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Sunday, December 24, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Parish Mission Statement

St. Albert the Great Newman Parish, a Roman Catholic community at New Mexico State University, as a family of faith, welcomes everyone to encounter Jesus Christ through Word, Worship, Community, and Service. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are changed for the better and sent forth as disciples of Christ to continue his work in the world.

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Parish Office Hours:

Mon- Thurs 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Fridays 8:30 am to 1pm

Phone: (575) 522-6202 Fax: (575) 521-3453

Mass Schedule

Monday—Friday: Daily Mass @ 5:30 pm

Vigil Mass (Saturday) @ 5:30 pm

Sunday Masses @ 8:30 am, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays, 4 to 5 pm; or by appointment.

Baptism

Parents who have been registered in the parish for 6 months need to schedule an interview with the Pastor through the parish office at least 3 months prior to the baptism date.

Marriage

Couples need to schedule an interview with the Pastor, through the parish office, 6 months prior to the wedding date.

Pastoral Care for the Sick

Ill and homebound parishioners, please call the parish office to schedule visits.

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the Month

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual abuse by clergy or church personnel, contact

Ms. Margarita Williams, Victim's Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Las Cruces, at (575) 523-7577, or email mwilliams@rcdlc.org

From the Pastor Desk



Hello friends,

What an interesting weekend. We are celebrating the 4th weekend of Advent and at the same time the beginning of Christmas. This brings joy to the world: the Lord is near! I want to wish you all a joyful Christmas! On Christmas we are going to hear the story of Jesus' birth. We have heard it over and over, yet our hearts rejoice to hear it again. Our God came to us, not in majesty and glory, blinding us with his brilliance and deafening us with the sound of his voice, rather our God came to us in humility and poverty and simplicity. He showed us, by sharing in our life, that there is goodness in the world he created, goodness in the life he gave us, goodness in all of us and that we are worth saving, even worth dying for. Words alone cannot express the wonders we celebrate this weekend. And so we express our words in song. It is a time for singing. May the birth of Our Savior bring love, peace, and joy into your hearts and bring unity among your loved ones. Merry Christmas! Feliz Navidad!

Fr. Alex Urena

UNITED IN MINISTRY

We are reaching our end of the year for our United in Ministry 2017.

In order to receive a tax deduction for 2017, payments must be dated **December 31, 2017**

We are asking you to please make your payments by check or cashier's check.

Thank you to all who helped us try to reach our goal of \$92,998.48.



Gift Shop

Merry Christmas from the Gift Shop! Thank you for patronizing the Gift Shop this year, we hope to see again in 2018!

Christian Meditation Group

The group will continue to meet on Tuesdays for prayerful meditation from 5:30 to 6:20, but the venue has changed. Our new meeting place will be The Bridge, catty-corner from the church on the northeast corner of Chaparral and E. Mesa.

For more info, contact Joe Murray, 860-514-0548.

Let us pray for all those serving in our Armed Forces

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us, bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

NAVY- USMC

Lt Kenneth Pasone, Lt James Michael, SSgt Sam Cruz, MGyst Ron Talamantes, Cpl Joseph Michael, LCpl Matthew A Syner,

Each week a new military branch will be honored. If you know of anyone serving, please call the parish office at 575-522-6202.



*Mass Intentions for the Week
December 24th - Dec. 30, 2017*

MASS STIPEND IS \$10.00 PER MASS

Sunday, Dec. 24th

- 8:30 am. Carmen Seltzer
- 11:00 a.m. For the Parish
- 4:00 p.m. Colin & Amanda Redman
- 6:30 p.m. All named in the Memorial Luminarias
- 12:00 a.m. For the Parish

Monday, Dec. 25th

- 5:30 p.m. For the Parish
- 11:00 a.m. For the Parish

Tuesday, Dec. 26th

- 5:30 p.m. For the Parish

Wednesday, Dec. 27th

- 5:30 p.m. For the Parish

Thursday, Dec. 28th

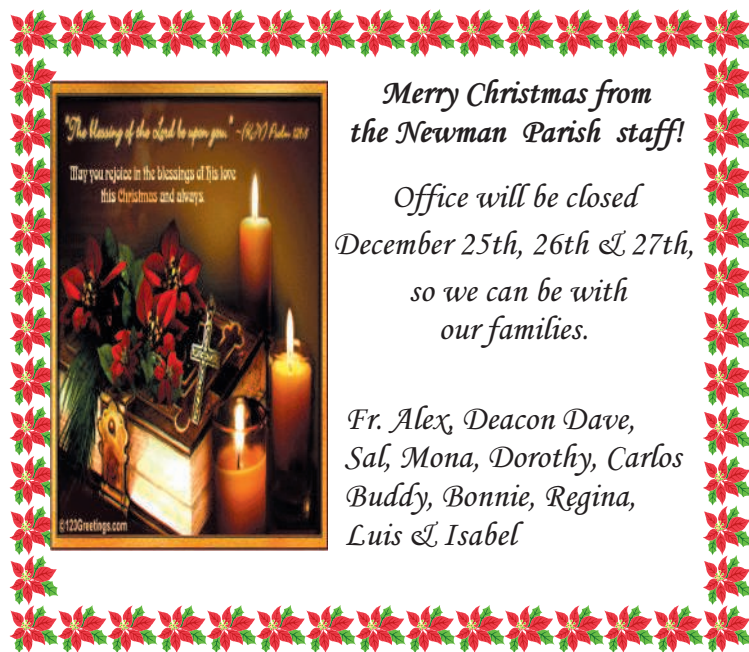
- 5:30 p.m. For the Parish

Friday, Dec. 29th

- 5:30 p.m. For the Parish

Saturday, Dec. 30th

- 5:30 p.m. For the Parish



*Merry Christmas from
the Newman Parish staff!*

*Office will be closed
December 25th, 26th & 27th,
so we can be with
our families.*

*Fr. Alex, Deacon Dave,
Sal, Mona, Dorothy, Carlos
Buddy, Bonnie, Regina,
Luis & Isabel*



Please include these people and their families in your prayers that they may experience Christ' comfort and healing:

- Mari Franco, Jed Hendee, Walter Kazmier, Ernest Chavez,
- Bertha Salas, Msgr. Getz, Manuela Chavez, Marie Tighe,
- Grace Rivas, Freddy Rodriguez, Monica Dominguez,
- Matt Bridges, Raymond Telles, Sylvia Vasques,
- Don Medina, Joe Harbeck, Gina McFeely, Joan Jacinto,
- Frank Gonzales Jr., Raymond Barreras, Gloria Newton,
- Ed Schoonover, Leticia Baskette, Jose Rodriguez,
- Rick Schoonover

Homebound

- Bertha Banegas, Alfredo & Erlinda Moreno,**
- Rocio Edmondson, Charles & Mary Miller,**
- Gina Gomez, KC & Virginia Stevens,**
- Willemina Paupaw, Priscilla Daneliak, Lorraine**
- Schulte, Martina Garcia, Samuel Portillo, Herlinda**
- Apodaca, Bernarda Gamboa, Janet Mills,**
- Beatrice Aguilera, Katherine Hooley**
- Lee & Barbara Sandoval, Eddie & Gloria Carrillo**

If you or your loved one is/are in need of prayer,
Please notify the Parish Office at (575) 522-6202.

Note from the Pope

*Words of Wisdom from
Pope Francis*

"We are not victims of chance or swept up in a series of unconnected events; on the contrary, our life and our presence in this world are the fruit of a divine vocation!

Even amid these troubled times, the mystery of the Incarnation reminds us that God continually comes to encounter us. He is God-with-us, who walks along the often dusty paths of our lives. He knows our anxious longing for love and he calls us to joy."

-Message for the 2018 World Day of Vocations

Dear Newman Community,

Merry Christmas! Blessings on you and your families this joyous season. May this Christmas be a time of abundant joy and great rejoicing for each of you!

A Christmas Blessing

- May there be harmony in all your relationships. May sharp words, envious thoughts, and hostile feelings be dissolved.
- May you give and receive generously. May this love echo in your heart like the joy of church bells on a clear December day.
- May each person who comes into your life be greeted as another Christ. May the honor given the Babe of Bethlehem be that which you extend to every guest who enters your presence.
- May the hope of this sacred season settle in your soul. May it be the foundation of courage for you when times of distress occupy your inner land.
- May the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of children be awakened within you. May it lead you to a renewed sense of awareness and appreciation of whatever you too easily take for granted.

*"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing."
Isaiah 9:1-2*

- May the bonds of love for one another be strengthened as you gather with your family and friends around the table of festivity and nourishment.
- May you daily open the gift of your life and be grateful for the hidden treasure it contains.
- May the coming year be one of good health for you. May you have energy and vitality. May you care well for your body, mind, and spirit.
- May you keep your eye on the Star within you and trust this Luminescent Presence to guide and direct you each day.
- May you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart and visit the One who offers you peace. May you bring this peace into our world.

Peace! Mona

Faith Formation

Gracias!

Once again, the generosity of our parish community was on full display as over 300 children and teens received gifts this Christmas! Thank you to all who provided a gift and the youth who gave of their time to set up the tree, create the heart ornaments and helped sort the gifts. A huge thank you to Jayne and Anton Milavec who have coordinated the Giving Tree for many years. Their assistance and guidance with the coordination of this huge endeavor is greatly appreciated!

A heart-felt thank you to parents and volunteers who brought and helped direct the children in the Christmas pageant. The energy, enthusiasm and faithfulness of the children is a great reminder of the Joy of Christ that is reborn in our hearts and in our parish every Christmas! Thanks go out also to Oscar Perez for working with and leading the youth choir!

Carlos, Regina and Sal

RE and Confirmation schedule

Please note that RE and Confirmation classes will not meet on **Dec. 24/25** or on **Dec. 31/Jan. 1**.

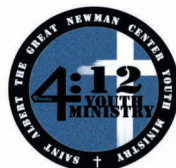
Classes will resume on January 7/8, 2018.

Gospel Story Telling

There will not be Gospel Story Telling at the 8:30 and 11:00 Masses on Sunday, December 24th or 31st. Gospel Story Telling will resume on January 7th.

Adult Confirmation

Interested baptized adults who would like to enter a process of formation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to contact Sal in the parish office or by email. A new session will begin on Monday, January 22 from 6 to 7:30 pm.



Merry Christmas! A reminder that both the High School and Middle School youth groups will take a break for the holidays and will not meet on Dec. 26/27 Jan. 2/3. Youth gatherings will resume on January 9/10.

**ST. ALBERT'S FINANCIAL REPORT
COLLECTIONS – 2017:**



December 9/10, 2017

Sunday Collection:	\$ 7,036.97
E-Giving:	\$ 1,677.13
E-Giving: Lunch Bunch:	\$ 10.00
Received in the Office	<u>\$ 1,303.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$10,027.10

2nd Collection: Religious Retirement

E-Giving:

Retirement Religious:	\$ 60.00
San Juan Diego Seminarian:	\$ 10.00
Catholic Charities of Southern NM	\$ 15.00
December 8 Immaculate Conception:	\$ 956.15

UNITED IN MINISTRY – 2017

(as of 11/09/2017):

Goal:	\$ 92,998.48
Pledged:	\$ 92,697.49
Received:	\$ 75,185.75
Balance Due:	\$ 17,812.73
Donors:	182

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

AA Meets Sunday – Saturday at 7:00 am at The Bridge

Sunday

- 8:30 am - Mass
- 11:00 am - Mass
- 3:30 pm - Children's Pageant
- 4:00 pm - Children Mass
- 6:30 pm - Mass
- 11:30 pm - Christmas Choir
- 12:00 (Midnight): Midnight Mass

Monday

- 8:30 am - Mass
- 11:00 am - Mass

Tuesday

- 5:10 pm - Evening Prayer
- 5:30 pm - Daily Mass
- 5:30 pm - Christian Meditation group (Joe Murry)

Wednesday

- 5:10 pm - Evening Prayer
- 5:30 pm - Daily Mass

Thursday

- 5:10 pm - Evening Prayer
- 5:30 pm - Daily Mass
- 6:00 pm - Rosary for the Parish

Friday

- 5:10 pm - Evening Prayer
- 5:30 pm - Daily Mass

Saturday

- 9:00 am - Music Practice
- 4:00 pm - Confessions
- 5:30 pm - Vigil Mass

**Readings for the Week
December 24, 2017**

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/ Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-38

Is 62:1-5/ Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Monday: (Day) Is 52:7-10/ Ps 98:1-6/ Heb1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Is 62:11-12/ Ps 97:1,6, 11-12/ Ti 3:4-7

Lk 2:15-20

Is 9:1-6/ Ps 96:1-3, 11-13/Ti 2:11-14

Lk 2:1-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,

16bc-17/ Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/ Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-5,7b-8/Mt2;13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/ Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6/ Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/ Ps 96:7-10/ Lk 2:36-40

Bulletin Deadline:

Mondays by Noon, Holidays on
Thursday by 12:00 noon.



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