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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 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

SCHEDULES

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
5:15 PM

SUNDAY MASSES
9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, & 5:00PM
(7PM resumes January 26th)

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**
(Resumes 1/15/20) Wednesday 9PM
(Resumes Feb) 2nd Thurs at 7:30PM

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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Vigil - St. John of the Cross
12/14 5:15PM **Sara Montel Flores**

3rd Sunday of Advent
12/15 9:00AM **Our Newman Community**
11:00AM **Sally Kish+**
5:00PM **Emee Manuel**

Monday: Bl. Sebastian Maggi, OP
12/16 5:15PM **Honorato Cruz Family**
Tuesday: Late Advent Weekday
12/17 5:15PM **Jolene Nichols+**
Wednesday: Late Advent Weekday
12/18 5:15PM **Souls in Purgatory+**
Thursday: Late Advent Weekday
12/19 9:00AM **Souls in Purgatory+**
Friday: St. Dominic of Silos
12/20 5:15PM **John Arcidiacono**

*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

Our Gospel for this weekend is taken from the eleventh chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, where John the Baptist has been arrested and questions from his jail cell whether Jesus "is the one or should we look for another?"

When we find ourselves stuck in our self-imposed prisons... what do we do to free ourselves, to heal, and to get back into life? What creates that wholeness... inspiration... or freedom to act... w/ purpose.... as Jesus does.... with love, forgiveness, healing, and transformation?

When John's inquiry is conveyed to Jesus, he does not respond theoretically, but rather by pointing to things that are happening, namely, God's grace is making people whole again.....

"Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk,
lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear,
the dead are raised,
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

Are we allowing ourselves to be made whole again, this Advent? To break the chains of unhealthy self doubt.. into the ability to allow "our questions" to be "transformed" into a healthy longing for God, and the "freedom" that comes from preparing our minds, hearts, and souls to receive his Blessings fully and with Gratitude.

As we move towards final exams, graduations, and this closing week and few days of Advent... May the "echo of Emmanuel" ring joyfully within us. May it clear away the clutter of my 'monkey mind' and usher in the "Peace and Blessings" of this Season of Grace! Amen!

NEWMAN BOOK CLUB

This month's title is
Death in Holy Orders by P.D. James

Next mtg is on Tuesday, January 21st 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

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

FALL BACCALAUREATE MASS

Sunday, 12/15 at 5PM

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

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 7PM in the Curry Classroom

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

Thursdays at 7:30PM downstairs in Bishop Green Hall

View the full calendar at:

UACatholic.org/calendar

PRAY FOR OUR RCIA CANDIDATES

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

RCIA THANK YOUs & LUNCHEs

We are blessed with six individuals who are seeking to deepen their faith and listen to God's call in their life through their participation in the RCIA journey. Our community's support for them is an intricate part of their process. We want to thank those who have been providing delicious lunches: Joe and Suzanne Machain, Janie Kirk & Jim Kushner, Helen Castillo, Dr. Evangeline Fuentes, Edella Schlager, Gilbert Montiel and Margaret Kish.

Volunteers will be needed beginning January 12th and throughout the Spring semester. Lunches consist of a very simple meal for 12 people. A sign up sheet will be posted in the back of the Church starting in the new year.

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 through Dec 15th. Donations will benefit Casa Maria, Pio Decimo, Poverello House and Casa Alitas.

WELCOME FR. CHRISTOPHER FADOCK, OP

Provincial of the Western Dominican Province
preaching at all of the Masses this weekend

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Caroline Doyle, Sherilynn Herrera, Raven Linden, Carlos Marquez, Michael Padilla, Iris Devanne Sandoval, Jack Sanford, and Linda Tansik

JORDAN MINISTRY TEAM UPCOMING EVENT

“The Word Became Flesh: A Christmas Retreat”

Friday, January 3, 2020

9:30AM-11:30AM

Jordan Ministry Team Office

48 N. Tucson Blvd #104

The cost for the retreat is \$15;
light refreshments will be provided.

Please register by contacting Jordan Ministry Team
at (520) 623-2563 or JMT@JordanMinistry.org.

To register online, visit

www.JordanMinistryTeam.org/contact

TUCSON MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 11, 2020

Mass at 9:00 AM - St. Augustine Cathedral

Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, Celebrant

March for Life to Holy Hope Cemetery follows the Mass
Rose Ceremony at the Cemetery

All are Welcome! Let us pray and march together in
Support of Life!

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

NEWMAN CORPORATE BOARD TREASURER ELECTION NOTICE

CANDIDATES REQUIREMENTS:

Candidates for election must be lay persons who are:

- * Catholic
- * Registered, practicing parish members
- * At least 25 years old.

WHO CAN NOMINATE A CANDIDATE?

The pastor can nominate two persons. Other nominations may
be made in writing by at least 10 registered parishioners in full
communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

All nominations are to be made at least 2 weeks before the elec-
tion on **January 19, 2020** and announced at Sunday Masses two
weeks prior to the election. If only one person has been nominat-
ed by then, the nominee shall be declared elected.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

At the time of the notice of the election, the Pastor shall appoint
an election committee to receive nominations, prepare ballots, act
as tellers and supervise the election.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Dec 7/8 Collection: \$4226.83; Venmo \$38.93
Nov 30/Dec 1 Collection: \$3396.60; Venmo \$52
Thanksgiving Collection: \$331.00
Nov 23/24 Collection: \$3271.86; Venmo \$289
Nov 16/17 Collection: \$3753.48 ; Venmo \$582
Nov 9/10 Collection: \$3688.40, Venmo \$334

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.

**Text UACatholic to 555888 for a link on your mobile
phone or download an ACH form by visiting
UACatholic.org/donate**

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Be patient, brothers and sisters until the coming of the Lord.” James 5:7

Patience is an Advent theme that calls Christian stewards to fully open our hearts as we wait for our Emmanuel.

How am I preparing my heart during this Advent Season for the coming of the One who is Love Incarnate?

A gift to you from the Dominicans.
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2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

Progress as of 12/11/19

53 donors - \$45,685 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 98%
Fulfilled to date: \$43,720 or 94% 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

CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 22nd at 6PM - volunteers needed

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Tuesday, December 24th at 5PM & 7PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Wednesday, December 25th at 9AM & 11AM

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD FEAST DAY MASSES

Vigil: Tuesday, 12/31 at 5:15PM

Feast Day Mass: Wednesday 1/1 at 9AM

STUDENT MINISTRY TEAM COMMITTEES

Community Life
Liturgy
Outreach
Social Justice

GROUP MINISTRIES

Dominican Laity
Faith & Science Forum / Thomistic Institute
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