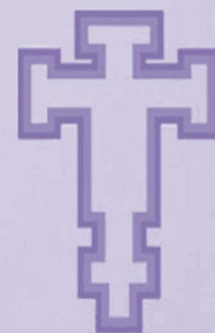




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Sunday, March 5, 2017 + First Sunday of Lent

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.

Parish Staff

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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

Reconciliation will be March 7th this Tuesday all First Communion children are urged to attend.

FC parents' meetings will be during class.

RE Calendars are available at the office.

For Confirmation Calendars please ask teachers

Children in RCIA
Santos & Eliseo Rodriguez
and
Mia Bellamy
*The Rite of Election for
Catechumens
and Candidates of the
Diocese will be
4pm today at IHM

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

Lent is a "powerful" season, a turning point that can foster change and conversion in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better... Lent is to be lived as a time of conversion, as a time of renewal for individuals and communities, by drawing close to God and by trustfully adhering to the Gospel. In this way, it also allows us to look with new eyes at our brothers and sisters and their needs. That is why Lent is a favourable time to convert to the love of God and neighbour; a love that knows how to make its own the Lord's attitude of gratuitousness and mercy

-General Audience, Ash Wednesday 2014

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:

- tuna
- pasta sauce
- hamburger helper
- cake mix
- tomato sauce
- canned vegetables
- flour
- beans
- macaroni & cheese



**LENTEN
RECONCILIATION**
Please join us for our
Lenten Reconciliation on
Tuesday

March 7, at 7:00 pm.

We will have 7 priests
to assist you.

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

Second Collection



Today, our parish will take up the 134th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection help build the Church in African America, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast. Schools, parish religious Education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your Support.

Threads of Prayer

Do you crochet or knit? Our Threads of Prayer Ministry donates blankets/shawls to those in need of comfort, a hug, or spiritual healing. This ministry needs your help to make these blankets and shawls. Would you be willing to join the wonderful ladies in this ministry? If so, please contact the office with your name and phone number.



From the Pastor's Desk



Dear friends,

Welcome to the Lenten season! Ash Wednesday is the official beginning to this season in which we are called to observe the traditional pillars of the Lenten journey; they are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I'd like to offer a couple of practical suggestions for each, as a way to better engage this very short pilgrimage to Easter.

Prayer is sometimes daunting and overwhelming, even as much as we desire to pray more or better, it's elusive and can lead to frustration. I might suggest daily mass and Stations of the Cross as a way to enter into the mystery of prayer. The mass is the best prayer of the church; it's familiar and isn't that difficult to try and make daily mass once or twice a week. The Stations of the Cross offer us a pattern; we're able to walk and watch Jesus as he makes his way to the cross, but we're reminded that it doesn't end at the cross. We're invited to walk with Jesus to the glory of His resurrection on Easter Sunday. I'll talk about almsgiving and fasting next weekend.

Please keep me in your prayers. I'll be leaving on Thursday, March 2, for a week long discernment retreat at the formation house that's housed very near Villanova. I'll be joining the others who will form the novitiate class that officially begins on August 15, 2017. I'll be joining the Midwest province, which is named after Our Mother of Good Counsel.

Msgr. John Anderson is offering a six week Lenten series that will follow the Friday Stations of the Cross during the soup supper. If you're able please plan on attending the series; I'm sure that he'll offer a great perspective on the ministry of Jesus.

Fr. Ray

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.

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 Standish, MAJ Sean Dixon,
LTC James Brady, LTC Edward Brady, LTC Greg Grusenmeyer,
MAJ Nicolas Thompson, CPT Robert Freyou

*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.*

NMSU Catholic Campus Ministry

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

Greetings!

Aggie Awakening X preparations are underway! It is hard to believe that we are working on the tenth Aggie Awakening. The first one happened in Fall 2012! We began the process of building up AA with a small head staff, with Ivan Torres, Carmen Duran, and Carlos Briseno directing thirteen other student staff members. This semester, Javyn Sillas, Justine Del Castillo, Dante Avalos, Andrew Dominguez and Tori Null are serving as AA X's head staff. They have already had several meetings, including an all staff meeting with the other twenty seven students who will serve on the different supporting staffs. One of the many blessings of the Awakening experience is the enthusiasm participants exhibit in their eagerness to serve on subsequent Awakening staffs. The initial retreat experience is a very formative spiritual experience which is built upon as the students serve in the various staff roles.



We will gather again at Holy Cross Retreat Center for AA X on April 8, 9 and 10. If you are a student who has yet to experience Aggie Awakening, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining us! I promise this experience of the ever-present, unconditional love of God through prayer, community, music, and Sacrament will be a highlight of your Lenten journey. Justine will be happy to get you registered, you can email her at justinedeldas-tillo23@gmail.com. If you aren't a student, but know a few, encourage them to sign up! And of course, please keep the staff and retreatants in your prayers!

Peace, Sal

ST. ALBERT'S FINANCIAL REPORT

COLLECTIONS – 2017:

February 25/26, 2017 :

Envelopes/Loose Currency:	\$ 1, 855.65
Loose Checks:	\$ 2, 786.00
Envelope Checks:	\$ 3, 595.00
E-Giving:	<u>\$ 1, 517.13</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 9, 753.78

Received in the Office:

Sunday Collection:	\$ 135.00
Maintenance:	\$ 15.00
Bible Study:	\$ 31.00
Building Fund (Wachtel)	\$ 255.00
R.E. Donations:	\$ 111.00
TOTAL:	\$ 547.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT:	<u>\$10, 300.78</u>

2nd Collection: Black & Indian Mission

E-giving:	\$ 90.00
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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.

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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' 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 Simone, 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 – 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 - Student Mass
8:30 pm - After Mass Social (Campus Ministry)

Monday

4:00 pm - K-5th Grades Rel. Ed Classes
5:30 pm - Daily Mass
6:30 pm - K-6th Grade Rel. Ed Classes

Tuesday

12:10 pm - Mass on Campus (NMSU) Spiritual Center
4:00 pm - 1-4th Grade Rel. Ed Classes
5:10 pm - Evening Prayer
5:30 pm - Daily Mass
7:00 pm - Lenten Reconciliation

Wednesday

4:45 pm - Praise & Worship (Campus Ministry)
5:10 pm - Evening Prayer
5:30 pm - Daily Mass
5:30 pm - Midweek Mass & Dinner
6:30 pm - Divine Mercy Cenacle Group

Thursday

1:00 pm - La Bodega Distribution
5:10 pm - Evening Prayer
5:30 pm - Daily Mass
6:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30 pm - Youth Group Meeting
7:30 pm - Newman Nights (Campus Ministry)

Friday

5:30 pm - Daily Mass
6:00 pm - Station of the Crosses/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 5, 2017**

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/ Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
2 Tm 1:8b –10/ Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/ Ps 79:8-9, 11 13/ Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/ Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/ Ps 31:5-6, 14-16
Lk 16:19-31

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/ Ps 1:1-4, 6/ Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Ps 103:16-21
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/ Ps 103: 1-4, 9-12
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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