



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:43

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

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November 22- November 30

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Sat	5:00 pm	Jimmy Johnson
Sun	8:30 am	Aaron Halverson
	11:00 am	No Intention
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
Mon	5:00 pm	Margaret J. Ruddy
Tues	5:00 pm	No Intention
Wed	5:00 pm	No Intention
Thurs	10:00 am	The Beloved Departed Members of the Hardjito- Adidharma Family

The First Sunday of Advent

Sat	5:00 pm	Rita Vasquez
Sun	8:30 am	No Intention
	11:00 am	Kay Tencick
	5:00 pm	No Mass

Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 am on Thursday, November 27; there will be no 5:00 pm daily Liturgy.

Parish offices will be closed this Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28.

There will be no 5:00 pm Liturgy or Sunday Supper next Sunday, November 30.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Our king wears a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold. His glory is not in riches but in suffering. His law is written in his own blood, shed for the love of us. Do we understand the gift that it is, to be subject to such a king?

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Upcoming Events

Financial Stewardship Commitment Weekend
November 22-23

Community Thanksgiving Meal
Sunday, November 23, 3:00 pm or 6:00 pm

First Reconciliation Preparation
Monday, November 24, 6:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Family Craft Day
Sunday, November 30, 9:30 am

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

Martha and Mary Christmas Basket Fundraiser
Drawing and Chili Lunch
Sunday, December 7, 12:00 pm



Community Thanksgiving Meal

Give thanks with your parish community at our Thanksgiving meal on Sunday, November 23 in Bishop Newell Hall. We will have two meal times--one at 3:00 pm and one at 6:00 pm. If you would like to bring food to share, or if you would like to help with meal preparation or cleanup, please click [here](#).

December Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet on December 7 and 21 during the Sunday 8:30 am Liturgy. Grandparents (or proxies) are cordially invited to attend on December 7.



Catholic Charities of Wyoming Advent Calendars and Food Drive

Advent calendars from Catholic Charities of Wyoming are now available by the entrance of the church. These calendars include a guide for prayerful and charitable ideas to celebrate the season, a guide to holy days, and an invitation to participate in a diocese-wide food drive. The food drive will have a different donation theme for each week of Advent. We celebrate the first week of Advent next week. If you are inclined to donate food, please bring canned goods--meats, beans, soups, etc. to the Newman kitchen.

Thank You!

Sunday Gift Offering
November 16 donations: **\$6,256.06**
Our 10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$625.60**

Financial Stewardship Commitment

God has blessed us abundantly, and we are called to be good stewards of His gifts. It is time to discern our annual financial gifts to support the ministry of Saint Paul's Newman Center. Please indicate your commitments on a Pledge of Gratitude card and drop it in the collection basket at any one of the weekend Liturgies.



First Reconciliation

The final preparation session for first reconciliation will be on Monday, November 24 at 6:00 pm in the Worship Space. The first reconciliation penance service will be on Monday, December 1 at 6:00 pm.

Knights of Columbus Family Craft Day

Join the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, November 30 after the 8:30 am Liturgy for a family craft day in Bishop Newell Hall. Come celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas by making your own decorations. Kids of all ages are invited to attend.



Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

Last weekend was our collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the national anti-poverty program of the US Catholic bishops. It is not too late to donate if you still wish to give. To donate online, please click [here](#).

Employment Opportunity

The Diocese of Cheyenne chancery office is hiring a full-time Accounts Receivable Accountant. Those interested should submit an application, letter of interest, and a current resume by email to

tskala@dcwy.org, or by mail to:

Tammy Skala, Human Resource Director
Diocese of Cheyenne
2121 Capitol Ave
Cheyenne, WY 82001

A complete job description and application for the position can be found on the Diocese of Cheyenne website: dcwy.org/job-openings.





Bringing Home the Word

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)

November 23, 2025

Hail, Christ Our King!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The readings for today's feast create a collage of images that capture different characteristics of Christ's kingship. "Shepherd" assures us that his kingly rule is characterized by tenderness. "King of Israel" locates him squarely within human time and space. "Image of the Invisible God" acclaims his divine origin. "Firstborn of All Creation" places him over the entire created world. "Source of All Created Things" acknowledges him as the model after which all things were fashioned. "Head of the Body, the Church" underscores the intimacy and interrelationship between him and all those joined to him through faith and baptism. "Firstborn of the Dead" acclaims his resurrection and guarantees

the resurrection of those who will follow him into death.

The gospel's image of Christ as the crucified king clearly interprets all the other images. He is a shepherd who protects his flock with his life; he is a king who rules with dedication despite shame and defeat; he is divine yet accepted death on a cross. He was God who became a vulnerable child of earth, a simple man who offered himself as sacrifice, the one through whom we will all enjoy resurrection from the dead.

In the last words of the gospel, Jesus opens the gates of his kingdom to a repentant sinner: "Today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43). This is what all of us long to hear: words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority but are charged with power when spoken by the One who is king over us all. ✝

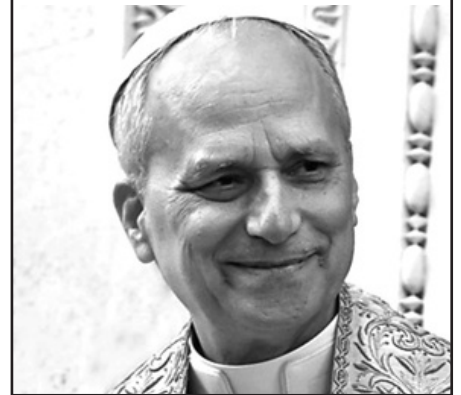


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A Word from Pope Leo XIV

Listen to [Christ's] offer of love and become his one family: in the One Christ, *we are one*. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!

HOMILY, MAY 18, 2025



Sunday Readings

2 Samuel 5:1-3

You shall shepherd my people Israel; you shall be ruler over Israel.

Colossians 1:12-20

[Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Luke 23:35-43

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE? TWO? REFLECTION

- Do I trust Jesus to forgive all who sincerely seek forgiveness?
- Do I try to forgive others as Jesus forgives?



What Kind of King Is This?

Paige Byrne Shortal

I'm reminded of a lyric by friend and composer David Bailey. On his Christmas album, he sings, "We asked for a king; you sent us a child." This child, whose birth we will celebrate next month, is crucified in today's gospel. The wood of the manger of the newborn king becomes the wood of the cross. In today's second reading, St. Paul includes in his letter to the Colossians what may have been a hymn of the early Church. One line from that hymn: "[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15). A king hanging on the cross, dying an agonizing death, deserted except for a few, brought as low as a human can be brought—this is an image of the invisible God?

What does this say about our God? One thing it says is where God can be found. When all is well, when our children are healthy, our grandchildren thriving, our bank accounts solvent, our test results showing no cancer, our weight just about right, our work satisfying, our homes a haven—we say then that we are blest, and, if we have our wits about us or if we have known harder times—we are even grateful. Then we know God in our gratitude.

But in the hard times, can we remember that God is there, too? Can we remember when the news from the doctor isn't so good, when our children break our hearts, when our work is drudgery, when our energy is so low that we are dragging, when we are mourning the loss of our life partner—can we then remember that God is with us? If we can, we will know this king on the cross, and we will say with the good thief, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42).

And if we have ears to hear, if we can look past the pain, we will hear Jesus' response: "You will be with me in paradise." †

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The wood of the manger becomes the wood of the cross.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "The Incarnation: Why God Wanted to Become Human" by Kenneth R. Overberg, SJ

Jesuit Father Pierre Teilhard de Chardin confronted the reality of evolution. As a paleontologist, Teilhard studied fossils and other clues of our ancient past. As a believer, he saw Christ as the *Alpha*, the very beginning of the evolutionary process, in whom all things were created. (See Colossians 1:15.) And he saw that the glorified Christ is the *Omega*, the final point in whom all things will be gathered up. (See Ephesians 1:10.) Teilhard struggled to heal the deep tension between science and religion that led so many to turn away from belief in God. He offered the modern world a positive worldview, uniting evolution and human efforts with the presence and action of Christ.

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Merciful God, we are humbly grateful for your forgiveness, and we ask for the grace to forgive those who have hurt us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 24–29

Monday, St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions: Dn 1:1–6, 8–20 / Lk 21:1–4


Tuesday, Weekday: Dn 2:31–45 / Lk 21:5–11

Wednesday, Weekday: Dn 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17, 23–28 / Lk 21:12–19

Thursday, Weekday: Dn 6:12–28 / Lk 21:20–28

Friday, Weekday: Dn 7:2–14 / Lk 21:29–33

Saturday, Weekday: Dn 7:15–27 / Lk 21:34–36

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