

# Saint Paul's Newman Center

*Heart Speaks to Heart*



## Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm

Evening Prayer and Daily Mass:

Monday-Thursday, 5:00 pm

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays & Saturdays: 4:00 pm

## 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Rather, when you hold a banquet,  
invite the poor, the crippled, the  
lame, the blind; blessed indeed will  
you be because of their inability to  
repay you. For you will be repaid at  
the resurrection of the righteous."  
- Lk 14:13-14

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 31, 2025

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## August 30-September 7

### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	Angela Imperial Awina
Sun	8:30 am	Prudencio and Trine Palliagua
	11:00 am	Janelle Ahrenholtz
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
Mon	5:00 pm	No Intention
Tues	5:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word
Wed	5:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word
Thurs	5:00 pm	Jamie Rupp

### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	Malgorzata Clennan
Sun	8:30 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
	11:00 am	Feliberto Sanchez
	5:00 pm	No Intention



Parish offices will be closed on  
**Monday, September 1** in  
observance of Labor Day.

## Youth Group Registration

Youth group is starting! Join us on Sundays at Zion Lutheran Church, 415 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Middle schoolers will meet 3:45-4:45 pm, and high schoolers will meet 6-7:30 pm. The first meeting for both will be on Sunday, September 7. Please register by clicking [here](#) or contacting Brenna Fankell: brenna@newmancenter.org

*Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week*

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor," Jesus instructs. "Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Each of us has our own banquet to offer, our own gifts to share. Who will we invite? ©LPi

## Upcoming Events

**Retrouvaille Retreat Weekend**  
September 5-7 in Denver

**Children's Liturgy of the Word Resumes**  
Sunday, September 7  
during the 8:30 am Liturgy

**Youth Group Begins**  
Sunday, September 7

**Living the Catholic Cowboy Way  
Men's Retreat**  
September 18-21 in the Big Horn Mountains

**Adult Bible Study Begins**  
Wednesday, September 24, 9-10:00 am

**Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Retreat**  
Saturday, September 27 in Casper

**Thank You!**

Sunday Gift Offering  
August 24 donations: **\$7,625.00**  
Our 10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$729.00**

### Adult Bible Study

Join our community this fall semester for a Bible study focusing on the Gospel of Matthew. The group will meet on Wednesdays, 9-10:00 am, beginning on September 24 in the fireplace room. If you would like to sign up, please click [here](#).



### Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Retreat

The next Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Retreat is Saturday, September 27 at Saint Patrick's Church in Casper, beginning at 9:00 am and concluding with Mass at 5:00 pm. This retreat will focus on hope for peace in the world and migrants, which coincides with *Spes Non Confundit* paragraphs 8 and 13. Simultaneous translation into Spanish will be available, and lunch will be provided. For more information and to RSVP, click [here](#) or call 307-638-1530, Ext. 102. Please RSVP no later than September 15.

### Tailgate Time

Join Laramie Knights of Columbus Council 2720 for a tailgate in the Newman Center parking lot three hours prior to each UW home football game. Come enjoy food and fellowship as we prepare to cheer on the Pokes.



### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes for the fall on Sunday, September 7 during the 8:30 am Liturgy. Meetings will take place on the first and third Sundays of each month. All children are welcome to participate and encounter Scripture in a fun and engaging way.

### Living the Catholic Cowboy Way Men's Retreat

Men ages 18 and older are invited to join Fr. Bryce Lungren September 18-21 for a retreat at Paradise Guest Ranch in the Big Horn Mountains. Retreatants will experience Mass, silent prayer time, brotherly fellowship, and outdoor recreation. For more information, email [paradiseranchmensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:paradiseranchmensretreat@gmail.com), or call 307-684-7876.



### A Lifeline for Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages, and is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. Join the next Retrouvaille Weekend Experience September 5-7 in Denver, where you and your partner can experience renewal and deeper connection in a supportive environment. For confidential information or to register, call 720-257-9106, email [info@retrouvailleofdenver.org](mailto:info@retrouvailleofdenver.org), or click [here](#) to visit [www.retrouvailleofdenver.org](http://www.retrouvailleofdenver.org).

### Martha and Mary Christmas Basket Fundraiser

Get ready to make the Martha and Mary Christmas Basket Fundraiser unforgettable! They need your creativity and generosity to assemble raffle baskets to support the UW campus food pantry and Newman Center youth ministry. For ideas, see the Martha and Mary bulletin board in Bishop Newell Hall. Baskets are due Saturday, October 25, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Please include a basket title and list of contents.



# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

August 31, 2025

## I'm Nobody! Who Are You?

**Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA**

**T**his is the title of one of Emily Dickinson's most beloved poems. Did she really think she was nobody? Probably not. But neither was she eager to get bogged down by the approval of others. She seems to have been satisfied with who she was and how she lived her life.

Unlike Dickinson, many of us live for the approval of others. In fact, we almost glorify celebrities—and not simply for their accomplishments. Their taste becomes our choice in buying clothes; their opinions shape our thinking; their social lives become our entertainment.

This is a strange turnaround, for the only reason they are famous is that we have given them our approval. We made them celebrities.

We all know people who, in the eyes of the broader society, might be considered “nobodies” but who really are the “somebodies.” They are like Dickinson. They know who they are and do not pretend to be someone or something else. They do not put on airs; they do not expect to be treated better than others. They simply are who they are. These are the people described in today's readings. They have lived as Sirach counsels: “Humble yourself” (Sirach 3:18). This does not mean humiliate yourself or put yourself down. It means be who you are: the you that God made. Don't try to be someone else. The gospel story shows what might happen if you think you are more than you really are. The proud man was literally put in his place. So, who are you? †



***Be who you are: the you that God made. Don't try to be someone else.***

## Sunday Readings

**Sirach 3:17–18, 20, 28–29**

My son, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.

**Hebrews 12:18–19, 22–24a**

[Y]ou have approached...the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem...and Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant.

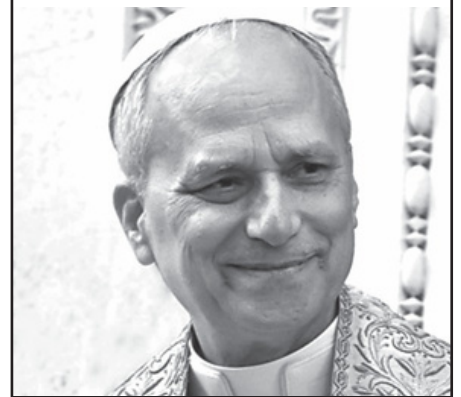
**Luke 14:1, 7–14**

[Jesus said,] “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

## A Word from Pope Leo XIV

My own story is that of a citizen, the descendant of immigrants, who in turn chose to emigrate. All of us, in the course of our lives, can find ourselves healthy or sick, employed or unemployed, living in our native land or in a foreign country, yet our dignity always remains unchanged: it is the dignity of a creature willed and loved by God.

ADDRESS TO MEMBERS OF  
THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS,  
ROME, MAY 16, 2025



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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- What do I do to gain others' admiration?
- Am I living an honest life, true to who God made me?





# Why They Migrate: Violence

**Bishop Joe S. Vásquez**

**W**hat are parents to do when they live in a community stricken by instability, violence, and crime? For years, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras have had the unfortunate distinction of experiencing some of the highest homicide rates of any countries in the world. Impunity for criminal behavior is common. Crimes against women are a particularly acute problem in these countries, as is widespread violence perpetrated by international criminal syndicates and local gangs.

Gangs often turn to extortion and other forms of criminal behavior to fund their illegal enterprises. Some forcibly recruit women and children into sexual slavery. Others force teenage boys to join gangs and engage in illicit behavior. If the boys fail to comply, more harassment, persecution, and violence often ensue. Government agencies responsible for protecting citizens against these violent perpetrators are often corrupt, inept, or otherwise unwilling or unable to do so.

Families must often fend for themselves and thus are left with the difficult choice to either stay in an unsafe and unstable community or try to escape to a place where they are often unwelcomed, rejected, and marginalized. Given the existential dangers at home, is it surprising that many mothers, fathers, and children decide to flee in search of safety in another land? Given similar circumstances, what would you do?

*Our Lady, protectress of immigrants and refugees.... As you and your family fled from Herod in the face of threats of violence and persecution and became refugees in a foreign land, you know the fear of mothers and fathers who flee with their own children in search of a place of safety. For all those who are afflicted by violence in their homes or in their neighborhoods, please intercede on their behalf and lead them to a safe haven. Grant us the wisdom to respond effectively to the sufferings of those who flee violence. May we work to build a world of peace that shuns violence. Amen. †*

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## Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Devotion to the Sacred Heart: Rekindling Hope in a Troubled World"

In *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us), Pope Francis' encyclical, we find the integration of modern issues with the traditional devotion to the Sacred Heart, presenting Christ's heart as a central unifying force in today's fragmented world, a world Francis describes as having lost heart. He encourages us to ask ourselves important questions: "Who am I, really?... [For] what purpose am I in this world?" (DN 8).

*Loving Jesus, as your heart speaks to mine, may it speak to the world the message that everyone is loved, everyone is valued, everyone is embraced in the arms of God the Creator. Jesus, receive my heart today. Soften it where it is hard, open it to whom it is closed, and so that I may be kind, loving, faithful, and strong, please make my heart like yours. Amen.*

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Holy and compassionate God, teach us the freedom of humility, the gratification of surrender, the true joy of compassion for others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

September 1–6

**Monday, Weekday:**

1Thes 4:13–18 / Lk 4:16–30

**Tuesday, Weekday:**

1Thes 5:1–6, 9–11 / Lk 4:31–37

**Wednesday, St. Gregory the Great:**

Col 1:1–8 / Lk 4:38–44

**Thursday, Weekday:**

Col 1:9–14 / Lk 5:1–11

**Friday, Weekday:**

Col 1:15–20 / Lk 5:33–39

**Saturday, Weekday:**

Col 1:21–23 / Lk 6:1–5

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