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Sunday, January 1, 2017 + Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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

Mass Schedule

Monday—Thursday: Daily Mass @ 5:30 pm
1st Friday of the Month : 5:30 pm
All other Fridays : 12:10 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. Antoinette Fuentes, Victim's Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Las Cruces, at (575) 523-7577, or email afuentes@dioceseoflascruces.org

Faith Formation & Religious Education

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

Wishing everyone a Blessed
Christmas and a Joyful New Year



Classes resume
January 8, 9 & 10, 2017

Children in RCIA
Santos
& Eliseo Rodriguez,
Mia Bellamy

Much thanks to Regina Melendrez for her
direction and Melissa Woodall for costumes of
the Christmas Pageant "New Star" presented
before the 4pm mass on Christmas eve.

Sacramental Preparation

- ◆ **First Communion** - 3 year program beginning in 1st level, with reception of the Sacraments in 3rd level.
- ◆ **Youth Confirmation** - 3 year program beginning in 9th grade (Conf. I) with reception of the Sacrament in the 11th grade (Conf. III).
- ◆ **Adult Confirmation** - College students 18 years and older who have been Baptized and want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact Sal Melendrez via email: sal@stalbertnewmancenter.org.
- ◆ **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** – Unbaptized adults needing the Sacraments of Initiation or those who need Confirmation and those who wish to become members of the Church Please contact Sr. Nancy.

Note from the Pope

10 New Year's Resolutions from Pope Francis!

1. "Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."
2. "Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."
3. "Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."
4. "Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."
5. "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others."
6. "Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."

Read the rest at wordonfire.org/resources/blog/pope-francis-new-years-resolutions-for-you/5030/

Threads of Prayer Ministry

We're asking for handmade or store bought donations of infant or toddler sized blankets. This will benefit the children of the refugees served by Project Oak Tree of the Diocese of Las Cruces.

Please bring them in to the
office marked 'Oak Tree'

Thank you!

Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day

On January 18, 2016, the Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day will be held in Santa Fe. All are invited to join Archbishop Wester and Bishop Wall for this event. The day will begin with Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis, Santa Fe at noon. Following Mass there is a procession to the Roundhouse ending with a Rally on life issues. The event also includes Catholic Lobby Day at the Roundhouse with participants visiting their legislators. The day is sponsored by the NM Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Diocese of Las Cruces will be providing bus transportation for a fee of \$40 per person which includes dinner. Registration forms for the Sanctity of Life Bus Trip are available at the parish office or on the diocesan webpage www.dioceseoflascruces.org.

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear friends,

Happy New Year! New Year's is always synonymous with making resolutions. Did you make a resolution last year? If so, how did you do with it? Here are the top ten most popular resolutions:

- Stay fit & healthy
- Lose weight
- Enjoy life to the fullest
- Spend less, save more
- Spend more time with family & friends
- Get organized
- Will not make any resolutions
- Learn something new / new hobby
- Travel more
- Learn more

Let us resolve to pray more and to spend more quiet time with the Lord. I hope that this New Year is filled with rich blessings of health, happiness and love. On behalf of the staff, I'd like to thank you all for supporting our parish community.

La Bodega Emergency Food Pantry

Help us keep our pantry stocked this Fall! If each family brought one nonperishable item to Mass each weekend, our shelves would be full.

Right now we are especially in need of:

- canned fruit - sugar - canned chicken
- peanut butter - juice - ramen noodle
- pasta sauce - flour - cake mix



NMSU Catholic Campus Ministry

*"Do not be afraid to bring Christ into every area of your life."
-Pope Francis*

Prayer for the New Year

God of every time and season, You give us another year to fill with new beginnings. We have so many dreams for this year, so many promises we want to keep, so many new habits we want to learn. Yet so much from last year is still left undone.

Erase our failings of the old year, clear away the decay left by our complacency, and wipe clean the slate of broken covenants from the year gone by. As the calendar changes and the old gives way to the new, help us not to dwell on the past but to use its memory to move us ever forward to your kingdom.

Renew our hope and strengthen our resolve so that we may serve you faithfully through every season and walk joyfully each day of the year. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

-The Work of Your Hands by Diana Maclintal

Youth Ministry



Want to join Youth Ministry? Come join us Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 in the Alumni Room.

For Middle School: **Tuesdays**
For High School: **Thursdays**

Have a question? Want to know how you can help? Email Carlos Briseño at carlos@stalbertnewmancenter.org

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.

Each week a new military branch will be honored. Please let us know if you know of anyone serving. Please call the parish office at 575-522-6202.

The Parish Office will be closed for New Year's on Monday, January 2nd. There will be no Daily Mass. Thank you!

Second Collection— January 8, 2017

Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Service

Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Service, USA (AMS). The AMS relies solely on private donors in support of its mission, "Serving those who serve" and its ministry to provide the same pastoral care and services to Catholics serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in the U.S Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations, as does any other Catholic diocese. While the salaries and retirement of the Catholic military chaplains are paid for by the U.S Government, the AMS receives no funding from government or the military for its programs and services, including the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, which provides priests for home dioceses and for the military chaplaincy. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.

ST. ALBERT'S FINANCIAL REPORT
COLLECTIONS - 2016:

December 17/18 2016 - Regular:

Envelopes/Loose Change:	\$1,725.93
Loose Checks:	\$4,495.00
Envelope Checks:	\$3,920.00
E-Giving:	<u>\$,342.06</u>
TOTAL:	\$11,483.06

UNITED IN MINISTRY (NOVEMBER):

Goal:	\$80, 396.06
Total Pledged:	\$76, 942.00
Payments Received:	\$67, 334.76
Deficit:	(\$13, 061.30)
# Donors:	120

E-Giving: Here is an easy way to give your weekly, monthly, quarterly donations to St. Albert the Great.

Go to our website: On the top, right corner of the home page click on the button Donate. You indicate how much, what date, etc. No need to worry about envelopes, checks or cash.

If you need assistance, please call Mona or Isabel at 522-6202.

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



Joline Rosen, Mari Franco, Jed Hendee, Walter Kazmier, Ernest Chavez, Bertha Salas, Msgr. Getz, Manuela Chavez, Larry Hill, Marie Tighe, Ruben Martinez, Freddy Rodriguez, Monica Dominguez, Teresa Rementer, David Garza, Raymond Telles, Matthew Benton, Susan Benton, Matt Bridges, Miranda Thomas, Zachary Simione, Don Medina, Joe Harbeck, Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, Gina McFeely, Frank Gonzales Jr. , Raymond Barreras, Gloria Newton, Joann Jacinto

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

Homebound

**Bertha Banegas, Alfredo & Erlinda Moreno,
Rocio Edmondson, Charles & Mary Miller,
Catherine Hooley, KC & Virginia Stevens,
Willemina Paupaw, Priscilla Daneliak,
Lorraine Schulte, Martina Garcia, Herlinda Apodaca,
Priscilla Grijalva, Bernarda Gamboa, Robert Santistevan,
Frank Mesa, Mary Slavik, Janet Mills**

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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

Sunday

8:30 am - Mass
11:00 am - Mass
4:00 pm - Conf. II Class (NO CLASSES)
5:00 pm - Conf. I Class (NO CLASSES)
5:00 pm - 6-8th RE Class (NO CLASSES)
6:00 pm - Conf. III Class (NO CLASSES)
7:30 pm - No Student Mass

Monday

4:00 pm - K-5th Grades Rel. Ed Classes (NO CLASSES)
5:30 pm - NO Daily Mass
6:30 pm - K-6th Grade Rel. Ed Classes (NO CLASSES)

Tuesday

4:00 pm - 1-4th Grade Rel. Ed Classes (NO CLASSES)
5:10 pm - Evening Prayer
5:30 pm - Daily Mass

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

12:10 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.

**Readings for the Week
January 1,2017**

Sunday: 18: Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6,8 Gal 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 JN1:19-28 Mt 23:8-12

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3c-4,5-6 Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Jn 1:35-42
Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: 1 jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-5 Jn1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147 12-15, 19-20 Mk 1:7-11

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a,9b Jn 2:1-11

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