



# 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 29, 2026**

**Palm Sunday**

## 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  
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Dominican Sisters of Oakford and  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Palm Sunday**

3/28 5:15PM Catherine Hefferman

3/29 9:00AM Our Newman Community  
11:00AM Adriana Cuevas Grijalva  
5:00PM Francisco Garcia

Monday: Holy Week  
3/30 5:15PM No Mass

Tuesday: Holy Week  
3/31 5:15PM Christine DeCleene

Wednesday: Bl. Guiseppe Girotti, OP  
4/1 5:15PM Ward Cockrum

Thursday: Holy Thursday  
4/2 5:15PM For All Priests

Friday: Good Friday  
4/3 5:15PM No Mass Intention

*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

**P**alm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, inviting us to journey with Christ through the highs of praise and welcome, to the depths of betrayal and suffering. This week, we hear the Passion narrative from both Matthew and John, immersing us in the profound mystery of Jesus' mission—his life, death, and resurrection. Where do we find ourselves on this Palm Sunday? Especially in a world overwhelmed by war and conflict—in Ukraine, Russia, Africa, Iran, Palestine, Israel, the United States, and so many other places. The weight of these realities presses upon us, making this Lent feel different. Many have shared with me a sense of confusion, a fog that clouds reason, emotions, and decision-making. It's remarkable, the burdens we carry—both seen and unseen. And yet, even in the midst of this uncertainty, Lent continues to call us toward transformation. However small, however subtle, have we sensed any change within ourselves this season? Or do we feel as though Lent has slipped past us, leaving us longing for more? Wherever we stand today, Christ is present. Perhaps He is whispering, *"Rise and walk... your sins are forgiven."* Or maybe He is calling us to open our hearts to something new, even in the face of fear and hesitation. As we step into Holy Week, may we rise—not in frantic anxiety, but with eyes open, hearts transformed, and hands extended in love and service to those in need.

For this is what Jesus did. And this is what we, as a people blessed by God's grace, are called to do—living as witnesses to Christ's spirit of truth and love. Lord, may we practice loving those who are difficult to love, not counting the cost, or expecting anything in return. **May We Be One!**

Amen! Alleluia! 

### Did You Know?



- Did you know that the Newman Club was started without a "home?" The Newmanites met at the YMCA, the University of Arizona's Humanities Building and a small chapel on Cherry Avenue and Speedway Boulevard.
- Did you know that The Newman Center is hosting The "May We Be One" Gala on October 17, 2026? Mark your calendar and plan on celebrating our first one hundred years!
- Our "original spot" was 1605 E. Third Street. Go there now and discover The Flandrau Planetarium.
- In 1985, an arson fire destroyed the redwood altar, but in true Newman fashion the scheduled wedding went on as planned, even with the lingering smell of smoke.
- On Sunday, May 10, 1964 Bishop Francis Green formally blessed and dedicated the new building at the corner of Second Street and Cherry Avenue replacing the earlier Newman Club that had been located on Third Street and Cherry Avenue.
- The Newman Sustaining Board was initially called The Mother's Club.

### THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ♦ **Palm Sunday**, Saturday, March 28 at 5:15PM & Sunday, March 29 at 9:00AM, 11:00AM & 5:00PM
- ♦ **Labyrinth**—In Green Hall starting March 23 until the end of the Holy week
- ♦ **Young Adult Bible Study**, Monday at 7:00PM
- ♦ **Young Adult Community**, Tuesday at 7:00PM.
- ♦ **Undegraduate Newman Night**, Wednesday at 7:00PM.
- ♦ **Game Night**, Friday at 7:00PM.

### COMING EVENTS

- ♦ **Stations of the Cross**, Good Friday at 12:05PM University of Arizona Old Main.
- ♦ **No Confession on Holy Saturday.**
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Newman Center will be closed on April 6-8.**

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

## HOLY WEEK



**Palm Sunday**  
March 28-29<sup>th</sup>

Sat. at 5:15 PM  
Sun. at 9 AM,  
11 AM, & 5 PM

**Holy Thursday**  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Tenebrae 8 AM**  
**Mass at 7:30 PM**  
Adoration at 9-12 PM

**Good Friday**  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Tenebrae 8 AM**  
**Liturgy at 7:30 PM**

**Easter Vigil**  
April 4<sup>th</sup>

**Tenebrae 8 AM**  
**Mass at 7:30 PM**

**Easter Day**  
April 5<sup>th</sup>

**Mass at 9 AM**  
**Mass at 11 AM**  
**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 2nd Quarter 2025 are \$367,370.00. The actual revenues are \$372,153.10. Projected expenses 2nd Quarter 2025 are \$337,693.74. The actual expenses are \$334,049.87.

#### Weekend Offertory:

March 23rd. Envelopes: \$5,040.07  
March 16th. Envelopes: \$4,145.96  
March 9th. Envelopes: \$2,945.15  
March 1st. Envelopes: \$3,616.70  
February 23rd. Envelopes: \$3,821.97

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of March as of March 27th is \$5,679.00

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of March as of March 27th is \$3,495.98

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of March as of March 27th is \$26,706.92

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

### LENT OPPORTUNITIES



#### Prayer:

- Stations of the Cross – Every Friday 5:45pm.
- Communal Reconciliation Service–March 25 at 7:30pm.
- Labyrinth–In Green Hall starting March 23 until the end of the Holy week.
- 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.

#### 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

  
**Mariachi Mass**

Traditional Mass will feature mariachi's and folklorico dancers.  
 Immediately following the Mass, attendees will gather at the placita next to the cathedral for more music, dancing and the release of white doves.

**Sunday – May 3rd, 2026 • 12:00 p.m.**  
**St. Augustine Cathedral**  
 192 South Stone Avenue • Tucson  
**NO ADMISSION FEE**

Music/Dances  
 • Mariachi Innovación  
 • Compañía de Danza Folklórica Arizona

For questions or more information...  
 Marybeth Zellon  
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TIMC wishes to thank and is grateful for the support of the Cathedral Staff, and many others that are making this event possible.


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**CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER**

**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](mailto:Abby Sheppard)  [Dasdesert@gmail.com](mailto:Dasdesert@gmail.com)

### **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)

### **NOTICE**

Dear Newman Community,  
 We would like to inform you that U of A parking lot 4164 (the parking lot next to the Sigma Epsilon fraternity) will be closed for repaving on Friday, March 27 at 5:00pm-Friday, April 10 at 5:00pm.

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.