



ST. ALBERT THE GREAT  
NEWMAN PARISH



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Sunday, February 4, 2018 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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,

Today in our first reading we hear Job lamenting his suffering. Depression really is evident when Job says, "I shall not see happiness again." Hopelessness is one of the major characteristics of depression. Whether Job was a real person or not, no one can say for sure, but the Book of Job definitely expresses a feeling we've all felt at times, that life is unfair. At the time this book was written (about 400-500 years before Christ), the view God's people had was that if we are good, all will go well, and if we're not, all kinds of terrible things will happen to us. We all know life doesn't always work that way. The Book of Job probes this problem without coming to a satisfactory answer. The author could only conclude God somehow must know what He is doing because we do not. However, even though Job despaired of ever being happy, his misfortunes were reversed in the end and he did die happy. Job's lament prepares us for the gospel where we hear about Jesus saving people from sickness and suffering.

Fr. Alex Urena

## Gift Shop News



Valentine's day is fast approaching. We have new mugs, glass sets, jewelry and rosaries that would make great gifts for your special Valentine. Stop by after mass to see the new merchandise.

## Note from the Pope

*Words of Wisdom from Pope Francis*

"Jesus did not open an office for spiritual counseling with a sign reading: 'The prophet receives on Monday and Friday from 3:00 until 6:00 PM. Entry costs this much, or if you prefer, you can make an offering.' No, Jesus does not do that. He doesn't even open a medical office with a sign reading: 'The sick may come on such-and-such day, and they will be healed'. Jesus throws himself in the midst of the people."

-Homily, January 30, 2018

## Second Collection



Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$[amount], which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so that they in turn can share it with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click "How to Give" on the left. Your gift will certainly make a difference!

*Mass Intentions  
for the Week of  
February 4th - February 10, 2018*



**MASS STIPEND IS \$10.00 PER MASS**

Sunday, Feb. 4th

8:30 am. †In Memory of Deceased  
Romero & Giron Family  
By: Ed & Rita

11:00 a.m. In Memory of Lilia Ramirez  
Anniversary  
By: Family

7:30 p.m. For the Parish By: Pastor

Monday, Feb. 5th

5:30 p.m. †M. Rita Bealer 1st Yr. Anniversary  
By: Paul & Olga Browne

Tuesday, Feb. 6th

5:30 p.m. For the Parish By: Pastor

Wednesday, Feb. 7th

5:30 p.m. For the Parish By: Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 8th

5:30 p.m. For the Parish By: Pastor

Friday, Feb. 9th

5:30 p.m. For the Parish By: Pastor

Saturday, Feb. 10th

5:30 p.m. For the Parish By: Pastor

**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.

**U. S. Army**

PVT-2 Austin Meyers, PVT Vincent Fresquez Jr.,  
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SPC Vincent Fresquez Sr., SSG John Troy,  
SG Perry Harrison, SGT Johnathan Stadish,  
MAJ Sean Dixon, LTC James Brady,  
LTC Edward Brady, LTC Greg Grusenmeyer

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



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

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, Corrine & Mel Jolly

***Homebound***

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

Dear Newman Community,

As you read this I am in Washington D.C. for a conference, thanks to the Bishop Ramirez Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG) scholarship. The CSMG is a national gathering organized by U.S. Bishops for more than 500 Catholic leaders to "network, advocate for social justice, and form emerging leaders in service to the Church and society." The vision is the gathering would build "solidarity, knowledge, and practical skills among attendees who live and share the Church's social mission for the common good and the evangelization of the world" (USCCB website).

I'm looking forward to returning to the Newman Center with new ideas and renewed fervor for how to live out the Gospel call to serve Christ in the "least" of our brothers and sisters (Matthew 25:40).

Peace, Mona

P.S. Please send warm thoughts and prayers. While you all enjoy 70 degree temperatures, we'll be braving freezing rain and snow in D.C.!

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?" And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

-Matthew 25:37-40

## Faith Formation

### *Parent Sessions for children prepping for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation*

*"Parents should be involved in preparing their child for this Sacrament. The parish should provide at least two sessions for parents/guardians in order to assist them in helping their child have a better understanding of the celebration of the Eucharist/Penance in community."*

***From Diocese of Las Cruces Catechetical Handbook***

#### ***First Holy Communion***

Session One (3 different offerings, at least one parent/guardian attend 1 of 3)

- ◆◆ Saturday, February 10 at 10:30am
- ◆◆ Sunday, February 11 at 1 pm
- ◆◆ Monday, February 12 at 4pm

Session Two (3 different offerings, at least one parent/guardian attend 1 of 3)

- ◆◆ Saturday, March 10 at 10:30am
- ◆◆ Sunday, March 11 at 1 pm
- ◆◆ Monday, March 12 at 4pm


#### ***First Reconciliation:***

Session One (3 different offerings, at least 1 parent/guardian attend 1 of 3)

- ◆◆ Saturday, March 3 at 10:30am
- ◆◆ Sunday, March 4 at 1 pm
- ◆◆ Monday, March 5 at 4pm

Session Two (3 different offerings, at least 1 parent/guardian attend 1 of 3)

- ◆◆ Saturday, April 7 at 10:30am
- ◆◆ Sunday, April 8 at 1 pm
- ◆◆ Monday, April 9 at 4pm



Both the High School and Middle School youth groups are gathering for their weekly meetings:  
 Middle - Tuesdays @ 6:30p  
 High - Wednesdays @ 6:30p

#### ***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. Classes meet on Thursdays from 6pm to 7:30pm.



**ST. ALBERT'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

**COLLECTIONS – 2018:**

**January 27/28**

**Sunday Collection:** \$ 7,985.28

**E-Giving:** \$ 1,170.01

**Received in the Office** \$ 672.00

**TOTAL:** \$ 9,827.29

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Latin America**

**E-Giving – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** \$ 10.00

**Sunday Collection:** \$ 1,721.12

**UNITED IN MINISTRY – 2017**

**12/31/2017) – FINAL TOTAL:**

**Goal:** \$ 92,998.48

**Pledged:** \$107,752.49

**Received:** \$101,052.49

**REBATE:** \$ 8,054.01

**Donors:** 193

**TO ALL PARISHIONERS:**

2017 End of the Year Contribution Letters will be mailed out the end of the month for those who have made contributions of \$250.00 or more. Please help us to ensure your letter gets to you. If you have moved or need to have your mailing address updated, please call the office.

If you would prefer for us to email this letter to you, please verify your email address with our parish office. Thank you.

**Readings for the Week  
February 4, 2018**

**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/ Ps 147:1-6

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-33/ Mk 1:29-39

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/ Ps 132:6-10

Mk 6:53-56 / 1 Cor 1:26-31/ Lk 9:23-26

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/ Ps 84:3-5, 10-11

Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40

Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13/ Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40

Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32;12:19/ Ps 81:10-15

Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34

Ps 106:6-, 19-22/ Mk 8:1-10

**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**

12:10 pm– Mass on Campus (Campus Ministry)

5:10 pm - Evening Prayer

5:30 pm - Daily Mass

6:30 pm - Youth Group Meeting (Middle School)

**Wednesday**

5:10 pm – Evening Prayer

5:30 pm - Daily Mass

5:30 Midweek Mass & Dinner (Campus Ministry)

6:30 pm - Youth Group Meeting (Highschool)

**Thursday**

5:10 pm - Evening Prayer

5:30 pm - Daily Mass

6:00 pm - Rosary for Priests

**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

**Bulletin Deadline:**

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

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