th is \$9,800.32

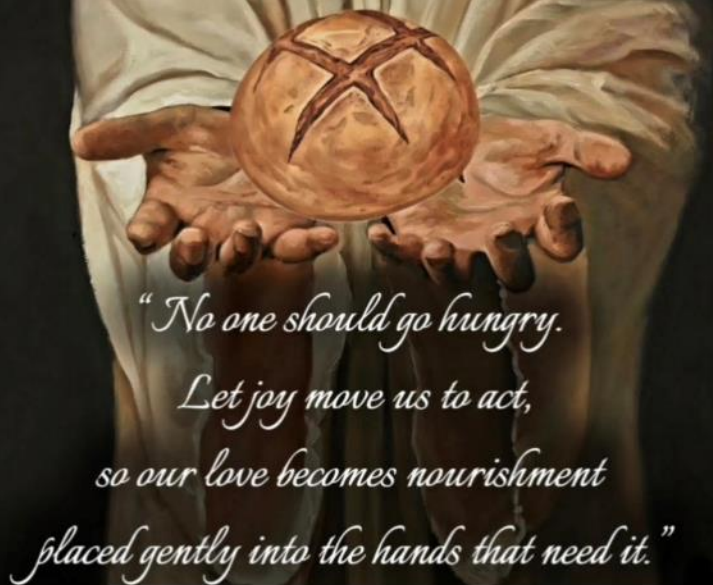
Your contribution during the Offertory goes towards utilities, ministries, staff and residences for the Friars & Sisters so we can carry out our shared mission.

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

The Least of These
Matthew 25:40



"No one should go hungry.

Let joy move us to act,

so our love becomes nourishment

placed gently into the hands that need it."

S O C I A L J U S T I C E

C A S A M A R I A

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F O O D - D R I V E

PLEASE PLACE
ITEMS UNDER
CHRISTMAS TREE
IN BACK OF CHURCH



IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION-
HOLY DAY
MASS



Monday

December 8 at 12:10PM,
5:15PM & 7:00PM

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias can be sponsored for \$12 to help decorate the church for Christmas. The plants will be available to take home after Christmas season. Stop by the office for details.



St.Thomas More Newman Center invites you to
FALL BACCALAUREATE MASS

2025



Wishing you all the best for a bright future

December 14, 2025 11:00AM

Deadline to register is Wednesday, December 10 at noon





WREATHS *across* AMERICA



Support Wreaths Across America

In honor of

SGT. MARTIN A. LUGO

A Tucson local Hero

Saturday, December 13th, 2025

At Holy Hope Catholic Cemetery 10:00 a.m.

3555 N. Oracle Veteran's Section

Please Join the Wreath Laying Ceremony for our
Fallen Veterans at Holy Hope Cemetery

Your \$17 Donation

Places a Fresh Evergreen Wreath on a Veteran's Grave
at Holy Hope Cemetery for the Christmas Season

- Your \$17 Donation is fully tax deductible as allowed by law

For more information - Contact
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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.



MARIACHI MASS

In Honor of Our Lady of
Guadalupe

Followed by Tamale Dinner

**12
Dec**

6:00 PM

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.