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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



March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

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

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

Newman open until 10PM during the
week for Prayer/Community/Study

NEWMAN CENTER STAFF



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by the Friars of the Western
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Vigil Mass
2/29 5:15PM **Patricia Pettis+**

1st Sunday of Lent
3/1 9:00AM **Macedonio Aguilera+**
11:00AM **Edgar Romo+**
5:00PM **Our Newman Community**
7:00PM **Betty Banks**

Monday: Lenten Weekday
3/2 5:15PM **Carmelita Montoya+**
Tuesday: St. Katherine Drexel
3/3 5:15PM **Livio Leonardi+**
Wednesday: St. Casimir
3/4 5:15PM **Irene Fimbres+**
Thursday: Lenten Weekday
3/5 5:15PM **Souls in Purgatory**
Friday: Lenten Weekday
3/6 5:15PM **Hester George**

*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

Another Lenten Season begins. We've received our ashes; struggled to embrace some practice directing us towards some greater freedom in our lives; and plan to commit ourselves to growing in the areas of prayer, fasting, and "almsgiving" through greater generosity towards others. These are all 'good things' designed to help us to create more space in ourselves for listening, learning, and living more freely and fully.

Prayer invites us to be driven into the desert as Jesus was.... There to be confronted with ourselves... the strong and weak; the grounded and messy; and, our good behavior, as well, as our most unhealthy. Prayer... is what teaches us to listen.. attend... and to simply.... breathe. It shows us that cultivating a deep relationship with Christ, in God.... through the Holy Spirit... is a gift that is both lasting and truly beneficial.

Fasting... is so much more than refraining from alcohol, chocolate, or social media.... Yes, this can be a start... but it is so much more... Fasting invites us reflect 'deeply' upon what might be an unhealthy attachment in our lives that is leading us to us to ruin.... and not to flourish. What habit, attitude, or material attachment.... is stunting our spiritual, physical, intellectual, or personal growth? What needs deletion or movement.. in order to remain rooted in God? Healthy fasting can produce a clearer focus, and a more balanced life.

Almsgiving is the fruit of having more space in our lives for generosity. Jesus emerges from his time in the desert... not simply challenged and hungry... but grounded in the Father's love from prayer; cleansed of useless distractions from fasting; and focused because he is filled with the Spirit.... and, only has the space to be generous in his dispensing of the spiritual "Alms" needed for others to rise!

How are we called to 'rise' over these precious days of Lent? However that is.... May we be both courageous, filled with faith, and blessed! Amen!

ENCOUNTERING LENT

We have put together a resource page on the website with links to a few reflections and tools that can help you to go deeper this year on what it means "to be transformed through an encounter with the Spirit of Truth and the Love of God", our Newman Mission.

www.UACatholic.org/Lent

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY RETREAT

Please keep our retreatants on Mt. Lemmon in your prayers

SUSTAINING BOARD BLESSING

Join us in thanking the ladies at the 11AM Mass

ROSARY SUNDAY APPEAL WEEKEND

Donate online at: www.opwest.org/donate

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16061 MTG

Sunday, 3/1 at 8PM in the Curry Classroom

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 7PM in the Curry Classroom

ROSARY UNDER THE STARS

Tuesdays at 6:30PM at the Highland Bowl on campus

NEWMAN NIGHT FOR UNDERGRADS

Wednesdays starting at 7PM downstairs
This week is hosted by the Community Life Committee

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays starting at 9PM in the church

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

Thursdays at 7:30PM downstairs
This week: All About Lent!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, 3/6 at 5:45PM, immediately following Daily Mass

View the full calendar at:
UACatholic.org/calendar

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RCIA ELECT

Brandon, Isabelle, Malia & Morgan

They were received by Bishop Weisenburger at the Cathedral on February 23rd along with 300 other RCIA participants from throughout the Diocese. They are now called the ELECT, because they have been elected to enter into the period of purification and enlightenment leading to receiving the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

The RCIA family is most appreciative of our St. Thomas More community who has spiritually nourished them through prayer over these past 5 months as well as nourished them with wonderfully-prepared lunches. Special Thanks to those who provided lunch during January & February: Edella Schlager, Leah Kappa, Diane Abbott, Michelle Brubaker, Tina Bell, Aggie Sunderman, Destiny Pearson and Ruby Rojo. God bless you for your generous spirit of hospitality!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Sara Alcazar, Rachel Floyd, Devin Michael John Garcia, Alysha Hall, Alyssa Lovett, Beth Madden, Amanda Platt, Derek Rowen, Mayra Taborda and Katie Weber

SPRING BREAK CLOSURE - NO DAILY MASS

Monday, 3/9 through Friday, 3/13

NEWMAN BOOK CLUB

This month's title is Lilith by George MacDonald

Next mtg is on Tuesday, March 10th 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

DONATE TO CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES DO GOOD WITH YOUR AZ CHARITABLE TAX CREDIT

Married couples filing jointly claim a credit up to \$800

Individual filers claim a credit up to \$400

Donate to CCS, claim the credit when you file your Arizona state income tax, (use QCO Code 20345) and reduce your state taxes dollar for dollar.

Donate online at www.ccs-soaz.org, or call 520-670-0854

All donations through April 15, 2020 can be claimed for 2019

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

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God

Lord, make my heart pure and clean; "Create a clean heart, within me O God" (Ps. 51).

This beatitude teaches me that the opposite of purity is a form of blindness. Sight is a gift, and to see God is to see God in others, creation and in myself! Lord, free me from the focus on self, and to see the OTHER in front of me every day; to see YOU in everything all around me and especially in everyone. It might come down to this: if I don't see you today in those in need all around me, after bodily death, I might not recognize you in your glory.

Again Lord, I dare to pray, make my heart pure and clean. -Tom Booth

NEWMAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Newman Foundation at The University of Arizona plans to award several scholarships for the 2020-2021 Fall Semester to UofA students active at the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center.

These scholarships are in addition to any that may be offered by the Newman Center or the Newman Sustaining Board. The application deadline is Friday, March 20, 2020.

If you are interested in applying, send an email to the following address to request application information:

newman_foundation@yahoo.com

SUSTAINING BOARD SCHOLARSHIP

The application window is open for the 2020-2021 academic school year to students who are active members of St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center. The Sustaining Board will be offering two \$5000 scholarships and one for \$2,500. Deadline is Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6PM. Application and details can be downloaded at:

www.uacatholic.org/scholarships

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Feb 22/23 Collection: \$5,549.57; Venmo \$83

Feb 15/16 Collection: \$4,956.58; Venmo \$39

Feb 8/9 Collection: \$3,430.20; Venmo \$150

Feb 1/2 Collection: \$4,314.98; Venmo \$81

January ACH: \$5412; January Online Giving: \$2,836.75

Jan 25/26 Collection: \$3,587.07; Venmo \$42.48

Jan 18/19 Collection: \$3,250.98; Venmo \$165

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

Also Accepting



User ID: [@UACatholic](https://twitter.com/UACatholic)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Our readings this week suggest Christian stewards take a prayerful journey through Lent to Easter, so that we arrive there as better disciples — more focused on Christ and His invitation to us.

“A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me. Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.” Ps 51

This Lent, can I make time for this 40-day spiritual retreat? How will I prioritize my time by committing to prayerful reflection of the Scriptures and trusting more deeply in the Father’s love for me?

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Donations will benefit Casa Maria, Pio Decimo, and Poverello House. Non-perishable food items only, please. The food drive starts on Ash Wednesday, February 26th and ends on Palm Sunday, April 5th. Please help our Knights of Columbus Council #16061 provide food for those members of our community that are in need.

THANK YOU, NEWMAN COMMUNITY

The Knights of Columbus are grateful to all Newman Parishioners who donated food to our Fall/Holiday Food Drive. Your donations allowed the Knights to donate 491 pounds of non-perishable food to Casa Maria, Pio Decimo, and Poverello House. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the Knights of Columbus

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

Progress as of 2/27/2020

11 donors - \$4,680 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 10%
Fulfilled to date: \$1880 or 4% of total goal

Donate Online by May 31st at:

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

Select “St. Thomas More” as your parish



This year we applied for a grant to do a number of facility updates. We will hear about award amounts mid-March and update you at that time.

SAVE THE DATES

SPRING UNDERGRAD RETREAT

Friday, 3/27 to Sunday 3/29 on Mount Lemmon
Register at UACatholic.org/SpringRetreat

24 HOUR ADORATION FOR LIFE

Wednesday, 3/25 starting at 5:45PM

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, April 8th at 7:30PM

60th JUBILEE FOR SR. DIANE & FR. ALBERT

Saturday, 5/2 at the 5:15PM Vigil Mass with reception

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 Community for
Grad Students and Young Professionals (ages 22-35)

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
Facilities 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