

#### 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Will not God then secure the rights to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" - Lk 18:7-8

#### 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

#### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 19, 2025



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# Live the Liturgy-Inspiration for the Week

We are all the widow in Luke's Gospel. We are vulnerable. We feel small in the estimation of the world. We feel ignored. But Jesus is telling us to be bold in prayer, to bring our needs before the judge who will always hear our case.

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October 18-October 26

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	Michael Ruddy
Sun	8:30 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
	11:00 am	Joseph Sundaraj
	5:00 pm	Jesse Barela
Mon	5:00 pm	Ray Kisicki
Tues	5:00 pm	No Intention
Wed	5:00 pm	No Intention
Thurs	5:00 pm	Frank Ruddy

#### Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	Bridget Ruddy
Sun	8:30 am	The Intention of
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	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
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#### SPNC Fall Mission

Join us on October 27 and 28 for our fall mission: People of Hope: Journeying Together in a Divided World. We will have two evenings of community and faith formation, both beginning with Liturgy at 5:00 pm followed by dinner. After dinner, we will enjoy a presentation by our special quest Fr. Eric Immel, S.J., and then conclude with dessert and conversation.







World Mission Sunday October 18-19

**UW Liturgy and Lunch** Thursday, October 23, 12:15 pm

Stem Cell Swab Drive Sunday, October 26, 9:30 am-1:00 pm and 3-7:00 pm

> SPNC Fall Mission October 27-28

**Día de los Muertos Celebration** Sunday, November 2

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience November 7-9 in Gillette

Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Retreat Saturday, November 8 in Riverton

First Reconciliation Preparation November 10, 17, and 24, 6-7:00 pm

First Reconciliation Penance Service Monday, December 1, 6:00 pm



#### **Donor Volunteers Needed**

Resident parishioner Susie Kidwiler's son Sean is in need of a bone marrow transplant. To help him find a donor, we are hosting an oral swabbing event in Bishop Newell Hall Sunday, October 26, 9:30 am-1:00 pm and 3-7:00 pm. Those who are interested in becoming potential donors can come get their cheeks swabbed to determine if they are a stem cell

match for Sean. Donors must be between ages 18 and 35. For more information, text "TeamSean" to 61474 or contact Sandy Rupp:

rupp@newmancenter.org. To sign up to volunteer, please click here.



Sunday Gift Offering

October 12 donations: \$10,263.28
Our 10% tithe for charitable outreach: \$1,026.32



This weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. This is a time for Catholics around the world to come together in prayer and support of our Church's mission efforts. Please prayerfully consider giving to our collection, which aids mission territories where the Church is young, persecuted, or struggling. To donate online, please click here.

#### Día de los Muertos Celebration

All are welcome to celebrate Día de los Muertos with us on Sunday, November 2. This is a time that the Latino community honors their ancestors who have died. We will begin our celebration with Mass at 5:00 pm, followed by a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share and a small photo of those you wish to honor. The photos will be placed on the ofrenda, the altar of remembrance in the fireplace room.



#### **Liturgical Minister Formation**

If you are a liturgical minister and have not yet attended a training session, you still have one more chance:

#### Lectors

Sunday, October 19, 1:00 pm

Ministers of Hospitality
Sunday, October 19, 2:00 pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Sunday, October 19, 3:00 pm

Please note that training is required for new ministers. Current ministers are strongly encouraged to attend.



#### Martha and Mary Faith Sharing

All women are invited to gather with Martha and Mary to pray, read scripture, and foster a deeper connection with God and one another. Meetings will be from 10:00-11:30 am in the Emmaus House every Friday between October 24 and December 5, excluding November 28. For more information, please refer to the Martha and Mary bulletin board in Bishop Newell Hall.

#### **Liturgy and Lunch**

UW students, faculty, and staff are invited to join us in the Union Family Room on Thursday, October 23 for Mass and a catered lunch. Mass will begin at



12:15 pm, with lunch immediately following. Please click **here** to RSVP, or contact Emily Mahood: emily@newmancenter.org.

#### **First Sacrament Formation**

First reconciliation preparation begins on Monday, November 10. Preparation sessions will be on November 10, 17, and 24, 6-7:00 pm in the Worship Space. The first reconciliation penance service will be on Monday, December 1, 6:00 pm. First Eucharist formation will begin in the spring. To register your child for first sacraments, please click here or contact Brenna Fankell: brenna@newmancenter.org.



#### **Knights of Columbus Handyman Helpers**

If you are in need of a handyman, the Laramie Knights of Columbus can help. They have established a free handyman program to provide for the community. The service includes short-term projects that do not require a building permit or licensed professional, and it is available to those who have a demonstrated need: financial, physical, etc. To request help, please contact KofC.handyman@gmail.com or call 307-745-5461.

#### Martha and Mary Christmas Basket Fundraiser

Are you interested in making a raffle basket for Martha and Mary's upcoming fundraiser? You can visit Bishop Newell Hall after each Mass this weekend for supplies. For inspiration, see the Martha and Mary bulletin board in Bishop Newell Hall. Baskets are due on October 25.

#### **Thanksgiving Baskets**

Do you need help with putting
Thanksgiving dinner on the table?
Laramie Interfaith is providing food
baskets to those in need this



Thanksgiving holiday. To apply, click **here** to visit laramieinterfaith.org. Applications must be completed by Saturday, November 1.

#### **UPCOMING RETREATS**

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#### Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Retreat

The final Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Retreat is Saturday, November 8 at Saint Margaret Church in Riverton, beginning at

9:00 am and closing with Mass at 5:30 pm. This retreat focuses on hope for the poor, coinciding with *Spes Non Confundit* paragraph 15. Lunch will be provided. For more information and to RSVP, please click **here** or call 307-638-1530 Ext. 1002. Please RSVP no later than this Friday, October 24.



Let the colors of fall inspire you to rediscover the beauty of your marriage. Sign up for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience November 7-9 in Gillette, and gain all the tools you need for a great marriage. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information or to register, click **here** to visit www.wwme.org or call 307-689-2820.



# Bringing Home the Word +

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
October 19, 2025

# Keep at It

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

e ask something of God because we recognize that we are needy and unable to meet the need for which we plead. This itself is a good prayer because it acknowledges our human limitation, an acknowledgment that might be very difficult for us to voice. Such prayer is also an admission of our dependence on God and our trust in God's loving care. A prayer of petition can be profound. However, what are we to do when our request is not realized? Do we ask again? And, if so, how many times? If it is never realized, do we stop asking? This is precisely the issue in today's readings.

### **Sunday Readings**

#### Exodus 17:8-13

Moses' hands, however, grew tired.... Aaron and Hur supported his hands...so that his hands remained steady until sunset.

#### 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2

Proclaim the word; be persistent.

#### Luke 18:1-8

[Jesus] told them a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. Moses held his hands up in prayer, and he grew tired. His prayer addressed a community need—victory over the Amalekites—and two leaders of the community assisted him so that the plea for help could continue until victory was won.

The gospel passage tells a story about a woman whose need of justice made her bold. As a widow in a patriarchal society, she had no husband to speak on her behalf. She had to plead her own case again and again until a just decision was delivered. The moral of these stories is clear: Keep at it!

What happens when our prayer does not seem to be answered? It is still a good prayer, acknowledging our fundamental need and God's loving care of us. The moral of our story is the same: Trust and keep at it! †

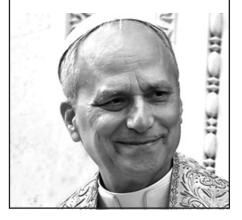


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#### A Word from Pope Leo XIV

Peace...is the first gift of Christ: "My peace I give to you" (John 14:27). It engages and challenges each of us.... Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words. For words, too, not only weapons, can wound and even kill.

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## REFLECTIONS QUESTIONS AREALECTION

- Am I as persistent in prayer as I am in pursuing other life goals?
- What would help my prayer life?