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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

October 25, 2026 — **Thirtieth 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: **November 5th 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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10/24 5:15PM **Sean Power +**

10/25 9:00AM **Linda Knotwell**
11:00AM **Elodia Jauregui +**
5:00PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: Bl. Damian Furcheri of Finale, OP
10/26 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: Bl. Bartholomew of Vicenza, OP
10/27 5:15PM **Rachel Duarte**

Wednesday: St. Simone & Jude
10/28 5:15PM **Isabel Guario +**

Thursday: Weekday
10/29 5:15PM **Domingo Amaldo +**

Friday: Bl. Benvenuta Bojani, OP
10/30 5:15PM **Larry Mejia +**

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

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Fr. John Paul's Spiritual Brew

To love God with our whole heart, mind, and soul and to love our neighbor as ourselves."

What a calling! And yet, what a gift it is to discover the depth of this invitation when we truly open our hearts to it. To love God with our whole being means allowing God to be at the center of our lives and gently letting go of whatever keeps us from living with greater freedom and authenticity. God is the source and end of everything. When we give God our heart, mind, and strength, we begin to discover that we are not asked to carry the weight of the world on our own. God offers us the grace and wisdom we need for the journey and more than we sometimes realize.

In today's Gospel, a scribe asks Jesus which commandment is the greatest. Jesus brings everything back to two essential things: love God with your whole being, and love your neighbor as yourself. These two commandments belong together. Our relationship with God cannot be separated from the way we treat the people around us. The scribe recognizes the truth in Jesus' answer. Perhaps he came to test Jesus; perhaps he was sincerely seeking wisdom. Whatever brought him to that encounter, he finds more than a good answer. He encounters the truth embodied in Jesus himself and that makes all the difference. Jesus does not simply speak about love; He shows us what it looks like. His words and His life belong together. The encounter invites us to ask ourselves: Does the way I live reflect what I say I believe? The other readings help us take that question to heart. In Exodus, God calls the people to care for strangers, widows, orphans, and those who are poor or vulnerable. Having known what it was like to be strangers themselves, they are asked to remember their own experience and respond with compassion. Faith becomes real when we notice those who may be overlooked, listen to those who struggle, and offer practical care to those who need it. The Psalm gives us a prayer to carry into the week: "I love you, Lord, my strength." What a comforting reminder, especially when life feels like a little too much! We do not have to depend on our own strength alone. God is our refuge, accompanying us through the difficult moments and helping us find our footing again. In his letter to the Thessalonians, Paul celebrates a community whose faith became an example to others. Their belief was not simply something they professed; it was something people could recognize in the way they lived. Perhaps that is one of the most meaningful ways we can witness to our faith, not by having all the answers, but by allowing our everyday choices to reflect the goodness we have received.

As we come through Homecoming weekend here at the University of Arizona, I hope there have been some joyful moments of reconnecting, celebrating our Wildcats, and remembering what makes this community special. Homecoming brings together students, alumni, families, and friends across generations. It reminds us that we belong to something bigger than ourselves, and that the relationships we build can stay with us long after a particular game, semester, or season has passed and maybe there is a little Gospel wisdom in that, too. The strongest communities are not built simply by cheering for the same team, but by learning to care for one another. The real spirit of belonging shows itself when we welcome someone new, reach out to someone who feels alone, or stand beside someone who is having a difficult time. That is something we hope to nurture in our Newman community, too. Newman is more than a place to gather; it is an invitation to encounter Christ and discover that we do not have to make this journey alone. As we look toward Election Day this Tuesday, may we be especially attentive to the Spirit of Truth. Whatever our concerns or differences, we are called to approach one another with respect, seek what is true, and remember the dignity of every person. The Gospel does not ask us to agree on everything; it asks us to remain attentive to our shared humanity and seek the good of one another and our community. Perhaps this week, the invitation is simple: make a little room for God and let that encounter guide your next step. Offer a kind word. Listen a little more patiently. Notice someone who may be struggling. Reach out to a friend. Come together in prayer. These small gestures are often where our faith takes root and becomes visible. remember, God's love for you is not measured by how much you accomplish or how well you hold everything together. You are cherished even when you feel tired, uncertain, or stretched thin. We can trust that we are never alone and begin again, one day, one choice, one encounter at a time. May we be guided by the Spirit of Truth and strengthened by the God who is our refuge. May Newman continue to be a place where faith is nourished, friendships deepen, and every person is reminded that they are known, welcomed, and loved. And may we carry that same spirit into the wider Wildcat community, discovering that when we place God at the center and treat our neighbors with the same care we hope to receive, we find our way back to what matters most. Bear Down, Wildcats and may we keep looking out for one another!

Alleluia! Amen! 🙏

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- **Homecoming Tailgate-Tent on UA Mall, Saturday, October 24 at 12:30PM.**
- **2026 Fall Undgraduate Retreat, October 30-November 1. Registration & Payment Deadline is Monday, October 26.**
- **Young Adult Community**, Tuesday at 7:00PM.
- **Undergraduate Newman Night**, Wednesday at 7:00PM.

COMING EVENTS

- **"All Souls" Remembrance Service**, Saturday, November 7 at 10:00AM.
- **"Gold" Mass-Blessing for Scientists**, Sunday, November 15.

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:

October 19th. Envelopes: $5,238.00
October 12th. Envelopes: $8,229.00
October 5th. Envelopes: $5,346.47
September 28th. Envelopes: $3,225.26

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of October as of October 23 is $4,540.00.

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of October as of October 23 is $3,765.06.

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of October as of October 23 is $8,221.33.

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.

All Souls Remembrance Service

Newman invites you and your family to a "All Souls Remembrance Service" on Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 10:00AM.

We will remember, by name, all who died this past year. You are welcome to bring a picture in a standing frame to place on the table in the sanctuary area. Please do so by 9:45AM before the service begins.

If someone in your family or friends has died from Nov.1, 2025 to Oct. 31, 2026. Please contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth at 520-327-4665 or srmaryelizabeth@uacatholic.org and we will include your individual in our remembrance service by name.

National Wreaths Across America Day



In honor of **Sgt. Martin A. Lugo**, U.S. Army Ranger, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, who was killed in action on August 19, 2010, and all veterans laid to rest at Holy Hope Catholic Cemetery.

St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center supports this meaningful event. Veterans Honor Wreaths are $17 each, with $5 from each sponsorship returned to Newman Center. Everyone is encouraged to sponsor an honor wreath. This event would not be possible without the generous support of our community. Wreaths are also available for purchase online at https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/42855/Overview/?relatedId=15499 or scan the QR code.

Everyone is invited to attend National Wreaths Across America Day
Date and time: December 19, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Location: Holy Hope Catholic Cemetery, 3555 N. Oracle Rd.

Light refreshments will be provided.

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.



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