



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**



April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

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: May 7th at
7:30PM

Office Hours
Monday to Friday 10AM to
4:00PM

*We are open for prayer, study
& community weekdays from
8AM-9PM*

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MASS INTENTIONS

Second Sunday of Easter

4/11 5:15PM **Bob Lowry+**

4/12 9:00AM **Ward Cockrum**
11:00AM **Doug Garry+**
5:00PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: Bl. Margaret of Citta di Castello,
OP

4/13 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: Bl. Peter Gonzalez (St. Elmo),
OP

4/14 5:15PM **Fr. Nithiya Sagaya**

Wednesday: Easter Weekday
4/15 5:15PM **Malosi Meredith**

Thursday: Easter Weekday
4/16 5:15PM **Francisco Marquez**

Friday: Bl. Clara Gambacorta, OP
4/17 5:15PM **Sylvia Maria Marquez+**

*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 has been one full week since Easter Sunday. Just days ago, our church was filled—voices lifted in joyful song, hearts awakened, and Lenten sacrifices brought to completion. The brightness of spring seemed to echo everywhere: in the beauty of our altar, in the radiance of our liturgies, and in the renewed energy of our Easter hymns. And now, we move deeper—not away from Easter—but further into its mystery.

In today's Gospel, we encounter the disciples not in triumph, but in hiding. They are locked behind doors—physically, emotionally, spiritually—paralyzed by fear and uncertainty. They have witnessed trauma, loss, and the crushing weight of the cross. They know they could be next. And honestly... who wouldn't feel the same? Yet into that very space—into the fear, the confusion, the grief—Jesus comes. Not from a distance. Not with hesitation. He steps directly into the heart of it all and speaks words that continue to echo across every age: "Peace be with you. Do not be afraid. Receive the Holy Spirit." He does not avoid their wounds—He enters them. He does not dismiss their fear—He transforms it. He walks straight through death itself and calls them back to life... and He keeps calling. Even when Thomas is absent... Jesus returns. Even when Thomas doubts... Jesus invites. "Come, See, Touch, Believe." This is the persistence of God's love—a love that does not give up on us, even when we struggle, even when we hesitate, even when we close ourselves off. And this same invitation is extended to us. When we are locked in fear... When we are burdened by doubt... When we feel distant or uncertain... He still says: "Come." "Take and eat. Take and drink. This is my Body, given for you." "Go... and do the same."

As we continue celebrating this Easter season—and as we give thanks for the grace of our Newman Center's Centennial—we are reminded that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves. A living tradition. A community shaped by generations of faith, sacrifice, and hope. And in our own time, we also hear the Easter call of [Pope Leo XIV](#), who urges us to be instruments of Christ's peace in a world so often marked by division, anxiety, and unrest. Easter is not only something we celebrate—it is something we are sent to live. To be people of peace. To be people of mercy. To be people who unlock doors—rather than build walls. So let us love God with everything—our heart, our mind, our soul, and our strength. And as that love lifts us, heals us, and transforms us... May we go forth and love our neighbors—and even ourselves. May We Be One in the Risen Christ!

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.
- ◆ **Game Night**, Friday at 7:00PM.

COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Confirmation with Bishop Misko**, Saturday, April 18 at 5:15PM.
- ◆ **Holy Land Olivewood statues will be displayed after the 9:00AM & 11:00AM Mass on Sunday, April 19.**
- ◆ **Student Music & Art Recital**, Thursday, April 23 at 3:00PM

View all of our events at
www.UACatholic.org/calendar

Did You Know?



- Year 1895 was the beginning of the Newman Apostolate in the United States at the University of Pennsylvania. John Henry Newman Cardinal Newman was chosen as their patron because of his strong affiliation with higher education
- In 1926, the Newman Club was organized on the University of Arizona campus under the direction of Fr. Lawson, a priest from Philadelphia, who was brought to Tucson by Bishop Daniel Gercke with the sole purpose to work with University students. The first Newman Club meeting was held in a house at Speedway and Cherry. This house included a chapel.
- 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.
- 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.

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 2nd Quarter 2025 revenues 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:

Good Friday Mass. Envelopes: \$643.85
Easter Masses. Envelopes: \$7,698.85
CRS Rice Bowl. Envelopes: \$176.69

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of April as of April 10th is \$3,165.00

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of April as of April 10th is \$2,037.35

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of April as of April 10th is \$4,071.99

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

La Portada:
Tucson International
Mariachi Conference

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...
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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.

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



SAINTS AND
SPEAKEASIES:
A NEWMAN 1920S
DANCE

APRIL 15TH
7PM
GREEN HALL

FORMAL WEAR ENCOURAGED

OR DRESS TO THE THEME



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.