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

November 22, 2026 — Solemnity of Christ the King

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: **December 3rd 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

Solemnity of Christ the King

11/21 5:15PM **Our Newman Community**

11/22 9:00AM **Bertha Golston**
11:00AM **Kevin Gilfillan +**
5:00PM **Gail Gibbons, OP +**

Monday: Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Prlest & Martyr
1/23 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
11/24 5:15PM **Michelle & Chris Tett**

Wednesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
11/25 5:15PM **Irene Finemore**

Thursday: Weekday
11/26 5:15PM **Our Newman Community**

Friday: Weekday
11/27 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*

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Fr. John Paul's Spiritual Brew

"Whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me." Words that go straight to our hearts, our minds, and our souls. But listen again to the question that comes before them: "Lord, when did we see you?" When did we see you hungry, thirsty, a stranger, sick, or in prison? When did we see you and respond? And when did we see you or fail to see you at all? The King answers: "As often as you did it or did not do it, you did it to Me."

We are connected to one another in ways we do not always recognize. The Christ we worship, the King of the Universe, is the very same Christ who comes to meet us in the people around us, especially those who are vulnerable, forgotten, suffering, or in need. That is quite a different picture of a king than the one we might expect. We tend to think of kings as powerful, protected, and seated on magnificent thrones, with others serving them, but the King Jesus reveals Himself to be is a very different kind of king. In our first reading from Ezekiel, God speaks as a shepherd who goes looking for the scattered sheep. **"I myself will look after and tend My sheep."** The Lord seeks out the lost, brings back the strayed, binds up the injured, and heals the sick. God does not remain at a distance, waiting for the sheep to find their own way home. God goes looking for them. Psalm 23 reminds us: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." He leads us beside restful waters. He refreshes our souls. He guides us along right paths. This is the kingship of Jesus: not domination, but service; not distance, but presence; not indifference to suffering, but a love that seeks us out and brings us home. In Matthew's Gospel, the King identifies Himself with those who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, ill, and imprisoned. He says, in effect: **When you encounter them, you encounter Me**. Suddenly, love is not just a beautiful idea. Mercy is not simply a virtue we admire. Justice is not merely something we talk about or hope someone else will accomplish. We belong to God, and therefore we belong to love, with all its responsibilities and all its blessings.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I imagine many of our students are feeling the fatigue of the semester. Papers, exams, deadlines, responsibilities and the sense that there is still one more push before the semester finally comes to a close. A little Thanksgiving break can sound pretty wonderful right about now! It is good to rest. It is good to breathe. We need those moments when we can step back, receive the love of family and friends, and remember that our worth is not measured by how much we accomplish or how long we can keep going. Let's give each other a little room to breathe and let's remember that sometimes the most important thing we accomplish in a day is not on a syllabus, a to-do list, or a calendar. It is the love we offer another person. We may never know how much a simple act of kindness, a word of encouragement, or the willingness to remain present can mean to another person. This is also part of what we celebrate as we mark 100 years of Newman at the University of Arizona. Our Centennial theme, **"May We Be One"** is more than a celebration of our history. It is an invitation to keep becoming the community Christ calls us to be a community where students and all who come through our doors can find a place to belong, discover that they are loved by God, and learn to recognize Christ in one another. For 100 years, generations of students and those who have served them have helped make that mission real and it continues in the small, ordinary choices we make today: noticing someone who feels alone, welcoming someone new, making room for another person's story, and showing up for one another when life gets difficult. That is how we build community. That is how we live our faith. That is how we become one in Christ. The Feast of Christ the King brings the liturgical year to a powerful conclusion. It takes Matthew's Gospel, the Gospel of Mercy and places the greatest commandment before us once again as we prepare to enter Advent: Love God with your whole heart, your whole mind, and your whole soul. May we receive him here, recognize him there, and respond with courage and love. May we keep exercising those loving muscles, keep stepping out of the boat, and keep trusting the Shepherd who seeks us, heals us, and leads us home.

Alleluia! Amen! 🙏🏾

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- **Mass of Stewards, Sunday, November 22 at 11:00AM. Followed by celebratory brunch in Green Hall.**
- **Sustaining Board Thanksgiving Dinner, Sunday, November 22 at 6:00PM.**
- **Young Adult Community**, Tuesday at 7:00PM.
- **Undergraduate Newman Night**, Wednesday at 7:00PM.

COMING EVENTS

- **Thanksgiving day Mass**, Thursday, November 26 at 9:00AM. Newman Center will be closed after Mass (November 26 & 27).
- **Immaculate Conception Masses**, Tuesday, December 8 at 12:10PM, 5:15PM and 7:00PM.
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass & Dinner,** Friday, December 11 at 6:00PM. Music & Food

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:

November 16th. Envelopes: $2,573.85
November 9th. Envelopes: $4,136.00
November 2nd. Envelopes: $2,618.49
October 26th. Envelopes: $2,319.03

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of November as of November 20 is $3,383.00.

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of November as of November 20 is $2,826.07.

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of November as of November 20 is $6,479.37.

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.

CASA MARIA CHRISTMAS FOOD-DRIVE

NOV. 29-DEC. 13

REQUESTED FOOD ITEMS:

APPLES
CITRUS
SWEETS
WATER BOTTLES
NON-PERISHABLE FOODS

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.

Saint Thomas More Catholic Newman Center

Coming in January 2027!

Newman Center Sustaining Board Scholarship Application

Did you know that the Newman Center Sustaining Board awards Scholarships to U of A Students?

- ❑ *Past Scholarship Recipients are active members and leaders at the Newman Center*
- ❑ *Scholarships are evaluated in three key areas:*
  - ✓ *Academics*
  - ✓ *Financial Need*
  - ✓ *Extracurricular Activities (Including Newman Center participation)*
- ❑ *Scholarship Applications will open in January 2027*
  - ✓ *Applications will require 2 Letters of Recommendation*

More information coming in January 2027

Fall 2026 Confirmation



Pictured from left to right: Irene Sotelo (Confirmation Catechist), Fr. Emmanuel, Jacob Krell, Jose Mireles, Christian Pierson, Bishop Kicanas (Emeritus), Bishop Misko, Nicholas Petrov, Roman Basurto, Dani-Rae Robles (front), Keianna Robles, Valerie Juarez (back), Samantha Lyes and Ehmma Isaacs (not in photo)

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