



Aquinas Newman Center

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THE CATHOLIC CAMPUS PARISH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEX.

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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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Parochial Councilors	Collegial Councilors
Felix Caballero	Sarah Rose Cordero
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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.

CHRISTMAS SEASON

PARISH OFFICE AND MASS SCHEDULE

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

From the Desk of Kyle Kemp, Director of Religious Formation

Welcome to the Octave of Christmas! The Octave is the eight days between the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It is sort of the mirror of Advent where, instead of balancing quiet anticipation of Christ's birth with the cacophony of the Holiday season, Catholics now balance joyously celebrating Christ's birth with post holiday exhaustion.

The Octave of Christmas, and the longer "season" of Christmas Time (which continues through Epiphany) are not the time to take down the tree, unhook the lights, and pack away the decorations. As a Church and as families, now is the time to truly celebrate Christ's birth, God Incarnate. Such a joyous occasion can not be relegated to a single 24-hour period; it must be celebrated over the course of twelve 24 hour periods as though they were a single day. Our faith calls us to rejoice as boisterously on January 6th as we did on Christmas morning.

Today, our church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family, a celebration not only of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, but of all the holy families who are part of the Aquinas Newman Center and the Universal Catholic Church. It is a day for parents to recognize the sacredness of their children (regardless of behavior) and to help children recognize the sacredness of their parents. It is a day to spend time together in conversation, in prayer, and in presence. It is a day to turn off the television, unplug the single player video games, and break out activities which foster togetherness and encourage conversation.

Next Sunday the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany. (In the United States, the Feast of the Epiphany, occurring January 6th, is moved to the nearest Sunday.) It is the celebration of Christ's star leading the Magi to the manger and of Christ's light leading all of us to a greater understanding of God in our life. Epiphany is a time when families are invited to mark their doors with 20+C+B+M+09, symbolically rededicating their homes in the new year (20 & 09) in recognition of what **C**aspar, **B**althazar, and **M**elchior experienced that night when they finally reached Bethlehem. Epiphany is a time for families to explore how the light of Christ, which is within each of us, draws others to Christ as the Star drew the Magi.

With the celebration of Epiphany, the Season of Christmas Time concludes, leading to the proclamation of the adult Christ's Baptism in the Jordan, which we will celebrate next Sunday. With the conclusion of the twelfth day of the Christmas celebration, we are at last free to take down our trees, to unhook our lights and to pack away the decorations, assured in our understanding that Christ is alive and with us always as we move through the remainder of the Winter season and beyond.

Donations have been made to the Newman Center Flower Fund toward the purchase of Christmas poinsettias in memory of the following deceased loved ones:

Denis Paul Alonzo
Valence Annicelli
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Apodaca
Johnny Apodaca
James and Carolyn
Armstrong
Romilda Bertram
Rosemary Bingham
Don Brennan
George W. Brown
Josef and Anna Calek
Joseph Cardetta
Mark Carrico
Frank Csepregi
Deceased members of the
Garihee/Robl Families
Joe Dominguez
Bernie and Edna Doyle
Mary D. Dwyer
Raymond J. Dwyer
George Eckert
Martin Eckert
Carl and Ivah Enna
Ernestine Esquivel
Juanita Garcia
Solomon Garcia
Lyle and Florence Gibbon
Pat Glover
Mary Grady
Dorothy Hans
Virginia Hernandez
Magdalena Hollo
Susie and Nago Jaramillo

Ann and Bill Jourdan and
other family members
Beverly Kalmes
Lee Keeler
Eva, Frank, Cecilia and
Monika Konitzer
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krenz
Verna and Henry
Kuebelbeck
Michaele Landenberger
Emma and Donald
MacLeod
Polly and Norman Maguire
Julius Marosi
Marshall Family
Andrea Martinez
Gloria Marx
Vivian McCanna
David McLeod
Joseph Johann Meyer
Family
Mary Miranda
Celeste and Bill Nowers
Sean O'Shea
Baby Josiah Purcell
Ravano Family
Mary Roos
Eileen Seykosk
John and Ann Stevenson
The Doherty-McGuire
Family
The Madden Family
Virginia and John Vittal
William and Lenora Walsh
Arthur and Lillian Welch
Ellen White
Mrs. Alma Zeissel



*May the blessings of this Holy Season
be yours in abundance.
A joyous Christmas Season and a peaceful
New Year to you and yours!*



*From the Staff of the
Aquinas Newman Center*

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Ultimately, we have just one moral duty: to reclaim large areas of peace in ourselves, more and more peace, and to reflect it towards others. And the more peace there is in us, the more peace there will also be in our troubled world.

- ETTY HILLESUM,
An Interrupted Life

Action is the antidote to despair.
- JOAN BAEZ,
Singer, songwriter, and activist

Winter Break News

The last 5PM Mass and 6PM Meal of the Fall Semester was on December 14, 2008

5PM Mass and 6PM Meal will resume January 25, 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!
- ✦ **Mardi Gras Party**, Sat. Feb. 21...want to help plan? Email Alex at alexcguimaraes@gmail.com
- ✦ **Spring Retreat**, Sat. April – April, 2009 at the Manzano Retreat Center

More details about upcoming events for the Spring 2009 semester to come!

Sunday Cooks, a letter will be coming to you in the mail soon! Please make sure to check your mailboxes. If you do not receive a letter by mid-January please contact Rosie at aquinasnewmancenter@gmail.com or 247.1094 x11.

Trinity House: Want to cook a meal and serve it to people who are homeless? Plan to join us on Sun., Feb. 8 at 10AM. To sign up email Alicia at asedill1@unm.edu.

Casas por Cristo...we will be having some great fundraisers in the Spring! Please keep your eyes and ears out for them! Some of them include a Gratitude Action Dinner, a Burrito Sale, and we are going to attempt to sell fair trade coffee and chocolate (currently we are looking for somewhere to order these from)!

Questions on any Campus Ministry activities? Contact the Director of Campus Ministry, Rosie Chinaea at aquinasnewmancenter@gmail.com or at 247-1094 x.11.

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.
- **A PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY** will be held on **January 11, 2009 from 12:30-5PM**. Lunch is included. Please sign up in the gathering space and/or on the doors of Rosie, Kyle or Steve.
- **PACKING UP: JANUARY 11 AT 1PM**. Hasn't the Liturgy Environment Team done an incredible job for Advent and Christmas? Now it's time to pack it all up! Packing-up is set for **Sunday, January 11 at 1pm**, and anyone available to help would be so appreciated. Let's show our appreciation for this ministry with some helping hands.

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.

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†**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS** †

December 27	4:30 pm	Special Intention
December 28	8:00 am	†Sean O'Shea
	9:30 am	†John Sparks
	11:00 am	†Louise Chavez
December 29	12:10 pm	Abe Santillanes & family
December 30	5:15 pm	No Mass
December 31	4:30 pm	
January 1	10:00 am	Special Intention
January 2	Center closed	No Mass
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January 3	4:30 pm	Pro Populo
January 4	8:00 am	
	9:30 am	†Matthew Walsh III
	11:00 am	†David Piatt
January 5	12:10 pm	
January 6	5:15 pm	Dominican Mass
January 7	12:10 pm	
January 8	12:10 pm	
January 9	12:10 pm	Communion Service

THE WEEK AHEAD

- **Monday, December 29**
- **Tuesday, December 30**
- **Wednesday, December 31**
Parish offices close at noon
Anticipatory Mass for Mary, Mother of God,
at 4:30pm
- **Thursday, January 1**
Mass for Mary, Mother of God at 10:00 am
- **Friday, January 2**
Newman Center closed
No 12:10 Communion Service
- **Saturday, January 3**
Reconciliation, 3:30 pm with Vigil Mass 4:30pm
- **Sunday, January 4**
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 28, 2008

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
Monday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Thursday:	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Friday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:29---3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

THE TWELVE DAYS of CHRISTMAS

How does the following sentence end?

On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

I am sure that everyone reading this can finish the sentence (three French hens) but what they may not know is that the Twelve Days of Christmas can be used to summarize the Catholic Faith.

Whether or not the Twelve Days of Christmas was developed as a catechetical tool for parents who are responsible for forming the faith of their children, the fact remains that it is a great tool. Counting the days between Christmas and Epiphany (today is the third day), the song uses numbers which have meaning in the Catholic faith to teach children the basic doctrines of our faith.

Try it for yourself – ask your child (or for that matter your spouse) what Catholics believe in that there are eight of (beatitudes); that there are three of (trinity), etc. Now continue the discussion by looking up and discussing the Beatitudes or the Trinity. The numbers become a jumping off point for understanding our faith and our Church

The rest of the numbers are:

The partridge	Christ, who gathers us under his wings—God's first gift.
2 turtledoves	The offering of the Holy Family at the Temple.
3 french hens	The Magi's gifts, or the Trinity.
4 calling birds	The evangelists.
5 golden rings	The first books of the Bible, the Torah.
6 geese	The days of the week when humanity labors.
7 swans	The gifts of the Spirit.
8 maids	The people saved in the Ark or the Beatitudes.
9 ladies	The fruits of the Spirit, or the ranks of angels.
10 lords	The Commandments.
11 pipers	The apostles who were faithful.
12 drummers	The articles of the Apostles Creed, the gates of heaven, or the tribes of Isreal.

Readings for the Week of January 4, 2009

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22---4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19---5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11/Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11