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

2024-2025 Theme:

“Love your enemies, do good and expect nothing in return.” Luke 6:27



## March 9, 2025

## First Sunday of Lent

### SCHEDULE

#### Weekend Masses

Sunday 9AM, 11AM & 5PM  
Saturday Vigil 5:15PM

#### Sunday Mass Online

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

#### Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday 5:15PM

#### Liturgy of the Hours

Tuesday to Friday  
Morning Prayer (Lauds) 8:30AM  
Evening Prayer (Vespers) 5:00PM

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 4PM or  
by appointment with a priest

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues-Fri 8:45AM Holy Hour  
Next Monthly: **April 6th at 7:30PM**

#### Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9AM to 4:45PM

*We are open for prayer, study &  
community weekdays from 8AM-9PM*

### NEWMAN CENTER STAFF



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### MASS INTENTIONS

#### First Sunday of Lent

3/8 5:15PM **Robert Rivera**  
3/9 9:00AM **Jose de Jesus Sprigg +**  
11:00AM **RCIA Catechumens & Candidates**  
5:00PM **Our Newman Community**

Monday: Bl Anthony Neyrot, friar, priest,  
martyr

3/10 5:15PM **No Mass**

Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

3/11 5:15PM **No Mass**

Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

3/12 5:15PM **No Mass**

Thursday: Lenten Weekday

3/13 5:15PM **No Mass**

Friday: Lenten Weekday

3/14 5:15PM **No Mass**

*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

The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness, where He remained for forty days, tempted by Satan. And now, another Lenten season begins. We've received our ashes, and with them comes an invitation to embrace a practice that guides us toward greater freedom in our lives. It's a call to commit ourselves to grow in the areas of prayer, fasting, and generosity toward others.

These are all vital practices designed to create space within us-space for listening, learning, and living more freely. Prayer, in particular, calls us into the desert, just as it called Jesus. It's in this desert, within ourselves, that we are confronted with both our strengths and weaknesses, the grounded and the messy parts of our lives—our good behaviors and our unhealthy patterns.

Prayer teaches us to listen, to attend to the quiet, and to simply breathe. It reminds us that cultivating a deep relationship with Christ, through the Holy Spirit, is both a gift and a source of lasting benefit. Fasting is so much more than simply refraining from chocolate. Yes, that might be a starting point, but its true depth calls us to examine what unhealthy attachments we hold that are leading us away from flourishing. What habits, attitudes, or material attachments are stunting our spiritual, physical, intellectual, or personal growth? What needs to be let go of, so we can remain rooted in God? Healthy fasting helps us develop a clearer focus and a more balanced life.

Almsgiving is the natural fruit of creating space for generosity. When Jesus emerged from His time in the wilderness, He was not just challenged and hungry; He was grounded in the Father's love through prayer, cleansed of distractions through fasting, and more focused, filled with the Holy Spirit. This gave Him the capacity to be generous, offering the spiritual "alms" needed for others to rise and flourish.

As we move through these precious days of Lent, how are we being called to rise? How are we being invited to increase our faith by entering our "inner room," where Christ waits to embrace us? "May we love our enemies, do good and expect nothing in return"

Amen. Alleluia



1. Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and **abstain from meat every Friday in Lent**
2. **Give up eating out for one week** or more, and **donate the money** saved to a food bank or the CRS Rice Bowl collection. **Choose one unhealthy habit** (junk food, smoking, gossip) to abstain from for at least one week at a time.
3. **Abstain from buying any new clothing** this month and **purge your closet** for donations.
4. **Abstain from social media** for one week, and spend the time saved reading scripture or in spiritual reflection.
5. **Abstain from negative thinking** and instead make a point of saying something positive to someone else or thanking God for some blessing received.

### HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

1. Call 911 to make a police report
2. If the abuse happened in any other state, call the Police or Sheriffs Office in the specific area of that state
3. Call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson 1.800.234.0344 and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection at 520.838.2513

## THIS WEEK AT NEWMAN

- ◆ **Newman Center** closed for the Spring Break (March 8-14)

## COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Lumen Series-Saints & Superheroes-Dr. Alex Nava**, Thursday, March 27 at 7:30pm.
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross**, Friday, March 28 at 5:45pm
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus Fish Tacos**, Friday, March 28 at 6:00pm

View all of our events at [www.UACatholic.org/calendar](http://www.UACatholic.org/calendar)

## STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

**Projected Revenue (6 Months) Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is \$387,622. Actual Revenue is \$352,255. Shortage of \$35,367**

### Weekend Offertory:

March 3rd. Envelopes: \$3,307.00  
February 24th. Envelopes: \$6,679.36  
February 17th. Envelopes: \$3,859.23  
February 11th. Envelopes: \$5,078.86

Total contributions from Venmo for the month of March as of March 7th is \$1,530.35

Total contributions from WeShare for the month of March as of March 7th is \$2,732.43

Total contributions from Breeze for the month of March as of March 7th is \$1,433.99

Your contribution during the Offertory goes towards utilities, ministries, staff and residences for the 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. Recurring giving is available through our online platform Breeze



View all giving options at: [www.UACatholic.org/donate](http://www.UACatholic.org/donate)



The Roman Catholic  
**Diocese of Tucson**

## **One Body, One Mission: Serving In Christ 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal**

**Support the vital ministries and programs that serve the people of our parishes, Catholic schools, and communities.**

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is the largest source of funding for the works of the Diocese of Tucson. The Appeal provides the financial resources for the ministries and charities that serve individuals and families of our parishes, schools, and communities.

Each year, the Catholic Foundation and the Bishop in collaboration with the parishes and missions of the Diocese, renew the Annual Catholic Appeal to raise the much-needed funding for the financial support of the Catholic charities and ministries which serve people throughout our Diocese.

### **Your Generous Gift Will Support**

16% Diocesan Ministries

24% Schools, Education & Evangelization

22% Seminarian and Clergy

10% Grants to Needy Parishes & Native American Missions

18% Parish Support Services

10% Community Outreach

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### **Why is our Diocese conducting the Annual Catholic Appeal?**

The ACA represents more than 51% of the support needed to fund the diocesan ministries each year. The Bishop asks Catholics in the Diocese to generously support these important and on-going ministries that provide educational, pastoral, and charitable outreach to those living in the Diocese, by giving to the ACA.

### **Why do we need the ministries and services provided by the Diocese?**

The ACA funds over 26 on-going ministries and services of the Church. These very important ministries and services are beyond the resources of any single parish. Coordinating programs at the Diocesan level, such as religious education, seminarian education and vocations, lay ministry formation, youth and young adults ministry, prison ministry, etc., eliminates duplication, provides consistency, and saves both time and money.

### **Is it important to give to the ACA, even though I am already giving to my parish?**

The programs at your parish are very important and much of the work of the Church and the Diocese takes place at the local level. However, there are certain specialized services such as education, vocations, diocesan conferences and trainings, construction project services, for which the Diocese takes the major responsibility. These are services no single parish can provide and must be shared by all.

### **What should I give to the ACA?**

The decision on how much to give needs to be personal and prayerful. God has given each of us gifts, graces, talents and abilities, which are to be shared responsibly and wisely with others. We are also challenged to make our financial gifts from substance, not abundance, and in proportion to our blessings.

## **HOW TO PRACTICE LENT**

As Catholics, the spiritual pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving guide us in daily reflection on our own lives as we strive to deepen our relationship with God and neighbor-no matter where in the world that neighbor may live. Lent is a time of personal and spiritual growth, a time to look outward and inward. Especially during this time, the Church encourages us to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Through prayers, God invites us to slow down in the silence and look for him around us-in nature and in people who need us most. Our fasting is an act of penance and solidarity with people who are hungry-and it helps us feel a small part of what they are living day by day. It is in this spirit that our almsgiving is an act of love for God and neighbor.

One Simple way to enhance your Lenten experience is to participate in the CRS Rice Bowl program. During Lent, Catholic families across the United States use a rice bowl-a small cardboard box-to collect alms. We make room for God to act in our lives in new ways, and we have the opportunity to give the money we save to our sisters and brothers in need.

### **How to Fast for Lent**

The Catechism invites Catholics ages 18 to 59 to abstain from meat and to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and Catholics 14 years and older to abstain from meat on the Fridays during Lent.

  
**Mariachi**  
**Mass**

Sunday – April 27, 2025 • 12:00 p.m.  
 St. Augustine Cathedral  
 192 South Stone Avenue • Tucson  
 NO ADMISSION FEE

Music/Dances  
 • Mariachi Innovación  
 • Compañía de Danza Folklórica Arizona

For questions or more information...  
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TIMC wishes to thank and is grateful for the support of the Cathedral Staff, and many others that are making this event possible.


**ST. THOMAS MORE**  
**CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER**

**SUSTAINING BOARD**

**SCHOLARSHIP**

**2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**APPLY TODAY**

[WWW.UACATHOLIC.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP](http://WWW.UACATHOLIC.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP)



The deadline to apply is Friday, April 4, 2025 at 6:00PM

**QUESTIONS?** Abby Sheppard  [Dasdesert@gmail.com](mailto:Dasdesert@gmail.com)

### NEWMAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Newman Foundation at The University of Arizona plans to award several scholarships for the 2025-2026 Fall Semester to UofA students who are full-time students and active at the St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center.

These scholarships are in addition to any that may be offered by the Newman Center, or by the Newman Sustaining Board. **The application deadline is Friday April 4, 2025.** If you are interested in applying, send an email to the following address to request application information: [newman\\_foundation@yahoo.com](mailto:newman_foundation@yahoo.com)

### SPRING SEMESTER INVOLVEMENT

We invite everyone to prayerfully consider how you can get involved in the life of your faith community here at Newman. Whether it's serving at Mass as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan or Usher, joining a bible study/faith sharing group, or participating in service opportunities. - learn more at [www.uacatholic.org](http://www.uacatholic.org)

### The Mission of CRS Lenten Rice Bowl

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Rooted in the history of the Eucharistic Congress, CRS Rice Bowl invites Catholics and faith communities in the United States to encounter God and our global family throughout Lent by practicing the [pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving](#). Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 120 different countries each year. Twenty five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised more than \$350 million.

#### Join Your Global Family in Prayer

We can't end global hunger without your help. CRS Rice Bowl's 50th anniversary presents an opportunity to renew your commitment to helping families facing hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. When you pray, fast and give this Lent, you are making a lifesaving difference.

Start your CRS Rice Bowl journey with us by picking up your rice bowl from the doors of our church.

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.