

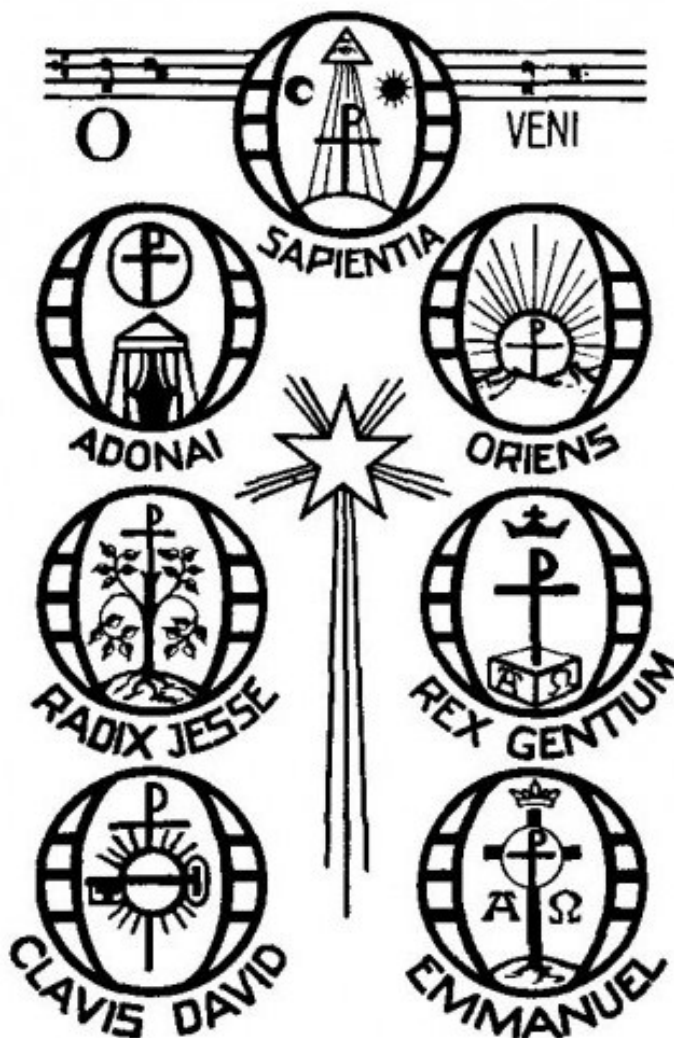
Dec 17-18, 2011

Fourth Sunday
of Advent



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

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While you are probably familiar with the Advent Hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," you might not be aware that the verses of that hymn are based on much more ancient prayers called the "O Antiphons." Represented here graphically, the Seven prayers are the antiphons (a kind of pre-verse) to the Gospel Cantic of Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the last seven days of the Advent Season (December 17-23). During this period of Late Advent, the Church's liturgy calls us to focus on the celebration of the birth of Jesus and each of the antiphons recalls a prophetic title of the Messiah from the writings of Isaiah: O *Sapientia* (O Wisdom), O *Adonai* (O Lord), O *Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse), O *Clavis David* (O Key of David), O *Oriens* (O Rising Sun), O *Rex Gentium* (O King of the Nations), and O *Emmanuel*.

**WINTER BREAK
WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

MONDAY—FRIDAY
Morning Prayer: 7:30 AM
Evening Prayer: 5:00 PM
Daily Mass 5:15 PM

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
5:15 PM

SUNDAY MASSES
8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, and 5 PM

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 4:00-5:00 PM
Sunday 4:00-4:45 PM
(or by appointment with a priest)

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The Newman Mission:
To be the Presence of Jesus Christ on the Campus of the University of Arizona

The Newman Promise:
The entire Newman Community will work together to create an environment where university students are formed to live their Faith more intentionally and future leaders are formed for the Church and the world.

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

Sunday, December 18

1:00 PM - OPL - Green Hall

Thursday, December 22

7:00 PM - Lector Scripture Study - Library

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Masses:

5:00 PM (Children's Mass)

8:00 PM

Midnight

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Masses:

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

**The Newman Center Will Be Closed
December 26 — December 30**

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Monday, December 26

Tuesday, December 27

Wednesday, December 28

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Friday, December 30

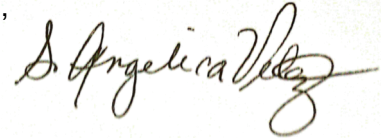
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we hear extraordinary words! We hear of fulfilled promises, of God dwelling in our midst, of a young woman who is asked to consider her part in the story of salvation. **"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son"**. Yes, Mary has found favor with God and so God enables a young woman to be God's dwelling!

God's tender mercy is made manifest and heaven's dawn is about to break upon us because Jesus, Emmanuel, God With Us is in our midst. Mary's pondering simply pleads "how can this be" and the extraordinary response is, "the Holy Spirit will come upon you". Yes, the power of God will dwell upon Mary and it is God's work that will be done. The announcement of the wonders of God in her and in her cousin, Elizabeth, is met with, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord".

What can this extraordinary promise of God With Us mean for us today? Perhaps it can remind us of endless and amazing possibilities for when we say yes to God, God can and does marvelous things. We, too, are able to be God's dwelling, God's work and God's hope for salvation. As we continue our Advent journey into the Christmas season, may we "behold" the wonders of God's presence among us and with us and may we also have found favor with God.

Advent blessings,



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Sacramental Formation @ Newman

Adult Initiations:

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please speak to one of the Pastoral staff about participating in the RCIA program.

Confirmation:

Eight-week classes and the Sacrament of Confirmation are offered twice each year. Please contact the office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday, 4:00 PM
(or by appointment)

Marriage:

Couples who would like to celebrate this Sacrament should contact one of the priests at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

Infant Baptisms:

Infant Baptisms are celebrated at Sunday Masses. Please call the office to schedule baptisms and preparation classes.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please contact one of the priests if you would like to be anointed because of sickness, injury, or surgery



CO-WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

**Diocesan Conference
March 15-17, 2012**

Tucson Convention Center

Come together as a diocese for this gathering of over 3000 people from across Southern Arizona to be inspired, encouraged, and connected to one another and with God. There will be keynote speakers, workshops, liturgies, a resource exhibition hall, and opportunities for networking. Registration begins at 4:00 PM on March 15, doors open at 7:00 PM.



IF THE LORD DOES NOT BUILD THE HOUSE, IN VAIN DO THE BUILDERS LABOR... Psalm 127

85 FOR 85 THOUSAND YEARS

A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S HOUSE

The projects to be accomplished by the "85 for 85" Campaign will enhance the beauty of the facility but are not being undertaken for that purpose. They are largely related to safety and security on our property and around our buildings. Much of the needed work is the result of deferred maintenance and the age of the building. Those who call the Newman Center their "church home" and friends of our community are invited to help us raise these funds and make these much needed repairs to our community's house.

PARTIAL LIST OF PROJETS TO BE FUNDED: Replace exterior doors and panic bar hardware, replace evap coolers in lobby, library, and Blessed Sacrament Chapel, re-pad, reupholster, and repair kneelers, replace AC unit in Dominican residence, lawn/sprinkler and landscape work, repairs to roof on south side of building, re-carpet lobby and halls in Newman Center, furniture for lobby and library, replace sign in front of Center/new signage, repair weather damage to ramada, repair weather and termite damage to Dominican residence.



HELP DECORATE THE CHAPEL FOR CHRISTMAS

We welcome anyone who is willing to lend us a couple of hours and help create our Christmas environment. Join us Saturday, December 24 at 8:00 AM. No special skills are needed. It will be a great way to

prepare ourselves one last time for our joyous Christmas celebration!



POINSETTIA DONATIONS

The Newman Center is accepting poinsettia donations for the Christmas season to create a prayerful and beautiful chapel environment. Please bring your poinsettias to the front desk by Thursday, December 22. Financial donations toward purchasing the plants are also accepted. Thank you!

SIGN-UP FOR 2nd SEMESTER CAMPUS RENEW

A weekly gathering with other students to reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading, to consider how God is present and active in your life, and to share faith with other students in a small group. Meets one time per week for about an hour. Sign-up at the table outside after mass, at the reception desk, or online.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES SPRING 2012

Spring Confirmation classes will begin on Monday February 6 at 7:00 PM. Those interested in participating in the spring session must complete and submit an application and be interviewed by Sr. Elizabeth. Applications may be picked up at the receptionist's desk.

MOBILE MEALS OF TUCSON

Mobile Meals of Tucson, Inc. helps preserve the health, dignity and independence of homebound adults by delivering meals. It is a volunteer based, non-profit organization dedicated to providing meals to homebound adults to help them maintain their health and remain living independently. Volunteers deliver meals, and provide social contact and a connection to other community organizations.

Clients are eligible if they are homebound, have special dietary needs, and are unable to cook or shop for themselves. Clients are provided with two meals a day, Monday-Friday. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at (520) 622-1600 or email volunteers@mobilemealsoftucson.org.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

The Newman Center has EFT available to make it possible for you to make your regular contribution by automatic deduction from your checking account. This is intended to help those who would like help being more intentional with their regular parish stewardship. Pick up an Authorization Form at the Newman front desk.

RCIA LUNCH HOSTS NEEDED

RCIA lunch hosts are needed for the spring semester. Please see the sign-up sheets on the back wall in the church.

REACHOUT PREGNANCY CENTER

The Arizona Charitable Tax Credit reaches out to women and unborn children and reduces your state income tax. The Arizona legislature has made it possible for you to put your money where your heart is and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. A donation to Reachout Pregnancy Center up to \$400 may qualify you for a \$400 state income tax credit if filing jointly and up to \$200 if file singly. For more information go to www.aztaxcredit.us or reachoutforlife.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Applicants are being sought for the position of Religious Education Coordinator/Catholic Pastoral Coordinator Services, for the Davis-Monthan AFB (DMAFB) Chapel. This is a full time position/ (40) hours per week. These hours will include a minimum of four days per week. Flexibility is paramount as the schedule will also include evening hours and weekend duties. A weekly office work schedule will be negotiated with the Catholic priest to ensure program coordination. Submit resumes to cjoycebarksdaleinc@att.net.

SUPPORT YOU



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Catholic education combines a quality curriculum that nurtures faith development, provides strong academics, high expectations, and promotes respect for one another. Take advantage of the tax credit and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. Send your contribution of up to \$1,000 if filing jointly or \$500 if filing singly, to the Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) before December 31st and Get the Credit.

CTSO, P.O. Box 14467

Tucson, Arizona 85732-4467

Visit www.ctso-tucson.org for online giving

NEWMAN CENTER CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24: 5:00 PM (Children's Mass), 8:00 PM, and Midnight

Sunday, December 25: 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

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Monday, Dec. 26, Tuesday, Dec. 27, Wednesday, Dec. 28, Thursday Dec. 29, or Friday Dec. 30

WINTER BREAK MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 31: 5:15 PM

Sunday, January 1: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Saturday, January 7: 5:15 PM

Sunday, January 8: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Our regular worship schedule resumes the weekend of January 14/15

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

8:30 AM Emilia Ramos Espiritu

10:30 AM Fred Moreno +

5:00 PM Pro Populo

December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

5:15 PM Gerrit Heijn +

December 20

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

5:15 PM Aurelia Araneta + +

December 21

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

5:15 PM Mary Lopez +

December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

5:15 PM Benita Maestas

December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

5:15 PM Edward Massung + +

December 24: Vigil of Christmas

Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

5:00 PM Rick, Ruben, Fina, Louie, & Fred Gabusi +

8:00 PM No Intention

Midnight No Intention

December 25: The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

During the Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

8:30 AM Mary Mossay +

10:30 AM Pro Populo