



# 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
Joachim Culotta, O.P., Parochial Vicar	ext. 12
Don L. Contreras, Deacon	ext. 39
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Rosie China, Director of Campus Ministry	ext. 11
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Kyle Kemp, Director of Religious Formation	ext. 15
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## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

<b>Parochial Councilors</b>	<b>Collegial Councilors</b>
Felix Caballero	Conor Gilliland
Tim Dubay	Rachel Hartert
Jan Hans	
Dan Stevens	

## DOMINICANS IN RESIDENCE

Fr. Joachim Culotta, O.P.  
Fr. Michael Demkovich, O.P. (D+E+I) - 243-0525  
Fr. Gabe Hoff, O.P.  
Fr. Thomas Jackson, 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.

**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.

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

(The 5:00 p.m. Mass is celebrated when UNM is in session only. It will resume on September 7, 2008.)

## WEEKDAY MASSES - Dominican Chapel

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (Masses)	12:10 pm
Friday (Communion Service)	12:10 pm
Tuesday (Dominican Community Mass)	5:15 pm
*First Friday Mass for Lawyers	7:00 am
*Dominican Laity - First Saturday in July	9:00 am

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

## OFFICE HOURS

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

**F**rom the desk of Fr. Tom Jackson, O.P., Pastor

*“After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.”*

“Elijah the Tishbite” figures prominently in the holy writings of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. He is considered a prophet by all of the followers of the God of Abraham.

In Judaism, Elijah is a heroic figure whose memory is preserved in a variety of ways. In some aspects of Judaism, there is a tradition of leaving an empty chair and a full goblet of wine at the Passover feast table to serve as a reminder of Elijah’s promised return. At one point during Passover, participants may open a door in hopes that he will appear as a guest, enter and drink. At every Brit a seat is set for Elijah. And, at the end of Shabbat, Jews sing of Elijah saying *“speedily, in our days...along with the Messiah, son of David, to redeem us.”* Based on a prophecy in Malachi 3:23 (4:5), many Jews await Elijah’s return as a precursor to the coming of the Messiah.

The Koran echoes the story in the Hebrew Bible. Elijah preaches in opposition to Baal, pleading with the people not to forsake the one, true God. Elijah also causes a famine and prophesies destruction on Ahab and Jezebel.

The Bible also holds Elijah in high esteem. It records that it was Elijah—along with Moses—who appeared and conversed with Jesus during the Transfiguration. With all of this respect credited to him almost 3,000 years later, it is no surprise that God said to Elijah, *“Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by”*... The long and short of it is that God desired to reveal God’s glory to this human.

With the coming of Jesus, God has shown that the desire was and is for all of humanity to experience divine glory. But, what the reading from 1Kings 19 reveals is that we humans often expect and seek God in all the “wrong” places. Elijah found that the glory of God was *not* revealed in signs of greatness (as most of us would presume), but rather in the gentlest breeze.

St. Irenaeus said, “The glory of God is men and women fully alive... to be fully alive is to know God”. How do you and I expect and seek the glory of God in our lives? How has God been found in your own life? I would assume that the glory of the Most High has been manifested in ways you did not expect—but, when it happened, you knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that God was there.

For me, the glory of God is revealed in the most breathtaking way whenever I see a newborn baby, and when I see a child at play. Witnessing their innocence before society attempts to corrupt them is the surest reminder that God is, indeed, “in his heaven and *all* is right with the world”.

During the coming week, let this be the thought and prayer foremost in our minds: *“I believe I shall enjoy the LORD’S goodness in the land of the living”* (Psalm 27:13). Now, wait on the Lord and be of good courage—for the glory of God fills the earth... can you see it?



RCIA is a process/journey by which unbaptized; members of other faith traditions or baptized but uncatechised Catholics are received into the Roman Catholic Church or complete their sacraments of initiation.

The Aquinas Newman RCIA operates on a year-round schedule to serve those who wish to inquire into or begin this journey. While those who are not baptized may only enter the Church at Easter, it may be beneficial to some to become involved early in our community for support and spiritual direction. If you know of anyone who is seeking to learn more about our Catholic faith, or who need to complete their sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) please contact **Kyle Kemp**, Director of Religious Education (247-1094 ext. 15) or **Raymond M. Jones**, Coordinator of Christian Initiation (265-4019). RCIA meets each Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. in the “**Hangout**” once the process is underway.

Right now we would like to begin the **Pre-Inquiry Period** for the summer. Any non-Catholic person interested in exploring the Catholic Faith (unbaptized or baptized in another faith tradition) or baptized Catholics who have not been taught the faith tradition of the Catholic Church (have not received first communion **and** confirmation) should contact Raymond M. Jones or Kyle Kemp at the contact numbers above or look for a member of the RCIA team after each Mass. We would also like to extend an invitation to those fully initiated Catholics who may have ceased practice of the Catholic faith but would like to “**Come Home**” to the Catholic Church to contact us for a spiritual renewal process designed to assist your spiritual growth and renewal.

## LITURGY

- **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**—August 15 is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a Mass at 5:15pm, no 12:10 Communion Service that day.
- **WHAT A JOY!** What a joy to be a part of the community of Aquinas Newman Center! To share in the Eucharist, participate in communal prayer, and catch up with friends is what we’re all about. As we get caught up 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!
- **SOUNDS OF JOY!** In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, it was written, “He who finds himself gifted with a tunable Voice, and yet neglects to cultivate it, not only hides in the Earth a Talent of the highest value, but robs himself of that peculiar Pleasure, of which they only are conscious who exercise that Faculty.” So ... come on! Join a choir! Singers and instrumentalists! See the choir leader after Mass for more information, or contact Steve Herrera at 247-1094 x38 [steve@aquinasnm.org](mailto:steve@aquinasnm.org).

**CAMPUS MINISTRY**

Welcome Week at the University of New Mexico is August 25 – 29, 2008—The 5PM Liturgy will resume on Sunday, September 7, 2008

**Peer Campus Ministers:** The Aquinas Newman Center has its five Peer Campus Ministers (PCM) for the 2008-2009 academic year! Our PCM's are Katie Carleo, Brittany Garcia, Alicia Sedillo, Josh Gallegos, and Alex Guimaraes. Please pray for them as they enter into ministry at Newman!

**The Catholic Foundation Grant:** We have been granted \$7,000 from *The Catholic Foundation* for the funding of our Peer Campus Ministry program at the Aquinas Newman Center! Thank you to the foundation and its trustees.

**Lobo Orientations for Incoming Freshman at UNM:** August 5 and 11, students and staff will be in the Student Union Building inviting new students to join us for worship and building of community at the Newman Center! Please pray that the Holy Spirit guide the new students to our community!

**Peer Campus Ministry Orientation Retreat:** The Peer Campus Ministers will be on an orientation retreat August 19 - 22 at the Norbertine Retreat Center. Rosie is looking for parishioners who can cook meals for up to seven people. We will need three breakfasts, four lunches, and three dinners. If you are can help with this contact Rosie Monday, August 11.

**Peer Campus Ministry Support Network:** We are looking for a group of 5 parochial and 5 collegial members of the Newman community to be a part of the Peer Campus Ministry Support Network. Each person on the Support Network would be paired up with a Peer Campus Minister, providing direct support to an individual ministry (Campus Communications, Faith Formation, Gospel Justice, Community Life, and Liturgy and Worship). This is a new ministry at the Newman Center that will help in the facilitation of leadership development of our students. If you are interested in being a part of this Support Network please contact Rosie at aquinasnewmancenter@gmail.com or at 247-1094 x.11.

**Readings for the Week of August 10, 2008**

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33  
 Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27  
 Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
 Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20  
 Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1  
 Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b -57/Lk 11:27-28  
 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
 Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15  
 Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

**PARISHIONERS**

- **ST. VINCENT de PAUL DONATIONS.** We, the staff, are truly grateful for the wonderful **spirit of giving** present in so many Newman Center parishioners. But, we have a request...**before** dropping items off at the Newman Center- especially furniture-please contact the Parish Office or a priest at (505) 247-1094 to see if the item is needed.
- **A BIG THANK YOU** to Newman librarian Pat Weiler and to all for helping to make our book sale a resounding success! Many thanks to those who contributed the books (about 5000!) and to those who bought them. We collected \$2200 which will support our ministry for *El Salvador* children.
- **REGISTRATION PACKETS** for our upcoming Religious Formation program have been mailed to registered parishioners. If you have not received one or if you have not yet registered and would like to receive a packet, please call Kyle Kemp at 247-1094, ext 15.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- **Monday, August 11**
- **Tuesday, August 12**
- **Wednesday, August 13**  
Choir Practice, 5:45pm (11am choir), rehearsal space
- **Thursday, August 14**  
Choir Practices, pm (9:30am choir)  
Quilters, 6pm classroom
- **Friday, August 15—Assumption Mass 5:15 pm**
- **Saturday, August 16—Baptism Weekend**  
Choir Practice, 3pm (4:30pm choir), rehearsal space  
Reconciliation, 3:30 pm with Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm
- **Sunday, August 17—Baptism Weekend**  
Choir Rehearsals, 8-11am, rehearsal space  
Ben Baran, Scripture Study, 9:30 am, library

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

<b>Year to Date Revenue:</b>	<b>Year to Date Expenses:</b>
June 2007: \$740,303.33	June 2007: \$693,864.14
June 2008: \$743,969.58	June 2008: \$697,419.12

**Annual Catholic Appeal update:** To date we have received a total of \$44,137 with parish participation at 12.63% with our overall goal for ACA contributions at \$52,000.

**+ WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS +**

August 9	4:30 pm	Pro Populo
August 10	8:00 am	
	9:30 am	†Magdalena Hollo
	11:00 am	†Elizabeth Lattanza
August 11	12:10 pm	
August 12	5:15 pm	Dominican Mass
August 13	12:10 pm	
August 14	12:10 pm	
August 15	12:10 pm	Communion Service