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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 22, 2019

Fourth 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
(CLOSED Mon-Fri 12/26 to 1/10)

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. Peter Canisius
12/21 5:15PM **Mary López**

4th Sunday of Advent / Approval of OP Order
12/22 9:00AM **Wallace P. Leach+**
11:00AM **Murattalla-Maes Family**
5:00PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: St. John of Kanty
12/23 5:15PM **Ann Riceo**
Tuesday: Christmas Eve
12/24 5:00PM **Matthew Georgelos**
7:00PM **Matthew Georgelos**

Wednesday: Christmas Day
12/25 9:00AM **Chavez-Oliver Family**
11:00AM **Alicia Fealey**

Thursday: St. Stephen
12/26 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**
Friday: St. John the Apostle
12/27 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**

*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

It's hard to believe that the Fourth Sunday of Advent is upon us, and once again we hear the great account of how Mary was found with child, and Joseph's struggle with this new situation that they found themselves in. What a dilemma to be in! Your beloved with whom you're planning a life with... is now with a child that is not yours... Here, we not only see Mary's great "yes" to God's request in enter her life, but also 'see' Joseph 'assent' to God's invitation into deeper hope and trust.

Advent echos God's constant promise to be present to us in all seasons and moments of life. The witness of Mary and Joseph remind us of what God can do for those who "Bear Down" and believe. What needs a little more, or less attention in our lives this Season? The feast of Christmas celebrates God "bearing down" upon our humanity, and informing us that there is a way for human beings to 'rise above' all limitations, to shed all unhealthy aspects of our ego, and, to embrace 'authentic charity' both in word and deed.

Our Christmas readings celebrate the fact.... that even in the darkness of human error and evil choices... God will not be 'denied' in bringing about the faith, hope, and love needed.... to create both transformation, and new birth.

Let us approach this final Sunday of Advent hopeful, and ready... to embrace whatever 'positive changes' that the Holy Sprit has stirred in our hearts this Advent! May our Christmas celebrations allow us to sing with the angels and the shepherds "Glory to God in the highest! And, peace to all people of good will!

May the Light of the Christmas Season... guide us through the dramas, jealousies and failures... in our.. and, in others' behavior. May we not fall prey to "Herodian-Like" responses, thus, not receiving God's invitation to freedom.... but, rather the "deep-listening" obedience... of Mary and Joseph.

May God bless your Christmas Season, and fill you with countless opportunities to "repeat the endless joy" Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year! Amen!

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

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

WINTER BREAK OFFICE CLOSURE

Monday to Friday 12/26 through 1/10

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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST CATHOLIC

Sebastian Estevan Romero
baptized at the 9AM Mass this weekend

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Natasha Danielson, Mary Garcia-Kumirov, Beatriz Gutierrez,
Victor Hruby, Nicholas Kissel, Andrew Kissel, Suzanne
Machain, Alyssa Neri, Veronica Perkins, Blake Richards,
Yasmene Rivera, Isabella Rivera, and Martin Thaickal

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 14/15 Collection: \$4711.39; Venmo \$34

Our Lady of Guadalupe: \$391.20; Venmo \$22

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

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


"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.

Mt 1: 18

Joseph did not speak in the Scriptures but he was always listening, attentive to how the Holy Spirit led him.

Stewardship calls us to a deeper prayer life. How can I quiet my heart to listen attentively to where God is leading me during this Advent Season?

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



Available in App Stores
opwest.org/app

Seek Truth. Learn the Faith.

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

Progress as of 12/18/19

54 donors - \$46,135 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 99%

Fulfilled to date: \$44,020 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

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD FEAST DAY MASSES

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

Feast Day Mass: Wednesday 1/1 at 9AM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday, January 16th at 7:30PM

RESIDENT COMMUNITY DAY OF REFLECTION

Saturday, February 8th from 9AM-2PM

Led by Fr. JP on our theme: "Blessed"

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