

# Saint Paul's Newman Center

*Heart Speaks to Heart*



## Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Monday-Thursday: 5:00 pm

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 pm

## 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division.

From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three."

- Lk 12:50-52

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 17, 2025

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### August 16-August 24

#### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	Prudencio and Trine Palliagua
Sun	8:30 am	The Intention of Bernardino and Sergio Andrade
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's, Uvalda Vialpando, and Joe Felix
Mon	5:00 pm	Edin Vaske
Tues	5:00 pm	Inez H. Montoya
Wed	5:00 pm	Inez H. Montoya
Thurs	5:00 pm	Inez H. Montoya

#### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	Fr. Miguel Zavala
Sun	8:30 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
	11:00 am	Wanda and Casimin Zaucha
	5:00 pm	Inez H. Montoya

**WELCOME STUDENTS!**

We are thrilled that you are here! We look forward to another semester full of learning, growth, and acting as Christ for one another.

**The Sunday 5:00 pm Liturgy will resume next Sunday, August 24.**

*Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week*

Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to the earth. What can we give him as kindling? Let us look into our souls and see where the fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that our souls may be consumed by its life-giving flames.

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## Upcoming Events

### Student and Family Welcome Brunch

Sunday, August 17, 9:30-10:30 am

### Sunday 5:00 pm Liturgy Resumes

Sunday, August 24

### UW Fall Semester Begins

Monday, August 25

### Brother Isaiah Concert

Tuesday, August 26, 7:00 pm

### UW Welcome Back Barbecue

Thursday, August 28 after the  
5:00 pm daily Liturgy

### Fr. Tom Ogg Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 30

## Thank You!

Sunday Gift Offering

August 10 donations: **\$12,135.00**

Our 10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$1,106.00**

### Welcome Back Barbecue

UW students, faculty, and staff are invited to join us for a welcome back barbecue on Thursday, August 28. Come pray with us at 5:00 pm daily Liturgy, then join us on the front lawn for food. This is a great way to make connections as we begin a new semester.



### Fr. Tom Ogg

### Memorial Golf Tournament

The Fr. Tom Ogg Memorial Golf Tournament is Saturday, August 30, 8:00 am at Jacoby Golf Course.

Golfers and non-golfers alike can participate! Non-golfers are invited to purchase a \$20 ticket to join us to purchase a \$20 ticket to join us

for the tournament lunch and live auction at 11:30 am. Everyone is also welcome to participate in the 50/50 raffle and online silent auction. The silent auction will go live on Monday, August 18. Information for everything

can be found by clicking [here](#) or by visiting [www.newmancenter.org](http://www.newmancenter.org) and clicking on the "Golf Event" tab.

Parish offices will be closed on Monday, August 18 for our staff to have some fun in the sun.

### Collection for Gaza

This weekend, at the urging of Bishop Steven, we will take up a collection for humanitarian aid and pastoral support for our brothers and sisters in Gaza. While Pope Leo continues to call for a ceasefire, mourning the fact that "Gaza is starving," violence persists. Please prayerfully consider giving to this collection, and please pray for God's beloved children who are suffering in this crisis. If you would like to donate online, please click [here](#).

### Cooks Needed

The fall semester is almost upon us, and volunteers are needed to help prepare homemade Sunday Supper meals for our students after the 5:00 pm Sunday Liturgy. If you would like to sign up to help, please click [here](#) or contact Sandy Rupp: [rupp@newmancenter.org](mailto:rupp@newmancenter.org). This ministry is a terrific way to get to know our students.



### Brother Isaiah Concert

Next week, our community will have an opportunity for an evening of faith-filled live music. Brother Isaiah, a recording artist and member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, will be in Laramie to play a concert in the back yard of the rectory, 315 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, on Tuesday, August 26, 7:00 pm. Snacks and water will be provided.

**St. Paul's Newman Center**  
University of Wyoming Catholic Community

**WELCOME**  
*brunch!*

**SUN**  
**AUG**  
**17TH**

**9:30-10:30 AM**

**1800 Grand Ave. Laramie, WY**  
**All students & their families are welcome to attend!**



# Bringing Home the Word

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
August 17, 2025

## A House Divided

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

One of the heaviest burdens people are forced to carry is the distress of “a house divided.” When Abraham Lincoln said, “a house divided against itself cannot stand,” he was referring to the division within the country during the Civil War. We experience a similar, though not as lethal, separation when our two-party system of government engenders obstinate division—not merely political diversity. But perhaps the most heartbreaking example of division is a family in which members are alienated from each other.

### Sunday Readings

**Jeremiah 38:4–6; 8–10**

“[Jeremiah] ought to be put to death. He is weakening the resolve of the soldiers...and of all the people, by saying such things to them.”

**Hebrews 12:1–4**

Consider how [Jesus] endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart.

**Luke 12:49–53**

[Jesus said,] “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!”

There are as many reasons for family division as there are families: the betrayal of one member by another, inheritance disparity, parental favoritism, sibling rivalry, to name a few. One might think that those involved should be able to resolve such differences—after all, isn’t blood thicker than water? But how are serious family rifts to be repaired if the reason for division is one’s faith or commitment to God? That is the situation Jesus describes today.

We might wonder how faith in God can tear families apart. It often happens when someone leaves the religion of one’s family and converts to another tradition. This might be judged as a betrayal of the family’s values. This may be what many of Jesus’ Jewish followers faced when they claimed that Jesus fulfilled their religious expectations while other family members did not share their belief. That was a terrible price to have to pay for fidelity to their faith, but they paid it. †



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## A Word from Pope Leo XIV

The deepest purpose of the Church’s social doctrine [is] a contribution to peace and dialogue in the service of building bridges of universal fraternity.... [T]he Risen Lord always goes before us, even at times when injustice and death seem to prevail. Let us help one another...“build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace.”

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### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

#### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Are there steps I can take to heal a rift in my family or community?
- What is stopping me?





# Stay Close to the Blessed Mother

Rev. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR

**T**he story of the wedding feast at Cana has always been one of my favorite biblical stories. Although some biblical commentators suggest it should not be taken at face value, I prefer not to get caught up in those kinds of details. I interpret it as a story that speaks of the intimacy between a mother and a son. Reading it, I see in the exchange between Jesus and the Blessed Mother an illustration of their relationship.

Our Blessed Lady knew she could call upon her Son, and he would respond. It is not primarily the knowledge of his divinity that drove her but rather her knowledge of Jesus as a person. It was Mary who had taught him what it meant to be a human person. It was at her knee that Jesus had learned about respect, obedience, and love. Mary knew her Son was a man who understood the meaning of love, what it meant to be in need, what it meant to be potentially embarrassed. She was confident in her statement: "They have no wine" (John 2:3). She was certain Jesus would respond in a way that was both right and generous, lessening the couple's embarrassment and refocusing the guests' attention. Mary knew Jesus, and because of that, she was able to ask.

My mother would always end conversations with the reminder, "Remember to stay close to the Blessed Mother." When I first heard her say this, I simply wrote it off as an expression of her strong and constant devotion to Mary. Now, however, there seems to be more to unpack.... Perhaps it was a reminder that many people, despite their best intentions, do not end up with lives reflective of their desires. Perhaps it is a reminder to be gentle, accepting, patient, and kind. I recall all of this when I hear the story of the wedding feast at Cana. †

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## Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Quinceañera: A Celebration of Faith and Family"

The Hispanic tradition of the *quinceañera* is just one of many faith traditions contributed by one of the ethnic groups that is part of the mosaic of America. The word *quinceañera* (pronounced keen-seh-ahn-YEHR-ah) comes from the Spanish word *quince* ("fifteen"). It is the ceremony for a Latina girl at the age of fifteen (*quince años*) that marks her transition to adulthood. The celebration is rich in both religious and cultural elements. Its origin in our hemisphere goes back to the Indigenous people whose cultures had various rites of passage for girls passing into womanhood. The Spanish missionaries, when they began evangelizing the Indigenous peoples, borrowed regional cultural customs to help teach the faith.

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## PRAYER

Saving God, when the world is frightening, when we worry about those we love, help us to remember that you love them even more. We pray always in Jesus' name. Amen.

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

August 18–23

**Monday, Weekday:**

Jgs 2:11–19 / Mt 19:16–22

**Tuesday, Weekday:**

Jgs 6:11–24a / Mt 19:23–30

**Wednesday, St. Bernard:**

Jgs 9:6–15 / Mt 20:1–16

**Thursday, St. Pius X:**


Jgs 11:29–39a / Mt 22:1–14

**Friday, Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

Ru 1:1,3–6, 14b–16, 22 / Mt 22:34–40

**Saturday, Weekday:**

Ru 2:1–3, 8–11; 4:13–17 / Mt 23:1–12

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