



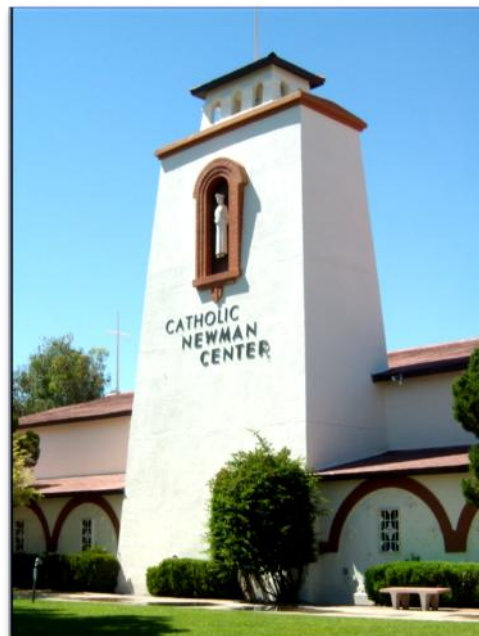
ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

— CELEBRATING 100 YEARS —

1615 East 2nd Street, Tucson, AZ 85719
Phone: 520.327.4665 - Fax: 520.327.3963
Email: Newman@UACatholic.org

**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 8, 2026

Fifth 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: March 5th 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



*Served by the Friars of the
Western Dominican Province,
Dominican Sisters of Oakford and
Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill*

Fr John Paul Forté OP Pastor
FrJPForteOP@UACatholic.org
Fr Emmanuel Taylor OP Associate Pastor
FrEmmanuel@UACatholic.org
Sr Lynn Allvin OP Pastoral Associate
SrLynn@UACatholic.org
Tom Booth Pastoral Artist in Residence
Tom@UACatholic.org
Abel Campos Newman FOCUS Team Leader
Abel.Campos@UACatholic.org
Genevieve Gallardo Wedding Coordinator
Weddings@UACatholic.org
Sr Mary Elizabeth Lawrence SC
Office Manager
SrMaryElizabeth@UACatholic.org
Tony Leon Maintenance Tech
Tony@UACatholic.org
Nathan Payne Music Director
NathanP@UACatholic.org
Yordy Purnomo Business Manager
Yordy@UACatholic.org

Dominicans In Residence
Fr Nathan Castle OP
FrNathan@UACatholic.org
Fr Tom DeMan OP
tdemanop@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2/7 5:15PM Lily Guerrero +

2/8 9:00AM Our Newman Community
1:00AM Carol & Terry Gaughan
5:00PM Aguirre Family

Monday:
2/9 Weekday
5:15PM No Mass

Tuesday: St Scholastica, virgin
2/10 5:15PM Barbara Briones- Mendez +

Wednesday: Our Lady of Lourdes
2/11 5:15PM Ida Hartman

Thursday: Bl. Reginald of Orléans, friar
& priest
2/12 5:15PM Geraldine Briones

Friday: Bl Jordan of Saxony, friar &
priest
2/13 5:15PM Fermina Ichicawa

*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

To be *light* and *salt* for the world is to live with purpose and with passion. And yet, life gallops. It moves with intention—but also with distraction, noise, and a kind of busy blindness. And if we're honest, sometimes we get *trampled* by its relentless motion. Jesus knows this. At the very beginning of his public ministry—after his baptism by John, after fasting, after temptation in the desert—Jesus climbs a hillside near the Sea of Galilee. And there, He speaks to people who are exhausted... questioning... trying to make sense of lives that feel pulled and shaped by forces beyond their control. And to them—And, us....*ordinary*, worn, searching people... He says something extraordinary: ***"You are the light of the world. You are the salt of the earth."*** In that moment, Jesus rises and breathes—once again God's magnanimous Spirit into fragile, clay souls by the sea. He bids them to *arise*—just as in the Book of Genesis. As the poet James Weldon Johnson so beautifully writes: *"And God bent over the clay, and worked it with his hands, and blew breath into it, until it arose and came to be."*

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the simple but powerful images of *salt* and *light* to reveal how God 'intends' to bring 'deep healing' to the world. And this is important for us to hear especially, in a culture that is so privatized and 'individualistic'. We often assume religion is something personal, something meant to 'improve' my life, my peace, and my fulfillment. That's not wrong... but, it's also not the whole truth. Because 'faith'—real faith is never meant to be kept to oneself. It is meant to be like salt, like light, like a city set on a hill—visible, shared, offered for the sake of others. By virtue of our baptism into Christ Jesus, we have been 'entrusted' with this salt and this light, not to hoard it, not to hide it, and certainly not to let it go flat. These are *gifts from God*—gifts with *active ingredients*. They are meant to 'draw out' the best flavors within us, to illuminate what has been dimmed and to wake us up and when we are awake, we can (better) receive God's life and (then) pour the '*flavor*' of *grace* into the culture and the world around us. (For) This light and salt were never meant 'only' for ourselves. (For) As followers of Jesus, we are called to be salt—to 'preserve and enhance' what is *best* in our society and to *heal*... Profoundly... all that is broken or unjust!

We are called to be light and a resting presence to help others see what is truly worth seeing to 'shine' on what is beautiful and life-giving, and yes, to reveal... what is unhealthy and contrary to God's illuminating Spirit. That is 'why' our call includes working for greater justice, peace, and charity. And as we celebrate Black History Month, we remember women and men of faith—many of them called and formed in the church who refused to hide their light. They trusted that God's Spirit was still breathing life into clay, still raising voices, still calling people to stand, to speak and to shine, in the face of darkness. And as we stand together within this centennial season, of our own community. We remember that for one hundred years this place has been called to the same mission—to be a light on a hill, to be salt for this campus, to trust that God is still at work, still breathing, still calling us forward. The message of today's readings is clear: without vibrant, healthy, balanced, and loving Christians, the world grows darker. So the question is this: Will we hide our destiny—our call to be God's light and salt for the world? Or will we let the flavor rise? and the light shine? So let us be courageous and let us each in our own way, let our little lights shine. May We Be One!

Amen! Alleluia!



THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ♦ Young Adult Bible Study, Monday at 7:00PM.
- ♦ Young Adult Community, Tuesday at 7:00PM.
- ♦ Undergraduate Newman Night, Wednesday at 7:00PM.
- ♦ Game Night, Friday at 7:00PM.

COMING EVENTS

- ♦ Mardi Gras, Tuesday, February 17 at 7:30PM.
- ♦ 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 smaryelizabeth@uacatholic.org.

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

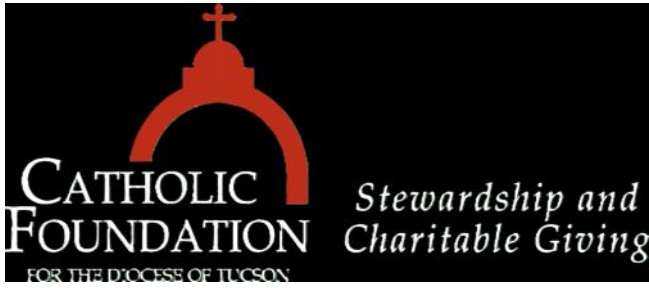
**3RD ANNUAL
MARDI GRAS
DESSERT
PARTY**

Tuesday, 02/17/26

Green Hall at
The St. Thomas More
Newman Center
@ 7:30 p.m.

**All Are Invited To Bring Your
Favorite Dessert To Share!**

Annual Catholic Appeal 2026



The Annual Catholic Appeal 2026 has started. Next weekend, February 14-15 is Commitment Weekend. Please prayerfully consider what your commitment to the Annual Catholic Appeal will be this year. There are brochures and envelopes at the exits of the church. Please pick one up.

Support for Active and Retired Priests, Parishes in Most Need, and Rural Missions:

The Office of the Chancellor provides personnel support to the more than 150 priests serving in the Diocese, as well financial support and benefits to over 50 retired priests. The Permanent Diaconate office handles the invitation, evaluation, and formation of new candidates, as well as pastoral support and continuing education of permanent deacons. Human Resources provides centralized personnel administration for some 2,000 employees in our parishes and schools, while the Fiscal Services office offers centralized accounting and bookkeeping services to approximately 50% of parishes and will eventually undertake accounting and bookkeeping responsibilities for all parishes in the Diocese.

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:

February 2nd. Envelopes: \$3,725.00
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 February 6th is \$1,606.00

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of January as of February 6th is \$1,653.50

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of February as of February 6th is \$1,541.69

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/newman

**ST. THOMAS MORE**
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



Dasdesert@gmail.com

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 8 **Lois J. Curtis** (1967-2022)

Artist, activist for others with disabilities



"Institutional placement of persons perpetuates assumptions of incapable or unworthy"

Read about Lois in Feb. 9, 2021 publication "Center for Learner Equity"

February 9 **Marie Van Brittan Brown** (1922-1999)

Nurse/Inventor/ invented closed-circuit TV initially for home security Jamaica, Queens native



"Since 1993 property crime has fallen in the US by 69% thanks to the pioneering work of one woman: Marie Van Brittan Brown"

<https://www.black-inventor.com/marie-van-brittan-brown>

February 10 **John Lewis** (1940-2020)

Politician/Civil Rights Activist



"Get in good trouble, necessary trouble."

In his own words, listen to
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ayewOtuiXI>

February 11 **Wilma Rudolph** (1940-1994)

Polio survivor/ gold medal Olympian/ coach/ activist



"Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us."

<https://www.olympics.com/en/athletes/wilma-rudolph>

February 12 **Thurgood Marshall** (1908-1993)

Lawyer/activist/ argued *Brown v Board of Education*/first Black Supreme Court Justice



"None of us got where we are solely by pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps... – a parent, a teacher, an Ivy League crony or a few nuns – bent down and helped us pick up our boots."

Read (especially watch the clip included):
<https://www.uscourts.gov/educational-resources/educationalactivities/justice-thurgood-marshall-profile-brown-v-board>

February 13 **Damar Hamlin** (1998-)

Buffalo Bills NFL football player, still recovering from cardiac arrest.



"I am committed to impact my community"

Watch: Damar Hamlin First Annual Toy Drive VLOG

February 14 **Shawnee Daniels-Sykes, SSND** (1960-2022)

Theology professor, Preacher, Health Care Ethicist, 2019 Black Excellence Award



"I want all to know that they can achieve their life goals."

Read her bio and achievements in her Obituary and Shawnee Daniels-Sykes On the Roles, Faith, Socioeconomic Status, Race & Attitude Play

VALENTINE'S WEEKEND VOW RENEWAL CELEBRATION

SUNDAY FEB. 15
11AM MASS

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

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
REGISTRATION REQUESTED



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.