



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**

2026-2027 Theme:
"May We Be One." John 17:21



September 20, 2026

Twenty-Fifth 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: **October 1st** 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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9/19 5:15PM **Our Newman Community**
9/20 9:00AM **Our Newman Community**
11:00AM **Our Newman Community**
5:00PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: St. Matthew, Apostle &
Evangelist
9/21 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: Bl. Francis Posadas, OP
9/22 5:15PM **Eduardo Farina +**

Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest
9/23 5:15PM **Michael Oliver +**

Thursday: Bl. Dalmatius Moner, OP
9/24 5:15PM **Rosita Lopez +**

Friday: Bl. Mark Scalabrini of Modena, OP
9/25 5:15PM **Andrea & James
Knotwell ++**

*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

Come, Holy Spirit. We begin another academic year, another year of possibility, discovery, challenge, friendship, growth, and grace. And yet here we are, four weeks into the fall semester. Hopefully, the newness has begun to settle in a little, schedules are taking shape, friendships are forming, classes are becoming real, and we're beginning to find our rhythm. And now we have our annual Mass of the Holy Spirit. Today we ask the Spirit to breathe the new life into us, into this University, into our Newman community and into our world.

Isaiah tells us: "Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near." and the Psalm reminds us: "The Lord is near to all who call upon him." God is near, right here, right now. Come, Holy Spirit. Jesus tells us this beautiful parable about a landowner who keeps going out into the marketplace looking for workers. Again and again he says: "You too go into my vineyard." I think that is a beautiful word for us as we begin this year. Jesus is saying to every one of us: You have a place in my vineyard; your gifts matter, your questions matter, your struggles matter and your presence matters. You are not simply here to get a degree, you are here to become the person God is calling you to be and we are not all the same. We don't have the same gifts, the same stories, or the same questions.

Last year I spoke about the symphony of creation, a community tuning itself, each person bringing a different voice, a different instrument, a different gift. I think that image still speaks to us. A symphony doesn't become beautiful because every instrument sounds the same. It becomes beautiful when each instrument discovers how its particular sound belongs within something greater than itself. That is what the Holy Spirit does. The Spirit takes our different lives and gifts and teaches us how to listen, how to find our place and how to play our part for the beauty of the whole. Come, Holy Spirit, tune our hearts to you. St. Paul says: "For to me life is Christ." Life is Christ. Not simply believing something about Christ, but allowing Christ to become the center around which everything else begins to make sense. Our studies, our friendships, our decisions, our ambitions and our future.

Paul speaks about "fruitful labor." God has given us intelligence, creativity, imagination, reason, relationships, and opportunities. The question is not simply, what can I accomplish? The deeper Christian question is: What can my life produce for the good of others? We live in a moment of extraordinary possibility, especially with artificial intelligence. Pope Leo XIV has reminded us that we must ask not only, What can we do? but also, What ought we do? He speaks of us as "co-workers in the work of creation." Our intelligence and creativity are gifts entrusted to us, gifts meant to serve human dignity, the common good, one another, and the world God has given us and that means caring for creation itself. Creation is not simply something we consume, it is something we have received. Our common home, our relationships and even our own hearts. Come, Holy Spirit, give us wisdom. Jesus gives us another challenging word. The workers who came early become angry because the landowner is generous to those who came later. "Are you envious because I am generous?" Ouch. We compare, we measure and we calculate. Who got more? Who was recognized? Who succeeded? Why them and not me? The kingdom of God is not a competition. Someone else's gifts do not cancel yours. Someone else's success does not diminish your dignity. The Spirit does not make us competitors. The Spirit makes us one and that brings us home to Newman.

As we celebrate 100 years of the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center, we remember generations of students who have prayed here, questioned here, encountered Christ here, discovered their vocation here, served here, and learned to give their lives away in love. The question is not simply, What did Newman do in the past? The question is: What will the Spirit do through us now? Jesus says: "You too go into my vineyard." Not someday, not when you have everything figured out but now. Bring your gifts, bring your faith, bring your doubts, bring your creativity, bring your whole self, and let God make something beautiful of it. That is what our Newman mission means when we say: "To be transformed through an encounter with the Spirit of Truth and the Love of God." We come here to encounter the living Christ, to be transformed by Truth, to be transformed by Love. and then to become instruments of that Truth and Love in the world.

Come, Holy Spirit. Tune us, form us, send us and bless the work of our hands. Make us faithful workers in your vineyard and together, here at the University of Arizona. Bear Down. May We Be One.

Alleluia! Amen!



THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ♦ **Mass of the Holy Spirit at Newman,** Saturday & Sunday, September 19 & 20 at All Masses.
- ♦ **Young Adult Community,** Tuesday at 7:00PM.
- ♦ **Undergraduate Newman Night,** Wednesday at 7:00PM.

COMING EVENTS

- ♦ **"May We Be One" Gala at the Hilton El Conquistador,** Saturday, October 17 at 5:30PM.
- ♦ **Homecoming-Tent on UA Mall,** Saturday, October 24.

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

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Projected 2025-2026 revenues were \$733,780.00. The actual revenues were \$762,610.13. Projected 2025-2026 expenses were \$676,930.63. The actual expenses were \$694,087.27.

Weekend Offertory:

September 14th. Envelopes: \$2,582.00
September 8th. Envelopes: \$4,074.66
August 31st. Envelopes: \$3,074.45
August 24th. Envelopes: \$2,637.42

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of September as of September 18 is \$3,387.00.

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of September as of September 18 is \$2,550.29.

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of September as of September 18 is \$4,442.43.

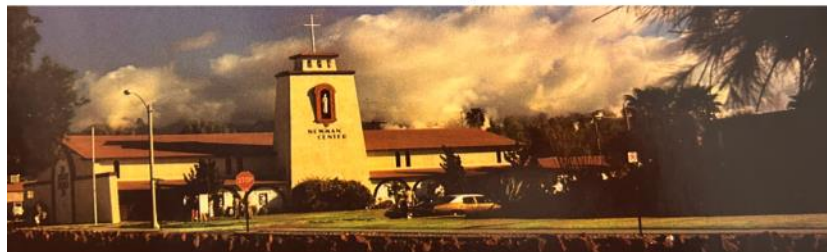
Your contribution during the Offertory goes towards utilities, ministries, staff and residences for the Friars & Sisters so we can carry out our shared mission.

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.



ST. THOMAS MORE
NEWMAN CENTER

HOME COMING celebration



TENT ON
UA MALL



10.24.26
TIME TBD



Are You INTERESTED in the CATHOLIC FAITH ?

For those *considering* joining the Catholic church or *inquiring* about the Catholic faith, Please contact Margaret Kish at mkishaz@aol.com or the Newman center office at 520-327-4665



HAVE YOU REGISTERED WITH NEWMAN ?

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



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.

Celebrate
with Us



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

Centennial Gala

OCTOBER 17, 2026 | 5:30 PM | HILTON EL CONQUISTADOR

Join us for the "**May We Be One**" Centennial Gala, celebrating 100 years of the St. Thomas More Newman Center's support of alumni, students, parishioners and friends.

A highlight of the evening will include a conversation with University of Arizona Athletics coaches and staff exploring leadership, mentorship and faith-driven service, benefiting the Newman Center Student Campus Ministry.



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REED-FRANCOIS**
R. Ken Coit Director
of Athletics



**CHIP
HALE**
Head Coach,
Baseball



**GIOVANA
MAYMON**
Head Coach,
Women's Golf



**MIKE
CANDREA**
8 Time National
Champion Coach,
Softball



**EMCEE: MATT
MUEHLEBACH**
Alumni Men's
Basketball Letterwinner,
Crest Insurance Attorney

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 26
➔ NewmanGala.givesmart.com



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

This year's Season of Creation theme, "Living Waters," focuses on the importance of water in our lives and throughout creation. The theme is especially fitting this year as Pope Leo XIV has dedicated his September prayer intention to the care of water. He reminds us that water is a gift from God and a source of life and calls us to care for it responsibly, while remembering those who do not have access to clean water.

Sept. 21 God of all life, stir in us a calling to care for your waters, to defend the rights of your waters, and respond to the cries of the thirsty...

Sept. 22 For the health and welfare of all communities suffering the loss of land and fresh water due to the effects of climate change..

Sept. 23 For the health and stability of all those people sickened by recent contamination of farm irrigation water...

Sept. 24 May we reverence and protect the gift of water entrusted to us as a source of life for all and for every generation to come...

Sept. 25 For indigenous communities who must defend their lands and water from corporate incursion and destruction...

Sept. 26 For the health and safety for the men and women who provide food from our waters and fields...

Sept. 27 For the care and financial support needed to sustain our national and state parks for generation to come...

Sept. 28 That we may recognize our daily impact on the environment and embrace simpler, more sustainable living habits that respect the sacredness of creation...

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