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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



December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

SCHEDULES

In-Person Masses
Reservations Required
Saturday 5:15PM
Sunday 9AM & 11AM
(5PM & 7PM resume in late January)

Reservations Open Monday 8AM
through Fridays at Noon. [Details here](#)

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

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

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

NEWMAN CENTER STAFF



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MASS INTENTIONS

Fourth Sunday of Advent
12/19 5:15PM **Mary Lopez+**
12/20 9AM **Our Newman Community**
11AM **Mary Ann & Wilburn Lavergne**

Monday: St. Peter Canisius
12/21 11:30AM **NO DAILY MASS**
Tuesday: Late Advent Weekday
12/22 11:30AM **NO DAILY MASS**
Wednesday: Late Advent Weekday
12/23 11:30AM **NO DAILY MASS**
Thursday: Christmas Eve
12/24 5:00PM **Aggie Sunderman**
Friday: Christmas Day
12/25 11:00AM **Elian Alvarez**

*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

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 echoes 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 Spirit 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 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!

PRAY FOR OUR RCIA CANDIDATES

Please keep Danielle, Nathan, Corey, Hannah, and Jenny in your prayers as they continue their formation to be fully-initiated in the Church at the Easter Vigil in 2021.

JORDAN MINISTRY TEAM OFFERINGS

- January 1: [Midday Prayer](#) for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- January 2: Online Retreat "[The Word Was Made Flesh: A Christmas Retreat](#)" presented by Bro. Silas Henderson, SDS
- January 9: Online Workshop "[Sing to the Lord: Becoming the Psalms](#)" presented by Bro. Silas Henderson, SDS
- January 13: JMT Book Club "[North of Hope](#)" by Jon Hassler
- January 14: Online Workshop "[Extraordinary Prayer in Ordinary Time](#)" presented by Timothy Johnston of Liturgy Training Publications

IN-PERSON MASSES & RESERVATIONS

Reservations are required in order to maintain safe social distancing. The Reservation Window is open from Monday at 8AM to Friday at Noon and can be done online www.UACatholic.org/Mass-Reservations

We will continue to broadcast a Sunday Mass live at 11AM Mountain Time. Communion distribution will be available afterwards near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Door on the north side of the Church between 12:15PM and 12:45PM on Sunday for those who view the Live-Stream.

WINTER BREAK CLOSURE

We won't have Daily Mass between December 14th and 30th to give staff some time for rest and renewal during the UA's Winter Break.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

12/24 Christmas Eve: 5PM

12/25 Christmas Day: 11AM

1/1 Mary, Mother of God: 11:30AM - livestream only

Reservations for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day will be open through 12/22 at Noon. [Link is here](#)

We will LiveStream all of these liturgies for all those who remain at home. Communion Distribution will be available on Christmas Day between 12:15 & 12:45PM like Sundays

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

meets weekly on Thursdays at 7:30PM via Zoom and resumes in January 2021

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](#)

NEWMAN BOOK CLUB

Meets monthly via Zoom

Next Book: [A Song for Nagasaki](#) by Paul Glynn
Tuesday, January 26th at 7PM

Contact Kelly for login info or to get a copy of the book: kellyklovesbooks@gmail.com

View previous titles discussed by the Book Club [here](#)

CORPORATE BOARD SECRETARY 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 may nominate up to two persons, including the board member whose term is expiring. 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 election and announced at Sunday Masses two weeks prior to the election date of **January 17, 2021**. If only one person has been nominated 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.

KNOWN CANDIDATES AS OF BULLETIN PRINTING

Clifford Bowman, current Secretary, willing to continue serving

CTSO END-OF YEAR GIVING

The Catholic Tuition Support Organization makes it possible for youth to attend Catholic schools within the Diocese of Tucson. Tax Credits of up to \$1183 for individuals & \$2365 for couples available. Visit www.ctso-tucson.org for details

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress as of 12/18/2020

48 donors - \$27,598 pledged of \$46,940 goal - 59%
Fulfilled to date: \$27,293 or 59% of total goal

Donate Online at:

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

Select "St. Thomas More" as your parish



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

We learned that the 2020 Appeal is facing a shortfall of over \$85,000. Funds raised by this campaign go to support Diocesan Seminarians, Jordan Ministry Team, Youth & Young Adult Ministries, and several Catholic Community Services programs such as the Kolbe Society prison outreach and St. Jeanne Jugan Ministry With Elders.

If you are financially able, please donate and list **St. Thomas More** as your parish so we can reach our 2020 goal

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today's readings remind us that that if we have the faith to say Yes to God's call, He will give us the strength and courage to live out that Yes

For you are my hope, O LORD; my trust, O God, from my youth. On you I depend from birth; from my mother's womb you are my strength. PS 71

As stewards we depend on our Loving God' strength to guide us that we may prayerfully say Yes, and use the gifts He has given us for His Kingdom.

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

December Online Giving as of 12/18: \$7,587
Extraordinary Gift from HSL Properties: \$25,000
December 13th Envelopes: \$2759; Venmo: \$610
December 6th Envelopes: \$2834; Venmo: \$354

November ACH: \$4359.50; November Online: \$8903.75
November 29th Envelopes: \$4000; Venmo: \$650
November 22 & 26th Envelopes: \$3743; Venmo: \$1061
November 15 Envelopes: \$2056; Venmo: \$274
November 8 Envelopes: \$1554.00; Venmo: \$744.50
November 1 Envelopes: \$1930.50; Venmo: \$417
Extraordinary Gift from the Barbara Emich Trust: \$66,060

October ACH: \$6559.50; October Online \$7,686
October 25 Envelopes: \$3259; Venmo: \$418
October 18 Envelopes: \$3537; Venmo: \$1050
October 11 Envelopes: \$1560; Venmo: \$397
October 4 Envelopes: \$2,560; Venmo: \$586
Extraordinary Gift: \$5000
Dominican Common Room Project: \$500

Thank you for your generosity each week. Your contribution during the Offertory pays for utilities, ministries, staff and residences for the Dominican Friars & Sisters 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 800-950-9952 for a link on your mobile phone or download an ACH form by visiting UACatholic.org/donate

Also Accepting



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2020 Christmas Poinsettias

Alvarez Family ✧ Ambroziak Family ✧ Bell Family ✧
Bernadette Family ✧ Cardenas Family ✧ Juan & Bonifacia
Castañon Family ✧ Diener Family ✧ Duarte Family ✧
Alma Rose Enciso ✧ Monce & Cristina Flores Family ✧
Terry & Carol Gaughan ✧ Gomez Family ✧ Gonzalez
Family ✧ Hardy Family ✧ Havens Family ✧ Hughes Family
✧ McCarthy Family ✧ O'Hara Family ✧ Kelley Family ✧
Lenczycki Family ✧ Lopez Family ✧ Schlager Family ✧
Stenson Family ✧ Traicoff Family ✧ Zapor Family

In Memory of

Manuela & Lorenzo Alvarado ✧ Sister Renilde Cade, OP ✧
Frank Carrillo ✧ Mary Carrillo ✧ Cleophas Castillo ✧
Ramon & Angelita Castillo ✧ Ramon & Angelita Castillo ✧
Ramon & Enedina Castillo ✧ Louisa Castillo-Cockrum ✧
Lendell & Irma Cockrum ✧ Sandra Sue Cockrum ✧ Terry
Daly ✧ Sister Rosemary Ferguson, OP ✧ Guadalupe
Gomez ✧ Steve & Sally Kish ✧ Elsa Riesgo ✧ Ramona &
Ben Valenzuela ✧ Michael & Margaret Walls

In Honor of

Thich Nhat Hanh ✧ Diarmuid O'Murchu