



# 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 15, 2026

## Fourth 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: April 2nd at  
9:00PM

**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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
3/14 5:15PM Francisco Lazalde

3/15 9:00AM Francisco Arroyo  
11:00AM Arsenia Castro+  
5:00PM Our Newman Community

Monday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious  
3/16 5:15PM No Mass

Tuesday: St. Patrick  
3/17 5:15PM Byron Schimpp+

Wednesday: Lenten Weekday  
3/18 5:15PM Oscar Osuna

Thursday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
3/19 5:15PM Justina Mataleno+

Friday: Lenten Weekday  
3/20 5:15PM Ward Cockrum

*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

It's hard to believe that we have already arrived at the Fourth Sunday of Lent! How is your Lenten journey unfolding? Have you been able to carve out more space for prayer? Are you gaining ground in breaking unhealthy habits? Perhaps you're becoming more attuned to the needs of those around you.

Lent is a season of "spiritual spring cleaning"—a time to realign our hearts and minds, even amidst the ever-shifting tides of social, political, and ecclesiastical unrest. Wars still rage, including in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia, and Pope Leo continues heal and to call us to mirror Our Lady's fidelity—to truly *listen for God's voice and respond with a resounding "yes" to life and dignity in "all" its expressions and challenges.*

In today's Gospel, we encounter a man born blind who seeks healing from Jesus. With a touch of divine grace, Jesus restores his sight—awakening not only his vision but also his faith. Those around him are astonished, while the religious leaders question and challenge the source of this miraculous transformation. But the 'true miracle' is not just in the physical healing. The blind man, now seeing, has also received a *new vision—a clarity of faith that empowers him to boldly testify to God's transformative power in his life. When confronted, he does not hesitate to proclaim the truth of his encounter with Jesus.* This is what happens when we allow ourselves to grow in the truth of God's love. When we open (the eyes of) our hearts to divine grace, our spiritual eyes are *opened, and we see with renewed clarity.* This sight is more than physical—it is a vision that fills our whole being, illuminating the blind spots in our lives and calling us to love more deeply, see more justly, and respond more generously to the needs of others. As we cross the midpoint of our Lenten journey, it's worth asking:

- What have we learned?
- Has our vision sharpened or dimmed in any significant areas of our lives?
- How has our faith been challenged—perhaps to love our enemies, to give without expecting in return, or to embrace the uncomfortable work of reconciliation?
- Have we identified places in our relationships with God, others, and ourselves that need healing, honesty, or renewal?

Receiving *true sight allows us to navigate our fears and doubts with greater hope.* It gives us the courage to walk this road of life with a renewed sense of purpose.

May we be strengthened in our faith commitment. May the vision *rising from our Lenten practices bring us greater clarity, helping us to be of good and loving service to others.* And may God's spirit of mercy and compassion stir within us, guiding our thoughts and actions toward deeper faith, true charity, and the healing grace that transforms lives.

Amen! Alleluia!



## 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.
- ◆ **Lumen Series-Talk on Reconciliation** by Fr. John Paul & Fr. Emmanuel, Thursday, March 19 at 7:30pm.
- ◆ **Game Night**, Friday at 7:00PM.

## COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Anointing of Sick Mass**, Saturday, March 21 at 5:15pm & Sunday, March 22 at 9:00am.
- ◆ **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)

## HOLY WEEK



	Mass at 9 AM
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Mass at 11 AM
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 5 PM
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	Tenebrae 8 AM
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mass at 7:30 PM
<b>Good Friday</b>	Tenebrae 8 AM
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Liturgy at 7:30 PM
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	Tenebrae 8 AM
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 7:30 PM
	Mass at 9 AM
<b>Easter Day</b>	Mass at 11 AM
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	No 5 PM Mass

## 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.

### 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:

March 9th. Envelopes: \$2,945.15  
March 1st. Envelopes: \$3,616.70  
February 23rd. Envelopes: \$3,821.97  
Ash Wednesday Envelopes: \$1,596.00  
February 16th. Envelopes: \$3,567.14

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of March as of March 13th is \$3,284.00

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of March as of March 13th is \$2,390.40

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of March as of March 13th is \$23,165.71

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

### LENT OPPORTUNITIES



#### Prayer:

- Stations of the Cross – Every Friday 5:45pm
- Lumen Series-Talk on Reconciliation March 19<sup>th</sup> by Fr. John Paul & Fr. Emmanuel
- Communal Reconciliation Service–March 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm
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- Easter Sunday–Masses 9:00am and 11:00am

#### Fasting:

- Almsgiving: Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowl
- Catholics ages 18-59 are asked to abstain from meat & fast on Good Friday. Catholics 14 years and older to abstain from meat on the Fridays during Lent

#### 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

### 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

## NATIONAL SISTERS' WEEK

Sisters have had a presence in Arizona since before statehood and before the diocese was formally established. Among the first were the **Sisters of Saint Joseph Carondelet** dating back to 1880. All religious orders are called to share and reflect the Good News of Jesus Christ. To do so, each religious order has a unique charism, or 'gift' given for the service of the Church, that informs its ministry and community life. A religious order's community is made up of either religious sisters or brothers who have taken the same vows and devoted themselves to the same ministry. Last week the Catholic Church celebrated our religious sisters. In the Diocese of Tucson, we are blessed to have 65 Sisters representing 17 religious orders. Today you can find Sisters at a handful of our Catholic schools and other communities supporting various ministries throughout the diocese. For example, Sister Lois Paha, OP, an **Adrian Dominican Sister**, is the Director of Pastoral Services, Formation, and Liturgy for the diocese. In Sonoita at the **Santa Rita Abbey**, a monastery, Sister Victoria Murray is the prioress; she is with the **Order of Cistercian** of the Strict Observance. Sister Gladys Echenique, OP, of the **Dominican Sisters of Oakford**, who works in the Office of Hispanic Ministry said, "For me, religious life is a loving and faithful response to God's invitation. Religious life is a sacred commitment, an offering of one's whole self in fidelity and service to the Church and the world." **The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** originated in Spain. The order places an emphasis on education, evangelization, and prayer for the conversion of souls. Sister Jeanne Bartholomeaux S.C., with the **Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill**, "Every time I reflect on my life journey, I become more aware that God's call to Religious Life came first at Baptism." Sister Jeanne is a native of Tucson and has served in the Dioceses of Tucson and Phoenix for 49 of her 60 years that she has been a Sister.



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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?

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## NEWMAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Newman Foundation at The University of Arizona plans to award several scholarships for the 2026-2027 Fall Semester to UofA students who are full-time students and active at the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center.

*These scholarships are in addition to any that may be offered by the Newman Center, or by the Newman Sustaining Board.*

***The application deadline is Friday April 10, 2026.*** If you are interested in applying, send an email to the following address to request application information: [Newman\\_foundation@yahoo.com](mailto:Newman_foundation@yahoo.com)

## THANK YOU NOTE

We want to thank University of Arizona Police Department for hosting the talk on campus safety on March 4. There were fifty University of Arizona students attended the event.



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.