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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



February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

SCHEDULES

Sunday Mass Online

11AM Mountain
Live-Stream through [Facebook Live](#),
and our [YouTube Channel](#)

In-Person Masses

[reservations required](#) weekly
Saturday 5:15PM
Sunday 9AM, 11AM & 5PM

Weekday Masses Online Only Tuesday through Friday

11:30AM Mountain Live-Stream
through [Facebook Live](#) and our
[YouTube Channel](#)

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Second Sunday of Lent

2/27 5:15PM **Our Newman Community**
2/28 9AM **Steve Fimbres**
11AM **Hoppe Family**
Friends/Family Margaret Davila
5PM **Felix Meza+**

Monday: Weekday

3/1 11:30AM **NO DAILY MASS**

Tuesday: Weekday

3/2 11:30AM **Lucia Zavala+**

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

3/3 11:30AM **Irma Tye+**

Thursday: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

3/4 11:30AM **Isabel Chavez Lujan+**

Friday: Friday after Ash Wednesday

3/5 11:30AM **Rigoberto Almader+**

*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

Mountains in Scripture are places of Godly encounters. Many of the great heroes of the Bible were called to ascend a mountain to hear the voice of God calling, bestowing, directing, forming, and pointing them in some new direction. God showers down healing and new possibilities for all who are hungry for meaning, forgiveness, and reconciliation.... both within and beyond... our personal borders.

Today we hear about Abraham, Peter, James, and John.... How they were called from their ordinary experience.. into a place of transformational obedience and glory.

Abraham was called from a place of curious wandering.. into a loving relationship with the God of life. Abram who felt at times flat... discovered the power of new life, and received the stewardship of many nations.

This is what can happen when our ears and hearts are open... Abram, struggling to see his and Sarah's future.... had the courage to respond to God's promptings in his life. They listened to God's voice, and followed his requests.... even when it seemed against what they would have initially chosen to do. Abraham was "obedient" to God's commands, and God was abundant in His response to Abraham declaring him the "father of many nations."

In today's Gospel Peter, James, and John accompany Jesus on his journey up the mountain. In the midst of their conversation Jesus is "transfigured" before them, and they witness the 'divinity' that they have only 'experienced' behind the power of mighty words spoken... and deeds performed. As they encounter Jesus in this way, they are caught up in the 'glory' of those great figures in the Bible who have gone before them, and, who have been formed by the grace.. and discipleship of the Most High. Their response to this encounter is fear, wonder, and a greater desire 'to participate' in what they have been called to.

May our Lenten days be 'opportunities' to climb God's mountains. May our struggles up.... and through them... be places of surprising encounters, and, fresh new air. May we move from old behaviors that lead to death.... to ascending "heights" that bring greater truth and love.... to ourselves... and to those all around us. The Lenten Season calls us into abundance.. may we swallow it whole and entire.

May we let go of useless fears and climb into the "transformation" that comes when 'we wander with Jesus' into the heights of faith, hope, and love.

Amen!

RCIA RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election is taking place this weekend at the 11AM Mass. Our catechumens, Corey, Jenny & Danielle will now become the Elect and formally celebrate the Call to Continuing Conversion. Through the remainder of Lent, our Elect will join with Catholics throughout the world in seeking to deepen their faith, grow in holiness, and strengthen their relationships with God and neighbor. Please pray for them as they journey towards full reception into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil and receive the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

NEWMAN NIGHT FOR UNDERGRADS

Wednesdays at 7PM via Zoom

Zoom Mtg ID: 832 5719 9770

Password: uacatholic

Come meet fellow Catholic undergraduate students

NEWMAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Newman Foundation at The University of Arizona plans to award several scholarships for the 2021-2022 Fall Semester to UofA students who are active at St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center.

These scholarships are in addition to any that may be offered by the Newman Sustaining Board. The application deadline is **Friday March 26, 2021**. If you are interested in applying, send an email to the following address to request application information:
newman_foundation@yahoo.com

NEWMAN BOOK CLUB

Meets monthly via Zoom

Next Book: [The Painswood Bible](#) by Barbara Kingsolver

Tuesday, April 27th 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](#)

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ROSARY UNDER THE (DIGITAL) STARS

Tuesdays at 7PM via Zoom

Zoom Mtg ID: 996 023 6892

Password: uarosary

All are welcome

VIRTUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 2PM Mountain livestreamed through our YouTube Channel & Facebook Live Recordings will be available after to use for prayer

CONGRATS TO OUR NEWEST CATHOLIC

Collin Michael Demers, baptized on Saturday

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED WEEKLY FOR IN-PERSON MASSES

Reservations will be open through Fridays at Noon, confirmation emails sent no later than 8PM on Friday.

www.UACatholic.org/mass-reservations

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION ON SUNDAYS

12:15PM to 12:45PM on the north side of the church near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Door

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

SMALL GROUP SIGNUPS

These small faith sharing groups are led by members of the Transformation Team and meet weekly via Zoom For more info or to sign up [click here](#)

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress as of 2/26/21

21 donors - \$14955 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 32%
Fulfilled to date: \$9,005 or 19% of total goal

Donate Online at:

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

Select "St. Thomas More" as your parish



Last 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.

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 annual goal

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In this second week of Lent, we hear how God calls us to conversion and repentance, both important aspects of our Lenten journeys.

"Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." Ex 3:5

As faithful stewards, are we ready to answer God's call to us which always leads to the holy ground of conversion?

TAX CREDIT DONATION STATEMENTS

If you would like a 2020 Donation Statement, please email Manny@UACatholic.org or call the office .

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

February Online as of 2/26: \$6,713.00
Extraordinary Gift: \$25,000 Dominican Common Room
February 21st Envelopes: \$1,790; Venmo: \$788
February 14th Envelopes: \$1,345; Venmo: \$1893
February 7th Envelopes: \$1,575; Venmo: \$851

January ACH: \$3,627; January Online \$9,583.75
January 31st Envelopes: \$1885.19; Venmo: \$724
January 24th Envelopes: \$1062.19; Venmo: \$776
January 17th Envelopes: \$295; Venmo: \$1350
January 10th Envelopes: \$2325; Venmo: \$398
Jan 3rd Envelopes: \$14,925; Venmo: \$511
Dominican Common Room Project: \$2100

December ACH: \$6852; December Online : \$22,428.75
Christmas Envelopes: \$1103; Venmo: \$3547.35
Extraordinary Gift from HSL Properties: \$25,000
December 13th Envelopes: \$2759; Venmo: \$610
December 6th Envelopes: \$2834; Venmo: \$354

Thank you for your generosity each week. Your contribution during the Offertory goes towards utilities, ministries, staff and residences for the Dominican Friars & Sisters so we can carry out our shared 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: UACatholic.org/donate

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