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.

Parish Staff

**Pastor**
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Luis Ramos

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Bonnie Benedetti

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 6 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 Fridays 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@dioceseoflascrucesar.org

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Faith Formation & Religious Education

Schedules are available. For Confirmation Calendars please ask teachers

Circle of Grace scheduled for Monday, Oct 31 will be held on November 14

This year we will not be presenting Safe Environment from La Pinon. Our teachers will be teaching Circle of Grace requested by the Diocese

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.

Youth Ministry is up and running! If you are in middle school or high school, come join us! Middle school meets Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Alumni Room. High School meets Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Alumni Room.

Catholics Care. Catholics Vote. Practice civil dialogue.

In their statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. Catholic Bishops remind Catholics that we are called to engage in charitable, respectful and civil dialogue during election season. In a culture that is dominated by "partisan attacks, sound bites and media hype," the Church calls for "a different kind of political engagement" (no. 14).

Visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org to access resources on civil dialogue and on how our faith calls us to engage during election season and beyond.

Come see us at the Silent and Live Auction this Sunday! Silent Auction starts at 9AM. Live Auction sign up is at 3PM with auction starting at 4PM.

This weekend’s flowers are in Loving Memory of:

Dutch Houseknecht

Donated by: His Loving Family

Note from the Pope

Words of Wisdom from Pope Francis

"Do not forget this: mercy is a gift; forgiveness and giving. In this way, the heart expands, it grows with love. While selfishness and anger make the heart small, they make it harden like a stone. Which do you prefer? A heart of stone or a heart full of love? If you prefer a heart full of love, be merciful!"

- General Audience, September 21, 2016
Hello, friends:

Our first Oktoberfest has arrived! I hope that all of you join in this Sunday's festivities over at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Tortugas. Mass starts at 10:30 am followed by a day of fun activities that include delicious food, great entertainment and your chance to bid on some outstanding prizes.

Please join me in thanking the Oktoberfest committee who have given of their time, energy and efforts! A very special thank you to our co-chairs, Hiram and Sue as well as to the parish staff who helped make this a successful event!

Fr. Ray

Let us pray for 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. AIR FORCE

Cpt Robert Freyo A1– C Zachariah Eye
Amn Estevan O. Perez SSgt. Ernesto X. Perez
Tgt Julianne Marie Lujan

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.

Dear Newman Community,

This week our Faith Formation Ministry Team gathered to plan for the last session of our Faith Meets College faith sharing series. The topic was politics. When I first heard the students were interested in a faith sharing session on this topic, my first thought was, that's a can of worms!

Sal and I gathered with the team the night before the event to plan. It seemed to me they were interested but hesitant about how to proceed, feeling the weight of the topic, especially in light of the contentious election season we have had thus far. However, I was so inspired by their willingness to reflect, collaborate, and ultimately, hope.

At the faith sharing session they reflected on three light themed passages, including the one at right. I encourage you to take a few minutes in reflection yourself. Begin by asking yourself, how would you describe this election in one word? Then spend some time with Scripture and these reflection questions the students came up with:

-Where do you see darkness in our world?
-What can you do to shine your light in the darkness?
-How can you avoid ignorance? What can you do instead to try to understand the will of God in regards to your engagement with this upcoming election?

Peace, Mona

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret but everything exposed by the Light becomes visible, or everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

...Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord.

Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another [in] psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

-Pope Francis

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### ST. ALBERT'S FINANCIAL REPORT
**COLLECTIONS - 2016:**

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


**Homebound**

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

If you or your loved one is/are in need of prayer, please notify the Parish Office at (575) 522-6202.
**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 (NO CLASSES)
- 5:00 pm - Conf. I (NO CLASSES)
- 5:00 pm - 6-8th RE Classes (NO CLASSES)
- 6:00 pm - Conf. III (NO CLASSES)
- 7:30 pm - Student Mass

**Monday**
- 10:30 am - Rosary on Campus
- 11:15 am - Lunch Bunch for a Cause
- 4:00 pm - K-5th Grades Rel. Ed Classes (Parents Meeting)
- 5:10 pm - Evening Prayer
- 5:30 pm - Daily Mass
- 6:00 pm - K-6th Grade Rel. Ed Classes

**Tuesday**
- 12:10 pm - Mass on Campus (Spiritual Center)
- 4:00 pm - 1-4th Grade Rel. Ed Classes (Parents Meeting)
- 5:10 pm - Evening Prayer
- 5:30 pm - Daily Mass

**Wednesday**
- 5:10 pm - Evening Prayer
- 5:30 pm - Daily Mass
- 5:30 pm - Midweek Mass/Dinner (Campus Ministry)
- 6:30 pm - Divine Mercy Cenacle Group

**Thursday**
- 5:00 pm - Evening Prayer
- 5:30 pm - Daily Mass
- 6:00 pm - Rosary for Priest
- 6:30 pm - Youth Group Meeting
- 8:00 pm - Newman Night (Campus Ministry)

**Friday**
- 5:30 pm - Daily Mass –Anointing of the Sick

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

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

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**Readings for the Week**

**October 2, 2016**

**Sunday:** Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/ Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
  2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/ Lk 17:5-10

**Monday:** Gal 1:6-12/ Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c/ Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24/ Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15

**Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/ Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5/ (Ps) Lk 1:69-75/ Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Gal 3:7-14/ Ps 111:1b-6/ Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29/ Ps 105:2-7/ Lk 11:27-28