



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

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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 8, 2026

Third 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
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

Third Sunday of Lent
3/7 5:15PM **Mary Helen Fimbres**

3/8 9:00AM **Jermaine Henson +**
11:00AM **Wendell Goring +**
5:00PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious
3/9 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: Lenten Weekday
3/10 5:15PM **No Mass**

Wednesday: Lenten Weekday
3/11 5:15PM **No Mass**

Thursday: Lenten Weekday
3/12 5:15PM **No Mass**

Friday: Lenten Weekday
3/13 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](#)
Liturgy of the Hours via the [iBreviary App](#)*

Fr. John Paul's Spiritual Brew

Positive encounters have the power to transform our lives for the better. How wonderful it is to step into a service establishment and be treated with kindness and respect. Whether we're entering a restaurant, hospital, supermarket, or church, when we are received well, we not only return but also share our positive experience with others.

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus exemplify excellent engagement skills in His encounter with the woman at the well—an interaction that had all the potential to go wrong. Despite their differences in culture and social status, Jesus and the Samaritan woman engage in a meaningful conversation. Their exchange is one of openness and deeper understanding, bridging divides that would have kept them apart. The conversation concludes with the Samaritan woman asking Jesus, "Give me this water, so that I may not have to come to this well." In this "unexpected" encounter, her deep thirst for love and inclusion begins to find a path toward healing. As they continue their dialogue, freedom and clarity emerge, revealing what truly quenches both human and spiritual thirst, providing the contentment she longed for. The Samaritan woman leaves Jesus' presence, leaving her water jar behind. Why? Because she has received something far greater than physical hydration—she has encountered God's Word in Christ. This divine nourishment feeds her soul, and she is compelled to share this life-giving truth with others. What burdens are we carrying, and what are we filling our lives with? Are we truly quenching our thirst, or are we longing for something more? May our Lenten journey lead us to encounters with the Spirit of Truth and the Love of God. Let us grow in our relationship with Christ, becoming more engaged, reflective, and honest. May our prayer deepen, our fasting yield growth in areas that need change, and our almsgiving inspire greater generosity toward others. These encounters are blessings that propel us forward in life. May God's Spirit grant us the grace to satisfy our true thirst and invite others to do the same in peace. As we discern and cultivate healthy boundaries this Lent, may we be open to the blessings that await those willing to receive God's truth and love. May our fears guide us toward the living Christ, who always awaits us with words of healing, inclusion, truth, and charity. "May We Be One"

Amen! Alleluia! 🙏

THANK YOU NOTE

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



THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ **Newman Center** closed for the Spring Break (March 9-13)-No Daily Mass

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 29th—April 3rd
- ◆ **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

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:

March 1st. Envelopes: \$3,616.70
February 23rd. Envelopes: \$3,821.97
Ash Wednesday Envelopes: \$1,596.00
February 16th. Envelopes: \$3,567.14
February 9th. Envelopes: \$3,338.75

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

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

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of February is \$7,792.81

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

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

NATIONAL SISTERS' WEEK

The month of March is National Women's History Month, including the National Catholic Sisters Week from March 8 through March 14, 2026. It is a great time to ask those we work with to remember and pray for the Religious Sisters that have played a vital role in the History of the Catholic Church in Arizona. Take some time during this week to remember our Catholic Sisters who preceded us in the development of the Catholic Church in Arizona. Find ways to mention them in your daily prayers and group intentions with parishes and classrooms. Use your imaginations to find ways to help us keep in mind the many ways our Consecrated Women Religious have helped to build the Catholic Church in America (and throughout the world). Catholic Sisters Week shines a light on the spirituality, mission and community building of women religious. Fifty-two weeks a year women stand with the poor and immigrants, teach children, fight injustice, heal the sick, share spirituality, empower women, defend the planet, promote peace, create community, offer hope and more. Catholic Sisters Week is a celebration that commenced in March 2014 to honor and celebrate the lives and legacies of Catholic Sisters. Recognition is given for their tireless effort and sacrifice. The celebration also acts to educate and encourage young girls about these religious women and to follow in their footsteps.



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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?

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COPPER STATE
HOSPICE

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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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.