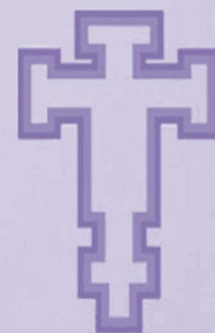




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Sunday, December 4, 2016 + Second Sunday of Advent

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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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 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@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



Bring your manger baby Jesus to be blessed at Baminelli Sunday Masses December 10 & 11

Children have Christmas Shopping on Dec 12 & 13 during class time.

Christmas Party on Dec 19 & 20 Parents are asked to bring refreshments for their child's class.



Children in RCIA Santos & Eliseo Rodriguez and Ryanna Ulloa

Schedules are available. For Confirmation Calendars please ask teachers.

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.



December 8th:

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On this day we celebrate the example Mary has given us in her graceful openness to God's will. Through Mary's "yes" to God and the mystery of Gabriel's announcement she shows us how to trust God even when we do not understand or know where He is leading us.

Holy Day Masses are at 12:10pm and 5:30pm.

Second Collection Retirement Fund of Religious

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

Note from the Pope

Words of Wisdom from Pope Francis

"I think that some of you might ask me: "Father, but I have many doubts about the faith; what should I do?"

Don't you ever have doubts?". I have many....

Of course, everyone has doubts at times! Doubts which touch the faith, in a positive way, are a sign that we want to know better and more fully God, Jesus, and the mystery of his love for us. "Still, I have this doubt: I seek, I study, I consult or ask advice about what to do". These are doubts which bring about growth! It is good, therefore, that we ask questions about our faith, because in this way we are pushed to deepen it."

-General Audience, November 23, 2016

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) :

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How Many: _____

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From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Lord,

Through the darkness, I look for our wisdom.

I want my heart to be open to you.

But sometimes in these days, it seems that so many things come between us.

Help me to be awake and aware of the radiance you bring to my life.

Help me to be grateful each day for the blessings of family and friends.

Let me be a peacemaker in my own life, and in the world.

Let me pray especially for this difficult world and those who are so in need of an end to violence.

My heart begs for this as my Advent prayer today.

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 rady, 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.

Youth Ministry



Come Join Us!!

Middle School youth nights are Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Alumni Room. High School youth nights are Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Alumni Room.

For more information call or email Carlos Briseño

[575-522-6202](tel:575-522-6202)

carlos@stalbertnewmancenter.org

NMSU Catholic Campus Ministry

"Do not be afraid to bring Christ into every area of your life."

-Pope Francis

Dear Newman Community,

It's hard to believe it's already here- the end of another semester! Please keep all students, faculty and staff in prayer as they gear up for finals week. We will be hosting a couple of different finals week activities to help relieve some stress...

Monday at 8pm we'll encourage students to take a break from studying for Taize prayer (think quiet, meditative prayer) and breakfast at Newman. Thursday at 12:10pm at the NMSU Spiritual Center we will have a Holy Day Mass on Campus for the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. Thursday at 7pm we will have our Newman Christmas party featuring lots of food and the ever popular White Elephant gift exchange.

Please also keep in thought and prayer all students graduating next Saturday. We are excited to join our graduates in celebrating your accomplishment with Mass and a special recognition this Sunday, December 4 at 7:30pm. Students, feel free to invite your family and friends to join us for Mass followed by a simple reception.

Peace,
Mona

Prayer Before An Exam

*Dear Lord, as I take this exam,
I thank you that my value
Is not based on my performance
But on your great love for me.
Come into my heart so that we can walk
through this time together.
Help me, not only with this test,
But the many tests of life that are sure to
come my way.
As I take this exam, bring back to my mind
everything I studied and be gracious with
what I have overlooked.
Help me to remain focused and calm,
Confident in the facts and in my ability,
And firm in the knowledge that no matter
what happens today you are there with me.
Amen.*

ST. ALBERT'S FINANCIAL REPORT**COLLECTIONS - 2016:****November 19 & 20, 2016:**

Envelopes/Loose Change:	\$ 1,687.98
Loose Checks:	\$ 3,209.50
Envelope Checks:	\$ 3,590.00
E-Giving:	\$ <u>2,009.26</u>
TOTAL:	\$10,496.74

Received in Office:

Sunday Collection:	\$ 86.00
Maintenance Fund:	\$ 35.00
La Bodega:	\$ 25.00
TOTAL:	\$ 146.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT:	\$10,642.74
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Second Collection -**Campaign for Human Development**

Loose Change:	\$ 987.88
Loose Checks:	\$ 315.00
Envelope Checks:	\$ 760.00
E-Giving:	\$ <u>80.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 2,142.88

UNITED IN MINISTRY (OCTOBER):

Goal:	\$80,396.06
Total Pledged:	\$75,942.00
Payments Received:	\$63,472.54
Deficit:	(\$16,923.52)
# Donors:	119

November 26/27, 2016:

Envelopes/Loose Change:	\$1,856.30
Loose Checks:	\$2,742.00
Envelope Checks:	\$2,355.00
E-Giving:	\$ <u>1,820.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$8,773.30

Second Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious

E-Giving	\$ 65.00
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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, Matthew Benton, Susan Benton, Matt Bridges, Miranda Thomas, Zachary Simione, Don Medina, Joe Harbeck, Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, Gina McFeely, Frank Gonzales Jr. , Raymond Barreras

If you or your loved one is/are in need of payer, 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
5:00 pm - Conf. I Class
5:00 pm - 6-8th RE Class
6:00 pm - Conf. III Class
7:30 pm - Grad Mass & Reception

Monday

4:00 pm - K-5th Grades Rel. Ed Classes
5:10 pm - Evening Prayer
5:30 pm - Daily Mass
6:30 pm - K-6th Grade Rel. Ed Classes
8:00 pm - Taize & Breakfast (Campus Ministry)

Tuesday

4:00 pm - 1-4th Grade Rel. Ed 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 Group

Thursday

Holy Day: Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary
5:10 pm - Evening Prayer
5:30 pm - Daily Mass
6:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 pm - Newman Social Ministry Planning
6:30 pm - Youth Group Meeting
7:00 pm - Christmas Party (Campus Ministry)

Friday

5:30 pm - Daily Mass (Anointing of the Sick)

Saturday

NMSU Graduation
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.

**Readings for the Week
December 4, 2016**

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Rom 15:4-9/ Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Is 35:1-10/ Ps 85:9-14/ Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/ Ps 96:1-3, 10-13/ Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/ Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/ Mt 11:28-30

Eph 3:8-12/ Jn 10:11-16

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/ Ps 98:1-4/ Eph1:3-6, 11-12

Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/ Ps 1:1-4, 6/ Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/ Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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