

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

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| Thomas Jackson, O.P., Pastor | ext. 225 |
| Joachim Culotta, O.P., Parochial Vicar | ext. 224 |
| George Reynolds, O.P., Parochial Vicar | ext. 247 |
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| Dominic Bernardi, Pastoral Associate for Development and Administration | ext. 240 |
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

| Parochial Councilors | Collegial Councilors |
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| Grace Faustino | Sarah Rose Cordero |
| Juanita Eileen Flores | Steve Cuevas, President |
| Jan Hans, Vice-President | Katie Hodock |

PEER CAMPUS MINISTERS

Brendan O'Leary, Liturgy and Worship
Alex Guimaraes, Campus Communications
Catherine Loweree, Faith Formation
Monique Rangel, Gospel Justice
Elizabeth Rodriguez, Community Life

DOMINICANS IN RESIDENCE

Br. Paul Byrd, O.P., Intern Fr. Matthew Strabala, O.P.
Fr. Kevin Niehoff, O.P.

SACRAMENTS AND PRAYER

ADULT INITIATION (RCIA): Process of initiation into the Catholic Church for non-baptized persons and Christians of other faiths. Contact Kyle Kemp at 247-1094 x. 226.

CONFIRMATION: For adults and high school students. Contact Kyle Kemp at 247-1094 x. 226.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN: For registered parishioners only. Check with the office for scheduled dates. One preparation sessions required. Parents and godparents should attend classes *before* the birth of the child to be baptized, if possible. Register in the office. Contact Kyle Kemp at 247-1094 x. 226.

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays from 3:30-4:00pm or by appointment.

MARRIAGE: For registered parishioners. Six (6) months preparation. Contact Charisse DeFlice, 247-1094, x.222.

PARTNERS IN PRAYER: Prayer request line is 247-1094, x5. If you are interested in assisting with this ministry, call 247-1094, x221 and leave a message.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Sick? Homebound? Hospitalized? Contact Deacon Don Contreras at 247-1094, x243. Monthly Communal Celebrations of the Sacrament of the Sick within the Mass are also held in addition to the private celebrations.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY: Contact Ellen Stotzer at 888-2429.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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| Saturday (Vigil Mass) | 4:30 pm |
| Sunday (Masses) | 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am and 5:00 pm |

WEEKDAY LITURGIES—Dominican Chapel

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| Monday, Wednesday & Thursday - Mass | 12:10pm |
| Tuesday - Mass | 5:15pm |
| Friday - Communion Service | 12:10pm |
| Prayer times: Monday-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 |
| <i>*All are welcome to these celebrations unless otherwise noted</i> | |

OFFICE HOURS

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| Monday-Friday | 8:30 am-12:00 pm and 1:00-4:30 pm |
| Sunday | 8:30 am-1:00 pm |

From the desk of Joachim Culotta, Parochial Vicar

December 6th is the feast day of St. Nicholas (sometimes spelled Nicolas). Since his feast falls on a Sunday in Advent this year, and Sundays in Advent take precedence over saints' feasts, St. Nicholas is not celebrated this year. However, just because his feast isn't officially celebrated by the Church doesn't mean he is forgotten. St. Nicholas is a good model for us as we travel our spiritual journey in this life.

St. Nicholas was born around the year 270 A.D. in what is now modern-day Turkey. Gift-giving at Christmas time is attributed to the influence of St. Nicholas. He had a reputation for secret gift-giving, such as putting coins in the shoes of those who left them out for him, and thus became the model for Santa Claus, whose English name comes from the Dutch *Sinterklass*. People then began to suspect that Nicholas was behind a large number of anonymous gifts to the poor, using the inheritance from his wealthy parents. After he died, people continued to give to the poor anonymously, and such gifts were still often attributed to him. Nicholas' reputation evolved among the faithful, as is common for early Christian saints. In 1087, his relics were secretly brought to Bari, in southern Italy; for this reason, he is known by many as Nicholas of Bari. Since he was bishop of Myra, he's known, too, as Nicholas of Myra. St. Nicholas is attributed with saving innocent people who were condemned to death. As with many saints, Nicholas suffered physically for his faith at the hands of others.

St. Nicholas enjoys wide popularity and is venerated in many countries around the world. However, each country has its own kind of celebration to honor him. St. Nicholas is probably turning over in his grave as he watches how his generosity as a gift-giver to the poor has become so materialistic and an occasion for greed among people in many countries. This is not the legacy Nicholas left us, nor the one he wanted to leave us.

We must try to return to St. Nicholas' original model for us. Gift-giving is a good and generous practice. But overly indulging is not. Going into debt because of a misguided sense of obligation toward certain people is simply imprudent, and something St. Nicholas would not approve of. Giving to those less fortunate than we are was the original object of the Christmas gift-giving St. Nicholas showed us. This does not mean that we give only to the poor, but it means that we must use common sense in determining to whom and how many gifts we give, especially at Christmas, always keeping in mind those less fortunate than we are.

May the spirit of St. Nicholas guide us as we continue to prepare to celebrate the holy season of Christ's birth and of gift-giving. May St. Nicholas help us to be wise and prudent in our celebrations.

RENATUM CAPITAL FUND DRIVE

Presentations: This past weekend there was a presentation by Dom Bernardi regarding the planned renovation projects that will affect the Newman House and the North Wing of this facility. Both of these major renovations are the reason behind the need for a capital fund drive. Another series of updates is planned after each Mass the weekend of **December 12 – 13** and after the Student Mass today, December 6.

Progress to Date: We appreciate those members of our community that have already stepped forward and made donations and pledges. You can see the results by checking the thermometers on display in the Gathering Space. Plans have been finalized for the renovation of the Newman House. The Archbishop and his College of Consulters have approved this first phase of our renovation project. The contract is being prepared and work is expected to begin in the next two-to-three weeks. This phase will take three months to complete.

Clarification: Questions have come up regarding the difference between the **Building Fund** and the **Renatum Capital Fund Drive**. In the past, the Building Fund was for future capital expenditures relating to the Newman Center's physical plant. The Renatum Capital Fund money is for a specific two-phased project. It will be used to pay for the renovation of the Newman House and the North Wing, the present residence of the Dominican community. The policy of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe directs that there can be but one Building fund. As a result, the Building Fund and the Renatum Capital Campaign funds will be combined and used for this project. Before combining these funds, neither fund Building Fund and the Renatum Capital Fund were subject to the Archdiocesan assessment (tax).

Stewardship: While we are working hard to raise additional funds for the aforementioned expansion of our ministries through capital improvements, we need to remain conscious of the fact that the everyday operation of the parish and the support of the ministries' activities comes from our weekly collections. We continue to appreciate the giving spirit of this community and ask for your continuing support.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS are as follows:

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve:

4:30pm Masses in the Chapel and Auditorium
10:00pm Mass in the Chapel

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day:

9:30am Mass in the Chapel
11:00am Mass in the Chapel

Thursday, December 31, New Year's Eve:

5:15pm (Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Friday, January 1:

10:00 am, Mass for Mary, Mother of God, Chapel

*Note: The 12:10pm Mass **will not** be held on Thursday, Dec. 24, however daily Masses **will** be held as usual on Dec.28 (Monday) at 12:10pm, Dec.29 at 5:15pm (Tuesday), and Dec.30 (Wednesday) at 12:10pm. The Newman Center offices will close at noon on Dec.24 and will re-open on Monday, Jan.4, 2010.*

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY**Aquinas Newman Center**

If our lives demonstrate that we are peaceful,
Humble and trusted,

This is recognized by others.

If our lives demonstrate something else,

That will be noticed too.

- Rosa Parks, civil rights activist (1913-2005)

Pictures: <http://picasaweb.google.com/rosiechina>

Events Calendar: <http://www.localendar.com/public/aquinasnewmancenter>

- Sun. Dec. 6:** 5PM Mass & 6PM Meal & 7PM Nativity, the movie
- Mon., Dec. 7:** 6:30PM Catholic Chat in the Hang Out
7:30PM Rosary in the Dominican Chapel
- Wed., Dec. 9:** 7PM Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Dominican Chapel
7:30PM Bible Study in the Hang Out
- Thurs., Dec. 10:** 7:30PM Faith Sharing Group in the Hang Out
- Sun. Dec. 13:** 11:30AM Feed People Who are Homeless
(mrangell@unm.edu)
5PM Mass & 6PM Meal


On Sunday, December 6th after the meal we will be showing the **movie the Nativity** and then having a discussion. If you are interested talk to Rosie (aquinasnewmancenter@gmail.com).

Finals Fondue Study Break! Join us on Mon., Dec. 14 at 7:30PM in the gathering space! It will be a great way to relax from studying. For more information email Liz at erodrig4@unm.edu.

Bake Cookies and Distribute to People Who are Homeless: Wed., Dec. 16, 6PM come to Newman to bake cookies to be distributed to local homeless shelters. For more information email Monique at mrangell@unm.edu. Free coffee provided.

If you have any questions on any Campus Ministry activities please contact the campus minister Rosie China at aquinasnewmancenter@gmail.com or at 247-1094 x.241.

**PARISHIONERS!**

- Please join the **2010 PRAYER & ACTION DELEGATION** to El Salvador at their annual Pasta Dinner on **Sunday, Dec. 6 at 6pm** at the Peace and Social Justice Center located on the corner of Silver & Harvard. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for Children/Students. Winner of the Vacation Giveaway will be announced.
- **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS.** You are invited to assist with the purchase of Christmas poinsettias by making a donation to the Flower Fund in memory of a loved one. Forms are available on the table in the gathering space and must be turned in to the parish office **no later than Friday, December 18.** 
- **Set Up for the CHRISTMAS Environment.** The transition from Advent to Christmas will take place on **Dec. 20 immediately following the 11:00 Mass.** If you would like to be part of the 'magic' please show up about noon to help us. All are welcome!
- **NEWMAN CENTER PARISHIONER KIM KLOEPEL** was recently named a 2009 recipient of the Gerald W. May Award for distinguished service and dedication to the University of New Mexico. She was recognized at an award ceremony and reception on Thursday, Dec. 3rd. Congratulations, Kim!
- **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION.** Sr. Geneal Kramer is available at the Newman Center every Tuesday from 3 to 5pm at no charge to you. Call 247-1094 ext.221 to schedule an appointment.

YOUR 2009 EL SALVADOR MINISTRY HEALING TEAM invites you to join them for dinner and a Report about their November delegation to El Salvador. The Healing Team met with national and local political leaders, journalists, worked in impoverished communities with scholarship students and families, and attended the 3 Masses and Vigils which commemorated the 20th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of the University of Central America Jesuits and their co-workers. **Please come to the Auditorium after the 5:15 Mass on Tuesday, December 8th.** Dinner and conversation will begin at 6:30. All donations will go to our Salvadoran non-profit partner, APRODEHNI, The Association for the Promotion of the Human Rights of the Children of El Salvador.

SISTER ANN LOUISE REIMUND passed away on November 19, 2009. A memorial service will be held at 2pm on **Sunday, Dec. 6** at San Felipe de Neri Church in Old Town. Most recently, Sr. Ann developed the Innerwork Psychotherapy and Counseling office with Grand Rapids Dominican Sister Eva Silva. Innerwork Psychotherapy and Counseling is a small outpatient mental health private practice focusing on the integration of spirituality and psychotherapy.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- **Monday, December 7**
Liturgy Committee meeting, 6:30pm, library
Baptism Class, 7pm, classroom
Catholic Chat, 7pm, hangout
Rosary, 7:30pm, Dominican chapel
- **Tuesday, December 8**
Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Masses at 12:10 and 5:15 pm, main chapel
RCIA, 6:30pm, hangout
- **Wednesday, December 9**
Divine Mercy Chaplet, 7pm, Dominican chapel
Bible Study, 7:30pm, hangout
Candlelight Mass, 8:30pm, chapel
11am Choir, 6:00 pm, rehearsal space & library
- **Thursday, December 10**
Faith sharing group, 7:30pm, hangout
Quilting Group, 6:30pm, classroom
9:30am Choir, 6:00 pm, rehearsal space & library
- **Friday, December 11**
- **Saturday, December 12**
First Reconciliation, 10am, chapel
Anointing of the Sick Mass at 4:30pm
- **Sunday, December 13**
Ben Baran, Scripture Study, 9:15 am, auditorium
Capital Fund Drive Presentation after all Masses
Faith in Life, 1pm, auditorium
Christmas Choir, 1pm, main chapel
UNM Student Mass 5pm followed by meal at 6pm

†**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS** †

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| December 5 | 4:30 pm | †Mary Amberg |
| December 6 | 8:00 am | †Amparo Maresma |
| | 9:30 am | †Kim O'Meara |
| | 11:00 am | †Bernardo De La Calle |
| | 5:00 pm | Pro Populo |
| December 7 | 12:10 pm | |
| December 8 | 5:15 pm | Dominican Mass |
| December 9 | 12:10 pm | Terri Salazar-intentions |
| December 10 | 12:10 pm | |
| December 11 | 12:10 pm | Communion Service |

Prayers for the Sick - Remember and pray for them:

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| Mary Lou Blea | Cheryl Holcomb | Marlene Torres- |
| Bob Connell | Diana Huntress | Parker |
| Barbara Duran | Jean Keim | Mary Jane |
| Serafina Fellin | Renee Klunck | Reardon |
| Irene Flack | John Konitzer Jr. | |
| Jack Gallagher | Rose E. Lopez. | |
| Mary Hodock | Mary Helen Martinez | |
| Doreen Brostrom | Marjorie Pickering | |



LITURGY

- **Anointing of the Sick Masses will be held on the following dates:** December 12, 2009, 4:30 Mass; February 13, 2010, 4:30 Mass; and April 10, 2010, 4:30 Mass.
- **Christmas “Nativity” Choir**—Rehearsals will be from 1-3pm: Dec 6, 13, and 20. Come on! Join us! Steve 247-1094 x242 or steve@aquinasnm.org.
- **Children’s Christmas Choir.** Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will not be an official Children’s Christmas Choir. However, plan on being early at the 4:30 Christmas Eve Mass in the auditorium for a Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long and Stories! Steve 247-1094 x242.
- **What a Joy** to be a part of the Newman Center community! As we engage in our conversations, though, let’s not forget that others are coming into the Chapel to pray and prepare for the next Mass. So, after singing the last song, let’s move our fellowship to the gathering space as soon as possible so that others may be given the time they need in the sanctuary. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP:

- **Sharing Time, Talent & Treasure.** Stewardship gives us the power to change how we live our lives. How we use our time can change our life. Stewards can use time to further the kingdom of God by worshiping and praying together as a family, studying Scripture, or simply spending time with family.

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| Fiscal Year to Date Revenue | Fiscal Year to Date Expenses: |
| October 2009: \$227,865 | October 2009: \$236,144 |
| October 2008: \$220,029 | October 2008: \$226,830 |

Readings for the Week of December 6, 2009

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| Sunday: | Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6 |
| Monday: | Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26 |
| Tuesday: | Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 |
| Wednesday: | Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 |
| Thursday: | Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15 |
| Friday: | Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19 |
| Saturday: | Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47 |
| Next Sunday: | Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18 |

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ACA PLEDGE? The Newman Center would like to personally thank each family that made a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We have been advised there are currently \$12,236.68 in unpaid pledges. **If you have not had a chance to do so please make sure to pay your entire pledge amount by December 15, 2009.** The Newman Center is required to pay any amount short of our goal. Thank you for your support. Questions? Contact Daniel L. Rogers, Business Administrator, 247-1094, ext. 223 or email dan@aquinasnm.org.