



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

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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 15, 2026

Sixth 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



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2/14 5:15PM Jo Jorgensen

2/15 9:00AM Julieta Sesteaga +
11:00AM Kennedy Family
5:00PM Our Newman Community

Monday:
2/16 Bl. Nicholas Paglia, friar & priest
5:15PM No Mass

Tuesday: Weekday
2/17 5:15PM Luis Peña +

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
2/18 5:00AM Word Service with Ashes
12:10PM Joyce Guitierrez
5:15PM Margaret McLaughlin +
7:00PM Nancy Arata

Thursday After Ash Wednesday
2/19 8:45AM Joe Ichikawa
5:15PM No Mass

Friday After Ash Wednesday
2/20 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](#)

Fr. John Paul's Spiritual Brew

Let your yes mean yes, and your no mean no” These are powerful words from today’s Gospel and they’re not just about speech. They’re about *integrity*. They invite us to ask: Do we really know what we’re saying? Do we truly mean it? And perhaps most importantly, do we *own* it?

Every single day, our lives are filled with questions and choices. Some are small: *shorts or jeans today?* And some are life-shaping: *Do I really want to propose to this person? Is God calling me to religious life? Am I finally ready to confront this habit that’s hurting me and others?* These daily decisions invite deeper questions beneath the surface: What do I believe? What are my values? What or *who* is really worth giving my life for?

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us plainly: “I have not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets, but to fulfill them.” Jesus comes as the *union of the divine and the human* to show us how faith is not just something we *know* intellectually, but something we *live* with our whole being. He leads us to the heart of it all: “To love the Lord your God with your whole heart, mind, and soul... and to love your neighbor and yourself the same way.” This is why, in Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus says: “You have heard it said... *but I say to you.*” He is forming us not just in rules, but in charity—the love from which all commandments flow. This is the love that becomes light and salt—a light that never dims, a salt that never loses its flavor. It’s what allows us to wander—but never be lost.

As we gather in this Centennial year, celebrating 100 years of faith, welcome, and love at the Newman Center—we are reminded that real love endures when *yes* truly means *yes*. It endures through generations, cultures, struggles, and hope. During this Black History Month, we also honor a witness of faith that has consistently proclaimed dignity, perseverance, and love in action—often in the face of injustice—reminding the Church and the world what it looks like to live the Gospel with courage and conviction.

May we allow God’s blessing to live in us—*fully*. May our lives become an *encounter* that transforms us, through the living Christ—the saving Truth and Love of God in our midst, and today, as part of this 100-year story of love, we are blessed at our 11:00AM Mass by the presence of several married couples—some married here at the Newman Center, others in sacred places that also witnessed God’s covenant of love. I now invite these couples to please stand, to turn and face one another, and together, to renew the vows that first said *yes*—and continue to say *yes*—to love. May we be one!

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

- ◆ Young Adult Bible Study, Monday at 7:00PM.
- ◆ Young Adult Community, Tuesday at 7:00PM.
- ◆ Mardi Gras, Tuesday, February 17 at 7:30PM.
- ◆ Ash Wednesday, February 18 at 8:00AM-Liturgy of the Word Service with Ashes. On Campus 12:10 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.
- ◆ Game Night, Friday at 7:00PM.

COMING EVENTS

- ◆ Baptism Class, Saturday, February 21 at 3:00PM. Please contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth (520)327-4665 or by E-mail srmaryelizabeth@uacatholic.org.
- ◆ Special Presentation by Bishop Emeritus Gerald Kicanas-Immigration and Pope Leo’s APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION “I have Loved you”, Thursday, February 26 at 7:30PM

View all of our events at

www.UACatholic.org/calendar

**3RD ANNUAL
MARDE 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



In the spirit of stewardship (i.e., giving back a portion of our gifts to God), we

ask each family or individual to consider a contribution in one of the following ways.

Pledge: Make an initial payment today, then spread future payments over the remaining months of the current year. It is important that final payment is received no later than 12/31/2026.

Reflect: on the many gifts you have received from God, including your financial blessing.

Prayer: About how God wants you to use the gifts. He has given you.

Respond: By supporting the annual Catholic appeal at your parish.

CATHOLIC APPROACH TO IMMIGRATION

A PRESENTATION ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING INCLUDING THE LATEST APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION "DILEXI TE" / "I HAVE LOVED YOU" BY THE HOLY FATHER POPE LEO XIV

PRESENTATION BY BISHOP EMERITUS GERALD KICANAS

FEBRUARY 26TH
7:30-8:30 PM

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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 9th. Envelopes: \$3,338.75
February 2nd. Envelopes: \$3,725.00
January 27th. Envelopes: \$2,333.00
January 20th. Envelopes: \$5,968.30

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of February as of February 12th is \$2,627.00

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of January as of February 12th is \$2,515.74

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of February as of February 12th is \$2,911.16

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

Ash Wednesday Schedule

**8 AM LITURGY OF THE WORD
NEWMAN**

**12:10 PM LITURGY OF THE WORD
(NORTH OF STUDENT UNION)**

**MASSES AT NEWMAN
12:10 PM, 5:15 PM, AND 7 PM**

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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

February is Black History Month

February 15 **Bessie Coleman** (1892-1926)

First Black/ Native American US female pilot/first Black international pilot/activist



"I refused to take no for an answer."

Watch: scroll through article to clip [https://www.womenshistory.org/education-re sources/biographies/bessie-coleman](https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/bessie-coleman)

February 16 **Megan Piphus Peace** (1992-)

Young woman ventriloquist: Sesame St puppeteer, performed on television shows Tu Si Que Vales (Italy), Die Puppenstars (Germany), and Showtime at the Apollo



"My goal was to have a theme, like perseverance, woven into every performance."

February 17 **Maya Angelou** (1928-2014)

Poet, writer, actress and activist



"People will never forget how you made them feel."

Read "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings". Enjoy her inauguration poem, "On the Pulse of Morning"

February 21 **Chadwick Boseman** (1976-2020)

Award winning actor/playwright/ played Jackie Robinson, James Brown, Thurgood Marshall, Black Panther



"I was raised in a sort of village. I have a huge family, and I think there is strength in that. It helped me to deal with some of the complications of living in the South because I always felt like I belonged, no matter what."

Watch one of his movies or Chadwick Boseman's Life Advice. Consider advocating for or giving to one of the charities he supported: St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or Boys and Girls Clubs of Harlem or When We All Vote.

February 18 **Shirley Chisholm** (1924-2005)

NY state politician/educator/ author/ first Black candidate for major party nomination for President



"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair."

Write a Letter to the Editor. Newsday, for example: letters of 200 words or less on public policy issues to letters@newsday.com with "Just Sayin'" in the subject line or contact an elected official: How to Contact Your Elected Officials <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

February 19 **Lewis H. Latimer** (1848-1928)

Inventor and innovator; expert draftsman; author of poetry and books; patent consultant; played the violin and flute, taught immigrants English and drafting; lived in Flushing, Queens.



"We create our future, by well improving present opportunities: however few and small they are"

Watch "the accomplishments of Lewis Latimer": <https://abc7ny.com/lewis-latimerblack-history-month-lightbulb-new-york-city/11589087/>

February 20 **Henrietta Lacks** (1920-1951)

Exploited for medical research/ "immortal cells" which have helped countless patients without the consent nor knowledge of her parents.



The cell line named for her, HeLa (pronounced hee-lah), has been at the core of treatments for hemophilia, herpes, influenza, leukemia, and Parkinson's disease as well as the polio vaccine, the cancer drug tamoxifen, chemotherapy, gene mapping, and in vitro fertilization.

Watch and reflect on the magnitude of the benefit to us (How might we honor the gifts the consent nor the knowledge of her family from unknown others?): "The Immortal Cells of Henrietta Lacks" by Robin Bulleri The immortal cells

THE MISSION OF CRS LENTEN RICE BOWL

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Rooted in the history of the Eucharistic Congress, CRS Rice Bowl invites Catholics and faith communities in the United States to encounter God and our global family throughout Lent by practicing the [pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving](#). Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 120 different countries each year. Twenty five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised more than \$350 million.

Join Your Global Family in Prayer

We can't end global hunger without your help. CRS Rice Bowl's 51th anniversary presents an opportunity to renew your commitment to helping families facing hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. When you pray, fast and give this Lent, you are making a lifesaving difference

Start your CRS Rice Bowl journey with us by picking up your rice bowl from the doors of our church.

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.