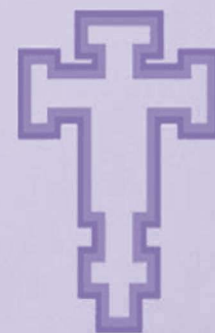




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Sunday, March 19, 2017 + Third Sunday of Lent

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*



NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES MARCH 19,20,21. CLASSES RESUME MARCH 26,27,28

Children in RCIA

Santos & Eliseo Rodriguez, Jacob Gomez and Mia Bellamy

Please pray for them and our adults entering the Church at Easter Vigil



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 or those who wish to become members of the Church, Please

Second Collection Next Week

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise.**



Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
2017**

June 19-23

\$20 per participant

Register after Masses on:

May 20-21



Diocesan Chrism Mass

The 2017 Chrism Mass will be held on Tuesday, April 4th at 5:30pm at our Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Seating is limited, but all are welcome. Please pray for our diocesan priests renewing their priestly promises during the Mass, and also for our parish representatives receiving the Holy Oils for our parish to use throughout the year.

**There will not be a
5:30pm Mass at
Newman.**



Note from the Pope

Words of Wisdom from Pope Francis

"This is the dynamic of Lent: Christ precedes us with his exodus, and we cross the desert thanks to Him and behind Him. He is tempted for us, and has defeated the Tempter for us, but we too must face temptations with Him and overcome them. He gives us the living water of his Spirit, and it is up to us to draw from his font and drink, in the Sacraments, in prayer, in adoration; He is the light which conquers darkness, and we are asked to keep alight the little flame that was entrusted to us on the day of our baptism."

-Ash Wednesday Message, March 1, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk



Hello, friends:

As some of you know I was on a week-long discernment retreat with the Augustinian's last week. I met the other two pre-novices, Tom and Spencer, who I'll be living with for a year. Our spiritual director, Fr. Jim, an 87 year old friar, who lives very much in the spirit of Pope Francis led the retreat. The charism of the OSA's (Order of St. Augustine) is community; so everything, their way of life, is centered on fostering an authentic and genuine community life. The friars are very intentional in what they do in common: eat, pray and work. I discovered that they aren't rushed in anything that they do, whether that's praying before the Blessed Sacrament or simply spending quality time at the dinner table, conversing and creating a playful banter that St. Augustine encourages in his rule. The retreat experience was very encouraging and affirming; thanks for all of your prayers and know that you all were in my prayers as well.

Fr. Emmanuel and I will be away for the weekend as we had previously scheduled a priest from Food for the Poor to cover the masses. The parish has been generous in its support of this initiative; if you're able please consider making a donation to this very important ministry.

I'd like to offer my thanks to all of you who have already made a contribution to our Lenten Almsgiving project or have taken a shopping list home. We're really excited about the great possibilities that we have to share our resources with those who are less fortunate.

I know I told you that I'd write about the last of the Lenten pillars, that of fasting, but I'll wait to do that next week!

6th-12th grade! You're invited to come join us for youth nights! Middle School Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. High School Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.



Want Youth Ministry news and reminders? Text the message below to the number 81010

For High School: @stalbertym

For Middle School: @tinysaints

If you would like to volunteer with youth ministry, email Carlos Briseno 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.

NAVY-USMC

Lt Kenneth Pasone, Lt James Michael
MGySgt Ron Talamantes,
SSg Sam Cruz, Cpl Joseph Michael,
Cpl Vincent A. De Piazza, PVC Joseph De Piazza
LCpl Matthew A. Syner
Maj. Travis J. Covey

*Each week a new military branch will be honored.
Please let us know if you know of anyone serving,*

NMSU Catholic Campus Ministry

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

Greetings!

The initial response to our Lenten Almsgiving efforts has been positive. Well over 500 shopping list handouts have been taken, and several food distributions have already been dropped off. Our goal is to provide 250 food distributions at the Newman Foodshare event on April 29th. This is a one-day event where clients and volunteers will come together for a festive community gathering. The food items collected over the Lenten season will be distributed, hot dogs will be served by Newman's Knights of Columbus council, local social service agencies will be invited to share information with the clients. Mark your calendars so you can be a part of this event! Given the generous spirit of our parish, we anticipate receiving items beyond our goal. These items will be shared with La Bodega and the Aggie Cupboard. Both of these food pantries provide emergency food assistance to our community.

La Bodega is our parish food pantry. Several volunteers serve year-round in this ministry, responding to Jesus' words to reach out to those in need, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." La Bodega distributes food on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month to about 90 families per month, or about 1,080 distributions a year! Families are able to receive a food emergency distribution (about 25 items) once a month. La Bodega is staffed and supported year round by Newman parishioners.

If you bring in your items for the Foodshare event during the weekend Masses, place them near the Almsgiving display wall, donations for La Bodega are to be placed on the rolling cart near the Lunch Bunch counter. If you have some spare time to offer, we can use some help after all the weekend Masses to carry the food items from the church over to Casa A for storage. We will also sort through donations on Tuesdays from 3 to 4pm. If you are able to help, contact me via email at sal@stalbertnewmancenter.org. Thanks! *Sal*

ST. ALBERT'S FINANCIAL REPORT

COLLECTIONS – 2017

March 11/12, 2017

Envelopes/Loose Currency:	\$2,090.51
Loose Checks:	\$2,349.00
Envelope Checks:	\$3,146.00
E-Giving:	\$ 994.13
TOTAL:	\$ 8,579.64

Received in the Office

Sunday Collection:	\$2,675.00
Maintenance:	\$281.00
La Bodega:	\$350.00
Flowers:	\$45.00
R.E. Donations:	\$50.00
TOTAL:	\$ 3,401.00

2nd Collection: Black & Indian Mission

E-giving:	\$50.00
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UNITED IN MINISTRY - 2017

Goal:	\$92,998.48
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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.**



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, Larry Hill, Marie Tighe, Ruben Martinez, Freddy Rodriguez, Monica Dominguez, Teresa Rementer, David Garza, Raymond Telles, Matt Bridges, Miranda Thomas, Zachary Simione, Don Medina, Joe Harbeck, Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, Gina McFeely, Joan Jacinto, Frank Gonzales Jr. , Raymond Barreras, Gloria Newton

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, 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 – Sat at 7:00 am at The Bridge

Sunday

8:30 am - Mass

11:00 am - Mass

No R.E Classes

7:30 pm - Student Mass

Monday

Spring Break

5:10 pm Evening Prayer

5:30 pm Daily Mass

Tuesday

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

5:10 pm - Evening Prayer

5:30 pm - Daily Mass

6:00 pm - Rosary for Families

6:30 pm - Youth Group Meeting

Friday

5:30 pm - Daily Mass

6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

6:30pm - Soup Supper

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

March 19, 2017

Sunday: 28:Ex 17:30-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9, Jn 4:5-42

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a,16/ Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

Rom 4:13, 16-18,22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Tuesday: Dn 3:25,34-43/Ps 25:4-9 Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/ Ps 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/ Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 114:2-10 /Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17

Mk 12:28- 34

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 /Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

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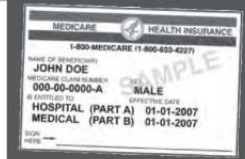


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