

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER

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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



January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

FALL SCHEDULE

Weekend In-Person Masses
Masks required indoors
Saturday 5:15PM
Sunday 9AM, 11AM & 5PM

Sunday Mass Online
11AM MST 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 RESUME JANUARY 11th:
Monday to Friday 9AM-4:45PM

Adoration: NEXT DATE: Thurs 1/13
and the following First Thursdays at
7:30PM. The chapel is also open for
private prayer during Office Hours.

NEWMAN CENTER STAFF



*Served by the Friars of the Western Dominican
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and Dominican Sisters of Oakford*

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MASS INTENTIONS

The Baptism of the Lord
1/8 5:15PM **Carlos Valencia+**
1/9 9AM **Joseph+**
11AM **Betty Padilla**
5PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: Weekday
1/10 5:15PM **NO DAILY MASS**
Tuesday: Weekday
1/11 5:15PM **David Ruelas+**
Wednesday: Weekday
1/12 5:15PM **Analisa Gallardo+**
Thursday: St. Hilary
1/13 5:15PM **Becky Sechrist**
Friday: Weekday
1/14 5:15PM **St. Jude**

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

Happy New Year, and continuing blessings upon our final days of the Christmas Season. I hope your holidays have been occasions for celebration and deep encounter. Our readings throughout this season draw us into the Spirit of God upon the Holy Family, and all touched by the birth of the Word-Made-Flesh -“God, who is with us.”

This “Spirit” warms/disturbs the hearts and souls of tired shepherds, curious star-gazers, patient prophets, and controlling/insecure rulers.

Lives are affected by the coming of the Prince of Peace! Peace can have an impact on us..... if we let it! Will we allow it..... to melt lives frozen by indifference? Or, disappointed by broken promises, and past mistakes? Peace, if applied patiently.... with loving endurance, always pays off!

As a new semester begins at the UofA, may we “bear down” upon God’s Spirit, that is Upon us, and with us.... in all seasons, and semesters of life. May we allow the graces gained throughout our Advent and Christmas Days ... to increase our faith.....in every possible way..... towards the furthering of the Kingdom of God. Amen!

A NOTE OF THANKS

Deep gratitude to Andy Romo and Brian & Kelley’s Christmas Trees for the beautiful trees in our church, common room and convent for the Christmas Season.

FAREWELL TO ANTHONY PENA

We are deeply grateful to Anthony for over five years of service as our Maintenance Tech. He is now enjoying some much-deserved retirement & we wish him well. We will be giving him a special blessing at the 11AM Mass on Sunday, January 23rd followed by Fr. Tom’s Café in his honor, join us to thank him & celebrate.

NEWMAN BOOK CLUB

Meets monthly via Zoom and hybrid in-person.

Next Book: [The Seven Storey Mountain](#) by Thomas Merton
Tuesday, January 25th 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](#)

CONGRATS TO THE NEWLYWEDS

Rachael Kinnison & Samuel Kicklighter
married on December 31st

Maya Bernadett & Drew Harris
married on January 8th

CORPORATE BOARD ELECTION JAN 16, 2022

Corporate Board Secretary, term ending 1/19/2024

Incumbent: Clifford Bowman, willing to serve another term.

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. If only one person has been nominated by then, the nominee shall be declared elected.

SALPOINTE ALUMNI SYNOD GATHERING

The Catholic Church wants to hear from you! On Sunday, January 9, the Salpointe Chaplain will host a listening session for college-age alumni and their friends. The session will take place from 5:00 to 6:30 PM In Foundation Hall.

Refreshments will be provided.

These sessions are designed as a safe space to open hearts and minds in an effort to understand people’s faith journeys in the Catholic Church. The Church wants to hear your experience, your joys, your frustrations, and your advice. This will allow the Church to better understand your needs in the future.

If you are in college and interested in being part of this experience, [please RSVP](#) by **Monday, January 3.**

Bring your friends; being a Salpointe alum is not a condition to participate. Find more information at www.synodtucson.org or email Fr. Manu Franco-Gomez, O.Carm. at efrancogomez@salpointe.org

We acknowledge the People of the Land who have dwelt here since time immemorial and continue to live in this place today: Tohono O’odham, Sobaipuri O’odham, Pascua Yaqui and other Native Americans. We give thanks for the original stewards of this land, our ancestors, our elders and all Indigenous People.

THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

SMT MID-YEAR RETREAT

1/9 to 1/11 at Holy Trinity Monastery—keep them in prayer

OFFICE CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK

December 27th through January 7th

NO Daily Masses until Tuesday, January 11th

NEWMAN NIGHT FOR UNDERGRADS

Wednesdays at 7PM downstairs in Bishop Green Hall

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday 1/13 at 7:30PM in the church

TRANSFORMATION TEAM MIDYEAR RETREAT

Saturday 1/15 at Newman—keep them in prayer

DOMINICAN LAITY CHAPTER MTG

Sunday 1/16 at 3PM in Curry Classroom

MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Monday 1/17—the office will be closed

www.UACatholic.org/calendar

SAVE THE DATES

Anthony Peña Farewell Blessing

Sunday, January 23rd at 11AM Mass, Café to follow

Undergrad Synod on Synodality Listening Session

Wednesday, 1/26 from 7PM to 9PM

Dinner will be served—View the [Reflection Questions](#)

Young Adults Synod on Synodality Listening Session

Thursday, 1/27 from 7PM to 9PM

Dinner will be served—View the [Reflection Questions](#)

Resident Community Day of Reflection & Synod on Synodality Listening Session

Saturday, February 5th 9:30 to 12 Noon

Lunch will be served—View the [Reflection Questions](#)

Sustaining Board Student Dinner

Sunday, January 23rd at 6PM—BBQ Chicken & Pulled Pork will be served, all are welcome

Spring Undergrad Retreat

February 11th to 13th at La Purísima Retreat Center
Sign-ups to open soon, cost is \$40 with financial assistance available upon request

WE ARE HIRING

Position: [Maintenance Technician I](#)

Location: St Thomas More Newman Center

1615 E. 2nd St, Tucson, AZ 85719

Job Id: 1904 **# of Openings:** 1

Primary Function: Under the direction of the Pastor and Business Manager, this position is responsible for performing a variety of maintenance duties in the parish, rectory, apartments and convent located at the St. Thomas More complex.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Perform in support of the Church's spiritual and pastoral mission
- Shall abide by Catholic principles in the employee's professional and private life, and shall govern his/her professional and private life in strict accordance with Catholic morals and principles to demonstrate complete adherence to Catholic moral strictures;
- Perform general facility and grounds maintenance duties to include cleaning and maintenance of Church, rectory, convent, apartments, outdoor meeting spaces, or other facilities
- Maintain parish equipment including kitchen, restrooms, plumbing and electrical systems in a functional condition; routine maintenance of parish vehicle; recommend and oversee replacement of equipment as necessary
- Maintain records of maintenance performed as necessary
- Maintain a supply of and account for cleaning supplies and equipment; maintain an adequate inventory at all times
- Comply with chemical handling laws and safety regulations as required; maintain a safe working environment
- Maintain security of buildings, equipment, and tools
- Perform other duties as assigned
- **Physical/Mental Requirements:** Requires coordination and manual dexterity, normal mental and visual ability; ability to lift as required in a normal maintenance environment.

Required Activities: Walking; sitting standing; stooping; reaching; talking; handling; hearing; carrying; lifting; and climbing ladders.

Education and Experience: High School Graduate or equivalent. Minimum 2 years' experience in a maintenance or similar environment

This is a full-time position with benefits. To apply, [visit this link](#) or call Manny for more info at (520) 327-4665 x 112, or email manny@uacatholic.org

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

“If Jesus is everywhere and home is where your heart is, then when I remember that my heart is with Jesus—home can be anywhere.” says Sr. Fátima Morales. She entered her religious life with the Dominican Sisters of San Jose in 2020. She expressed interest in Campus Ministry work then was assigned to the Campus Ministry team at an all-girls Catholic High School during her candidacy year.

Still in training for the sisters, Fátima was sent to Tucson and the University of Arizona’s Newman Center last July, 2021. It would seem that Fátima embraces her work at Newman—all of it—participating in student-led meetings dealing with Community Life: planning retreats or socials. Additionally, she can be seen at Sunday Masses helping with ushering or offertory collections. She also welcomes students and other community members at her front desk duties several times a week. She conducts tours of Newman and makes students feel welcome. She has been designer, decorator of the ofrenda during the November All Souls remembrance and possibly other artwork behind the scenes. She offers if you come by the desk on Fridays, maybe you can just chat with her. Sometimes, Fátima just listens to whatever is in students’ hearts, a true counselor.

In her other life in Houston, Texas, Fátima was born and raised by her parents. She is the eldest and only girl among 5 children. Her undergraduate degree was earned at the University of St. Thomas, Houston, and her graduate work obtained a specialist degree in School Psychology at University of Houston, Clear Lake. Though she seems younger, Fátima has used her license in School Psychology for 5 years. Even though she is usually wearing a mask, she radiates the smile and joy seen here in her picture. She loves the landscape in Tucson, the undergrad and young adult communities and her community of sisters and friars here at Newman. Though her stay at Newman will be short, Sr. Fátima’s lasting impression will be treasured.

Coming soon, tell your story. . . .



RCIA THANK YOUs AND SPRING SEMESTER MEALS

A special note of gratitude to Edella Schlager, Margaret Kish, Joe & Suzanne Machain for assisting with meals this past semester for the nine catechumens and RCIA team who are walking a journey of faith together to the Easter Vigil and Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & First Eucharist). If you would like to help prepare a meal for one of the Sundays during the Spring Semester, contact Margaret at mkishaz@aol.com or call the office (520) 327-4665

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 info please contact Jay Bell at (520) 237-7417 or by email at jay.bell@cox.net or talk to any member of our council.

MASS FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 9AM—St. Augustine Cathedral Bishop Weisenburger will celebrate the Mass for Life at the cathedral followed by a Procession to Holy Hope Cemetery will follow the Mass. Any priest wishing to concelebrate the Mass with Bishop Weisenburger is asked to bring his alb and white stole for the Mass.

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress as of 12/29/21

42 donors - \$30,345 pledged of \$46,640 goal - 65%
Fulfilled to date: \$29,225 or 63% of total goal

Donate Online at:

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

Select "St. Thomas More" as your parish



In 2020 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

As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we can study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of servant leadership. We see in Jesus a type of leadership that is characterized by humility and leading by example.

Certainly, the sinless Savior did not need a baptism of repentance! But Jesus humbly made Himself one with his people to draw us to Him and create a relationship with us so that we would be open to His teachings and influence. As a servant leader, we also see that Jesus leads by example. He doesn't just tell the people they need to be baptized. He shows them how and does it Himself to teach them. To lead like Jesus, we, too, must "walk the walk" and not just "talk the talk." If we want those who we lead to be generous and hard-working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves.

Immediately after His baptism, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father who opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form, and says audibly, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased." Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too.

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

January Online as of 1/7/22: \$5,894

Jan 2nd Envelopes: \$1,587; Venmo: \$675.52

December ACH: December Online: \$21,902.75

Dec 26th Envelopes: \$1033.10; Venmo: \$1812

Christmas Envelopes: \$5219.75 ; Venmo: \$2329

Dec 19th Envelopes: \$4,417; Venmo: \$722

Dec 12th Envelopes: \$3294.08; Venmo: \$1,036

Dec 5th Envelopes: \$2835.56; Venmo: \$1,684

Dominican Common Room Project: \$7800

November ACH: November Online: \$11,046

Dominican Common Room Project: \$10,000

Nov 28th Envelopes: \$2849.75; Venmo: \$739

Nov 21st Envelopes: \$3309; Venmo: \$766.81

Nov 14th Envelopes: \$1323.25; Venmo: \$847

Nov 7th Envelopes: \$4097; Venmo: \$838

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. Visit: UACatholic.org/donate