



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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Don L. Contreras, Deacon	ext. 39
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Parochial Councilors

Felix Caballero
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Conor Gilliland
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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. Tom Jackson, OP, Pastor
*“Go, tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD:
 Should you build me a house to dwell in?’*

We are all familiar with the fact that part of the “American Dream” is to own a home. This is important because a home provides stability in life.

The Children of Israel, once they possessed the Promised Land, were concerned that the king had a beautiful palace, but the Ark of God still resided in a simple tent. King David resolved to build a beautiful Temple for the Lord. Initially, the Prophet Nathan agreed (for God’s Spirit rested strongly on David).

But, in a vision, God told Nathan to remind David that it was God who provided the land and palace for David... therefore, what could David give to God? Not only that, but God was not yet finished blessing David (and through him, Israel).

God assured David, *“Your house and your kingdom shall endure... your throne shall stand firm forever.”* For centuries afterward, the Children of Israel interpreted this passage to mean that the *secular* kingdom of David would endure... but, alas, it came to an end. Even the Temple of God’s Spirit was destroyed by the Romans in 76 A.D.

For Christians, the “house and the kingdom” promised to David does endure because Jesus the Christ—conceived in the womb of Mary and born of the House of David—is the Messiah. The Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Church of God, endures. As Advent now draws to a close, it reminds us that God is still very much concerned with the lives of faithful people.

Today’s readings invite us to remember that the working of the Spirit in the lives of Zechariah, Mary and Jesus signified a great paradigm shift in history; a new model of living lives of faith began. As ministers of the Gospel, the Holy Spirit works in the lives of all the faithful; not just in priests serving in the Temple or prophets called to deliver a special word, but all who believe.

A new dispensation has dawned. The more we assist each other in affirming this fact, the more we, like the Blessed Virgin, open ourselves to Jesus’ presence... and we realize more deeply that even in these times of doubt about our monetary future and the safety of our country, God still cares and God is still with us.

Every American can trace our heritage back to a time when our “house” (ancestors) endured stress and strain, worries and fears, times of doubting and wondering, times of trial *greater* than what we face now. We each can also trace our heritage back to a people who trusted that God would see them through life’s challenges and they overcame.

The angel appeared and said, *“Do not be afraid, Mary...”* My prayer is that the Spirit of God may grant us the very faith and surrender to God which our Blessed Mother experienced when the angel appeared. That throughout every trial of life, we may have faith in Emmanuel, *“God With Us”*, until we reach our heavenly home, the true fulfillment of our dreams.

May the Peace and Joy of God be yours! Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all!!!

CHRISTMAS SEASON

PARISH OFFICE AND MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve:

Parish offices close at 12 noon

No 12:10pm Mass

4:30pm—Christmas Masses in main chapel and auditorium,

10:00pm—Christmas Mass in main chapel

December 25, Christmas Day:

Parish offices closed

9:30am—Christmas Mass in main chapel

11:00am—Christmas Mass in main chapel

No 12:10pm Mass

December 26:

Parish offices closed

No 12:10pm Communion Service

December 27 and 28:

Confession and Masses as usual

December 29: Parish offices open with 12:10 pm Mass

December 30:

Parish offices close at 12 noon

No 5:15pm Mass

December 31:

Parish offices closed

No 12:10pm Mass

4:30pm, Mass for Mary, Mother of God, main chapel

January 1:

Parish offices closed

10am, Mass for Mary, Mother of God, main chapel

January 2:

Parish offices closed

No 12:10pm Communion Service

January 3 and 4:

Confession and Masses as usual

LITURGY

- **MANY, MANY THANKS** to **Laurie Garihee** for her countless years serving as the Lector Coordinator. Laurie has decided the time is right for her to step away from this ministry position. **George Chadwick** will serve as the Lector Coordinator and **Patty Maguire** will serve as the Lector Scheduler. All current lectors are asked to contact Patty at 266-4548 or PattyMagu@aol.com (please put ‘lector’ in the subject line) to UPDATE your contact information including email address. Please contact Patty if you know that you will be unavailable for specific dates. The lector schedule is made five weeks prior to the beginning week of the new schedule sheet publication.
- **CHRISTMAS SET-UP.** Christmas set-up will be today, **Dec. 21 at 1pm in the main chapel.** Let’s show our gratitude for this ministry with some helping hands.
- **The last CHRISTMAS NATIVITY CHOIR REHEARSAL** for Christmas Eve’s 10pm Mass will be held **today, Dec. 21 at 1pm.**

CAMPUS MINISTRY

I have long since come to believe that people never mean half of what they say, and that it is best to disregard their talk and judge only their actions.

- Dorothy Day, *The Long Loneliness*

One day we will learn that the heart can never be totally right if the head is totally wrong.

Only through the bringing together of head and heart – Intelligence and Goodness –

Shall man rise to a fulfillment of his true nature.

- Martin Luther King Jr.,

from *Strength to Love*, a collection of Dr. King's sermons

WINTER BREAK NEWS

The last 5pm Mass and 6pm Meal of the Fall Semester was on December 14th, 2008 - 5pm Mass and 6pm Meal will Resume January 25th, 2009

Plan ahead! Put these events in your calendar for Spring 2009!

- ✦ **Movie Night**, Tues., Jan. 27, at 7PM in the Gathering Space at Newman
- ✦ **Candlelight Mass**, Wed., Jan. 28 9PM in the Dominican Chapel
- ✦ **Liturgical Ministers Day of Reflection**, Sat., Jan 31, 9AM-1PM
- ✦ **Salsa Dancing Night**, Sat., Jan. 31, 7PM in the Auditorium
- ✦ **Catholic Basics Lecture Series**, Wed., Feb. 4, March. 4, & April 1, 7PM in the classroom
- ✦ **Breakfast Burrito Sale for *Casas por Cristo***, Sun. Feb. 8 at all the morning Masses!
- ✦ **Spring Retreat**, Sat. April 17 – April 19, 2009 at the Manzano Retreat Center

More 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!

Happy Hours for Jan.-May: Fridays at 6PM, January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 6. January 9 the Happy Hour will be held at Two Fools Tavern in Nob Hill. Other locations for future happy hours to be announced.

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).

PARISHIONERS

- **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 are available in the gathering space after Mass this weekend.
- **ATTENTION LUMINARIA BUYERS!!!** If you have ordered holiday luminarias from the El Salvador Ministry at Newman, they will be distributed **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st** from 8:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. in the Newman Classroom (located in the courtyard). Please pick them up during the scheduled time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Peceny (speceny@unm.edu) or Alicia Sedillo (asedill1@unm.edu). Thank you for your support and Happy Holidays!
- **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.

Congratulations to the following babies who were or 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.

Bojana Evon Wilder Parents: Scharles and Margarita Wilder Sponsors: Ashton and Karen Smith

Elliot Max Baca Parents: Stephen and Samuele Baca Sponsors: Matthew Beatty and Christina Quiroga

Abbey Nicole Gonzales Parents: Kenneth Gonzales and Alyssa McKinney Sponsors: Robert and Renee Espat

†**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS** †

December 20	4:30 pm	Laura and Will Little
December 21	8:00 am	†Gladys Samlin
	9:30 am	†Braxton Rel
	11:00 am	†Soloman and Juanita Garcia
December 22	12:10 pm	†Sean O'Shea
December 23	5:15 pm	Dominican Mass
December 24	4:30 pm	Ministers of AqNC
	4:30 pm	Ministers of AqNc
	10:00 pm	Ministers of AqNc
December 25	9:30 am	†Marcella Flanagan
	11:00 am	†Jack Stebbins
December 26	Center closed	no Mass

THE WEEK AHEAD

- **Monday, December 22**
- **Tuesday, December 23**
- **Wednesday, December 24**
Parish offices close at noon
Christmas Eve Masses at 4:30 (chapel and auditorium) and 10:00 pm (chapel)
- **Thursday, December 25**
Christmas Day Masses at 9:30 and 11:00 am in the main chapel
- **Friday, December 26**
Newman Center closed
No 12:10 Communion Service
- **Saturday, December 27**
Reconciliation, 3:30 pm with Vigil Mass 4:30pm
- **Sunday, December 28**
Choir Rehearsals, 8-11am, rehearsal space
Ben Baran, Scripture Study, 9:15 am, library

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.

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?

Readings for the Week of December 21, 2008

Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-38
Monday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday:	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Thursday:	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 Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Friday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Next Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

**THANK YOU!**

On behalf of :

Barrett House
St. Martin's Center
The Christmas Store
A.P.S. Teen Project
A.P.S. Title I Homeless Projects
and Bernalillo County Detention Center

we extend our thanks and gratitude for your generosity and assistance with this year's Giving Tree project.

Most, if not all, of the 400 tags on the tree were returned with many attached to multiples of the same items (tags which requested one sweatshirt, for example, were returned attached to three).

The generosity of our community will allow Barrett House to provide a Christmas celebration to the homeless women and children who are staying there; it will provide the warm clothing to the homeless men and children helped by St. Martin's Center; it will provide a moment of joy for children of incarcerated parents as they celebrate Christmas at the detention center; it will improve literacy by putting books in the hands of teens and tweens through the Christmas Store; and it will let the kids and teens of homeless and dysfunctional environments know that people in the community really do care about them.

Beyond the generosity itself, was the unexpected lesson for the teenager who, when helping to organize the multitude of gifts, said to his friend, "Wow, I never knew the people at Newman were so generous."

Thank you again for your generosity, your gifts, and your demonstrating to our parish's youth and young adults that there is more to Christmas than receiving the newest toys, and that there is more to the Catholic faith than going to Mass on Sunday.

Rosie & Kyle

