



# ST. ALBERT THE GREAT NEWMAN CENTER



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### Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017 The Transfiguration Of The Lord

#### **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

Phone: (575) 522-6202 Fax: (575) 521-3453

#### **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 Pastors Desk



Hello,

I can't believe it that this is my 5th week already here. During this time of transition for you and for me, I have been working together with the parish staff and the different councils on how to continue serving you well. Thank you for your patience. Last Sunday, some parishioners and friends accompanied me on a camping trip to Cloudcroft. It was a small group of us, but we all enjoy it very much. In particular this trip brought to mind some passages from the gospel where Jesus goes to the mountain to pray, especially this Sunday reading of the "Transfiguration of the Lord." There we hear that a voice from the cloud tells Peter, James and John to "listen" to Jesus. This is what I try to do when I am in the mountains, to listen to the soft whisper of God through the sounds of nature. Here is a picture from some of the ones who attended this camping trip.



### Second Collection

We will be having a special diocesan collection this weekend for Catholic Charities of the Southern New Mexico. Catholic Charities of the Southern New Mexico (CCSNM) is a social outreach ministry which provides emergency financial assistance to the poor, low cost citizenship and immigration legal services, and referrals for other legal matters and social services.

Thanks for your support!

*This Weekend's flowers are  
in celebration of Agapita Fajar  
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### Note from the Pope

*Words of Wisdom from Pope Francis*

"On the lips of the catechist the first proclamation must ring out over and over: "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you."

— [Pope Francis](#), [Evangelii Gaudium](#):

[The Joy of the Gospel](#)

Does your marriage need a little maintenance?

All marriages do. If you are interested in learning ways to spruce up your marriage and communication a Worldwide Marriage



Encounter is waiting for you! We will be hosting a Las Cruces weekend August 25, 26, 27, 2017. Please call Michael & Roxanne Ogas at 575-313-4963 for more information. The weekend will be held at Comfort Inn on Telshor. Begins on Friday 7:00 pm and will end on Sunday 4:00 after mass. Please register ASAP @[www.elpasonewmexicowwme.org](http://www.elpasonewmexicowwme.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.

#### Navy— USMC

Lt Kenneth Pasone, Lt James Michael, SSgt Sam Cruz, MGyst Ron Talamantes, Cpl Joseph Michael, Cpl Vincent A. De Piazza, PVC Joseph De Piazza,

Each week a new military branch will be honored. 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*

Dear Newman Community,

Greetings from Boston! I am feeling so grateful as I write to you from the campus of Boston College. I am here taking a professional development course so I can be renewed and continue to grow in my service to our wonderful community at the Newman Center. (Thank you to Fr. Alex and Sal who have been supportive in my taking time for this professional development). The course I am taking is titled "All Shall Be Well" and is focused on cultivating a theology of joy that leads to human flourishing. It has been incredible. We are reading about and discussing questions like: What brings true Christian joy? How is gratitude connected to joy? How can we learn to intentionally respond rather than simply react to the circumstances in life? What is God's vision for a human fully alive? I am looking forward to sharing more about the experience when I return home. I suspect that, as with most profound learning experiences, it will seep into all that I do and am, especially my ministry with you all. In the mean time, I invite you to take a few minutes to reflect on one of my favorite quotes from one of my class readings, Pope Francis's *The Joy of the Gospel*.

Joyful blessings,

Mona

-Pope Francis in *The Joy of the Gospel*

## Faith Formation



All youth, grades 6-12 are encouraged to register as soon as possible. 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 p

Grades 10 & 11- Sundays: 5:30 to 7:00 pm

### **Call for Catechists and Catechist Aides to Pass On the Good News!**

What good news? – The Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! This fall, over 300 children and young people, preschool through grade 12, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. If interested or for more information, contact Regina, Children's Ministry Coordinator (K-5) [regina@stalbertnewmancenter.org](mailto:regina@stalbertnewmancenter.org) or Carlos, Youth Minister (6-12) at [carlos@stalbertnewmancenter.org](mailto:carlos@stalbertnewmancenter.org) or call the parish office, 575-522-6202.

#### **"Thirsting for God?"**

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation & Communion? They may be thirsting too!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. Weekly "no obligation" inquiry sessions start September 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Sal at [sal@stalbertnewmancenter.org](mailto:sal@stalbertnewmancenter.org).

*"However dark things are, goodness always re-emerges and spreads. Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history."*

Newman Community,

As we gear up for another year of Religious Education, we are looking forward to a grace filled and successful year as we share with you in this important ministry!

Here's a quick recap on the changes that have occurred over the summer months. After many years serving the parish as the Director of Religious Education, Sister Nancy has retired. I, Sal Melendrez will now be serving as Director of Faith Formation and Regina Melendrez will serve as Coordinator of Children's Ministry (K-5 religious education). Together, with Fr. Alex we will support and assist parent's and guardians efforts to meet the promises made at baptism to hand on the precious gift of faith. In order to best meet the needs of as many families as possible, and for Fr. Alex to be an integral part of your child's faith formation, we have made some adjustments to our class schedule:

- Sunday-9:45-10:45, K-5
- Sunday-1:00-2:00, K-5
- Monday-4:00-5:00 1-5
- Monday – 6:00-7:00, 1-5 (this is a conditional session, dependent on additional catechists and number of registered students. If you are interested in this time, we ask that you also indicate a second session that can work for you. If you, or someone you know is interested in serving as a catechist for this session, please share contact information. We will make the decision on this session by the 25th of August).

Please review the new class schedules in preparation for open registration which will begin next weekend, August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. We are not currently taking new registrations in order to allow all those who have pre-registered to sign up for new class times. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me via email, [sal@stalbertnewmancenter.org](mailto:sal@stalbertnewmancenter.org) or at the parish office, 522-6202.

Peace.  
Sal Melendrez,

**ST. ALBERT'S FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**COLLECTIONS – 2017:**

**July 29/30, 2017**

Envelopes/Loose Currency:	\$ 1,308.00
Loose Checks:	\$ 2,652.00
Envelope Checks:	\$ 2,645.00
E-Giving:	<u>\$ 1,512.13</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 8,117.13
<b>Received in the Office:</b>	
Sunday Collection:	\$ 745.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 753.00
E-Giving – La Bodega:	\$ 70.00
TOTAL:	<u>\$ 1,568.00</u>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Catholic Charities of Southern NM**

**E-Giving: \$ 10.00**

**UNITED IN MINISTRY – 2017 (as of 07/07/17):**

Goal:	\$ 92,998.48
Pledged:	\$ 81,857.49
Received:	\$ 50,601.75
Balance Due:	\$ 42,396.73
Donors:	170

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,  
Freddy Rodriguez, Monica Dominguez,  
David Garza, Raymond Telles, Matt Bridges,  
Don Medina, Joe Harbeck, Gina McFeely, Joan Jacinto,  
Frank Gonzales Jr., Raymond Barreras, Gloria Newton,  
Ed Schoonover, Leticia Baskette, Jose Rodriguez

***Homebound***

**Bertha Banegas, Alfredo & Erlinda Moreno,  
Rocio Edmondson, Charles & Mary Miller, Gina Gomez,  
KC & Virginia Stevens, Willemina Paupaw,  
Priscilla Daneliak, Lorraine Schulte, Martina Garcia,  
Herlinda Apodaca, Bernarda Gamboa,  
Robert Santistevan, Janet Mills, Beatrice Aguilera**

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

### **Monday**

5:10pm - 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 Intention of the Parish

6:00 pm - Ministry Planning Mtg.

6:30 pm - Youth Group Meeting

### **Friday**

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

### **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**

**August 6, 2017**

**Sunday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/ Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/ 2Pt 1:16-19/ Mt 17:1-9

**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15/ Ps 81:1:12-17

Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13/ Ps 51:3-7, 12-13

Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2,25—14:1,26-29a,34-35

Ps 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23/ Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/ Ps 112:1-2,5-9

Jn 12:24-26

**Friday:** Dt 4:32-40/ Ps 77:12-16, 21

Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13/ Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51

Mt 17:14-20



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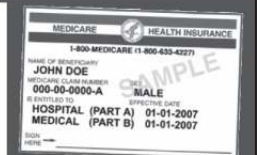
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