



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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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Parochial Councilors	Collegial Councilors
Grace Faustino	Sarah Rose Cordero
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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

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

WEEKDAY LITURGIES—Dominican Chapel

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

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 the Pastor...

“Blessed are you who believed...”

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent; the long-awaited day of commemorating the birth of the Lord is upon us. It is a time of joyful expectation fulfilled! At times, however, the reality is that, it is difficult for us grownups to *remember*—let alone focus on—the joyful anticipation inherent in Christmas. Negative experiences in life may now overshadow the positive ones.

Nonetheless, our faith is one that essentially teaches us to **focus on the power of Good at work in the world**. Bing Crosby was good at reminding us of core values of the faith not only in movies, but also in song. You may remember a particular song appropriate for this season:

*You've got to accentuate the positive
Eliminate the negative
Latch on to the affirmative
Don't mess with Mister In-Between.*

*You've got to spread joy up to the maximum
Bring gloom down to the minimum
Have faith or pandemonium
Liable to walk upon the scene.*

Christmastide is a time of re-focusing ourselves on core values—not with sack cloth and sadness, but with joy and the reminder of how great our God believes us to be.

Often, however, we have negative ways of thinking that are difficult to break—or negative ways which we somehow believe to be positive. These ways teach us to play it safe. But we must always ask if that way is the way of Jesus.

“Better the devil you know than the one you don’t”; “Better safe than sorry”; “A bird in the hand beats two in the bush”... These are all familiar phrases and supposedly words of wisdom. In some cases they may have protected us from harm. But, examining the phrases closely we also realize that they limit us in so many ways!

By playing it safe we end up not experiencing much “play” at all. For example, if we fear falling, we may never learn to walk or to run. If we fear failure, we may never take the chances which lead to success. If we have been emotionally hurt, we may never take the chance to love another. Jesus taught us not to fear—and to enjoy life... remember?

Christmas provides the occasion for the birth of many opportunities... especially for love and joy to be (re)born. To recapture the true joy this season offers it is best to observe the children... and remember. They hold the mystery of the season best. They may focus on the gifts of toys and other things that are to be received, *but they still remember what it is to have “that which is long awaited” to finally be revealed.*

New life in Jesus Christ is the promise we celebrate in

“From the Desk of the Pastor” continued . . .

this season... the opportunity to realize on a deep level how much we are loved by God—and to remember that *never* has a promise made by God not been fulfilled in God’s time. The first step to receiving blessings is believing! My prayer for us all is that we may all remember and believe.

*“Merry Christmas to you all...
and a New Year filled with Hope and Promise”.*

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS are as follows:

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve:

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

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day:

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

Thursday, December 31, New Year’s Eve:

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

Friday, January 1, 2010:

10am, Mass for Mary, Mother of God, main 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.*

PARISHIONERS!

- **THE NEWMAN CENTER BRUNCH AT ST. MARTIN’S HOSPITALITY CENTER** this month has been cancelled. St. Martin’s will be closed for the holiday weekend. We have been assured that the clients will have many alternatives for a nutritious meal since many organizations sponsor meals during the holidays only. We will begin again next year with our first brunch on **Sunday, February 28**. Thank you to all Newman Center members who make this ministry a success.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Donna Hannon and Nancy Cook, the winners of the Get Up and Go Vacation Giveaway. Sponsored by the 2010 Prayer and Action Delegation to El Salvador. We appreciate the continued support from everyone at the Newman Center.
- **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.



CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY
Aquinas Newman Center

Sitting at the feet of the Divine with an attentive...

Heart is a posture we all long to assume,

Whether we recognize that longing or not.

- Sue Monk Kidd, *American author and memoirist*

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

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

5PM Mass resumes on Mon. January 24, 2010.

Capital Campaign at the Newman Center: How does this affect me, I am merely a college student? This is the question that might be resonating in your hearts and minds? Well it does affect you! Our ministry has been growing at a phenomenal rate. We currently have over 500 students registered at the Newman Center (*new number as of Dec. 3, 2009*). This is an increase from 250+ last year. What does this mean? It means that we need more space a center for our activities to suit your needs. What is Rosie, our Campus Minister, asking us to do? Simple...donate what you can to the Capital Campaign...even if what you can is only \$1. If you have any questions please feel free to talk to Rosie or email her at aquinasnewmancenter@gmail.com.

Confirmation? Have you been confirmed yet? We will have confirmation classes starting in the Spring. If you are interested please email Kyle at kyle@aquinasnm.org.

Spring 2010 Semester: We have a lot of events in the making...another Lock-In, Salsa Dancing Night, our Spring Retreat: Who Do You Say I Am?...for more information on these or any other future events please contact Rosie at aquinasnewmancenter@gmail.com.

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.

Exploring the Underground Stream: Toward Sharing Universal Wisdom. For centuries, mystics and masters from every religion and philosophical tradition have been telling us that there is a place deep within our soul where each of us can experience a Wisdom that unites all of us. We will spend this morning seeking this universal Wisdom by meditatively opening ourselves to experiencing, exploring, and beginning to express it in the hope that all may be one. Norbertine Fr. Francis Dorff will lead this presentation on Sat., Jan.16, 2010 at The Norbertine Library, 5825 Coors Blvd. SW, Abq. from 9:30am to noon. The presentation is open to all-reservations are not required. Questions? Call Meg Ashcroft, Library Director, at 873-4399.

LITURGY

- **Set Up for the CHRISTMAS Environment.** The transition from Advent to Christmas will take place today, **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!
- **Congratulations** to the following babies who will be baptized into the Catholic Church this month. May the babies and their families find support and inspiration in this parish community as they continue their journey of faith:
 - Ella Karinne Bless Parents:** James and Erin Bless **Sponsors:** Kyle Trafton and Megan Carlson
 - Grace Olivia Grady Parents:** Jeff and Ashly Grady **Sponsors:** Andrea Robeda and Chris Lee
- **Low Gluten Hosts** are now available for people who are gluten sensitive. For information on how to receive a low gluten host at communion please contact Deborah Thomas at 255-6074 or adthomas74@msn.com.
- **Christmas "Nativity" Choir**—Rehearsals will be from 1-3pm: Dec. 20. Come on! Join us!
- **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!

PROJECT LINUS ALBUQUERQUE is a volunteer organization that provides handmade blankets for children in crisis. We are currently looking for "blanketeers" to make and donate new, washable blankets, quilts and afghans to our local chapter. These blankets will be given to children who are seriously ill, traumatized and otherwise in need to provide them a sense of security and comfort. If you would like more information, please contact Gail Doherty at 299-7570 or Deborah Garvey-Milford at 890-4247.

The Albuquerque African American Catholic Community will celebrate KWANZAA on Saturday, December 26, 2009 from 6-8pm at Rosario Hall, Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Community, 5415 Fortuna Rd. NW, Albuquerque, NM. All are invited to attend. Side dishes to share will be appreciated. Please call (505)836-3627 for more information.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- **Monday, December 21**
- **Tuesday, December 22**
- **Wednesday, December 23**
11am Choir, 6:00 pm, rehearsal space & library
- **Thursday, December 24**
No 12:10 pm Mass
Newman Center closes at noon
Christmas Eve Masses at 4:30pm (chapel and aud.),
and 10:00pm (chapel). Carols at 9:30pm
- **Friday, December 25**
Christmas Day Masses at 9:30 and 11:00 am
- **Saturday, December 26**
- **Sunday, December 27**
Ben Baran, Scripture Study, 9:15 am, auditorium
5:00pm Mass will resume on January 24, 2010

Please note: The Newman Center will be closed the week of December 28, however daily Mass will be held as usual on December 28, 29 and 30. The Center will re-open on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 8:30 am.

†WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS †

December 19	4:30 pm	†Steven Christakis
December 20	8:00 am	†Teresina Vasquez
	9:30 am	Anozie Family—intentions
	11:00 am	†Bernardo De La Calle
December 21	11:10 pm	
December 22	5:15 pm	Dominican Mass
December 23	12:10 pm	Anozie Family—intentions
December 24	4:30 pm	Ministers of the Newman Center
	4:30 pm	Ministers of the Newman Center
	10:00 pm	Ministers of the Newman Center
December 25	9:30 am	Pro Populo
	11:00 am	

Prayers for the Sick - Remember and pray for them:

<i>Mary Lou Blea</i>	<i>Cheryl Holcomb</i>	<i>Jo Renn</i>
<i>Doreen Brostrom</i>	<i>Diana Huntress</i>	<i>Marlene Torres-</i>
<i>Bob Connell</i>	<i>Renee Klunck</i>	<i>Parker</i>
<i>Barbara Duran</i>	<i>John Konitzer Jr.</i>	
<i>Serefina Fellin</i>	<i>Rose E. Lopez</i>	
<i>Irene Flack</i>	<i>Mary Helen Martinez.</i>	
<i>Jack Gallagher</i>	<i>Marjorie Pickering</i>	
<i>Joe Gallegos</i>	<i>Mary Jane Reardon</i>	

A Workshop on End of Life Legal Issues will discuss Medical Directives, Living Wills, Power of Attorney and the importance of having a will. The attorney facilitating this workshop will be Tom Macken and it will be held at San Jose Mission in Duranes, 2110 Los Luceros Rd. NW, on Tuesday, Jan.12, 2010 from 9am to 1pm, Lunch will be served so it is important to call to register. Call Rosalie at 831-8179 by Friday, January 8, 2010. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and the Office of Pastoral Outreach.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

- **The Spiritual Renewal Center** presents “Sacred Thresholds: A New Years Retreat.” Using myth, memoir, and archetypes we will explore our dreams and desires for the coming year, identifying the threshold guardians that prevent us from moving forward. Greet the New Year by spending some time apart on the Bosque, enjoying worship, fellowship, and meals. Retreat facilitator Joanne Rossi, MA, LPCC, is a licensed therapist and nationally published author on mind body studies. Her work is characterized by a deep respect for diverse cultural and spiritual belief systems \$75 includes meals, program and lodging. Call 505-877-4211 for info.
- **The Spiritual Enrichment Program at the Spiritual Renewal Center**, 6400 Coors Blvd. NW, announces a new class in the Studies of Women’s Spirituality focusing on the life and work of Dorothy Day, author and co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement. Classes will be held Jan. 12 & 26, Feb. 9 and 23, 6:30-8:30pm at the Center. Cost is \$10 per night! Program consists of informal classes, gatherings, and prayer services. For more information or to enroll in classes call (505) 877-4211.

STEWARDSHIP:

- **Sharing Time, Talent & Treasure.** This season celebrates the coming of our Savior. Stewards wait in joyful anticipation for God’s Word to continue to change the world.

Fiscal Year to Date Revenue **Fiscal Year to Date Expenses:**
 November 2009: \$319,983 November 2009: \$319,889
 November 2009: \$278,667 November 2008: \$313,010

Readings for the Week of December 20, 2009

Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Thursday:	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Lk 1:67-79
Friday: 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
Saturday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Next Sunday:	Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52