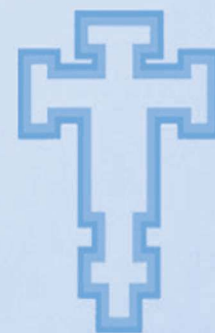




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Sunday, December 25, 2016 + The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day

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

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| Lunch Bunch Coordinator | 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 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 begin
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

Words of Wisdom from Pope Francis

"To say thank you is a medicine against bouts of hopelessness, which is a contagious ailment...

To say thank you is to nurture hope, the Pope continued, and hope is the 'fuel' of Christian life that allows us to go forward every day."

-To families and staff of Rome's 'Bambino Gesù' Children's Hospital, Dec 15, 2016

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.

Threads of Prayer Ministry

We're asking for handmade or store bought infant or toddler sized blankets to benefit the children of the refugees served by Project Oak Tree of the Diocese of Las Cruces. Please bring them in to the office with 'Oak Tree' marked on it. Thank you!

Christmas Flowers

Please help us celebrate the beauty of Christmas by ordering flowers for our worship space. You may designate the flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, he or she will be mentioned in the bulletin. Please make checks payable to the Newman Center and include this order form. Forms can be dropped off in the office or placed in an envelope in the collection basket.



The cost is \$10.00 each. (Please Print):

Your Name: _____

How Many: _____

In Memory/ Honor of: _____

Total \$ _____



*Merry Christmas from the
Newman Parish staff!*

*May the joy of Christ's birth be
with you and your family this
Christmas season!*

*Please note, the parish office will
be closed December 23rd, 26th &
27th, so we with our families.
Thank you!*

*Fr. Ray, Deacon Dave, Isabel, Sr. Nancy, Sal, Mona, Dorothy,
Buddy, Bonnie, Regina, Carlos, Luis, Carla & Steven*

From the Pastor's Desk



Merry Christmas family and friends!

On behalf of the staff I'd like to wish you all a very special Christmas greeting! We are so grateful for the ways in which you assist our parish community, throughout the year!

A special thanks to Anton, Jayne and confirmation III students who helped with the sorting and delivery of the gifts for the annual giving tree. Thanks to all of you for your generous response to those less fortunate. I wish you all a very merry Christmas! Blessings of health and happiness to all of you!

Love,
Fr. Ray

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 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.

ARMY

PVT - 2 Austin Meyers, PVT Vincent Fresquez Jr., PFC Joseph Chavira, PFC Gino Benedetti, Vincent Chavira, SPC Jesus Navarro, Vincent Fresquez Sr., SSG John Troy, SSG Perry Harrison, SGT Johnathan Standish, MAJ Sean Dixon, LTC James Brady, LTC Edward Brady, LTC Greg Grusenmeyer, MAJ Nicolas Thompson, Robert Freyout

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.

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

Merry Christmas!!

I always appreciate the respite while students are away for break during the Christmas holiday. The hectic season is different from the day to day ministry during the semester, but there is ample time for planning, reflecting and praying. Of course this week, the focus is on family and celebrating the birth of our Savior. As I reflect on the many ways Christ is born anew in our world, I'd like to share this reflection by Fr. Andy from Creighton Online Ministries:

Our religious memory reminds us of why we celebrate Christmas. We could be imagining the holy couple - Joseph and Mary - having made their way to Bethlehem, late and with nowhere to stay. Today, the scene can become very vivid for us, whether we plan to celebrate Midnight Mass tonight or to celebrate tomorrow morning. The crib scene has a story. Our Savior - God with us - did not come into a wonderful palace, like the one David built. Jesus was born into a very lowly place. This is the wonderful sign of God's self-emptying. This is how God chose to come and be among us - as a new born baby, in a manger, a feeding trough. Our Savior comes in this way, and it can become most meaningful today, if we let ourselves chew this good news, in the midst of whatever we are doing. It can mean so much if we let it. It can be a part of what we celebrate tonight and tomorrow. Yes, there might be people and parties, and there might be gifts shared. But, we can be filled with something our world will likely not be celebrating - that our God is a God who desires to meet us in the lowliest places in our lives. God with us, Jesus, comes to "save his people from their sins."

Let us approach the manger of our salvation tonight and tomorrow with great openness to the graces each of us can yet hope for and receive - for our own inner peace, and that we might bring peace to others in our lives, because of what we ourselves have embraced.

Peace, Sal

ST. ALBERT'S FINANCIAL REPORT
COLLECTIONS - 2016:

December 10/11, 2016 - Regular:

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes/Loose Change: | \$1,628.68 |
| Loose Checks: | \$3,777.00 |
| Envelope Checks: | \$3670.00 |
| E-Giving: | <u>\$1,212.13</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$10,287.81 |

Second Collection:

Retirement Fund for Religious

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes/Loose Change: | \$1,182.81 |
| Loose Checks: | \$ 120.00 |
| Envelope Checks: | \$ 835.00 |
| E-Giving | <u>\$ 65.00</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$2, 137.81 |

December 8, 2016:

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Envelope/Loose Change: | \$ 562.50 |
| Loose Checks: | \$ 125.00 |
| Envelope Checks: | \$ 425.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1, 112.50 |

UNITED IN MINISTRY (NOVEMBER):

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|--------------------|----------------|
| 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's 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

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, Olga Warriner,
Priscilla Grijalva, Bernarda Gamboa, 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 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)

5:10 pm - Evening Prayer

5:30 pm - 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

6:30 pm - Divine Mercy Cenacle

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

December 25, 2016

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-6/ Rom 1:1-7/ Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/ Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17

Lk 1:5-15

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-6/ Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/ Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/ (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/ Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/ Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14

Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

Lk 1:67-79

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