



Saint Paul's Newman Center

Heart Speaks to Heart



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 3, 2025

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August 2-August 10

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	The Intention of Bernardino and Sergio Andrade
Sun	8:30 am 11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's Fr. Miguel Zavala
Mon	5:00 pm	No Intention
Tues	5:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word
Wed	5:00 pm	No Intention
Thurs	5:00 pm	No Intention

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	Rick DeForest
Sun	8:30 am 11:00 am	Fr. Miguel Zavala Parishioners of Saint Paul's

Free Estate Planning

August is National Make-A-Will Month, and there is no better time to create or update your will.

Wyoming Catholic Ministries Foundation is offering parishioners an opportunity to create a legally binding will or estate plan for free with a simple-to-use online tool called FreeWill. The process takes about 20 minutes and makes it easy to protect the ones you love. To get started, click [here](#) or visit FreeWill.com/WYCMF. For any questions, please contact 307-631-4084 or info@wycmf.org.



Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Jesus warns us that at any moment we can be called before God to face judgment. When we are, our life will be measured not in dollars or accomplishments, but in what matters to God. What do we have to show for our time spent on earth? ©LPi

Upcoming Events

Catholic Home Missions Appeal
August 2-3

Praise and Worship Night
Monday, August 4, 7:00 pm

Final Trinity Meal
Thursday, August 7, 6:30 pm

Vitalant Blood Drive
Thursday, August 14, 11:00 am-2:15 pm

Student Welcome Brunch
Sunday, August 17, 9:30-10:30 am

UW Fall Semester Begins
Monday, August 25

**Fr. Tom Ogg
Memorial Golf Tournament**
Saturday, August 30

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

This weekend is the collection for the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This appeal aids dioceses throughout the United States that often go without basic pastoral services, such as Mass or the sacraments. Please prayerfully consider giving to this appeal and supporting our brothers and sisters in home mission dioceses. If you would like to donate online, please click [here](#).



Trinity Meals

The final opportunity for the summer to share a Trinity Meal with your parish community will be on Thursday, August 7 at 6:30 pm. Come to the back yard of the rectory, 315 S. 18th Street, to enjoy dinner and fellowship.

Vitalant Blood Drive

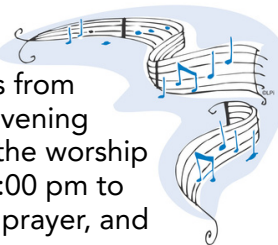
Next week, help save a life by donating blood. Vitalant is hosting a blood drive in Bishop Newell Hall on Thursday, August 14, 11:00 am-2:15 pm. To make an appointment, click [here](#) to visit the Vitalant website, or contact Sandy Rupp: rupp@newmancenter.org.

Thank You!

Sunday Gift Offering
July 27 donations: **\$2,714.36**
Our 10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$271.44**

Praise and Worship Night

Join current and past musicians from our young adult ministry for an evening of praise and worship. Come to the worship space on Monday, August 4, 7:00 pm to enjoy an uplifting hour of music, prayer, and community.



Fr. Tom Ogg

Memorial Golf Tournament

Registration is open for the Fr. Tom Ogg Memorial Golf Tournament Saturday, August 30 at Jacoby Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament will provide funding for life-changing service trips for college students. Non-golfers are invited to join us for the tournament lunch and live auction at 11:30 am. To register a 4-person golf team or pre-purchase a \$20 lunch and auction ticket, please click [here](#) or visit www.newmancenter.org and click on the "Golf Event" tab. Please also stay tuned for information regarding the upcoming online silent auction.

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

WELCOME
brunch!

**SUN
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9:30-10:30 AM
1800 Grand Ave. Laramie, WY
All students & their families are welcome to attend!



Bringing Home the Word

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

August 3, 2025

Was It Worth It?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We hear many stories about women and men who value things or status over the people in their lives or over genuine fulfillment. Then, something happens that throws them back on their heels, and they are forced to face the question: *Was it worth it?* No, say the writers of today's readings. It is not worth losing yourself or the people you love. In fact, it is not worth risking your own integrity.

The Hebrew word for vanity can be translated as "worthless" or "foolish." The characters in the first reading and the gospel passage were considered

foolish because the labors and possessions that wore them down were ultimately worthless.

This idea of vanity or foolishness is a prominent theme in the Wisdom tradition. We all know that actions have consequences. It's these consequences that reveal what is good for us and what is not, what is worth pursuing and what we should avoid. Those who learn from life experiences in this way are considered wise; those who don't are deemed foolish. We all know this, as we have learned the truth of it from our own experiences.

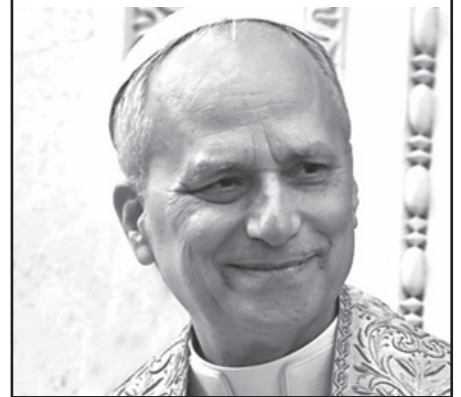
There is one more aspect that must be considered in making wise decisions. Which consequences are worth the effort we put into achieving them? Are we looking for short-term enjoyment, or do we seek long-term satisfaction? The profit attained by the people in these readings did not last. They couldn't take it with them, so one might ask: *Was it worth it?* †

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A Word from Pope Leo XIV

In our day, there is a widespread thirst for justice, a desire for authentic fatherhood and motherhood, a profound longing for spirituality, especially among young people and the marginalized, who do not always find effective means of making their needs known. There is a growing demand for the Church's social doctrine, to which we need to respond.

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Sunday Readings

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

For what profit comes to mortals from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which they toil under the sun?

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Luke 12:13-21

[Jesus said,] "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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- How do I spend my time and energy?
- At the end of my life, will I say I spent my days well?



The Gift of Simplicity

Brother Victor-Antoine d'Avila-Latourrette

If anyone in history ever typified and exemplified simplicity itself, that someone was Jesus. He invited his disciples and all of his followers to join in the example of his own life. Jesus taught by word

and deed how to live the lesson of gospel simplicity with perfect trust in God and in the joy that belongs to God's children. The more we discover Jesus as a person, the more clearly we perceive the call to embrace simplicity in all its aspects as a way of life. From the gospels, we get the straightforward understanding of how Jesus lived and breathed simplicity into every moment of his life. During the silent moments of prayer and meditation on the gospel texts, the Holy Spirit shows us, with a clarity that only he can conjure, that Jesus our Master honored the Father in heaven and served the brethren on earth with a transparent simplicity of life. Jesus made his

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earthly journey toward God, avoiding all worldly duplicity, traveling lightly, cultivating at all times that simplicity that unified his life and pointed all his earthly efforts to God alone. Ever since he left us that vivid example of simple living, it has become one of the signs by which we recognize a true follower of Christ.

From the Holy Spirit, we learn that we must become humble imitators of the Master. After all, Jesus clearly taught that the disciple is not greater than the Master. The best we can do to please him is to become more and more like him over time. The call to live out the gospel daily is a radical one, and it embraces the paradox of having to embrace true simplicity while living in a very complex world. Thank God that the Holy Spirit helps untangle the complexities of our time and guides us in the ways of inward simplicity. †

Adapted from *The Gift of Simplicity: Heart, Mind, Body, Soul*, Liguori Publications (827464). To order, call 800-325-9521 or visit Liguori.org.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Dissent and Revelation: How the Holy Spirit Shapes Catholic Doctrine Through Controversy" by Fr. Matthew O'Toole

Serious and thoughtful theological dissent is far different than an expression of mere opinion at variance with a teaching of the Church. Sincere dissent may claim to expose an inconsistency of thought or a conclusion made without foundation in Scripture or sacred Tradition. The challenge for the dissident is to provide sound theological reasoning for his or her claims and carry with it a thread of inspiration from the Holy Spirit if it is to be respectfully considered by the Church. In the Church's history, dissidence has sometimes been of service to God's truth.

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God of abundance,
grant me the grace to be
contented with "enough"
and inspire me to be
generous with all that
is more than enough.
In Jesus' name I pray.
Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 4–9

Monday, St. John Vianney:
Nm 11:4b–15 / Mt 14:13–21

Tuesday, Weekday: Nm 12:1–13 /
Mt 14:22–36 or Mt 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday, Transfiguration of the Lord:
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 / 2 Pt 1:16–19 / Lk 9:28b–36

Thursday, Weekday:
Nm 20:1–13 / Mt 16:13–23

Friday, St. Dominic:
Dt 4:32–40 / Mt 16:24–28

Saturday, Weekday:
Dt 6:4–13 / Mt 17:14–20

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