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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



February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: **February 5th 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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1/31 11:00AM **Fr. Albert Felice-Pace, OP +**
5:15PM **Carlos Luis Molinar +**

2/1 9:00AM **Bobbi O'Reilly +**

11:00AM **Rigoberto Almader +**

5:00PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: The Presentation of the Lord

2/2 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St.
Ansgar, Bishop

2/3 5:15PM **Nestor Hernandez**

Wednesday: St. Catherine de Ricci, OP

2/4 5:15PM **Byron Schimpp +**

Thursday: St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

2/5 5:15PM **Alma Ruiz +**

Friday: St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

2/6 5:15PM **Luis Pena +**

*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

Doing justice is at the very heart of the biblical story. From the very first words spoken in the Book of Genesis—“*Let there be light*”—and there was. With those words, God sets the direction of creation: an upward movement, a pulling out of darkness, a summons toward life. It is as if God is saying, “*Do not stay in the dark. Let my light reach you. Let my Spirit fill you.*” That same Spirit echoes through the Gospel we hear today, when Jesus looks at the crowd and says: “*Blessed are the poor in spirit. Blessed are those who mourn. Blessed are the meek. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Blessed are the merciful, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. Blessed are those who are persecuted and insulted for the sake of truth—because of me.*” And then he says something astonishing: “*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven will be great.*” But let’s be honest. Can we wait that long? Can we rejoice and be glad when we feel exhausted, frustrated, and saddened by the news that surrounds us? Can we do this when our plans fall apart? When anxiety tightens its grip? When we feel immobilized by our own lives? Under many of these circumstances—it is hard. But... it is not impossible. It becomes possible only when we allow ourselves to be lifted and supported by God, in the many ways God comes to us *disguised as our lives*.

One of the most powerful ways God comes to us is through authentic friendship—through people who have known God’s healing, God’s strength, God’s transforming love. Faith lives in these people. Hope rises in these people. Love becomes visible through these people. They are, as Scripture says, friends of God. Friends of God can rejoice and be glad not because life is easy, but because they are nourished by a greater “why,” a deeper truth, and a path that leads toward ultimate fulfillment.

In days filled with so many voices, it is easy to get swept away and miss the many life-rafts God sends us—the people, stories, and witnesses that help us breathe again and stay afloat. St. Paul gives us a beautiful image: we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses—holy women and men across history who stood at the edge of poverty, loss, fear, and disappointment and still prayed, “*Come, Holy Spirit. Overshadow me. Raise me up. Help me walk in the light of your love.*”

This is exactly what Jesus is doing in today’s Gospel—standing among the people, seeing their faces, their struggles and their hope, and choosing simply to walk with them. This is his real presence—then and now. We receive it here, in this Holy Eucharist, in this Mass where God’s Word is spoken again through his friends: “*Not many of you were wise by human standards. Not many were powerful. Not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish to shame the wise, the lowly and despised—those who seem to count for nothing—so that no one might boast before God.*” If that isn’t what it means to be seen and loved, And Zephaniah assures us: “*You shall be pastured and made to rest with none to disturb you.*” This promise—this friendship of God, with us, through us, and beyond us—is what allows us, even now, to rejoice and be glad.

And as we enter Black History Month, we remember in a particular way those witnesses who trusted this promise when justice was denied, when dignity was threatened, and when hope had to be carried by faith alone. Men and women who believed that God’s light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it. Their courage, their prayer, their perseverance, how to walk humbly, and how to rejoice—not because the struggle is over, but because God is faithful.

May we learn from their witness. May we learn from their witness. And may we truly rejoice and be glad. May we be one.

Amen! Alleluia!



THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ Young Adult Bible Study, Monday at 7:00PM.
- ◆ Feast of St. Blaise, Tuesday, February 3. Throat will be blessed at Mass.
- ◆ Young Adult Community, Tuesday at 7:00PM.
- ◆ Undegraduate Newman Night, Wednesday at 7:00PM.
- ◆ Game Night, Friday at 7:00PM.

COMING EVENTS

- ◆ Ash Wednesday, February 18 at 8:00AM-Liturgy of the Word Service with Ashes.
Mass with Ashes at 12:10PM, 5:15PM & 7:00PM
- ◆ Thursday, February 19, Mass at 8:45AM, No Evening Prayer, No 5:15PM Mass
- ◆ Friday, February 20, Morning Prayer 8:30AM
No Evening Prayer, No Daily Mass & No Stations of the Cross.
- ◆ Baptism Class, Saturday, February 21 at 3:00PM.
Please contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth (520)327-4665 or by E-mail srmaryelizabeth@uacatholic.org.

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:

January 27th. Envelopes: \$2,333.00

January 20th. Envelopes: \$5,968.30

January 12th. Envelopes: \$3,433.00

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of January as of January 29th is \$5,235.00

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of January as of January 29th is \$4,443.39

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of January as of January 29th is \$6,314.32

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



View all giving options at www.UACatholic.org/giving

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

Annual Catholic Appeal 2026



The Annual Catholic Appeal 2026 is beginning. There are brochures and envelopes at the exits of the church. Please pick one up.

Support for Vocations and Seminarians:

The Office of Vocations serves in cultivating and encouraging vocations within the Diocese of Tucson. Its mission is to assist parishioners in discerning God's calling for their unique path in His Church, whether it is toward priesthood, religious life, or marriage. Additionally, this office is responsible for identifying and supporting qualified candidates while overseeing the educational and formative journey of seminarians. Currently, nine young men are discerning the priesthood for our Diocese, and the tuition for each seminarian is \$50,000 per year.

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CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

SUSTAINING BOARD

SCHOLARSHIP

2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

APPLY TODAY

WWW.UACATHOLIC.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP



The deadline to apply is Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 6:00PM

QUESTIONS?

Abby Sheppard



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VALENTINE'S WEEKEND **VOW RENEWAL CELEBRATION**

SUNDAY FEB. 15
11AM MASS

In celebration of the Newman Center's 100th Anniversary, we invite couples to join us for a special Valentine's Weekend Wedding Vow Renewal.

All couples are welcome - alumni, parishioners and anyone wishing to celebrate the gift of marriage.



SHARE YOUR WEDDING PHOTOS!

If you were married at the Newman Center, we would love to see a wedding photo. Please email to Father John Paul at frjpforteop@uacatholic.org.

These photos may be used for Newman Center marketing and communication efforts.



**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW,
REGISTRATION REQUESTED!**

As part of this celebration, we will also be collecting donations for the Campus Food Pantry.

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

February is Black History Month

February 1 **Harriet Tubman** (1822-1913)

Abolitionist/political activist/part of the "Underground Railroad"



"I was conductor of the Underground Railroad for eight years, and I can say what most conductors can't say — I never ran my train off the track and never lost a passenger."

Long Island's underground RR: Underground railroad la...

February 5

Katherine Johnson (1918-2020) NASA Mathematician/provided calculations of orbital mechanics for first US space flight/Awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom



"Take all the courses in your curriculum. Do the research. Ask questions. Find someone doing what you are interested in! Be curious!"

Watch: NASA Trailblazer: Katherine Johnson flights/Awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom

February 2 **Wilton Daniel Gregory** (1947-)

Catholic Priest/First African American Cardinal in the United States/Archbishop of Washington, DC "I have to try to remind people on both sides of the barque of Peter that there is room for us all and that we are not the first generation of Catholics to experience serious theological and pastoral differences of opinion. In fact, from the New Testament, strong leaders within the church disagreed openly. Eventually, the truly great ones found ways to heal conflicts and keep the Lord's flock united." Watch: Cardinal Gregory spoke at The National Press Club 9/21



February 6

Bryan Massingale (1957-) Catholic priest/author/ activist/ theologian



"Thomas Aquinas taught us that courage is the precondition of all virtue. Without courage.... We're not able to be just, because courage is that virtue that allows us to surmount the fear that comes with the following of the Gospel. If we're going to do anything that is difficult, there is going to be hesitation; there are ongoing obstacles and opposition, and the fear that those obstacles engender in us. Courage is that virtue that enables us to not be afraid."

Watch: April 2022, Fr. Massingale receiving the Robert M. Holstein Faith Doing Justice Award, given annually to individuals who have "demonstrated a significant commitment to leadership for social justice grounded in the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus."

February 3 **Virgil Abloh** (1980-2021)

American designer, DJ, entrepreneur, artistic director of Louis Vuitton



"When creativity melds together with global issues, I believe that you can bring the world together." Read the obituary Watch Vimeo recording of HR meeting around diversity at Louis Vuitton

February 4 **Jacob Lawrence** (1917-2000)

Painter/best known works, The Migration Series which depicts the migration of African-Americans from the rural south to the urban north.



"I'd like them to experience the beauty of life, the struggle, how people can overcome certain things that could be frustrating or very demeaning," he explained. "People have the capacity to overcome these obstacles by various means, and this is an example of that... I'm talking about people in general; I'd like it to be a universal statement."

Watch: Jacob Lawrence: An Intimate Portrait, 1993

February 7

Ida B. Wells (1862-1931) Journalist/ Anti-lynching activist/Women's Suffragist



"The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them."

Listen and watch: <https://lynchinginamerica.eji.org/listen/doria-dee-johnso> Consider The lynching's generational effects.

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.