



# 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**



## March 1, 2026

## Second Sunday of Lent

### 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  
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### MASS INTENTIONS

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
2/28 5:15PM Joe Ichikawa

3/1 9:00AM **Our Newman Community**  
11:00AM **Fr Albert Felice Pace OP +**  
5:00PM **Stan Sumich +**

**Monday: Lenten Weekday**  
3/2 5:15PM **No Mass**

**Tuesday: Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin**  
3/3 5:15PM **Francisco Lalalde**

**Wednesday: Saint Casimir**  
3/4 5:15PM **Agnes Atabong +**

**Thursday: Lenten Weekday**  
3/5 5:15PM **Teresa Taddeo +**

**Friday: Lenten Weekday**  
3/6 5:15PM **Stephanie Tullo Cook**

*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

Lord, it is good to be here.” Where are those places in our lives where it is *good* to be? Places that lift us, steady us, and allow us to see life in all its color, complexity, and beauty. Moments when the veil thins and we remember who we are and whose we are. To walk with Christ is to step onto a path that is always alive. It leads us up mountains and through valleys. It asks us to travel lighter, to loosen our grip on what weighs us down so that our hearts are freer, our vision clearer, and our trust deeper.

In today's Gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain. Beyond the preaching. Beyond the miracles. Beyond what they thought they understood. There, He reveals His glory—the Divine Logos, God's Living Word made flesh, standing before them. The encounter overwhelms them, yes—but it also forms them. It stretches their faith. It prepares them for what lies ahead. Lent is our invitation up the mountain. An invitation into deeper friendship with God. An invitation to be transformed by grace. May we have the courage to climb whatever mountain stands before us, to lay down what we do not need and to trust the One who walks with us, “who can do more than we can think or imagine.”

Amen! Alleluia! 🙏

## THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ **Young Adult Bible Study**, Monday at 7:00PM.
- ◆ **Young Adult Community**, Tuesday at 7:00PM.
- ◆ **Game Night**, Friday at 7:00PM.

## COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Lumen Series-Talk on Reconciliation** by Fr. John Paul & Fr. Emmanuel, Thursday, March 19 at 7:30pm.
- ◆ **Communal Reconciliation Service**, Wednesday, March 25 at 7:30pm
- ◆ **Labyrinth**—In Green Hall starting March 29<sup>th</sup>—April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ◆ **Tenebrae**—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday at 8:00am
- ◆ **Triduum**—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil Holy Saturday at 7:30pm
- ◆ **Easter Sunday**—Masses 9:00am and 11:00am

View all of our events at  
[www.UACatholic.org/calendar](http://www.UACatholic.org/calendar)



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SUSTAINING BOARD

SCHOLARSHIP

2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

APPLY TODAY

[WWW.UACATHOLIC.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP](http://WWW.UACATHOLIC.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP)



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

QUESTIONS?

Abby Sheppard



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## 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.

## 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 Sheriff's 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

## 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.

## HOW TO PRACTICE LENT

As Catholics, the spiritual pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving guide us in daily reflection on our own lives as we strive to deepen our relationship with God and neighbor—no matter where in the world that neighbor may live. Lent is a time of personal and spiritual growth, a time to look outward and inward. Especially during this time, the Church encourages us to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Through prayers, God invites us to slow down in the silence and look for him around us—in nature and in people who need us most. Our fasting is an act of penance and solidarity with people who are hungry—and it helps us feel a small part of what they are living day by day. It is in this spirit that our almsgiving is an act of love for God and neighbor.

One Simple way to enhance your Lenten experience is to participate in the CRS Rice Bowl program. During Lent, Catholic families across the United States use a rice bowl—a small cardboard box—to collect alms. We make room for God to act in our lives in new ways, and we have the opportunity to give the money we save to our sisters and brothers in need.

### How to Fast for Lent

The Catechism invites Catholics ages 18 to 59 to abstain from meat and to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and Catholics 14 years and older to abstain from meat on the Fridays during Lent.

## 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 23rd. Envelopes: \$3,821.97  
Ash Wednesday Envelopes: \$1,596.00  
February 16th. Envelopes: \$3,567.14  
February 9th. Envelopes: \$3,338.75  
February 2nd. Envelopes: \$3,725.00

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of February as of February 27th is \$6,798.59

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of February as of February 27th is \$3,571.32

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of February as of February 27th is \$7,137.91

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.USACatholic.org/donate](http://www.USACatholic.org/donate)

## LENT OPPORTUNITIES



### Prayer:

- Stations of the Cross – Every Friday 5:45pm
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### Fasting:

- Almsgiving: Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowl
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### Almsgiving and Ministry:

- Food Drive—Social Justice Committee—Collecting Canned Goods—canned beans, vegetables, etc.—brought to the bins at the exits of the church for Casa Maria Soup Kitchen
- Copper State Hospice Volunteers Needed – provide companionship and emotional support to patients, administrative support etc., - 2 visits / month – see flyer on bulletin board
- Donations for Easter Flowers
- Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



- Provide companionship and emotional support to patients
- Sit with patients, read aloud, listen to music, or simply be present
- Offer administrative support (phone calls, organizing, office help)
- Write cards or letters to patients and families
- Support special events or community outreach
- Assist with memorial services or remembrance projects
- Support bereavement programs for families
- 18+
- 2 visits per month

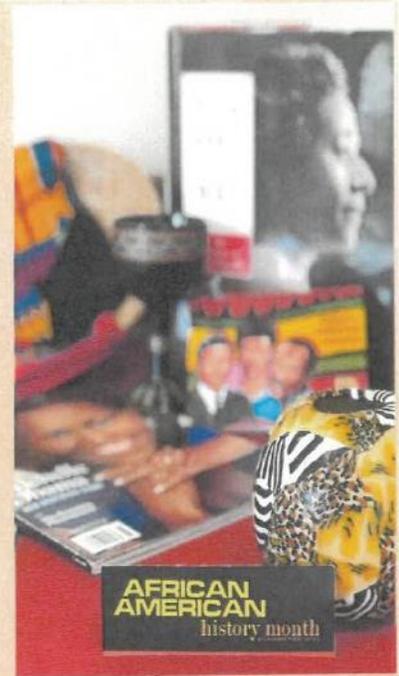


**JOIN NOW — MAKE  
AN IMPACT TODAY!**

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## A Prayer for Black History Month

This month in our nation's character is Black History month. Help us to realize that Black History is all our histories. May the day come when these stories are so wildly taught that no month need be separately divided. We know this day will not come until we as a people make different choices. We pray now for those new choices. May we come to see a day where the prison system becomes redemptive, not punitive. A day where the legal systems learns to focus more squarely on the facts, and the not colors of our skin. A day where our schools are as well funded, as the needs demand. Widen our vision so that the history that is shared this month, and every month, come to be know as our history too. We are most human when we see the humanity in others.



*-excerpt from A Prayer for Black History Month, Author Unknown*

**"As a freshman at the University of Arizona in 1969, I embraced new freedom—but Sunday mornings felt empty. One visit to the Newman Center changed my life and deepened my faith."**

**CONGRATS TO JIM V.,  
NEWMAN CENTER SURVEY WINNER**

**SHARE YOUR STORY  
FOR CHANCE TO WIN!**

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.