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

Yearly Theme: "Increase our Faith" - Luke 17:5



August 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUMMER SCHEDULES

Sunday Mass Online

11AM Pacific LiveStreamed
through [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Weekend In-Person Masses

Effective 8/7: Masks required indoors
Saturday 5:15PM
Sunday 9AM, 11AM & 5PM

Weekday Masses Tuesday to Friday

Resumes August 10th
Masks required for all indoors
11:30AM Pacific, in-person and
LiveStreamed through [Facebook](#)
and [YouTube](#)

Liturgy of the Hours

Resumes for the public August 24th
Morning Prayer (Lauds) 8:30AM
Evening Prayer (Vespers) 5:00PM

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

Office Hours: Monday to Friday,
9AM-4PM by appointment only; ring
bell for service.

NEWMAN CENTER STAFF



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MASS INTENTIONS

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8/7 5:15PM **Frank Bognanno+**

8/8 9AM **Dominican Chaplains**

11AM **Deceased MSJ Dominicans+**

5PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8/9 11:30AM **NO DAILY MASS**

Tuesday: St. Lawrence

8/10 11:30AM **Resident Community**

Wednesday: St. Clare

8/11 11:30AM **Armando Rios+**
Pearl Rojo+

Thursday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8/12 11:30AM **Joseph Nguyen+**

Friday: Sts. Potian & Hippolytus

8/13 11:30AM **All Students**

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

Today's first reading recounts Elijah's experience of being a burnout prophet who is - exhausted and tired from the journey - of being in God's service. God has continued to work with him, and to accompany him through the twists and turns of his vocation. Always reminding him, that he is not alone. Today we find Elijah tired and forgetful of God's loving support, and "praying for death" under a tree, and out in the desert alone. Despite the wall that Elijah's constructed, God sends an angel to rouse him from the sleep of self pity, and to eat, drink, and pay attention to his personal needs for renewal. At first, Elijah resists.... but at the persistence of God's love... echoing..., again, and again.... He finally surrenders, and eats and drinks.... After a while his strength returns, and he is able to stand up, and walk a great journey to God's mountain, which he climbs, and waits to God to speak to him...

How often do we find ourselves tired, exhausted, and all knotted up by life?!

When this happens... we stop "eating and drinking" what we need... to be whole, happy, and peaceful people... and, fall into negativity, fear, and ungrounded doubts! The good news is that God continues to reach out, and to tap us on the shoulder... "eat and drink.. let go.. try again, forgive, say hello, and so on.....

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say, "Blest are they who hear the word of God, and practice it". May we have the courage to dig deeper into the voice of God confronting our lives daily, and inviting us to freedom and peace.

Today is the feast day of St. Dominic de Guzman! Founder of the Order of Preachers, and a great source of inspiration and example for the whole Dominican family. It was said of St. Dominic that he spoke either to God or about God always. This implies for me, a person who was always deeply connected to the word, ministry, and love of God in his life, and in the lives of others. May we be encouraged by the prayers of our Holy Father Dominic... to praise.. to bless... and to preach.... that Jesus Christ is Lord... and always accompanies us whenever life takes us. Amen!

WEEKDAY DAILY MASS

Tuesday through Friday at 11:30AM
Resumes Tuesday, August 10th

*Effective 8/7: Masks required for everyone indoors
see Bishop's note in the next column*

Thank you for your patience, understanding & charity

NOTE FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Friends,

I received the letter below, slightly edited for the writer's privacy, from a concerned father who is also a medical doctor (pediatrician). His message to me is about our current Covid 19 situation and his family. I pass it along for your consideration:

Dear Bishop

I am (an active Catholic and) father of 2 children and a general pediatrician. I was a Catholic school teacher for 6 years before entering medicine.

I was at Mass this morning ... and noted something quite particular. Of the 6 families with children that I could see, 5 of those families were wearing masks (parents as well as the non-infant children). That was in stark contrast to the rest of the worshipers where only about 25% were wearing masks. ... My wife and I are vaccinated but my children, like the children in the 5 other families that I could see, cannot be vaccinated. I did not feel comfortable for my children in this setting.

There is some emerging data (currently moving from anecdotal to stronger evidence) that the delta variant is affecting children and infants much more than the original COVID-19 strain. I've heard this locally from my colleagues who care for hospitalized children and read published observations from pediatricians outside of Tucson. Because of this, I ask you to consider taking the following actions:

- 1. Ask Mass attendees directly to wear masks while giving the reason that we need to make Mass attendance safe for those who cannot be vaccinated at this time (children).*
- 2. Ask priests and deacons celebrating Mass as well as those participating in the Mass to wear masks when not speaking. This would serve as an example for parishioners in attendance.*
- 3. Continue to encourage vaccination for those eligible as you are doing.*

Thank you for your time and consideration of my suggestions.

+ A Catholic Father and Pediatrician

What I recommend is what this young doctor and father urges you to do:

- 1. Directly ask Mass attendees to wear masks while giving the reason that we need to make Mass attendance safe for those who cannot be vaccinated at this time (children).***
- 2. Ask priests and deacons celebrating Mass as well as those participating in the Mass to wear masks when not speaking to serve as an example for parishioners in attendance.***
- 3. Continue to encourage vaccination for those eligible as you are doing.***
- 4. Due to the growing risk for unvaccinated parents, children, in general families with small children are hereby dispensed from the Sunday Mass obligation until further notice. As circumstances related to Covid protocols may vary from place to place, it is entirely at the discretion of parents as to whether or not they conclude that it is best to bring small children to Mass or to spend special prayer time with them at home on Sunday.***

May God bless you and keep you safe!
+Edward J. Weisenburger

Read [the full message here](#)

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

Graduate Students and Young Professionals between the ages of 22-35, email the co-leaders Edith and Nathan to get connected: YoungAdultLeaders@UACatholic.org or visit their [Facebook Group](#)

NEWMAN BOOK CLUB

Meets monthly via Zoom

Next Book: The Smile of a Ragpicker by Paul Glynn
Tuesday, August 24th 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](#)

ENCOUNTER

Are you or someone you know considering Confirmation or RCIA but you are not ready to enter into the process? Maybe you are searching to understand the basics of what the Catholic Church teaches and why. Perhaps you simply want to deepen your relationship with Jesus and the community of believers. Beginning September 2021, we invite you to join us for evenings of Inquiry. The inquiry sessions offer a time to converse, ask questions, reflect, pray, and discern the steps for entering into the process for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) or Confirmation.

Monday, August 9, 2021, at 7PM is the first session

For more info contact Sister Angelica

srangelica@uacatholic.org 520-327-4665 ext. 108 or

Margaret Kish - mkishaz@aol.com

NEW TO TUCSON OR NEWMAN?

Welcome! We invite you to reach out to us via email or phone so we can meet you. Newman Registration also helps us be able to link you with our various ministries, the online form is at UACatholic.org/Registration

MUSICIANS & SINGERS

If you play an instrument, especially piano or guitar, we are beginning to recruit for choirs to help cover Masses this summer and into the Fall Semester. We are also looking for singers, even better if you can read music, but all are encouraged to reach out. Email our Music Director

Nathan Payne at NathanP@UACatholic.org

LIVESTREAM TEAM

We are recruiting additional members of the LiveStream Team Ministry so we can have a rotation for Sunday and Weekday Masses. If you are interested in being trained, contact Manny at Manny@UACatholic.org

USHERS/SACRISTANS, LECTORS & EMs

We are in need of additional Ushers/Greeters, Sacristans, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers. Please reach out to Manny to learn more: Manny@UACatholic.org



Saint Thomas More Catholic Newman Center Confirmation Information 2021 - 2022



Dates: Fall and spring semester (year commitment)
Fall semester: 9/14 - 11/16
Spring semester: 2/8 - 4/19

When: Every Tuesday from 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Where: The Newman Center Classroom

Sacrament of Confirmation - April 24th (time TBD)

Contact: Fr. Pius Youn, O.P. - frpius@uacatholic.org
Irene Sotelo - confirmation@uacatholic.org

SAVE THE DATES

Welcome BBQ - Sunday, Aug 22nd at NOON
5:15PM Daily Masses Resume - Aug 24th
Newman Night for Undergrads Kickoff - Aug 25th at 7PM
Young Adult Community Kickoff - Aug 26th at 7:30PM
Liturgical Minister Training - Aug 28th at 10AM
Music Ministry Info Night - Aug 30th at 7PM
Liturgical Minister Training - Aug 31st at 7PM
Mass of the Holy Spirit - Sunday, Sept 12th TBD
Freshmen Mini-Retreat - Sept 18th 10am-1pm
Fall Undergrad Retreat - Oct 1-3 on Mt. Lemmon

DOMINICAN LAITY RITE OF PROFESSION

Saturday, August 14th at the 5:15PM Vigil Mass
Charles Craig, Manny Guzman and Gloria Miller
will be making their professions as Third Order Dominicans,
completing a two year process of formation.
To learn more visit: OPLaityWest.org

The Catholic University of America: Tucson

Providing a high-quality, affordable, Catholic, bachelor's degree close to home. This new model for undergraduate learning provides internships with employers and allows you to realize your career potential while staying in Arizona. Classes start in a few weeks. Students who start this fall receive a \$3,000 scholarship per year for the next four years. Contact: Keiran Roche at (620) 687 3912 or rochek@cua.edu

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress as of 7/15/21

39 donors - \$29,595 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 63%
Fulfilled to date: \$24,340 or 52% 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

Today's readings draw us deeper into the Eucharistic mystery and the invitation to an intimate relationship with Jesus through the Eucharist.

No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.
Jn:40

How am I present and open to God's grace and invitation to me? How does my relationship with Jesus strengthen me to live out the call to active discipleship?

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

August Online as of 8/5/21: \$3,205
August 1st Envelopes: \$1772; Venmo: \$733

July ACH: \$4462 July Online: \$7,769
July 25th Envelopes: \$2993.54; Venmo: \$772
July 18th Envelopes: \$2043; Venmo: \$1327
July 11th Envelopes: \$4271; Venmo: \$933
July 4th Envelopes: \$1622; Venmo: \$722.87
Dominican Common Room Project: \$500

June ACH: \$3872; June Online: \$9,044
June 27th Envelopes: \$3477; Venmo: \$1,126
June 20th Envelopes: \$2917; Venmo: \$658
June 13th Envelopes: \$1618; Venmo: \$795
June 6th Envelopes: \$1976; Venmo \$708

May ACH: \$2942; May Online: \$10,047
May 30th Envelopes: \$2639.85; Venmo: \$1084
May 23th Envelopes: \$1976; Venmo: \$1706
May 16th Envelopes: \$3769; Venmo: \$1706
May 9th Envelopes: \$2792; Venmo: \$539
May 2nd Envelopes: \$4502; Venmo: \$525.87

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.

Parents of our university students, please consider supporting Newman as your son or daughter's parish-away-from home

Regular giving or recurring giving helps us be able to plan for future budgets. We invite you to prayerfully consider setting up monthly or weekly recurring donations through our Online Giving Program. **Text UACatholic to 800-950-9952 for a link on your mobile phone** or visit: UACatholic.org/donate