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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



September 26, 2021

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FALL SCHEDULE

Weekend In-Person Masses

Masks required indoors
Saturday 5:15PM
Sunday 9AM, 11AM & 5PM

Sunday Mass Online

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

Weekday Masses Tuesday to Friday

Masks required indoors
5:15PM in-person and LiveStreamed
through [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Reconciliation: by appointment only.

Priest email addresses are listed in
the next column

Office Hours: Monday to Friday,
9AM-4:45PM

Adoration: First Thursdays at 7:30PM.

The chapel is also open for private
prayer during Office Hours.

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MASS INTENTIONS

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9/25 5:15PM **Our Newman Community**
9/26 9AM **Jeanette+**
11AM **Marian Lacy**
5PM **John Stropko**

Monday: St. Vincent de Paul
9/27 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**
Tuesday: St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz &
Companions
9/28 5:15PM **James Kelley**
Wednesday: St. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
9/29 5:15PM **All Undergrads**
Thursday: St. Jerome
9/30 5:15PM **All Grad Students/Young Adults**
Friday: St. Therese of the Child Jesus
10/1 5:15PM **Fall Undergrad Retreat Success**

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

My Dear Community,

I will be stepping away for my yearly "retreat/renewal time". I will be away from my email, phone, and all those others connections. Fr. Pius, Manny Guzman, and our amazing Pastoral Staff will be able to assist you in anything that comes up in my absence.

I take this "real time" every year so that I may continue to stay grounded in all those things required to be healthy, grounded, and peaceful.

Ministry demands much, gives much, and requires quality and clear-mindedness, if it is to be effective and centered in charity. So, I go away "so that I can continue to love you, and you love me." This is not my own quote, but one borrowed from a friend that I deeply believe. You will be in my prayers and I ask for your prayers while I'm away.

The readings while I am away deal with unpacking our commitments:

On 9/19 we are invited to adjust our place in line. Are we seeking our own survival, or are we open to the call - to be of good and proper use to others? Jesus reminds us that if we want to be first in God's eyes, then we must adopt the posture of a servant, and be ready to get out of the line of entitlement, and to bend and wash the feet of those in need. May we have an "increase of personal faith" to "change our place in line" and to experience the joy that can come from giving of ourselves, as God does for us in Christ Jesus.

On 9/26 we will hear Jesus correct his followers against the dangers of tribalism. He says, "whoever is not against us, is with us". Jesus is inviting us to not get caught in petty paranoias that are not grounded in reality. When we do, opportunities for greater collaboration are missed, and we waste energy that could be put towards building God's kingdom. Jesus says, if some 'paranoia' is causing us to sin.... "cut it out" and get rid of it! Thus creating more space for God's grace to work its good effects in us.

On 10/3 Jesus in response to the question of divorce reminds his hearers of the Old Testament's call to spouses to be "one flesh." Marriage is a vocation, "a calling from God" to manifest God's presence "outwardly." The "two" become "one"..... Not destroying one another, but allowing what is best in the other to rise, and to be nurtured in Christ. It is this "Christ-centered nurturing" that allows God's love to flow between the "two", and creates a relationship which promotes unity, respect, forgiveness, compassion, encouragement, change, healing, and new life! In this way, the couple becomes a sign of Christ's true presence to one another, and to the whole world. This is why the church wants couples to prepare for marriage.... To think deeply and to reflect broadly on this great responsibility, and Godly calling. The good news is that Christ dwells deep within the relationship... always supporting and encouraging those called to oneness and peace.

On 10/10 We hear one of my favorite Gospel stories, 'The rich young man.' "Good teacher what must I do to gain everlasting life? Jesus is so patient, and walks with this young person through what they already know.... "know and live the Commandments". When the young person wants more, "Jesus, looks at him with love" and, encourages him to go deeper into his quest for Godly perfection... Jesus, says leave everything that distracts you from God, from attaining what you're truly seeking. And, even after the young person is overwhelmed at the mere thought of this, along with all those hearing this as well..... Jesus reminds them and us... "that nothing is impossible for God." In these days of mixed joys and pains.... Let us remember, and remind one another "that nothing is impossible for God." We may tire, and burnout.... but, God doesn't! May we remember "that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us, and that we have been anointed." This means that we are not alone. May we pray for the courage to remain open, and receptive to the Spirit! Amen

Lastly on 10/17 - Jesus returns to the theme on humility. If you want to be great you have to be willing to serve others! Throughout his public ministry Jesus simply responded to others. He listened, healed, and freed those who carrying heavy burdens of mind, heart, and soul. If we are to share in his ministry you and I must participate in Christ's mission to all people. This call requires an "increase of faith". May the Holy Spirit blow life into our tired souls... May the breath of the Spirit stir us to humility, confidence, and in all things charity!

Amen!

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

SUSTAINING BOARD STUDENT DINNER

The ladies of the Newman Sustaining Board will be serving up lasagna this Sunday, September 26th after the 5PM Mass downstairs in Bishop Green Hall. Come and meet others in your faith community and learn how to get involved.

CELEBRATING FR. TOM'S 85th Birthday

Join us for a special edition of Fr. Tom's Café this weekend after the 9AM & 11AM Masses where we will celebrate the life and ministry of Fr. Tom DeMan. He is making his famous egg bake, coffee & donuts will also be served.

ROSARY UNDER THE STARS

Tuesdays at 7PM at the Highland Bowl on Campus

NEWMAN BOOK CLUB

Meets monthly via Zoom and hybrid in-person. Next Book: Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life

by Richard Rohr

Tuesday, September 28th 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](#)

BECOMING CATHOLIC: RCIA

Are you or someone you know considering becoming Catholic but you are not sure if you're 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. Inquiry sessions will be after the 11AM Mass from NOON until 2PM and 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). For more info contact Sister Angelica srangelica@uacatholic.org 520-327-4665 ext. 108 or Margaret Kish at mkishaz@aol.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council 16061 encourages all Catholic men of the St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish to explore the possibility of becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus. If you have a desire to serve the Catholic Church, the St. Thomas More Parish, and the Tucson community, the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. For more information about the Knights and how to join us in our service to Christ, please contact Jay Bell at (520) 237-7417 or by email at jay.bell@cox.net or talk to any member of our council.

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

Meets weekly on Thursdays at 7:30PM 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](#)

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

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

The Newman Center has been named recipient of two grants from the [Western Dominican Province](#). The first in the amount of \$3000 to assist with outreach as in-person ministries resume and \$50,000 that goes towards our undergrad and graduate student ministry programs. We are deeply grateful for the financial support of the Province and the four friars who serve and live in our community.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

If you've been baptized Catholic and still need to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, sessions are held on Tuesdays at 7PM. The program runs from 9/14-11/16 during the Fall Semester, 2/8-4/19 during the Spring Semester. Contact Irene for more info confirmation@uacatholic.org or visit www.UACatholic.org/confirmation

GATHER THE PEOPLE; BREAK THE BREAD; TELL THE STORY.

Diane E. Abbott - She is a gentle soul! Of course she is! She taught Newman Sunday School to kindergartners for 30 years! Little ones need that gentility of spirit. She also taught kindergarten in Sunnyside, TUSD and at Sonoran Science Charter School. However, teaching was part of her second career which she claims was so much more fun than her first career. As a research assistant in Physiology here on the University of Arizona campus, she spent 37 years looking through a microscope, studying plants and pharmacology with a B.S. in Biology.



Born in the Bronx, N.Y. and raised in Longview, N.Y. Diane headed West with her family when her dad, John Poulos, accepted a position at the UA Optical Sciences Department in the 1960s. (In a side story, they arrived in Tucson, briefly stayed in an apartment before moving to a house. This apartment had a pool, a perfect setting in which to meet her future husband, Art Abbott—now married 52 years. They are parents to Stacy and grandparents to Hunter and Raeanne.) So, the University of Arizona was the familiar place to earn her degree and to join the Newman Center. She returned to Newman in the 70s and has never left. Why? She loves the students and permanent community and also the Dominicans' great homilies!

Currently, Diane serves at Newman's 9 a.m. Sunday Mass as lector and Eucharistic Minister. Just like her many kindergartners, we all can bask in her gentility of spirit.

Coming Soon—tell your story!

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

7:30PM ON FIRST THURSDAYS

SEPT 2	FEB 3
OCT 7	MAR 3
NOV 4	APRIL 7
DEC 2	MAY 5

ST. THOMAS MORE
CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

LOVE IN COMMUNITY

Love each other as I have
loved you- John 15:12

FALL UNDERGRAD RETREAT

OCTOBER 1-3
MT. LEMMON, AZ

\$40 fee
sign up on
<https://forms.gle/2PxjvYNs4D8tC9VUA>
or use QR code below

Deadline: Sept 27th, 2021

FAITH AND REASON FORUM
PRESENTS...



THE GIFTS OF THE *Holy Spirit*

TALK BY
BR. ANDREW THOMAS KANG, O.P.

Br. Andrew Thomas Kang, OP will give us a general and particular overview of the **gifts of the Holy Spirit**. First, he will explain **who the Holy Spirit is**. Secondly, he will make the distinction between *sanctifying and gratuitous graces*. Lastly, he will describe in detail what it means to be "**inspired**" by the **Holy Spirit** and how to carry out the mission of the Church by such good. By providing speculative and experiential knowledge and by encouraging group discussions, the talk will help all attendees to **know and experience the Holy Spirit!**

ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS INVITED!

TUES, SEP 28. | 7 - 9 PM
GREEN HALL - ST. THOMAS MORE NEWMAN CENTER

Refreshments provided. Following the talk, there will be time for discussion and questions.

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Progress as of 9/21/21

39 donors - \$29,675 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 64%

Fulfilled to date: \$26,495 or 57% 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

Our readings this week encourage us to not only be good stewards of all that God has given us but also to rejoice in the good stewardship of others.

There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. Mk 9:39

We must continue to examine how we are using our gifts and talents to ensure that we are being a good steward of what God has entrusted to us for His glory. How might we be better stewards of the material and spiritual blessings we have been given? How might we show more compassion toward others?

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

September Online as of 9/24/21: \$8,151
Sept 19th Envelopes: \$2344; Venmo: \$1284.87
Sept 12th Envelopes: \$2451; Venmo: \$728
Sept 5th Envelopes: \$2819.85; Venmo: \$436.87
Undergraduate Student Ministries: \$100
Young Adult Community: \$200

August ACH: \$3142; August Online: \$9,947
August 29th Envelopes: \$2819.85; Venmo: \$656
August 22nd Envelopes: \$3,340; Venmo: \$778
August 15th Envelopes: \$2347; Venmo: \$1,425
August 8th Envelopes: \$2,643; Venmo: \$674
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

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