



# 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**

**May 17, 2026**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

## 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: TBD

**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

**The Ascension of the Lord**

5/16 5:15PM Daniel Chavez+

5/17 9:00AM Bella Budaya-Kennedy  
11:00AM Therese & Philippe  
d'Almeida++  
5:00PM Our Newman Community

Monday: St. John I, Pope & Martyr  
5/18 5:15PM No Mass

Tuesday: Easter Weekday  
5/19 5:15PM No Mass

Wednesday: St. Bernardine of Siena,  
Priest  
5/20 5:15PM No Mass

Thursday: St. Christopher Magallanes,  
Priest & Companions, Martyrs  
5/21 5:15PM No Mass

Friday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious  
5/22 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

The power of the Easter Season calls us to far more than remembrance. It invites us to carry the hope of the Resurrection beyond the pages of Scripture and into our hearts, our relationships, and the very fabric of our daily lives. Today, we hear Jesus commissioning his followers to go into the whole world and proclaim the love and promise of the Triune God to all people. But how do we live this mission in a world saturated with noise, skepticism, division, and exhaustion? We do it gradually, faithfully, courageously and abundantly. Yes, there are countless reasons to hesitate. Yet, if we truly long for renewal, a transformation that reaches deeper than surface-level change, we must accept the invitation to rise above the weariness of war, political strife, social inequality, religious division, and the many forms of suffering that weigh upon the human spirit. Jesus's final command to his disciples was clear and urgent:

- Go.
- Go and baptize.
- Go and heal.

Preach. Lift up. Build bridges. Forgive. Reconcile. See. Love. Bring peace. Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

This past weekend, we celebrated many of our students graduating and being sent forth into the wider world and into new chapters of life. In a beautiful way, their graduation mirrors the mystery of the Ascension. The disciples could no longer remain standing still, gazing upward. They had to go forward, carrying Christ into the world. And so it is with our graduates. They leave classrooms, campus life, friendships, and familiar routines not simply to pursue careers or success, but to become living witnesses of hope, truth, compassion, and faith wherever life leads them. Their mission field now stretches far beyond the university walls. As we continue celebrating this Centennial Year of our Newman Center community, we remember that for one hundred years generations of students have come here searching for meaning, friendship, truth, and God. They have prayed here, struggled here, discovered their vocation here, and ultimately been sent forth from this sacred place into the life of the world. The Holy Spirit continues to stir hearts just as powerfully today. At the Ascension, the Angels ask the disciples: "Why do you stand here looking up toward heaven?" In other words: Go, share what you have seen and heard. Live what you have received, and remember, I am with you always. This is the Great Commission and the divine promise of accompaniment. And may our graduates, and all of us, go forward with courage, carrying the light of Christ into a world that deeply longs for hope.

Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit. Amen!



## CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

*Congratulations to these outstanding student scholars. A total of \$25,000 for Fall 2026 Newman Foundation Scholarships was awarded to the following students:*

**Faith Dupree, Eliana Smith, Brendan Tierney, Cyprian Way and Felicity Way.**

## THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ Newman will be close, May 18-22. No daily Mass.
- ◆ Game Night, Friday at 7:00PM.

## COMING EVENTS

- ◆ Evening Prayer and Daily Mass will be held in the Curry Classroom for the Summer, beginning Tuesday, May 26.
- ◆ Newman will be close, May 25-Memorial Day, May 27-28. No daily Mass.

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

## STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

**Projected 2nd Quarter 2025-2026 revenues are \$367,370.00. The actual revenues are \$372,153.10. Projected expenses 2nd Quarter 2025-2026 are \$337,693.74. The actual expenses are \$334,049.87.**

### Weekend Offertory:

May 11th. Envelopes: \$3,005.26  
May 4th. Envelopes: \$3,752.00  
April 27th. Envelopes: \$4,041.80  
April 20th. Envelopes: \$3,155.15

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of May as of May 15th is \$2,290.00.

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of May as of May 15th is \$2,603.53.

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of May as of May 15th is \$4,369.51.

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)



# Congratulations Class of 2026



- **Alessandra Hernandez**, Bachelor of Science in Communication & minor in Criminology, Vail, AZ. **Jeremiah 29:11.**
- **Ava Jenkins**, Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences-Physiology & Medical Science, Flagstaff, AZ.
- **Azalia McKasson**, Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Mililani, HI.
- **Arturo Balderrama**, Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering, Ventura, CA.
- **Austin Stuart**
- **Catherine Yip**, Bachelor of Science in Optical Sciences and Engineering, Kirkland, WA. **Ecclesiastes 3:1.**
- **Colin Dempsey**, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration-Finance, Boise, ID. **Psalms 1:1.**
- **Danny Schlaefter**, Bachelor of Science in Physiology, Lakeville, MN
- **Devin Tabarez**, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration-Accounting, Arroyo Grande, CA.
- **Dunkin Yuen**, Bachelor of Science in Computational Linguistics & Bachelor of Arts in Classics, Winfield, IL
- **Elle Nicholson**, Professional Science Master in Nutrition & Dietetics, Shelby Township, MI. **John 8:12.**
- **Eric Kanakintama**, Bachelor of Science in Information Science, Kigali-Rwanda. **Luke 1:37.**
- **Francisco Alejandro Calixtro**, Bachelor of Science in Optical Sciences and Engineering, Nogales, AZ
- **Gabriel Garcia**, Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering (ASU Student), Maricopa, AZ
- **Grace Ryan**, Bachelor of Science in Molecular & Cellular Biology, Hay Market, VA
- **Isabella Lewis**, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Denver, CO. **Romans 5:1.**
- **Isabelle Scott**, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering & minor in Aerospace Engineering, Fort Bragg, NC. **Matthew 11:28.**
- **Jacob Lee**, Bachelor of Science in Biology, Seattle, WA.
- **Jacob Agcaoili**, Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering, Honolulu, HI
- **Jake Pacheco**, Master of Legal Studies, Tucson, AZ
- **Joyce Mollel**, Master of Laws in Indigenous Peoples Law & Policy, Tanzania. **Jeremiah 33:3.**
- **Julian Garcia**, Bachelor of Science in Cyber Operations, Tucson, AZ.
- **Lynette Kay Valenzuela**, Masters of Science in Biomedical Engineering, Nogales, AZ.
- **Marco Estrada**, Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience & Cognitive Science & Biology, Discovery Bay, CA. **St. Padre Pio.**
- **Mariandree De Leon Bran**, Bachelor of Science in Biosystems Analytics and Technology, Tucson, AZ. **Jeremiah 29:11.**
- **Marina Lulloff**, Bachelor of Science in Biology-Biomedical Sciences emphasis, Corona de Tucson, AZ. **Joshua 1:9.**
- **Morgan Fero**, Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering, Colorado Springs, CO. **Joshua 1:9.**
- **Nicole Yendes**, Bachelor of Science in Biology & minor in Music. Kimberling City, MO.
- **Naomy Da Silva**, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Luanda, Angola. **Romans 11:36.**
- **Nicolly de Freitas**, Master in Teaching, Brazil. Proverbs 16:3.
- **Nicholas Barraza**, Doctorate of Pharmacy, Tucson, AZ. Proverbs 19:20.
- **Ria Umuhire**, Bachelor of Science in Applied Biotechnology, Surprise, AZ. **Psalms 27:4.**
- **Simon Tsaoussis**, PhD in Optical Sciences, Miami, FL.
- **Saoirse Rogan**, Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources with a Conservation Biology emphasis, Tucson, AZ.
- **Thomas Webber**, Bachelor of Science in Management & Marketing, Midland, MI, **Romans 5:5.**
- **Tyler Keefe**, Bachelor of Science in Human Development & Family Science & minor in Nursing, Anchorage, AK.
- **Valencia Rivera-Quevedo**, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering, El Paso, TX

## 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

SAVE THE DATE

# Newman Center Centennial Events

JAN 28, 2026	CENTENNIAL NEWMAN NIGHT
FEB 15, 2026	VALENTINE'S VOW RENEWAL
MAR 4, 2026	UAPD CENTENNIAL STUDENT TALK ON SAFETY & WELL-BEING
APR 23, 2026	STUDENT MUSIC & ART RECITAL
<b>MAY 9, 2026</b>	"WHERE IT ALL STARTED" COCKTAIL RECEPTION @ FLANDRAU SCIENCE CENTER
<b>JUNE 6, 2026</b>	NCSB GOLF TOURNAMENT * @ ARIZONA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB
AUG 29, 2026	"DEGRAZIA Y NEWMAN" EVENT @ GALLERY IN THE SUN
OCT 17, 2026	"MAY WE BE ONE" GALA * @ EL CONQUISTADOR RESORT
NOVEMBER 2026	NEWMAN CENTER UA TAILGATE @ UA MALL
DECEMBER 2026	TO BE ANNOUNCED...

\*INDICATES EVENT UPDATE




## ST. THOMAS MORE NEWMAN CENTER SUSTAINING BOARD

# GOLF TOURNAMENT



**JUNE 6  
2026**

**ARIZONA NATIONAL  
GOLF CLUB**

Registration  
6:45 am

Scramble  
Shotgun Start  
8:00 AM

Includes Lunch  
Awards & Raffle  
Prizes

**\$125 - Per Player  
\$475 - Per Foursome**

**Sponsorship Packages Available**

Register online at  
[NewmanGolfTournament.com](http://NewmanGolfTournament.com)  
Registration Deadline **May 18, 2026**

Proceeds support University of Arizona student scholarships, retreats and ministry training.




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.