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Sunday, January 7, 2018 The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Fridays 8:30 am to 1pm

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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



Happy New Year 2018. This weekend the Church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord. We listen to the classic and familiar story of the "visit of the magi." The evangelist Matthew gives us a theological insight into the person of Jesus and the activity of God. To start with, the magi are not Jews, they are nonbelievers in the eyes of Israel, they are Gentiles. They worship Jesus, they possess the humility of faith and the openness of mind and heart to seek and welcome the Jesus who will establish the second covenant between God and the new Israel. The magi bring gifts with them. These gifts indicate the principal dimensions of Jesus' life and mission: a) Gold is a gift fitting for a king, a ruler, one with power and authority; gold was a symbol of divinity. This Child comes to transform our perspective of wealth to treasure again the things of God, things such as compassion, forgiveness, and peace. These are the coin of the realm of the newborn King. b) Frankincense comes from a small tree found only in Arabia and parts of northern Africa. The hardened resin of the plant was used as a medicine for many ailments: to stop bleeding and to heal wounds; as an antidote for poisons and as a salve for bruises, ulcerations, and paralyzed limbs. This Child comes to restore and heal not just the physical ailments of those he will encounter in his gospel journey, but to heal us of our fears and doubts, to bridge the chasms that separate us from one another and from God. c) Myrrh was an expensive extract from the resin of the myrrh tree. It, too, was used as a medicine but, more significantly, it was used in embalming the dead. Only royalty and the very wealthy were embalmed; myrrh, therefore, was a gift reserved for kings. This Child comes to recreate us in the life of God: his death will be the defeat of death, his cross will be his (and our) glory. The three gifts of the magi are a gospel in themselves. They honor the Child who is himself a gift from the God whose love is beyond our comprehension, whose goodness knows neither limit nor condition.

Fr. Alex Urena

Christian Meditation Group

The group will continue to meet on Tuesdays for prayerful meditation from 5:30 to 6:20, at 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.

Note from the Pope

Words of Wisdom from Pope Francis

"Vocation is today! The Christian mission is now! This "today" that Jesus proclaimed assures us that God continues to "come down" to save our human family and to make us sharers in his mission. The Lord continues to call others to live with him and to follow him in a relationship of particular closeness...

We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous "yes", nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord. To listen to that voice, to discern our personal mission in the Church and the world, and at last to live it in the today that God gives us."

-Message for the 2018 World Day of Vocations

We Need Ministers to Visit Homebound Parishioners!

One of the ways our parish community responds to the Gospel call to serve others is by visiting parishioners who are homebound due to illness or elderly. We are currently in serious need of new ministers to help visit a growing number of homebound parishioners on Sundays. The time commitment is only about 5 hours per month but is so appreciated by the people who receive visits.

Without new ministers, we may have to decrease the frequency of our visits. Please help us keep up our weekly visits! Want to learn more?

Email Mona at mona@stalbertnewmancenter.org.



Please include these people and their families in your prayers that they may experience Christ's 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, rbeck, Gina McFeely, Joan Jacinto,
 FrRaymond Telles, Sylvia Vasques, Don Medina,
 Joe Haank Gonzales Jr., Raymond Barreras,
 Gloria Newton, Ed Schoonover, Leticia Baskette,
 Jose Rodriguez, Rick Schoonover

Homebound

**Alfredo & Erlinda Moreno, Rocio Edmondson,
 Charles & Mary Miller, Virginia Stevens,
 Willemina Paupaw, Priscilla Daneliak,
 Lorraine Schulte, Martina Garcia, Samuel Portillo,
 Herlinda Apodaca, Bertha Banegas, Janet Mills,
 Bernarda Gamboa, 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.



*Mass Intentions
 for the Week of
 January 7th - Jan. 13, 2018*

MASS STIPEND IS \$10.00 PER MASS

Sunday, Jan. 7th

8:30 am. For the Parish
 11:00 a.m. For the Parish
 7:30 p.m. For the Parish

Monday, Jan. 8th

5:30 p.m. For the Parish

Tuesday, Jan. 9th

5:30 p.m. For the Parish

Wednesday, Jan. 10th

5:30 p.m. For the Parish

Thursday, Jan. 11th

5:30 p.m. For the Parish

Friday, Jan. 12th

5:30 p.m. For the Parish

Saturday, Jan. 13th

5:30 p.m. For the Parish

**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.
 Amen.

Navy- USMC

Lt Kenneth Pasone, Lt James Michael,
 SSgt Sam Cruz, MGyst Ron Talamantes,
 Cpl Joseph Michael, LCpl Matthew A Syner,
 Maj. Travis J. Covey

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

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 * *are in memory of:* *
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Dear Newman Community,

Happy New Year! All around are messages of new beginnings associated with the new year... articles on how to get a new fit body, radio stories on how to start a new meal plan, and much more. What about a new beginning for our relationship with God and others?

Some of us are fortunate to still have some time off from work and school. If this is the case, take a break from your Netflix watching for some extra reflection time on how to bring new vision and hope into your life relationships. If you're back at work, try taking a few minutes for reflection during your commute or lunch break. Questions to consider:

Looking Back...

This past year, I am most grateful for:

The things I wish to leave behind:

Looking Ahead...

My hopes for the year ahead:

The questions I wish to reflect on for the year:

Two things I will do to simplify my life:

My two top priorities for the year:

Peace to you and your loved ones this 2018!

Mona

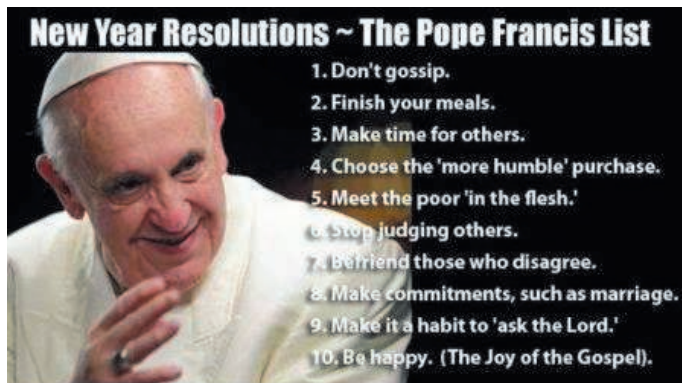
"Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that a herald can easily read it, since the vision will stand as a witness, it gives faithful testimony about a time that will come. If it is slow incoming, wait for it, for come it will."
-Habakkuk 2:2-3

Reflection questions from Education for Justice
a project of the Center for Concern.

Faith Formation

Happy New Year!

I hope the Christmas season offered ample opportunity to rejoice in the Good News of Christ's birth, celebrate with friends and loved ones, and that your new year is off to a great start! As we reflect on the blessings of Christmas, and look with hope at the potential of the New Year for growth in faith, I thought I'd pass along this meme from Pope Francis that is making its way around social media to reflect on for the New Year.



RE and Confirmation schedule

Classes will meet this

Sunday/Monday

January 7/8, 2018.

Gospel Story Telling

Gospel Story Telling resumes for the Spring Semester on January 7th.



Happy New Year! A reminder that both the High School and Middle School youth groups will begin meeting for the Spring Semester on January

9/10.

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.

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

December 30/31

Sunday Collection: \$ 7,038.51
E-Giving: \$ 1,312.13
Received in the Office \$ 5,960.00
TOTAL: \$14,310.64

E-Giving – La Bodega \$ 70.00
E-Giving – 2nd Collection: \$ 30.00

UNITED IN MINISTRY – 2017 (as of 12/7/2017):

Goal: \$92,998.48
Pledged: \$92,722.49
Received: \$78,215.50
Balance Due: \$14,782.98
Donors: 182

**Readings for the Week
January 7, 2018**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 / Ps 72:2, 7-8, 10-13

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38

Ps 29: 1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b 9b-10/ Mk 1:7-11 or, in

Year B: Is 55:1– 11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 (Ps) Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6/ Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 / (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8

Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8(305) and 1:9-20 (306)

Mk 1:14-20 (305) and 1:21-28 (306)

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/ Ps 40:2-5, 7-10

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/ Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26

Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/ Ps 89:16-19/ Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/ Ps 19:8-10, 15

Mk 2:13-17

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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

Sunday

8:30 am - Mass

11:00 am - Mass

7:30 pm – Student Mass

Monday

5:10 pm - Evening Prayer

5:30 pm - Daily 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

6:30 pm - Youth Group Meeting (Highschool)

Thursday

5:10 pm - Evening Prayer

5:30 pm - Daily Mass

6:00 pm - Rosary for Priest

6:30 pm - Baptism Class

Friday

5:10 pm - Evening Prayer

5:30 pm– Daily Mass

Saturday

9:00 am - Music Practice

9:00 am - Safe Environment Class in (Hall)

4:00 pm - Confessions

5:30 pm - Vigil Mass

Bulletin Deadline:

Mondays by Noon, Holidays on

Thursday by 12:00 noon.

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