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OUR MISSION: TO BE TRANSFORMED THROUGH AN
ENCOUNTER WITH THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH & THE LOVE OF GOD

Yearly Theme: "Blessed" - Matthew 5:3-12



December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

SCHEDULES

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
5:15 PM

SUNDAY MASSES
9:00 AM, 11:00 AM,
5:00PM, 7:00PM

MONDAY through FRIDAY
Morning Prayer (Lauds): 8:30AM
Evening Prayer (Vespers): 5:00PM
Daily Mass: 5:15 PM

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

**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**
Wednesdays at 9PM
2nd Thursdays at 7:30PM

OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday 9:00AM-4:00PM
Sunday 8:30AM-12:30PM

NEWMAN CENTER STAFF



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by the Friars of the Western
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Vigil - St. Andrew the Apostle
11/30 5:15PM **Nicole Jordan**

1st Sunday of Advent
12/1 9:00AM **Valentine Barron, Jr+**
11:00AM **Vincent Barron+**
5:00PM **Our Newman Community**
7:00PM **Mary Guzman+**

Monday: Advent Weekday
12/2 5:15PM **Beatrice Laguana+**
Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier
12/3 5:15PM **Jessie Jimenez**
Wednesday: St. John Damascene
12/4 5:15PM **Anita Silva**
Thursday: Advent Weekday
12/5 9:00AM **Deceased MSJ Dominicans+**
Friday: St. Nicholas
12/6 5:15PM **Harriet Sherwin+**

*Mass Intentions can be requested at the office for
Memorials, Birthdays or Special Intentions.
\$10 is the suggested donation*

Fr. John Paul's Spiritual Brew

Life breaks into our chaos and invites us to come home! "Emmanuel" is what echoes above everything throughout these December days of Advent and Christmas.

Advent's invitation is to slow our inner and external pace - to hear the beating of our hearts, minds, relationships, and spirits. The longer nights remind us that the true light of the world is already present, and offering us guidance in our questions, struggles, finals, and peace-seeking. May the spirit of this season echo the reality of "God with us."

May you be blessed over these days of crisper sunrises, and cooler nights. May you know the peace of the Word made Flesh, as well, as the Light that illumines the world.

Grace, Peace, Hope, and Joy! Amen.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

We will have 30 poinsettias from Green Things placed throughout the church for the Christmas Season. If you would like to sponsor one in memory of a deceased loved one, please stop by the Newman Office or donate online \$10 with the name you would like displayed on a tag

FALL FOOD DRIVE

Knight of Columbus Council #16061 invites all Newman Parishioners to participate in our Fall/Holiday Food Drive.

Donations will benefit Casa Maria, Pio Decimo, Poverello House and Casa Alitas. Non-perishable food items only, please. The food drive starts on Saturday, November 2nd and ends on Sunday, December 15th. Please help the Knights of Columbus provide food for those members of our community that are in need.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Support WAA and St. Thomas More Newman Center's Social Justice Committee

In Honor of **Sgt. Martin Lugo**, a Tucson local Hero

Place a Fresh Evergreen Wreath on a Veteran's Grave for the Christmas Season. Your \$15 Donation is fully tax deductible as allowed by law. Purchase a wreath online at www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org - Group AZ0092P

Volunteer to place wreaths on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at Holy Hope Catholic Cemetery 10:00AM

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

TABLING ON THE MALL

Mondays from 11AM-1PM—look for the Newman Tent

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 7PM in the Curry Classroom

ROSARY UNDER THE STARS

Tuesdays at 6:30PM—Highland Bowl on campus

NEWMAN NIGHT FOR UNDERGRADS

Wednesdays at 7PM downstairs
This week we'll be making ornaments and luminarias

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday, 12/4 at 9PM - final of the semester

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

Thursdays at 7:30PM downstairs

FINAL 7PM MASS OF THE SEMESTER

Sunday, December 8th

View the full calendar at:

UACatholic.org/calendar

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thanks to Jude Coomson, Denise Durazo, Genevieve Gallardo, and Gilbert Mejia for their vision and work to beautifully transform our church for the Advent Season

FALL BACCALAUREATE MASS

Sunday, 12/15 at 5PM

Graduating seniors - to register email your Name and Major to Manny@UACatholic.org

NEWMAN BOOK CLUB

This month's title is Flannery O'Connor's [The Violent Bear it Away](#)

Next mtg is on Tuesday, December 3 at 7PM
Please read the book beforehand. There will be snacks and good conversation. All are welcome—students and community members alike!

If you need help obtaining a copy of the book or have any questions, contact Kelly Kottmer at kellyklovesbooks@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLYWEDS

Janine Benas & Zachary Tyler Woodrow
who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday

PRAY FOR OUR RCIA CANDIDATES

Brandon, Brennan, Isabel, Jordan, Malia & Morgan
as they prepare for full initiation in the Church

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Christina Barraza, Jude Coompson, Micaela de la Rosa,
Virginia G. Halladay, Erika Holzinger, Kerst Kingsbury,
Natalie Lara, Audrey Lim, Ylianna Rodriguez,
Abigail Martinez Sotelo and Ty Wells

ABOUT THOSE "NO TRESPASSING" SIGNS

You'll notice new signs around the exterior of the church, rectory, convent and apartments that say NO TRESPASSING.

We've been experiencing some security issues and have been advised by the Diocese of Tucson to post these as part of a comprehensive safety plan. Thank you for your understanding and commitment to helping the pastoral staff make sure all of our students and resident community feel safe when they are here at Newman. If you have any questions, please call the office at (520) 327-4665.

December reflection on our theme for this year: "Blessed" taken from Matthew's Gospel account of the Beatitudes

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.**

What does it really mean to be a child of God?

To be the 'offspring' of the Most High
who is Love and Peace itself?

Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and invites all who answer
the call to follow him to 'marinate' in the
Peace of his resurrected life.

As Prince of Peace, Christ engages humanity and the
universe... at its very core, and heals the ills of the things
that create divisions and 'dis-ease' among God's
creation and its call to true stewardship.

May this 'peaceful season' of Advent provide us with
some space to 'usher in' the peace of our Savior. May
the "blessings" of these holy days inform our spirits, and
echo loudly in actions. Amen!

-Fr. JP



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Nov 23/24 Collection: \$3271.86; Venmo \$289
Nov 16/17 Collection: \$3753.48 ; Venmo \$582
Nov 9/10 Collection: \$3688.40, Venmo \$334
Nov 2/3 Collection: \$3422.81; Venmo \$233

Thank you for your generosity each week. Your contribution during the Offertory pays for the utilities, staff and ministries so we can carry out our mission.

Parents of our college students: please consider financially supporting your Wildcat son or daughter's parish-away-from-home with regular giving.

An alternative to bringing cash or a check to Mass is to set up one-time or recurring donations through our Online Giving Program. It also provides an easy way to track your contributions for tax credit purposes.

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord! -Isaiah 2:5

The intentional use of the gift of time is what the Christian steward is called to do, and with even greater intensity during Advent. How can we use our time to prepare for Jesus' birth on Dec. 25 and for His second coming at a date we do not know?

We can push back against the world's pressure to have the "perfect Christmas." Scale back on materialism so we have more time for spiritual preparations: Confession, weekday Mass, adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, acts of kindness.

A gift to you from the Dominicans.
Download the new OPWest app.



Available in App Stores
Available on Roku

opwest.org/app

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2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

Progress as of 11/27/19

52 donors - \$45,435 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 97%
Fulfilled to date: \$42,980 or 92% of total goal

Donate Online at:

<https://support.cathfnd.org/donate>

Select "St. Thomas More" as your parish



We are pleased to announce that we were awarded a \$10,000 grant for 2019 that went towards the replacement of the very-leaky roof over the main lobby & offices. Work finished in April.

SAVE THE DATES

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, 12/9 at 5:15PM

(not a Holy Day of Obligation but you can still come!)

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, 12/11 at 7:30PM in the church

ANNUAL MARIACHI MASS

Thurs, 12/12 at 5:15PM for Our Lady of Guadalupe

CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 22nd at 6PM - volunteers needed

STUDENT MINISTRY TEAM COMMITTEES

Community Life
Liturgy
Outreach
Social Justice

GROUP MINISTRIES

Dominican Laity
Faith & Science Forum
Knights of Columbus Council #16061
Newman Book Club
Transformation Team leading small groups
Young Adult Group for
Grad Students/Young Professionals

FAITH FORMATION/SACRAMENTAL PREP

Becoming Catholic: RCIA
(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
Adult Confirmation
Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples
First Holy Communion for children

Infant and Child Baptisms

PARISH COMMITTEES

Finance Council
Stewardship Council
Grounds Committee
Art/Environment Committee

COMMUNITY-BASED ADVOCACY GROUPS

Newman Foundation
Newman Sustaining Board

Register online to get linked up with our
ministries and programs: UACatholic.org/Registration