



# 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.*

## NEWMAN CENTER STAFF

Thomas Jackson, O.P., Pastor	ext. 14
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## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

<b>Parochial Councilors</b>	<b>Collegial Councilors</b>
Felix Caballero	Sarah Rose Cordero
Tim Dubay	Steve Cuevas
Jan Hans	Katie Hodock
Dan Stevens	Christine Karver

## PEER MINISTERS

Katie Carleo, Liturgy and Worship  
 Josh Gallegos, Faith Formation  
 Brittany Garcia, Campus Communications  
 Alex Guimaraes, Community Life  
 Alicia Sedillo, Gospel Justice

## DOMINICANS IN RESIDENCE

Fr. Joachim Culotta, O.P.      Fr. Kevin Niehoff, O.P.  
 Fr. Michael Demkovich, O.P.  
 Fr. Thomas Jackson, O.P.

## 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 six (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 message.

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

**ELIZABETH MINISTRY** - Contact Ellen Stotzer at 888-2429.

## EASTER WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	Easter Vigil	8:30 p.m.
Sunday	Easter Sunday	9:30 and 11:15am only; no 8:00am or 5:00pm Masses on Easter Sunday

## WEEKDAY MASSES - Dominican Chapel

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (Masses)	12:10 pm
Friday (Communion Service)	12:10 pm
Tuesday (Dominican Community Conventual Mass with Vespers)	5:15 pm
Prayer times: Monday through Friday (Lauds)	7:45 am
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday (Vespers)	5:45 pm
*First Friday Mass for Lawyers	7:00 am
*Dominican Laity - First Saturday of the month	9:00 am

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

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Friday: 8:30am to 12pm and 1 to 4:30pm; Sunday: 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

**F**rom the desk of Fr. Tom Jackson, O.P. Pastor . . .  
**The Origin of Easter – Pagan or Christian?**

I begin by wishing everyone a *Happy Easter!* But, what does “Easter” really mean? When I taught high school theology, a common question concerned the origin of Christian holidays (holy-days). Was Christmas merely a “baptizing” of ancient Roman celebrations of the Sun god? Was Easter simply the Church’s way of countering pagan beliefs and festivals by giving believers an alternative to the popular pagan celebrations? In short, are Christian high holy days a compromise with pagan beliefs that somehow dilute the original practice of the faith?

There is, for example, a belief that Easter developed from a pre-Christian Anglo-Saxon/ Germanic fertility celebration (*the popularity of the “Easter Bunny” in many ads today almost makes this a foregone conclusion*). One argument for pagan influence centers on the name itself. “Easter”, it is argued, derives from a Christian attempt to challenge the worship of an Anglo-Saxon fertility goddess named “*Eostre*” in English and Germanic cultures. The problems with this argument are twofold.

First, the Anglo-Saxon custom of naming months and days brings doubts. *Eostor-monath* was believed by St. Bede the Venerable to be the month named for the goddess “*Eostre*”. However, Anglo-Saxon *days* were usually named after gods (e.g., Wednesday is “Woden’s day”). The names of their *months* were either calendrical (e.g., *Giuli* means “wheel” and refers to the “turn” of the year); meteorological -environmental (e.g., *Solmónath* (February) means “Mud-Month”); or they referred to actions taken in that period (e.g., *Blótmónath* (November), means “Blood Month”, when animals were slaughtered). No Anglo-Saxon months were dedicated to a deity.

Second, outside of a singular reference by St. Bede the Venerable there is *no* evidence for the existence of the goddess *Eostre*; nor is there an equivalent goddess in either ancient Germanic or Norse mythology. “Easter” may have derived from the Anglo-Saxon *Eostor-monath* which simply meant “*opening month*” or “*the month of beginnings*”. It *points to the time of year* when flowers opened and a time of renewal occurred (spring). History also rings in with counter-arguments. The Emperor Charlemagne introduced many reforms in the Roman Empire. Charlemagne (who spoke a Germanic dialect—but was the scourge of Germanic paganism) attacked the pagan Saxons and converted them to Christianity by force—and he brutally repressed them when they revolted. One of his reforms was the renaming of the months; April was renamed *Ostarmanoth*. It seems very unlikely that he would name a month after a Germanic goddess. Once again, *Ostarmanoth* (*Eostor-monath*) simply meant “*the month of opening*”; comparable to the meaning of “April” in Latin. The names of both the Saxon and Latin months were related to spring, the season when flower buds opened.

There are also linguistic counterarguments to the pagan association of the *name* “Easter”. First, in most

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

European languages, the name for the Resurrection celebration (*Easter* in English; *Ostern* in German) is derived from the Greek word *Pascha*, (from the Hebrew word for Passover, *pesach*). For example, Spanish-speaking Christians celebrate *La Pascua* and Italians, *La Pasqua*. Therefore, from earliest times Easter was seen as a Christian “Passover Festival”.

Second, names are important, but as the bard said, “*a rose by any other name would smell as sweet*”. Even if early Christians did engage in expressing their message and worship in the language of the local people (*contextualization*) that in no way implies *doctrinal* compromise. For millennia, Christians around the world have sought to “redeem local cultures for Christ” while purging them of practices opposed to biblical norms. Today, for example, we speak of “Good Friday”, but in no way do we honor the worship of the Germanic- Norse “queen of the gods” (*Freya*) by doing so.

Christian celebrations are ones with ancient roots—borrowing heavily on *Jewish* practices rather than pagan ones. The local names for our high holy-days may parallel the names of pagan months or days, but that does not necessarily mean that contextualization (“baptizing” common pagan practices) has occurred.

Of prime importance is that the Christian commemoration of the Paschal festival rests not on the *title* of the celebration but on its *content*—namely, the remembrance of Christ’s death and resurrection. In short, *it is Christ’s conquest of sin, death, and Satan that gives us the right to wish everyone “Happy Easter!”*

*(Based on an article by Anthony McRoy in Christianity Today online).*

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## PARISHIONERS

- **“How to Build a Strong Healthy Relationship,”** based on the work of Dr. John Gottman. A relationship seminar for couples will be held on **Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 6:00pm to 8:30 pm** at Sandia Resort and Casino. The cost is \$10.00 per couple and space is limited; you must register by April 13. Register at [www.HealthyMarriagesNM.org](http://www.HealthyMarriagesNM.org) or call 1-888-892-4250. Light refreshments will be provided.
  - **“Praying Mothers of Hope”** invite you to attend a day of prayer celebrated by Fr. Tom Jackson, O.P. The theme is: “Mothers! Yesterday, today and tomorrow.” The day of prayer will be held at the Dominican Retreat house on **Saturday, April 25, 2009**. Registration is at 8:30am. For further information, call Victoria Trujillo at 899-8067.
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**Save the date! Vacation Bible School will be held June 15-19. Ages 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade!**

**Campus Ministry  
Spring Semester 2009**

**Prayer for a Retreat**

Lord Jesus Christ, you told the apostles to retire to a desert place and rest a while.

I am taking this time to follow your example.

Grant that I may obtain all the fruits that I can from this retreat.

Enable me to make it in union with you, to know myself better and to get closer to you.

Help me to listen attentively, to ponder prayerfully, and to speak wisely.

Let me emerge from this spiritual renewal as a more committed Christian,

Better equipped to advance along the path that you have laid out for me. Amen.

**Sunday, April 12 to Sunday, April 19**

- Sun. April 12:**       **9:30AM** Mass  
                               **11:15AM** Mass  
                               **No 5PM Liturgy/No 6PM Meal**
- Tues. April 14:**       **6:50PM** Praying the Rosary in  
   the Dominican Chapel
- Wed. April 15:**       **8:30PM** Encounter Retreat  
   Team Mtg.
- Fri. April 17:**       **No 5:15pm** Faith Sharing Group in  
   the Gathering Space
- Fri. April 17 to Sun. April 19** **Encounter Spring Retreat**  
**Please Pray for Us!**
- Sun. April 19:**       **5PM** Mass; **6PM** Meal

**Disaster Relief Pilgrimage:** Thanks to all who supported us on this trip to Dulac, Louisiana! It was a great trip! You will hear more about it in an upcoming "From the desk of." Thanks, so much for your prayers and financial support!

Our **2009-2010 Peer Campus Ministers** have been chosen! We have two returning Peer Campus Ministers, Alex Guimaraes and Joshua Gallegos. We have three new Peer Campus Ministers: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Catherine Loweree and Monique Rangel! Also, we have a new addition to our team, Katie Hodock, who will be helping with the formation of the Peer Campus Ministers and acting as a right hand woman for Rosie, our Director of Campus Ministry! Look in upcoming bulletins for more information on the new PCM's!

Congratulations to our **Fall 2009 Scholarship Winners:** *Jennifer Alphonse, Brian Smith, and Sara Rivera!* Keep all students in your prayers as we head closer to finals!

**Spring Storm...** volunteering with UNM on projects around Albuquerque. Saturday, April 25. Questions or desire to sign up? Contact Alicia Sedillo asedill1@unm.edu and/or Jose Cornejo jcornejo@unm.edu.

**Candlelight Mass in the Dominican Chapel** on Wed. Apr. 29, at 9pm. Come to confessions before at 8:30pm! Fr. Joachim will be presiding.

*Questions on Campus Ministry? Contact Rosie Chinaea at aquinasnewmancenter@gmail.com or 247-1094 x.11.*



*Donations have been made to the Flower Fund toward the purchase of Easter Lilies in memory of the following deceased loved ones:*

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| <i>All Members of the Robl and Pitts Families</i>          | <i>Lee Keeler</i>   |
| <i>Denis P. &amp; Carl Alonzo</i>                          | <i>Marie &amp; Matt Kulmacz</i>                           |
| <i>Mae Anderson</i>  | <i>Cyndie Gutierrez Limvere</i>                           |
| <i>Valence Annicelli</i>                                   | <i>Loretto Community</i>                                  |
| <i>Ted Bannon</i>  | <i>Mary &amp; Mel Madden</i>                              |
| <i>The Behnke Family</i>                                   | <i>Polly &amp; Norman Maguire</i>                         |
| <i>Michael Brokaw</i>                                      | <i>The Marshall Family</i>                                |
| <i>George W. Brown</i>                                     | <i>Carrie McClave</i>                                     |
| <i>Mary Burch</i>  | <i>McCraith &amp; Brozena Families</i>                    |
| <i>Joseph Cardetta</i>                                     | <i>Dottie McCune</i>                                      |
| <i>The Charmley Family</i>                                 | <i>Dolores Melendres</i>                                  |
| <i>Mardell &amp; Jack Crowley</i>                          | <i>Bruce Monek</i>  |
| <i>Deceased Eckert, Hurly &amp; Maguire Family Members</i> | <i>Celeste &amp; Bill Nowers</i>                          |
| <i>Fran Diener</i>   | <i>Margaret G. Padilla</i>                                |
| <i>Ellen &amp; Martin Doherty</i>                          | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. C.J. Patrick</i>                        |
| <i>Joe Dominguez</i>                                       | <i>Evelyn Peterson</i>                                    |
| <i>Mary Delphine Dwyer</i>                                 | <i>The Ravano Family</i>                                  |
| <i>Raymond Joseph Dwyer</i>                                | <i>Joyce Rogers</i>                                       |
| <i>Martin Eckert</i>                                       | <i>The Schanne &amp; Slankard Family Deceased Members</i> |
| <i>Carl &amp; Ivah Enna</i>                                | <i>Sisters of Loretto</i>                                 |
| <i>Feliciano P. &amp; Maria Gandara</i>                    | <i>Maye &amp; Ward Taft</i>                               |
| <i>Juanita &amp; Solomon Garcia</i>                        | <i>Regina Terpening</i>                                   |
| <i>Lyle &amp; Florence Gibbon</i>                          | <i>Irene Vigil</i>  |
| <i>Pat Glover</i>  | <i>Theodore R. Vigil</i>                                  |
| <i>Mary Grady</i>  | <i>William &amp; Lenora Walsh</i>                         |
| <i>Grandma Phyllis</i>                                     | <i>Arthur &amp; Lillian Welch</i>                         |
| <i>Dorothy Hans</i>  | <i>Wheat Family</i>                                       |
| <i>Adenago &amp; Susie Jaramillo</i>                       | <i>The Whelan &amp; Jacobsmeyer Families</i>              |
|  | <i>Chet Wilson</i>  |



**FAITH COMES by HEARING.** The work of Faith Comes by Hearing is worldwide. Through the generosity of local and national business people, the audio Bible was made available to us as a parish so that we could exercise our generosity to the work of Faith Comes By Hearing. A donation box is available this week in the gathering space. Thank you for your support.

**ARE YOU LISTENING?** What have you experienced since listening to your Bible? A new insight? Something you've never heard before? Share your experience with others by writing to Steve@aquinasnm.org and we'll post it on our website.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- **Monday, April 13**  
Newman Center Closed
- **Tuesday, April 14**  
RCIA, 6:30 pm, (hangout)  
Adult Confirmation, 6:30pm, (auditorium)
- **Wednesday, April 15**  
Parish Pastoral Council meeting, 7pm, (library)  
Religious Formation, 6:30pm, (SCB)
- **Thursday, April 16**  
Jewish Catholic Dialogue Meeting, 4:30pm (lib.)  
Religious Formation Committee, 7pm, (conf. rm.)
- **Friday, April 17**
- **Saturday, April 18**  
**Baptism Weekend**
- **Sunday, April 19**  
**Baptism Weekend**  
Ben Baran, Scripture Study, 9:30 am, (library)  
Student Mass at 5pm; Meal at 6pm

*Please note that the Newman Center will be closed on Easter Monday. The 12:10pm Liturgies will not be held those days.*

†**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS** †

April 11	8:30 pm	Easter Vigil
April 12	9:30 am (chapel)	Witkin Family
	9:30 am (aud.)	Special Intention
	11:15 am (chapel)	†Gertrude & Charles Miller
	11:15 am (aud.)	†David Pratt
April 13	12:10 pm	Center closed; no 12:10 Mass
April 14	5:15 pm	Dominican Mass
April 15	12:10 pm	†Thomas Maloof
April 16	12:10 pm	
April 17	12:10 pm	Communion Service

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**Prayers for the Sick - Remember and pray for them often:**

<i>Sr. Maria Florence Anozie</i>	<i>Diana Huntress</i>
<i>Mary Lou Blea</i>	<i>Murphy Keane</i>
<i>Sr. Margaret Mary Borek, OP</i>	<i>Reneé Klunck</i>
<i>Evanjeline Bojorquez</i>	<i>Rose E. Lopez</i>
<i>Rita Conlon</i>	<i>Mary Helen Martinez</i>
<i>Bob Connell</i>	<i>Mary Jane Reardon</i>
<i>Ann Connolly</i>	<i>Jo Renn</i>
<i>Ted Espinosa</i>	<i>Mae Rita Roth</i>
<i>Jack Gallagher</i>	<i>Russell Sitgreaves</i>
<i>Joe Gallegos</i>	
<i>Laurie Garihee</i>	
<i>Mary Hodock</i>	
<i>Cheryl Holcomb</i>	

**CALLED & GIFTED**—A series of one-hour (6:30-7:30 pm) sessions, every Wednesday in April that will explore our call as children of God and members of the Body of Christ in this place and time. Secondly, we will examine how we have been gifted individually and corporately to fulfill that mission. We will accomplish these goals through scripture, theology, ecclesiology, and spirituality as experienced in our specific social, geographic, cultural and ethnic niche. There will be notebooks so that the participants can save the handouts and notes they may want to take. Please register at St. Charles Borromeo (so that we may order the appropriate amount of materials) – and live your baptismal covenant with God; renew it during this time. Led by Carol Giannini and held in the Youth Center at St. Charles. Questions? Call St. Charles Borromeo Church at 242-3462.

**Isolated? Worn Out? Frustrated?**

**The Blessings and Challenges of Family Care giving  
A Day of Reflection**

**April 30, 2009**

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Spiritual Renewal Center

6400 Coors Blvd. NW

Albuquerque, NM 87120

Call (505)877-4211

Cost: \$25.00

For more information call Dolores Martinez at 255-9916

**Readings for the week of April 12, 2009**

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

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

<b>Year to Date Revenue:</b>	<b>Year to Date Expenses:</b>
Feb. 2007-2008: \$498,530	Feb. 2007-2008: \$460,633
Feb. 2008-2009 \$502,456	Feb. 2008-2009: \$478,873

**Extraordinary Expenses for 2008-2009:**

Repair & Maintenance Buildings: \$39,060

**SAVE-THE-DATE**

We are bringing back the church picnic. There will be food, games and lots of fun!

**June 14th, Noon – 3pm.**

We will need volunteers the day of the picnic. Interested in helping?

Contact Cathy Cavanaugh.

cathy@bluesalsasolutions.com