



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



August 23, 2026

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: September 3rd
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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8/22 5:15PM Our Newman Community

8/23 9:00AM Mary Benge +
11:00AM Stela Jacobs +
5:00PM Stefano Franzoia

Monday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
8/24 5:15PM No Mass

Tuesday: St. Louis, Priest
8/25 5:15PM Donna Baker, OP

**Wednesday: Bl. James Bianconi of
Bevagna, OP**
8/26 5:15PM Ethan Negron

Thursday: St. Monica
8/27 5:15PM Vera Castillo +

**Friday: St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of
the Church**
8/28 5:15PM Sisters of Charity

*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

Welcome back and Bear Down Arizona! If you're a Wildcat, you know those words. They are part of the sound and spirit of this place. "Bear Down" is a call to focus, to persevere, to give yourself to something bigger than yourself. It is a reminder that when the road gets difficult, you don't simply give up, you bear down and keep going. As we begin another academic year at the University of Arizona and here at the St. Thomas More Newman Center, I think there is something "beautiful" about beginning with that spirit.

The Gospel today gives us another kind of call to focus. Jesus asks his followers, "**Who do people say that I am?**" There is a lot of conversation and speculation about Jesus. People are buzzing about His identity, His purpose, and what He is doing. So Jesus turns to those closest to Him and makes the question personal: "**But what about you? Who do YOU say that I am?**" Peter responds from the journey, he has already traveled with Jesus: "You are the Christ, the Anointed One, the Son of the Living God!" Peter makes a profound statement of faith. He believes this, not because he has everything figured out, but because he has encountered Jesus. Peter believes even though he doesn't yet "fully understand" all that believing will mean. Perhaps, that is an important place for us to begin this academic year. To believe, is to step onto a road toward wider life. Faith, does not mean that we have every answer before we begin. Faith means trusting enough to take the next step. Our faith can become a light that helps us navigate the many paths before us, the decisions we make, the relationships we form, the challenges we face, and the people we are becoming. Why? because there are many roads before us. Some paths allow life to rise within us, other paths can slowly drain us of energy, purpose, hope, and even our sense of who we are. Faith that is tested, chewed on, wrestled with, and digested, helps us discover what is real and what is worth building our lives upon. It helps us know what to bear down upon, because not everything deserves our energy, not every voice deserves our attention, not every path leads to life and perhaps part of growing in faith is learning what is truly worth our focus and having the courage to give ourselves to it. For Peter, that focus became clear: "You are the Christ." And for us, the question remains: Who do we say Jesus is? What happens when we begin to build our lives around Him? And what happens when we discover that following Jesus is not simply something we do individually, but something we do together.

Now brings us to a particularly meaningful theme for ourselves this year: "**May We Be One.**" Our theme comes from Jesus' prayer in the Gospel of John: "**May they be one.**" and this year, we make that prayer our own: "**May We Be One.**" Because discipleship is never simply an individual path, it is a shared journey. Christ calls each of us to walk with Him personally, and He also calls us to live, grow, and witness together. This is so the world might come to see something of Christ through the way we love, encourage, challenge, and care for one another. And that is especially important as we begin this new academic year. If you are returning to Newman, welcome home and if you are new to the St. Thomas More Newman Catholic Community, a very special welcome to you! We are so glad you are here. Come join us at our Welcome BBQ, meet some people, share some food, find your people and discover what is happening here. We hope you begin to make this place your home, because you were not meant to navigate these years alone and this year is especially meaningful for all of us. We are continuing the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the St. Thomas More Newman Center, which has been a yearlong journey that has carries us from last fall through the closing this fall semester. It is truly a once-in-a-century moment. For one hundred years, students have walked these paths; they have asked questions, they have searched for truth, they have struggled with faith, they have discovered friendship, they have encountered Christ and they have found a spiritual home here at Newman. Now, it is our turn. So perhaps as we begin this new academic year, we can take a little of that Wildcat spirit with us, Bear Down. Bear down on what matters, bear down on your studies, bear down when things get difficult, bear down on becoming the person God is calling you to be. But most importantly, bear down on what is true and life giving and let Jesus be at the center of that journey. Because the deepest question we will face here at Newman, is not simply: "What will I accomplish?" or "What will I become?" It is the question Jesus asks every one of us: "**Who do you say that I am?**" May we have the courage to answer that question not only with our words, but with our lives. May our faith give us courage to step onto new roads. May it give us wisdom to recognize the paths that lead to greater life. May it ground us in what is true and lasting and may we discover that we do not have to walk those roads alone. Bear Down, Arizona. May We Be One and may we discover together that the road to Christ is ultimately a road toward wider life, deeper community, and greater love.

Alleluia! Amen!



THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ **Sustaining Board Welcome BBQ**, Sunday, August 23 at 12:00PM.
- ◆ **Young Adult Community**, Tuesday at 7:00PM.
- ◆ **Undergraduate Newman Night**, Wednesday at 7:00PM.
- ◆ **RCIA Info Night**, Thursday, August 27 at 6:30PM.
- ◆ **Game Night** Friday at 7:00PM.

COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **DEGRAZIA Y NEWMAN event**, Saturday, August 29, 6:00PM.
- ◆ **Student Labor Day Hike-Mt Lemmon**, Monday, September 7, 9:00AM.
- ◆ **Mass of the Holy Spirit at Newman**, Sunday, September 20 at 9:00AM, 11:00AM & 5:00PM.

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

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Projected 3rd Quarter 2025-2026 revenues were \$550,580.00. The actual revenues were \$572,021.23. Projected 3rd Quarter 2025-2026 expenses were \$514,755.31. The actual expenses were \$507,266.51.

Weekend Offertory:

August 17th. Envelopes: \$3663.80
August 10th. Envelopes: \$4,013.05
August 3rd. Envelopes: \$2,949.20
July 27th. Envelopes: \$2,120.98

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of August as of August 21st is \$3,176.00.

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of August as of August 21st is \$2,980.03.

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of August as of August 21st is \$6,237.70.

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.



DEGRAZIA Y NEWMAN

AUGUST 29, 2026 | 6-9 PM
DEGRAZIA GALLERY IN THE SUN MUSEUM

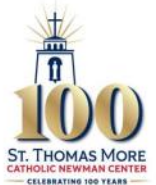


Spend an evening at one of Tucson's most treasured cultural landmarks for an evening of art, faith and fellowship complete with appetizers and beverages. Enjoy a rare, personal look at the meaningful relationship between Ted DeGrazia and the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center.

RSVP BY AUGUST 23

Registration Encouraged,
Space Is Limited.

 <https://e.givesmart.com/events/Pze/>



HAVE YOU REGISTERED WITH NEWMAN ?

Please fill-out the registration form on our website (www.uacatholic.org/registration) or scan QR code below.



Are You INTERESTED in the CATHOLIC FAITH ?



For those *Considering* joining the Catholic Church or *Inquiring* about the Catholic Faith

Contact Margaret Kish mkishaz@aol.com or the Newman Center office at 520-327-4665



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.

LIVING TO THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD

AN IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY RETREAT • SEPTEMBER 25–27, 2026

📍 Redemptorist Renewal Center, 7101 W Picture Rocks Rd, Tucson, AZ 85743

***HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED HOW YOUR LIFE AND ACTIONS CAN
MORE FULLY REFLECT THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD?***

THE RETREAT EXPERIENCE

In a world of constant pressure, noise, and distraction, how do we make space to truly attend to God?

Through guided contemplation, personal reflection, prayerful exercises, and faith sharing, this silent retreat invites you into deeper awareness, freedom, and purpose.

Rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, you will be invited to:

- Recognize the abundance of gifts already present in your life
- Confront inner barriers such as perfectionism, overstriving, and not-enoughness
- Respond more intentionally to God's will and invitation in everyday life.

You will learn simple, powerful practices that help you notice God's presence, discern God's movement, and respond with greater trust and freedom.

AN INVITATION

What do you seek?
What is weighing on your spirit? Where might God be inviting you to live more fully—and more freely?

Are you open to being surprised?

**STEP AWAY.
LISTEN DEEPLY.
RECONNECT WITH
GOD.**

Join us for a weekend of reflection, discernment, and spiritual renewal.



RETREAT FACILITATOR: KIM CAVNAR

With over 40 years in Jesuit education, Kim Cavnar is known for helping others encounter God in the real circumstances of their lives. Rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, she gently guides participants toward deeper awareness, trust, and response to God's invitation.

For reservations, call or email: Ann Dickson 520-234-2140 (c), anndickson@theriver.com.

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