



# Sunday, December 3, 2017 First Sunday of Advent

## 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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**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,

We welcome this new liturgical year with the season of Advent. As you can see, Advent invites us to a quieter time, to stay awake, to "watch." We can see this in the environment that we experience in church: we switched out old missalettes, worship aids, liturgical calendars and we leave behind the color green of Ordinary Time and introduce the violet color and the Advent wreath. How interesting that the gospel ends with the word "Watch!" The Lord encourage us to not sleep through the opportunities life gives us to discover God in our lives and in the lives of others. To "watch" is to pay attention to the signs of God's presence in our lives, to live life expectantly as a gift from God. This is what our lives are, an Advent, a prelude, to the life of God to come. Let's pay attention to this time of Advent and have an encounter with our Lord. Do not get distracted with Christmas season yet. We are heading there, but in the mind time stay watchful and let us journey together to the coming of our Lord and Savior. In a different note, December the 8th is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America and it is a Holy Day of obligation. Come and celebrate with us this Marian Feast, because all of this is all about Mary!

Fr. Alex Ureña

Help make Tamales for Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration! December 12th from 8:00 am until done! Bring your favorite filling to fill the tamales. Masa and hojas will be supplied. Contact Isela Alvarez at [575-640-3759](tel:575-640-3759) or Emma Armendariz at [575-405-9524](tel:575-405-9524).

December 8th

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Holy Day Masses are at 12:10pm and 5:30pm.

Please sign your name on the sign-up sheets out  
in the Hall. Thank you



The Parish Advent Reconciliation Service  
will be held on December 5th at 7:00 pm.

**There will not be a 5:30 pm  
Mass on this day.**

In three four weeks we will be decorating  
our Sanctuary for Christmas. Please  
consider making a \$10.00 Poinsettia  
donation in remembrance of someone or in  
honor of someone. Complete the form  
below and return it, along with the donation to the office  
or place it in an envelope in the collection basket.  
Thank You!



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**Dear Parishioners, beginning December 1, 2017,  
St. Albert the Great will be offering daily and weekend  
mass INTENTIONS for our Parishioners. The MASS  
STIPEND will be \$10.00 per mass.**

## Gift Shop



The Gift Shop has a wonderful new soft  
cover booklet called ***The Blue Book***. The book contains  
six-minute reflections on the Infancy Narrative  
of Matthew. The book invites the reader to spend just 6  
minutes a day in prayerful reflection for the next 37  
days - 22 days of the Advent Season and the 15 days of the  
Christmas season to the Lord. Stop by the Gift Shop and  
check it out.

## 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.,  
PFC Joseph Chavira, PFC Gino Benedetti, SPC Vincent Chavira,  
SPC Jesus Navarro, SPC Vincent Fresquez Sr., SSG John Troy,  
SSG 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.

Dear Newman Community,

This week is finals week for our friends at NMSU and DACC. Please join me in keeping them in prayer- that students would be diligent in their studying, faculty generous in their grading, and staff steadfast in their service!

We are offering a couple of great Finals Relief opportunities for students this week. Please share with any students who could benefit!

### **This Weekend at Mass- Finals Relief Bags**

Fuel up with a bag of treats and prayer.

### **Monday at 8pm- Taize Prayer & Breakfast**

Peaceful, meditative prayer followed by breakfast

### **Monday and Tuesday til Midnight- Study Nights at Casa Amistad**

Yes, we'll have plenty of coffee and more snacks!

### **Thursday at 6:30pm- Christmas Party**

With a White Elephant gift exchange, \$5-15 value gifts please.

Peace, Mona

### **Blessing of Brains**

May God our Creator,  
the One who brought order out of chaos,  
bring order and productivity to your work.

May Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
the one who brings us peace beyond understanding,  
bring you calmness and serenity

in the midst of stress.

May the Holy Spirit our Sanctifier,  
the Spirit of Wisdom,  
fill you with insight  
and guide you in your study  
and in all your examinations.

And may Almighty God bless you,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Faith Formation**

Religious Ed classes resume this  
Sunday/Monday and will meet for  
the next three weeks.

The next break will be for the Christ-  
mas/New Year's Holidays: December  
24/25 and January 1/2.



All youth, grades 6-12 are invited to participate in our Youth Ministry. The following days and times are when classes will be offered for Confirmation prep/ Youth Ministry:

Grades 6 & 7 - Tuesdays: 6:30 to 8:00 pm  
Grades 8 & 9 - Sundays: 3:30p to 5:00 pm  
Grades 10 & 11- Sundays: 5:30 to 7:00 pm

### **Youth Nights:**

Middle School (6-8): Tues. Nights @6:30  
High School (9-12): Wed. Nights @7:00-9:00

### **Christmas pageant**

It's beginning to look a lot like.....

Christmas pageant time!!

The annual Christmas pageant will take place on Sunday, December 24th at 3:30 pm. Children of all grade levels are welcome to participate. Volunteers to assist with rehearsal, costumes and the pageant presentation are also welcome. If you and/or your child are interested in participating, contact Regina Melendrez at [regina@stalbertnewmancenter.org](mailto:regina@stalbertnewmancenter.org).

Pageant Rehearsal dates:

December 17th - 2: 15 pm

December 23rd—2:15 pm

### **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 in January.

**ST. ALBERT'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

**COLLECTIONS – 2017:**

**November 18/19, 2017**

Sunday Collection:	\$10,008.34
E-Giving:	\$ 1,362.13
La Bodega:	\$ 780.00
Received in the Office	\$ 328.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,478.47</b>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:**

***Campaign for Human Development Sunday Collection:***

	\$ 1,668.56
E-Giving:	\$ 10.00

**November 25/26, 2017**

Sunday Collection:	\$ 6,076.20
E-Giving:	\$ 1,445.00
Received in the Office	\$ 3,645.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$11,166.10</b>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:**

E-Giving:	
Campaign for Human Dev:	\$40.00
Retirement Funds:	\$35.00

**UNITED IN MINISTRY – 2017 (as of 11/09/2017):**

Goal:	\$ 92,998.48
Pledged:	\$ 92,697.49
Received:	\$ 75,185.75
Balance Due:	\$ 17,812.73
Donors:	182

**Second Collection**



**Help care for elders.** “Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders,” writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

Please include these people and their families in your prayers that they may experience Christ’ 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,  
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

***Homebound***

**Bertha Banegas, Alfredo & Erlinda Moreno,  
Rocio Edmondson, Charles & Mary Miller,  
Gina Gomez, KC & Virginia Stevens,  
Willemina Paupaw, Priscilla Daneliak, Lorraine Schulte,  
Martina Garcia, Samuel Portillo, Herlinda Apodaca,  
Bernarda Gamboa, Robert Santistevan, Janet Mills,  
Beatrice Aguilera, Lee & Barbara Sandoval,  
Katherine Hooley, Eddie & Gloria Carrillo,**

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

7:30 pm - Student Mass

8:30 pm - After Mass

### **Monday**

5:10 pm - Evening Prayer

5:30 pm - Daily Mass

8:00 pm - Taize Prayer & Breakfast (Campus Ministry)

### **Tuesday**

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

5:10 pm - Evening Prayer

5:30 pm - Daily Mass

### **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 - Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00 pm - Christmas Party (Campus Ministry)

### **Friday**

5:10 pm - Evening Prayer

5:30 pm- Daily Mass

### **Saturday (NMSU Graduation)**

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 3, 2017**

**Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37

**Monday:** Is 11:1-10/ Lk 10:21-24

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/ Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/ Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/ Mt 7:21,24-27

**Friday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/ Ps 98:1-4/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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