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May 4, 2025
3rd Sunday of Easter

NEWMAN CENTER



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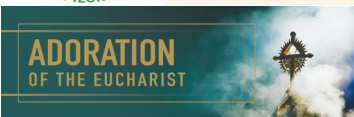
Mass Schedule:

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Monday: 5:30 pm
Tuesday: 8:30 am
Wednesday: 5:30 pm
Thursday: 5:30 pm
Friday: 5:30 pm
Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9 am,
11 am, 7 pm



Jubilee Site



Thursdays after Daily Mass.



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CATHOLIC

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THE WITNESSES OF WHAT MAKES NO SENSE

It never fails to amuse me that the disciples in today's Gospel don't recognize Jesus until He asks them to do something that makes absolutely no logical sense.

He's just some random stranger on the shore — until He gives them an order that, in any other circumstances, would have them rolling their eyes into the backs of their head: Drop the nets again. I know you haven't caught anything all night. I know you're tired. Just do it one more time. Trust me. Again.

That's when they recognize Him.

The disciples display such poor recognition of Jesus after the resurrection. I'm sure there's a good, theologically sound reason for it, one I am not smart enough to explain. Whatever that reason is, it's very clear that God was carefully orchestrating these moments of realization. He is trying to tell us something about how we recognize the risen Christ — the one who has conquered sin, the one whose love was stronger than death. The one who never made any sense, and never will, because His kingdom is not of this world, and to understand Him — to recognize Him — you have to detach from the priorities, the expectations, the limitations of this present world.

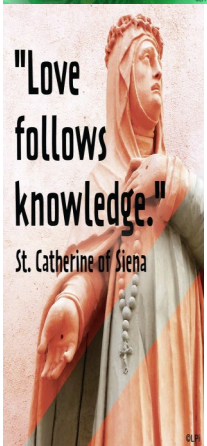
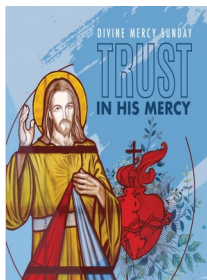
You have to be willing to do what makes no sense.

Love — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

"We are the witnesses of these things," Peter tells the Sanhedrin (Acts 5:32). Peter, who was so full of joy when he recognized Jesus that he leapt into the sea, fully clothed, desperate to be near Him.

It makes no sense, and that's okay. That's kind of our whole thing, as Christians. We are the witnesses of the things that make no sense.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKLY READINGS

- Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/ Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/ Rv 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/ Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/ Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab/ Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a/ Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/ Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1b-2/ Jn 6:52-59
- Next Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52/ Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/ Rv 7:9, 14b-17/ Jn 10:27-30

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 4, 2025

- Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter
- Monday: Cinco de Mayo
- Saturday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
- Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day

BIBLE/ DOCTRINAL STUDY

Join us for Bible/Doctrinal Study on Tuesday evenings in the St. Thomas Aquinas room beginning at 6 pm.
 If you are interested in joining online, please call the parish office so that you can be sent the Zoom Meeting invitation.
 May God bless you and enlighten you as you come.

DOMINICAN LAITY

The Dominican Laity group will meet over Zoom on Sunday, May 18, at 1 pm. Please contact Derek Leimel, OP for information.
 You are invited to check out the Dominican Laity's website at <https://dominicanlaityriverside.org/> and their weekly updated blog at <https://oplrivblog.wordpress.com>.

SANC BOOK CLUB— WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

The Newman Center Book Club will be discussing the novel, "Zero Stars: Do Not Recommend" by M J Wassmer.

Everyone is welcomed to attend the meeting held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 7 pm in the Saint Catherine of Siena room.

DID YOU KNOW?

Catholics celebrate 50 days of Easter! This special liturgical season is called Eastertide or Paschaltide. It starts on Easter Sunday and ends on Pentecost Sunday —seven Sundays in all!

During Eastertide, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Each Sunday of the season can be treated as an Easter Sunday —making this time period one large joyful feast!



Saturday	5 - 3	5:30 PM Maurice Buehny (+)
Sunday	5 - 4	7:30 AM Pro Populo
		9 AM Josephine Guzzetta (+)
		11 AM Jennifer Rivera (Health & Healing)
		7 PM Antonio Albay (+)
Monday	5 - 5	5:30 PM Bernarda Toledo (+)
Tuesday	5 - 6	8:30 AM Jennifer Rivera (Health & Healing)
Wednesday	5 - 7	5:30 PM Jennifer Rivera (Health & Healing)
Thursday	5 - 8	5:30 PM Jennifer Rivera (Health & Healing)
Friday	5 - 9	5:30 PM Jennifer Rivera (Health & Healing)



OPPORTUNITIES TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient. When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age. ~ from the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*

The Newman Center will be offering the Sacrament of Healing on the last Saturday or Sunday of the month. If you or a family member would like to get an anointing, please attend the 7 pm Mass on Sunday, May 4, and receive this powerful healing sacrament once the Mass has ended.

YOU ARE CHOSEN TO COLLABORATE WITH THE BODY OF CHRIST!

The Newman Center's unique ministry with students from local colleges makes this particular parish vibrant with diversity, culture, and tradition. Come and experience ministry in exciting new ways—whether it's supporting the college students with financial assistance to go on retreats, providing food security to those who are in need, or by collaborating with the community in parish-wide activities and events.

Currently, the choirs are looking for registered individuals who would like to join. Please speak with a Music Director after the Mass you wish to sing with. Additionally, the Homebound Ministry is still recruiting for members who feel called to served those who are unable to leave their homes by taking the Eucharist to the Homebound. For more information, please contact Sian Ormsby at sianro@att.net.

2025 DDF

The 2025 Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) Goal has been released! The Newman Center’s goal is to raise \$30,800 this year. We appreciate the seven families and anonymous contributors that have given.

Fund Goal: \$30,800

Funds raised: \$11, 538.15 (37.46%)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Goal 2022: \$358,200 Funds raised: \$44,000 (12.28%)

Goal 2023: \$310,588 Funds raised: \$51,520 (16.59%)

Goal 2024: \$247,612 Funds raised: \$65,794.82 (26.57%)

In three years, we have raised 55.44% of the money to purchase the Rectory! We are over halfway to our goal!

Capital Campaign Goal for 2025: \$173,909

Funds raised: \$13,813.00 (7.94%)

101 CREATIVE WAYS TO BE GENEROUS

#73 Pick a book that changed your life and give 10 people a copy of that book. Invite each person to let you know when they have read it, so that you can go to coffee and talk about the book. Most won't take you up on meeting for coffee, but some will, and those conversations will be soul-altering. Don't forget Jesus healed ten lepers, and only one came back.

(Excerpt from “The Generosity Habit” by Matthew Kelly.)

“Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing.”

- St. Therese of Lisieux -

SAINT OF THE WEEK: SAINT DAMIEN DE VEUSTER

In official Church procedures there are three steps to Sainthood: a candidate becomes "Venerable," then "Blessed" and then "Saint." **Saint** is the title given by the Church to someone who has been formally canonized as sharing eternal life with God, and therefore offered for public veneration and imitation.

People may be familiar with leprosy from Biblical times, but not so much in the 1800s. However, St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka’i (January 3, 1840 – April 15, 1889) would eventually shed a light on the effects of this devastating disease and allow people to see those afflicted with it with more compassion and love.

Born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, he quit school at 13 so he could work on the family farm. Feeling called for more, however, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, where he took the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. His brother, a priest from the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to his assigned location. Damien quickly volunteered in his place and found himself on the Hawaiian Islands in 1864. Two months after arriving, he was ordained a priest of Honolulu and assigned to the Island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he visited the Hawaiian government’s leper colony on the island of Moloka’i, where he petitioned to stay permanently to care for their physical, medical, and spiritual needs. After years of working to improve their location and those who lived there, he contracted Hansen’s disease and died of its complications. He found strength to endure isolation and disease in Eucharistic adoration and the celebration of the Mass. St. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka’i, pray for us!

REMINDER—TURN IN YOUR LENTEN RICE BOWL BOXES

The Social Justice Ministry will begin collecting your CRS Rice Bowl boxes after Easter Sunday. A large blue plastic container will be at the back of the church for that purpose. Please deposit your Lenten Rice Bowl boxes, envelopes, or checks (Payable to CRS Rice Bowl) into the container starting Monday, April 21st. We appreciate your participation and generosity in our annual Lenten alms program. Your donation will help feed struggling families and ensure continued supplies so that the families can feed themselves in the future. Thank you for sharing your treasures with those in need.

NEWMAN SPONSOR'S WINE TASTING EVENT— MAY 30TH

Mark your calendars! Join the Newman Sponsors for a special evening of wine tasting and fellowship on Friday, May 30th. Whether you're a wine enthusiast or just enjoy gathering with friends, this event offers a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere and a chance to connect with others and support the Catholic Students Fellowship! Light refreshments will be served alongside a curated selection of wines. Come ready to sip, savor, and enjoy food and fellowship. Ticket sales will be after the Masses on the weekends of May 10 and 11, 17 and 18, and 24 and 25. Prices are \$40 presale and \$50 at the door.



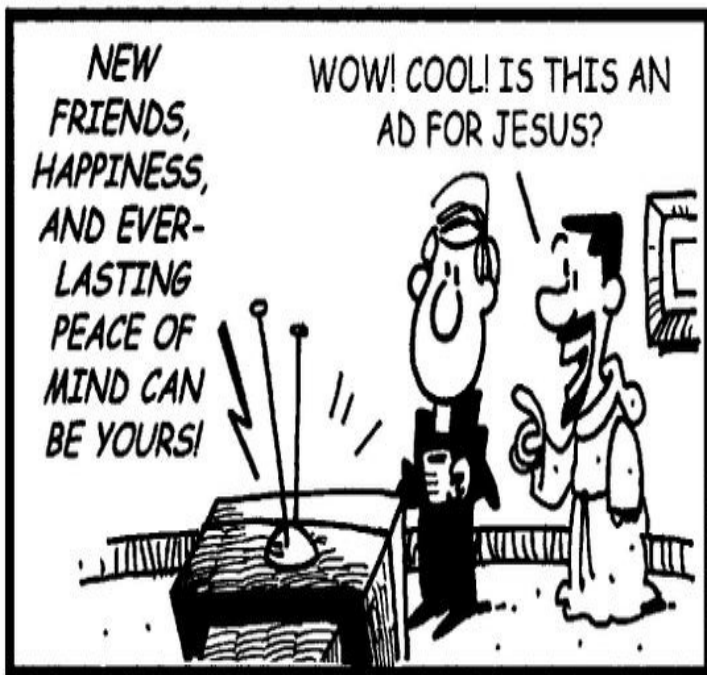
QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

- First Reading** The Apostles “rejoiced” when they suffered public dishonor for preaching that Jesus rose from the dead. Have you ever found *joy* amid your own suffering?
- Second Reading** John has a vision of the whole created order worshipping and praising Jesus as the slain and risen Lamb. In what ways will you praise and worship Jesus this week?
- Gospel Reading** The resurrected Jesus reveals to Peter that the cost of following Him and leading the disciples will be his own martyrdom. How are you sometimes challenged in following Jesus?

MINISTRIES AT THE NEWMAN CENTER

- Book Club — Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the St. Catherine of Siena room.
- FCCW — Meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 10 am to 12 pm in the St. Rose of Lima room..
- Social Justice Ministry — Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the St. Catherine of Siena.
- Shawl Ministry — Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the St. Rose of Lima room.
- Women’s Bible Study — Meets every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 9 am to 10:30 am in the St. Rose of Lima room.
- Newman Sponsors — Meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the St. Thomas Aquinas room.
- Dominican Laity — Meets every 3rd Sunday of the month at 1 pm in the St. Thomas Aquinas room.
- Knights of Columbus — Meets every 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the St. Thomas Aquinas room.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



Fasting and Abstinence

In a spirit of penance, give up “futile distractions” (real or online) and “superfluous consumption” (through fasting, abstinence or almsgiving) for at least one day is one concrete way we can obtain a plenary indulgence.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father,
We thank you for calling men and
women to serve
in your Son's kingdom
As priests, deacons, religious, and
consecrated persons.
Send your Holy Spirit to help us
respond generously and
courageously to Your call.
May our community of faith
support vocations of sacrificial
love in our youth.
We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, who
lives and reigns with you in the
Holy Spirit,
One God for ever and ever.
Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament. I love You above
all things, and I desire to
receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this
moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite
myself wholly to You. Never
permit me to be separated
from You.
Amen

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY & MASS

The Pro-Life Ministry invites you to join them on the first Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. to celebrate a Pro-Life Mass.

The next Mass will be held on Saturday, June 7.

COMMUNITY ROSARY

The Community Rosary will begin after the 9 am Pro-Life Mass in the church. Come, and pray for world peace, the respect for life, and your personal intentions by participating in this beautiful devotion.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

The Newman Center Hospitality Ministry provides donuts for parishioners after the 7:30 am, 9 am and 11 am Masses.

Your gift allows this ministry to continue providing an abundance of coffee creamers, hot chocolate, fruit juices, and donuts.

The Hospitality Ministry will be taking an extended Easter break. No Coffee and Donuts this week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Earth Day Activities for Children	Sunday, May 4 after 9 am and 11 am Masses
CSF Spring Retreat	Friday—Sunday, May 16-18
Eucharistic Procession at UCR	Wednesday, May 28
Newman Sponsor's Wine Tasting	Friday, May 30
Baccalaureate Mass	Saturday, May 31 at 11 am
First Holy Communion for Year 2 class	Sunday, June 1 at the 11 am Mass
Youth and Adult Confirmation Mass	Wednesday, June 4 at 7 pm
Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner	Friday, December 5, 2025
Simbang Gabi	Wednesday, December 17, 2025

EASTER PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Good and gracious heavenly Father, we come before you on this Easter Sunday with full and grateful hearts for the gift of the Paschal Mystery that you showed us in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love.

Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you.

You are God for all.

We ask all this in Christ's name.

Amen.

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C.S.F. Catholic Student Fellowship

We are the Catholic Student Fellowship (C.S.F.) that is associated with UCR and RCC. We also welcome all local university students to St. Andrew Newman Center.

Our goal is to make faithful, passionate disciples of Jesus Christ and leaders of the Catholic Church. We hold general meetings every Monday in the library at 7:00 p.m. and other events throughout the quarter! Most of our events take place at the St. Andrew Newman Center.

Please get in contact with us via email or our Instagram to get the details. Come check us out and make new friends! All are welcome!

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MISSION STATEMENT

Who we are...
St. Andrew Newman Center is a campus ministry that complements the secular education provided at University of California at Riverside and Riverside Community College. We provide home for the students, members of the university and college communities, and others who choose to join in our mission.

What we do...
Our mission is to strengthen the faith of these groups and develop their gifts so that they may grow into passionate, faithful disciples of Christ, leaders of the Catholic Church.

How we do it...
We are a place of welcome, a worshipping community, a place of generous hospitality, and a resource for those seeking to learn about Scripture, the sacraments and Catholic tradition. We are a place where we reach out to others with love and an informed sense of justice.

For May 2025, we join the Holy Father in praying for:
For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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2x2=\$1,176	2x2=\$1,416
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