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

Yearly Theme: "Fear is useless, what is needed is trust" - Mark 5:36



July 12, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

SCHEDULES

Sunday Mass Online
11AM Pacific Live-Stream
through [Facebook Live](#), and our
[YouTube Channel](#)

Weekday Masses
Tuesday through Friday
11:30AM Pacific Live-Stream
through [Facebook Live](#) and our
[YouTube Channel](#)

****NOTE**** You do NOT need a
Facebook account to view our
LiveStream. Videos are available for
you to view at your convenience after
they premiere.

Reconciliation: by appointment only.
Priest email addresses are listed in
the next column

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
7/12 11:00AM **Kathy Oliver+**
Our Newman Community

Monday: St. Henry
7/13 11:30AM **NO DAILY MASS**
Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
7/14 11:30AM **Sarah**
Wednesday: St. Bonaventure
7/15 11:30AM **George & Phil**
Thursday: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
7/16 11:30AM **Margaret Davila Family/Friends**
Friday: Bl. Ceslaus of Poland, OP
7/17 11:30AM **David Harrington+**

*Mass Intentions can be requested by calling the
office for Memorials, Birthdays, Anniversaries,
Healing/Recovery or Special Intentions.
\$10 is the suggested donation*

[Link to the Readings at Mass](#)
[Guide to the responses during Mass](#)

Liturgy of the Hours via the [iBreviary App](#)

Fr. John Paul's Spiritual Brew

We are hoping for some good refreshing monsoons this summer in Tucson! These are seasonal rains that fall all over our state with force and power, and don't discriminate upon whom they shower.

In our readings today from Isaiah and Matthew we are reminded that God's rain, snow, and seed fall with freedom and without judgment everywhere, and upon every living person and thing.

God's desire for each of us is to flourish and not flounder, and this is why God pours down grace and mercy in such abundance.

In the Gospel God is the sower who spreads seeds broadly and with wreck-less abandon! The seeds are going everywhere! On the path, in shallow, rocky, thorny, and good soil. God's generosity in spreading the seeds appears to have no limits. The lesson here is that God's grace is abundant, and that God only wants to give it away. If received well, growth will go through the roof. If received tepidly, it will grow still, but not with the full effect, and the energy of an open heart.

May our minds, hearts, and souls be ready and willing to receive God's monsoon.. that is only waiting to flood us with truth and love. Amen!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The Parable of the Sower who scatters seed on many different kinds of land is a wonderful analogy for the stewardship way of life, as the Word has a slow, steady, yet powerful effect on those who fully embrace it.

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear." Mt 13:18

When we commit to living lives as faithful stewards, we cultivate that rare "good soil" needed for the Kingdom of God to thrive.

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

meets weekly on Thursdays at 7:30PM via Zoom
Graduate Students and Young Professionals between the ages of 22-35, email the co-leaders Joe and Edith to get connected: YoungAdultLeaders@UACatholic.org
or join the YAC [Facebook Group](#)

SUMMER BREAK

We will be closed Monday to Friday between July 20th and August 7th to give staff time to rest and renew. We will still livestream our Masses on Sundays at 11AM via YouTube & Facebook.

UNEXPECTED BILL ALERT & THANK YOU

The 28 year old A/C unit at the convent went down the first week of July and we had to replace it. These types of things happen unexpectedly but thankfully we were able to get the sisters some relief from the heat. Thank you for your financial support of Newman - we are deeply grateful

NEWMAN SUSTAINING BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Newman Sustaining Board is accepting new members for the next school year. The board consists of about 90 women who sustain and support the Newman Center. Their main focus is the students: scholarships, retreats, improvements to the center to make it more inviting (new tile flooring, upstairs bathrooms, and lobby furniture are the most recent). We also serve home-cooked meals to the students about five times a school year. New Provisionals begin meeting in August with a luncheon planned for them by the chairs of the membership committee. The board has many social activities for members to enjoy. If interested please contact Viv Forgacs: jvmac85750@msn.com or call: 520-349-2900 or Dee Sommer : deesommer@yahoo.com 520-603-5989.

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

Progress as of 7/10/2020

39 donors - \$22,423 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 48%
Fulfilled to date: \$19,353 or 41% of total goal

Donate Online at:

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

Select "St. Thomas More" as your parish



This year we received a \$10,000 grant to do a number of facility updates including new water fountains in the lobby and student lounge; preparations for hand sanitizer stations and other public health elements needed for our reopening in August.

NOTE FROM THE BISHOP - July 1, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish to inform you that after a careful review of the medical situation, and hearing the recent concerns of our Governor and civic leaders on television, I have been advised by Diocesan leadership to suspend public worship. I agree with their recommendation and the suspension of public worship is effective as of today, July 1st, 2020. This returns us temporarily to those protocols we were following just prior to the reopening of our parishes. You should anticipate a suspension of approximately four weeks but the matter will be reviewed daily and the suspension could be for a shorter or longer duration.

Those who follow national news are aware that the State of Arizona has been referenced across the nation for our substantial spike in Covid-19 cases. When the pandemic began I stressed that a primary factor on reopening would be the ability of our hospitals and medical personnel to respond adequately to the sick. Members of the medical community—who daily place themselves at great risk to serve us—are now telling us that we are at a crisis point. I believe that we owe it these noble men and women to do our part in bringing the pandemic under control.

For now let us be committed to journeying in solidarity with the sick, the suffering, the unemployed, the frightened, and the healthcare workers who must daily face this pandemic without flinching. Join with your local parish for televised or internet Masses, or log onto the Diocese of Tucson web page and join me for daily Mass. The protocols we instituted for our parishes at the time of our reopening were sensible, thorough, and implemented with care and sensitivity. When we are able to open up once again these protocols will be reinstated. But for now, where it is safe, pastors will arrange for an outdoor distribution of Holy Communion after members of the faithful have observed a Mass via technology. Confessions will be heard only out-of-doors. The only public Masses will be funerals and weddings, and with a limit of ten persons in the congregation.

I wish to express my deep gratitude for the clergy and parish ministers who have responded so very well throughout the pandemic. They are extraordinary men and women and their fidelity to you and intense desire to be of service is a witness to the grace of their vocation.

Let us pray that this suspension is brief and that we can soon be in one another's company. Let us also be unified in our resolve to lead the way in battling this pandemic. The witness and example of our lives and the intensity of our prayers will surely help to heal the world.

May God bless you abundantly,

+Edward J. Weisenburger, Bishop of Tucson

Note: Newman is closed for in-person Masses through late August as we continue to dialog with the UA about protocols for the fall semester so we are in alignment with the rest of campus. Thank you for your continued prayers and support so we can responsibly open our church and Center for everyone.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RCIA ELECT

Brandon, Malia & Morgan

Their RCIA journey continues due to the quarantine. We look forward to the day we can gather in person and joyfully welcome them as fully-initiated members of the Church and our Newman Community.

NEWMAN WEBSITE AND EMAIL LISTSERV

As you know, the public health situation evolves very quickly. We will communicate any changes to our schedule via our email listserv:

<https://uacatholic.org/join-our-weekly-email-list/>

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

July Online Giving as of 7/11/2020: \$1,991
July 5 Envelopes: \$1880; Venmo: \$564
Convent A/C Unit Help: \$600

June ACH: \$5,442; June Online Giving: \$8,439.25
June 28 Envelopes: \$1705; Venmo: \$1527
June 21 Envelopes: \$3735; Venmo \$1277
June 14 Envelopes: \$1380; Venmo \$530
June 7 Envelopes: \$1495; Venmo \$644
Extraordinary Gift: \$2000

May ACH: \$5,372.00; May Online Giving \$11,274.75
Sustaining Board: \$17,932.59
May 31 Envelopes: \$2030; Venmo \$616
May 24 Envelopes: \$2110; Venmo: \$554
May 17 Envelopes: \$3090; Venmo \$1377
May 10 Envelopes: \$3350; Venmo \$663.00
May 3 Envelopes: \$2580; Venmo \$1217

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.

We invite you to prayerfully consider setting up one-time or recurring donations through our Online Giving Program or through ACH with your bank. It 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](https://uacatholic.org/donate)

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