



Aquinas Newman Center

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THE CATHOLIC CAMPUS PARISH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Aquinas Newman Center is a permanent Community of the Catholic Faithful, established as a parish of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe at the University of New Mexico. While its primary mission is to the University Students, Faculty, Staff and Administrators, the parish community genuinely welcomes all who wish to participate in the work and worship of the parish. As a Newman Center, we have the mission of proclaiming the Word of God and presenting theology to an academic community that finds in our parish an intellectual and spiritual basis for becoming and remaining committed Roman Catholics.

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Fr. Michael Demkovich, O.P. (D+E+I) - 243-0525	
Fr. Gabe Hoff, O.P.	Fr. Robert Kelly, O.P.
Fr. Thomas Jackson, O.P.	Fr. Kevin Niehoff, O.P.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Vigil Mass, 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	8:00, 9:30, 11:00a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

(5:00 p.m. Mass is celebrated only when UNM is in session)

WEEKDAY MASSES - Dominican Chapel

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (Masses)	12:10 p.m.
Friday (Communion Service)	12:10 p.m.
Tuesday (Dominican Community Conventual Mass with Vespers)	5:15 p.m.
Prayer times: Monday through Friday (Lauds)	7:45 a.m.
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday (Vespers)	5:45 p.m.
*First Friday Mass for Lawyers	7:00 a.m.

*All are welcome to these celebrations. *Unless otherwise noted

OFFICE HOURS (ext. 10)

Monday - Thursday	9:00am to 12pm and 1:00 to 4:00pm
Friday	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday	8:30 am - 12:30 pm

SACRAMENTS and PRAYER

ADULT INITIATION (RCIA). Process of initiation into the Catholic Church for non-baptized persons and Christians of other faiths.

CONFIRMATION. For adults and high school students.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN. For registered parishioners only. Check with the office for scheduled dates. Two preparation sessions required. Parents and godparents should attend classes before the birth of the child to be baptized, if possible. Register in the office.

RECONCILIATION. By arrangement. Communal Service as announced. Also, on Saturdays: from 3:30 - 4:00pm.

MARRIAGE. For registered parishioners. Requires 6 months preparation. Contact the office for details.

PARTNERS IN PRAYER. Prayer request line is 247-1094, x5. If you are interested in assisting with this ministry, call 247-1094, x10 and leave a msg.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK. Contact Deacon Don Contreras at 247-1094, x39

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY. Contact MaryAnn Eklund RN, PhD 247-1094 x16 to arrange an appointment.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY. Contact Ellen Stotzer at 888-2429

From the desk of Fr. Tom Jackson, O.P., Pastor
 "...and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means
 'God is with us'".

At various stages of my ministry over the last 30 years, I have found that a basic question that men and women have constantly ask—though never phrased this way—is, “Why do I need a savior?” The quick and simple answer is to ask yet another question, “Have you not taken a good look around you of late?”

In the beginning of this third millennium, we live in a day and age when secularism is slowly making inroads into our thoughts in ways which we are really not able to acknowledge. Certainly it is good to re-examine deeply held viewpoints now and then, because it helps us to become even more “rooted” in their truth as we bring new understandings to light. Remember, the truth, by nature, will stand up to any scrutiny.

Since about 1930, the majority of Americans began moving away from a time when they would first consult the Word of God for answers to the “mysteries of life”, to a time when they will now first consult texts on atomic theory and/or quantum field theory... and, *perhaps*, later on they consult the Bible for a “religious” perspective. This shift has led—or is leading—to a paradigm (pattern or model) shift in which our “foundation” now becomes human knowledge rather than divine wisdom.

Again, knowledge of atomic and quantum field theories do explain the nature of matter and provide a better understanding of life itself, perhaps giving us a glimpse into the divine mind. But, does this human knowledge explain the first movement in atoms themselves? No. It is divine wisdom that brings us to the understanding that there is, first and foremost, the One who is “*The Un-Moved Mover*” (the Prime Cause) in all existence. Acknowledging this mystery of God’s existence FIRST, provides us with a better foundation for living.

Jesus’ purpose for coming was to tell us the truth about God and the truth about ourselves. In Jesus, the “Hound of Heaven”, we see the God who diligently and purposefully seeks out each and every one of us. Contemplating how we are generally approaching life from a more scientific rather than religious viewpoint, per se, will help us to better appreciate the reason for this season: the celebration of the coming of Jesus the Christ.

Jesus told us, “the one who has seen me has seen the Father” (John 14:9). In Jesus we see the love, grace and mercy of God... we also see human and divine wisdom in perfect unity. Before his coming among us, men and women had only vague notions of the Almighty (do many of us still?). Jesus is the long-awaited One (the Messiah, the Christ), who came to tell us and show us what it truly means to be a child of God. Jesus is God Incarnate. Jesus is also fully human. He is “The Un-Moved Mover” in our midst—“*God With Us*”—who came to show us what God is like and what God means for us to be like.

As we celebrate this holy season, may we keep in

From the desk of Fr. Tom Jackson, O.P., continued . . .

mind that we all must strive to bring to a closer union and better explication what our areas of expertise (disciplines) know as human knowledge and what our faith knows as divine knowledge. Then we *shall* be like him.

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas!

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- **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS** are as follows:
 Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve:
 4:30 pm (Masses in Chapel and auditorium)
 10:00 pm (Mass in Chapel)
 Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day:
 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses
 Monday, December 31, New Year’s Eve
 NO MASS (note correction)
 Tuesday, January 1, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, 10:00 am Mass (note correction)
- **MIDNIGHT MASS CHOIR.** Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, begins with a time of carols and songs at 9:30pm, followed by the Vigil Mass at 10 pm.
- **HEY KIDS!** Even though we missed having a Children’s Choir for this year’s Christmas Eve Mass, that doesn’t mean we don’t sing. Soooo, the 4:30 pm **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS** in the **AUDITORIUM** will feature a special **CHILDREN and FAMILY SING-A-LONG** at **4:15pm** right before Mass. There’ll be fun songs, crazy songs, stories and more! There’s no rehearsal, just be there ready to celebrate Christmas ... real loud!
- **CHRISTMAS SET-UP:** The Christmas season is almost here, and preparing the environment in the Chapel and Auditorium will take as many hands to help as possible. So, set up will be **Sunday, December 23 at 1 pm**, and anyone available to help would be so appreciated.

FROM THE ECUMENICAL OFFICE . . . Give a special Christmas gift to your friends and neighbors - an invitation to participate in the Octave of Christian Unity. Like our Lord call twelve people who are fellow Christians to set aside **January 18-25** to pray and share the wonder of being Christians. Ask your parish office for more information.

*May the blessings of this Holy Season
 Be yours in abundance.
 A Joyous Christmas and a Peaceful
 New Year to you and yours!*

*From the Staff of the
 Aquinas Newman Center*

**DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE FLOWER
FUND TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF
POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING
LOVED ONES:**

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 Whelan/Jacobsmeier
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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Universal Prayer for Peace

Lead me from death to life,
 From falsehood to truth.
 Lead me from despair to hope,
 From fear to trust.
 Lead me from hate to love,
 From war to peace.

Let peace fill my heart, my world, my universe.

Amen

~ Mother Theresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

CONGRATULATIONS to those students who received a **Newman Scholarship** for the Spring 2008 semester because of their involvement in Newman activities, financial need, and academic achievement: Alex Guimaraes, Rachel Hartert, Christine Karver, and Lucy Long,

Casas por Cristo 2007-2008: We have twenty builders going to Juarez, Mexico to build a house for an impoverished family over spring break. Currently the Casas por Cristo builders team has fundraised \$1,627.16! We are a long way from our \$10,000 goal! Please support us in the upcoming fundraisers: January 31, 2008 we are having a fundraiser at the Applebees off of San Mateo. Await more information! Also, all of February we will be selling community t-shirts! Yay! Lastly we are having another burrito sale February 10! Come hungry!

Mardi Gras Party: Mark your calendar! This will be an event you do not want to miss! **February 5 at 7PM** in the auditorium. More information to come!

Social Justice Awareness Night: Curious about what students have been doing around the world? On **February 13 at 7PM** in the gathering space we will be having a social justice awareness night! Speakers are TBA. In the past we have had students talk about their trips and issues that arose in Africa, Palestine, El Salvador, New Orleans, and Mexico.

Coffee House, Talent Show: April 5 at 7PM! If you have a talent you would like to share with the whole community please mark your calendars, type it into your palm pilots, or your calendar on your phones! This community wide event will be held in the Newman House tundra! Coffee and coffeehouse snacks will be provided.

**We will resume the 5PM liturgy and meal on
 Sunday, January 27, 2008.**

If you have any questions on any Campus Ministry activities please contact the campus minister Rosie Chinae at aquinasnewmancenter@gmail.com or at 247-1094 x.11.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

The Family Intergenerational Religious Education (F.I.R.E.) program is back on track beginning on **January 27**. The first session will be held on January 27 and is titled, "Becoming a Sacramental People" and will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Mini Courses—We have a great line-up of classes this year for our Youth Ministry/Faith Formation process. Each mini-course has a specific theme/topic and a different instructor for each class. Here is the list of classes all classes are on the following Sundays from 1:30 – 4:45 pm:

January 6 - The Light of Faith: An Overview of Catholicism Instructor: Ray Jones

February 10 - The Human Quest for God: An Overview of World Religions Instructor: Dr. Hugh Horan

March 9 - Meeting Jesus: A Journey Through the New Testament Instructor: Robin Connell

March 30 - Sacraments, Prayer, & Spirituality: Celebrations of God's Life Instructor: TBA

Children's Liturgy of the Word continues at the 9:30am Mass only; we are short on help for the 11:00. Children Pre-K through 2nd grade are welcome to Children's Liturgy of the Word each Sunday.

+ WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS +

December 22	4:30 pm	+Sean O'Shea
December 23	8:00 am	Special Intention
	9:30 am	+Charlie Barbato
	11:00 am	+John Mandella
December 24	4:30 pm	
	4:30 pm	
	10:00 pm	Pro Populo
December 25	9:30 am	Ministers of the AqNC
	11:00 am	Ministers of the AqNC
December 26		no Mass
December 27		no Mass
December 28	12:10 pm	Communion Service
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December 29	4:30 pm	+Sean O'Shea
December 30	8:00 am	
	9:30 am	+Gloria Monte
	11:00 am	
December 31		no Mass
January 1	10:00 am	
January 2	12:10 pm	
January 3	12:10 pm	
January 4	12:10 pm	Communion Service

STEWARDSHIP***Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure***

The collection of **12/16/07** was: \$ 15,875.50

Your thoughtful and consistent giving is greatly appreciated as we strive to maintain our parish facilities and ministerial outreach. May God bless your generosity!

THE WEEK AHEAD

- **Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve**
Masses at 4:30 (chapel & auditorium) and 10 pm (chapel)
- **Tuesday, December 25—Christmas Day**
Masses at 9:30 and 11:00 am (chapel)
- **Wednesday, December 26**
No Mass, Newman Center closed
- **Thursday, December 27**
No Mass
- **Friday, December 28**
Communion Service at 12:10 pm
- **Saturday, December 29**
Choir Practice, 3pm (4:30pm choir), rehearsal space
Reconciliation, 3:30 pm
Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm
- **Sunday, December 30**
Choir Rehearsals, 8-11am, rehearsal space
Ben Baran, Scripture Study, 9:30 am, library
Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 am Mass
UNM Student Mass and meal resume on Jan.27, 2008

The Newman Center offices will close at noon on December 24 and will be closed on December 25, 26 and 31 and January 1. The Center will re-open on Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

Readings for the Week of December 23, 2007

Sunday:	Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday:	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Wednesday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Thursday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Next Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Readings for the Week of December 30, 2007

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday:	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Friday:	1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

For bulletin item requests, please contact the Parish Office at 247-1094 ext 40. The deadline for bulletin submissions is Tuesday morning.