



Aquinas Newman Center

1815 Las Lomas Road NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106-3803
Phone 247-1094 FAX: 247-2933
email: charisse@aquinasnm.org
website: www.aquinasnm.org

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
Bruce F. Eklund, Deacon	ext. 16
Rosie Chinae, Director of Campus Ministry	ext. 11
Charisse DeFlice, Office Manager	ext. 40
Steve Herrera, Director of Liturgy and Music	ext. 38
Kelly House, Receptionist	ext. 10
Kyle Kemp, Director of Religious Formation	ext. 15
Dan Rogers, Business Administrator	ext. 13
Richard Royman, Maintenance Supervisor	
Sean Williams, Custodian	

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Parochial Councilors	Collegial Councilors
Felix Caballero	Conor Gilliland
Tim Dubay	Rachel Hartert
Jan Hans	
Dan Stevens	

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.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

From the desk of Fr. Joachim Culotta, O.P.,
Parochial Vicar

“Remember to keep holy the Sabbath.” We’re all familiar with this third commandment of God. As the Book of Genesis says, “God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work he had done in creation.” The third commandment is asking us to do the same, by setting aside the Sabbath for God. In the Old Law, the Sabbath was the seventh day of the week. The Sabbath celebration began at sundown the day before the Sabbath and ended at sundown on the Sabbath. In the New Law, Sunday, the first day of the week, is to be kept holy - the day on which Christ rose from the dead and our salvation was complete.

The Baltimore Catechism (remember that book!) explains that one way we do this is by “giving our time to the service and worship of God.” The Church asks us to fulfill this commandment by coming to church and worshipping God, at least, each weekend. That doesn’t seem to be too much to ask of those who sincerely love God and are thankful for all God has given to us. But we have to ask ourselves: Do we view this commandment as merely an obligation imposed by the church or as a desire to worship our God who has given us so much? If it’s seen as merely an obligation, that doesn’t bode well for our relationship with God. God does not want to force us to worship him. He wants us to recognize *our need* to worship him for the good of our spiritual lives. If we do not take seriously our need to worship God, God eventually becomes unimportant to us and, in turn, we can become spiritually numb.

I never cease to be amazed how many people *consistently* come late to church or leave church early. The Eucharist begins with the first note of the opening hymn and ends with the last note of the closing hymn. We should be present for the whole Eucharistic celebration. Obviously, *at times*, there will be legitimate reasons for people to come late or leave early, but not consistently or without sufficient reason, as some people do. Doesn’t God deserve better?

Neither is the Eucharist to be viewed as a performance to be enjoyed. It is a service through which we participate in our worship of God, the operative word here being “participate.” We should come to church to become actively involved in our worship of God, not to test the homilist (with whom we may or may not agree) or to sit back and expect to be entertained. We have the theater, T.V., sports, etc. for our entertainment.

God owes us nothing. We owe God everything. We show God our appreciation by actively worshipping God with our community. Remember: We will get out of the Eucharistic celebration, only what we are willing to put into the worship.

PARISHIONERS

- **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 on the table in the gathering space and should be turned in the parish office by **today, December 14.**
- **The next PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 17, at 7pm** in the library.
- **ST. MARTIN’S HOSPITALITY CENTER.** The Newman Center will again be serving brunch to the homeless at St. Martin’s on **Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008.** Sign up sheets for donations of food and volunteers to serve will be available in the gathering space after Mass next weekend, December 20 and 21.
- **LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE WITH LUMINARIAS!!** The El Salvador Ministry will be selling Luminarias after all Masses from **until Dec. 21** for \$10 per dozen.
- **PLAN NOW for the UPCOMING WOMEN in the SPIRIT (WITS) GATHERINGS** where we share music, prayer and reflection! Upcoming dates are: Jan. 24, 9:30-11:30am, continued discussion of Sue Monk Kidd's "Dance of the Dissident Daughter"; March 7 - Retreat from 9:30am-1:30pm; and May 30, 9:30-11:30am.

LITURGY

- **Christmas Nativity Choir Rehearsals** for Christmas Eve’s 10pm Mass will be held **Sundays Dec. 14, and 21 at 1:00 pm.** Contact Steve at 247-1094 x38.
- **The Advent Reconciliation Service** will be held on **Friday, Dec. 19, 2008 at 7pm** in the Main Chapel.
- **Christmas Set-up: December at 1pm.** The Christmas Season is almost here! And preparing the environment for the Chapel and Auditorium will take as many hands to help as possible. So, set up is set for **Sunday, December 21 at 1pm**, and anyone available to help would be so appreciated. Let’s show our gratitude for this ministry with some helping hands. What a great opportunity to share for a day in such a soulful ministry.
- **Liturgical Ministers!** Be sure to check the sign-up sheets in the gathering spaces. We still have openings for ministers to help during the Christmas Season!



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - 4:30pm Main Chapel, Children’s Choir
 Christmas Eve - 4:30pm Auditorium, 8am Choir
 Christmas Vigil - 9:30pm Carols, 10pm Vigil Mass
 Christmas Day - 9:30am and 11am
 December 31 - 4:30 pm, Mary, Mother of God
 January 1 - 10:00 am, Mary, Mother of God

CAMPUS MINISTRY

I believe in person to person; every person is Christ for me, and since there is only one Jesus, that person is the one person in the world at that moment.

- Mother Teresa

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 our hearts,
Our world, our universe.
Peace, peace, peace.
- Satish Kumar

December 14, 2008 to December 20, 2008

Sun., Dec. 14: **Fundraiser at Panda Express for Casas por Cristo! Yay!**
Pick up a flyer at Newman for more details
10AM Trinity House, Catholic Worker Community Service
(more information below)
5PM Mass, **6PM** Meal

Monday, December 15 through Thursday, December 18, Newman will be Open 6PM-9PM for Studying...Snacks will be provided

Tues., Dec. 16: **6:30PM** Rosary in the OP Chapel
Sat., Dec. 20: **6PM** Mass at Trinity House, presider Fr. John Dear, SJ
(more information email aquinasnewmancenter@gmail.com)

Last 5PM Mass and 6PM Meal of the Fall Semester is on December 14, 2008
5PM Mass and 6PM Meal will Resume January 25, 2009

Congratulations to Sarah Rose Cordero, Christine Karver, Hilda Paucar and Monica Phillips for receiving the **Newman Scholarship for the Spring 2009 Semester!** Yay!

Trinity House, Catholic Worker House in Albuquerque (<http://www.trinityhouse.catholicworker.biz/>): Interested in making a meal for people who are homeless and serving them food? We will be volunteering at Trinity House on Sunday, December 14. Meet at Newman at 10AM to carpool over to Trinity House. To sign up and/or if you have any questions contact Alicia Sedillo aasedill1@unm.edu.

Campus Ministry continued . . .

Details about upcoming events for the Spring 2009 semester to come!

If you have any questions on any Campus Ministry activities please contact the Director of Campus Ministry, Rosie Chinaea at aquinasnewmancenter@gmail.com or at 247-1094 x.11.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS! Graduated from UNM? Another college? Working full time? Looking for a group of people (singles or married) in their mid 20's – 30's? Well you have found us! The Newman Center Young Adult Group is up and running! We have several things occurring in the next month!

- ◇ **Advent Faith Sharing Group:** Reflect upon scripture and bond with other Young Adults. **Mon., Dec. 15** at 7PM at Newman House. Call John Hager for directions (505.400.3390).
- ◇ **Christmas Gathering at Seasons Bar and Grill.** Day and time TBA.

Feel Called to Help Plan Young Adults Events?? Email Rosie at aquinasnewmancenter@gmail.com. If you would like to be added to the Young Adult List serve please contact Susan Stevens (susan.m.stevens@gmail.com).

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AND FUNDRAISER FOR PEACE

In a time of renewed hope for our country and the world, come share food, music, and discussion with friends and neighbors and support critical work for world peace. Learn more about creative non-violence and about Peace Brigades International.

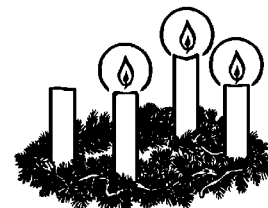
Thursday, December 18, 6:30—8:30pm

Albuquerque Mennonite Church, 1300 Girard NE

Featuring Judy Bierbaum, School of Americas Watch and Katherine Hughes-Fraitekh, Executive Director, Peace Brigades International-USA. Purchase tickets at P & J or at the door (20 suggested donation). Call Judy at 268-1040 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- **Don't forget that your Giving Tree donations should be turned in by today, December 14!**



THE WEEK AHEAD

- **Monday, December 15**
Finals week for UNM students
- **Tuesday, December 16**
RCIA, 6pm, hang out
- **Wednesday, December 17**
Religious Formation, 6:30 pm, SCB
- **Thursday, December 18**
Choir Practice (9:30am Mass choir), 6pm, Liturgy Office
Quilters, 6:30pm, classroom
- **Friday, December 19**
Advent Reconciliation Service, 7pm, (Chapel)
- **Saturday, December 20**
Reconciliation, 3:30 pm with Vigil Mass 4:30pm
- **Sunday, December 21**
Baptism Sunday
Choir Rehearsals, 8-11am, rehearsal space
Ben Baran, Scripture Study, 9:15 am, library
Environment Set-up, 12:30—7:30pm, Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTER:

- **December 31—January 1—New Years Eve Prayer Vigil.** Spend New Year’s Eve at the Retreat House for a beautiful beginning to the New Year. We begin with dinner at 6:00 pm followed by a talk by Fr. Luis Jaramillo. Walk the labyrinth by the light of luminarias. Holy Hour before midnight, Mass and breakfast on New Year’s Day. Program closes at 10am. Winner of the 50/50 drawing will be announced. Call 877-4211 for more information.
- **Yoga Retreat for Women—January 9-11:** Gloria Drayer directs this retreat. Yoga postures adapted for all levels, pranayama breathing techniques, meditation and chanting experiences, time for silence and personal reflection, plus a “letting go ceremony.” Call Gloria at (505)363-3683 or 877-4211.

†WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS †

December 13	4:30 pm	†Thomas Guinan
December 14	8:00 am	†Ramona Burkholder
	9:30 am	†John Gardner
	11:00 am	†Elizabeth Lattanza
	5:00 pm	Pro Populo
December 15	12:10 pm	†Mike Robl
December 16	5:15 pm	Dominican Mass
December 17	12:10 pm	†Thomas Maloof
December 18	12:10 pm	Special Intention
December 19	12:10 pm	Communion Service

STEWARDSHIP: Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

Year to Date Revenue:	Year to Date Expenses:
Nov. 2007: \$267,389	Nov. 2007: \$265,516
Nov. 2008: \$275,539	Nov. 2008: \$309,882

Year to Date Earnings:

2008	-\$34,343
2007	1,872

Extraordinary Expenses for 2008:

Repair & Maintenance Buildings: \$32,867
(through November, 2008)
\$14,278 went toward repairing the Dominican Residence heating system.

Annual Catholic Appeal update: We have received a total of \$57,776 with an overall goal of \$52,000! To date, we have received three rebate checks from the Archdiocese.

Second Collection this weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Religious institutes are financially autonomous and responsible for the support of their members. Income sources include compensated ministry, government benefits, and investment return. Please look for the box on the table in the gathering space.

Stewards need to give back to the owner that which is owed with joy. As we make ready to receive the owner’s Son, we share with others the many gifts we have been given today and every day. Christmastime, the season of giving, is the culmination of a year of receiving God’s gifts, tending them, and returning them with increase to the Lord. Mindful of this, we celebrate the greatest gift of all by remembering the true meaning of Christmas and by reaching out to all who have not yet heard the glad tidings of peace and joy in Christ. How can I extend this season of giving throughout the year?

JOB OPPORTUNITY for on-site Coordinator for Esperanza de Joaquin at mission site, Guanajuato, Mexico. Position is salaried, including living quarters, utilities, and vehicle. Must be bilingual. Send letter of interest and resume via email to Mariaalbq@aol.com , contact Mary Quinalty, at 265-1874, or go to www.joaquinshope.org.

Readings for the Week of December 14, 2008

Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Thursday:	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Friday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-38