

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

- Mt 1:24

Saint Paul's Newman Center

Heart Speaks to Heart



Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Evening Prayer and Daily Mass:
Monday-Thursday, 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays & Saturdays: 4:00 pm

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025

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December 20 - December 28

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat	5:00 pm	Loftus Gray
Sun	8:30 am	Rudy Mondragon
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
Mon	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Tues	5:00 pm	George Ribble

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Wed	4:00 pm	Kay and John Tencick
	6:00 pm	Edin Vaske
	10:00 pm	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
Thurs	10:00 am	Kermit Brown

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sat	5:00 pm	Gavino and Lilia Sanchez
Sun	8:30 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
	11:00 am	No Intention

Christmas Liturgy Schedule

Wednesday, December 24
4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 10:00 pm

Thursday, December 25
10:00 am



Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Sometimes we want God's instructions to be clear and precise — like the angel in Joseph's dream. But Joseph's understanding was only as strong as his devotion to God's will. If we give our lives to God as Joseph did, we will know what he asks of us. ©LPi



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Upcoming Events

Children's Liturgy of the Word

December 21 and January 4
during the 8:30 am Liturgy

Longest Night Service

Sunday, December 21, 6:30 pm
at United Presbyterian Church

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Thursday, December 25

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Thursday, January 1

Blood Drive

Monday, January 5, 11:00 am-2:30 pm

Sunday 5:00 pm Liturgy Resumes

January 25



Parish offices will be closed December 24-26 and January 1. Have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet on December 21 and January 4 during the Sunday 8:30 am Liturgy. Godparents (or proxies) are cordially invited to attend on January 4.



Catholic Charities of Wyoming Food Drive

During this fourth week of Advent, we meditate on love. God, who is love, invites us not only to love the infant Jesus, but to love like Jesus. That is what you have been doing these past weeks. You have offered food and hygiene items to people in our community experiencing hardship. Thank you for the generous support!

THANK YOU
for your generosity

December 7-21 Collections

Please note that our business manager Carrie will be out of the office until December 23.

Weekly collections received during this time will be securely held and deposited upon her return. Thank you for your understanding and continued generosity to St. Paul's Newman Center.



Christmas Liturgical Ministers

Liturgical ministers for the Christmas Liturgies have not been preassigned. There are still several openings where ministers are needed, which means that we are relying on your generosity to fill the schedule. If you would like to volunteer to serve, please click [here](#) or call the parish office at 307-745-5461.

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God is Thursday, January 1, and it is a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate Liturgy at 10:00 am. An anticipated Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 31 at 5:15 pm following Evening Prayer at 5:00.

Wyoming Catholic Ministries Foundation Appeal

The Diocese of Cheyenne, Catholic Charities of Wyoming, Saint Joseph's Society, Saint Joseph's Children's Home, and Wyoming Catholic Ministries Foundation have united in one end-of-year request for your support of the immediate needs of key ministries. With one gift you can support one, some, or all of these ministries.

100% of your donation goes directly to the ministries you designate. For more information on how each partner will use your donation and to donate online, please click [here](#) to visit wycmf.org. Please prayerfully consider supporting the work of the Church throughout the Diocese of Cheyenne in addition to your normal parish support. Please call 307-631-4084 with any questions.



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Catholic Extension Society Calendars

2026 calendars from Catholic Extension Society are available by the front entrance of the church.

Catholic Extension Society strives to grow and support the Church throughout the United States, and they provide an annual grant to the Newman Center in support of campus ministry.

Please take a calendar to use in your home during the new year.

Financial Stewardship Commitment

Thank you to everyone who has made a Pledge of Gratitude, and for the many ways you serve our parish. You may drop your completed pledge cards in the collection basket at any of the weekend Liturgies. To fill out an electronic pledge card, please click [here](#).



Knights of Columbus Rifle Raffle

Upgrade your hunting gear by supporting the Knights of Columbus second annual rifle raffle. They are raffling four Weatherby hunting rifles, a Maven spotting scope, and a custom handmade wooden longbow. All items are Wyoming-made, and proceeds from the raffle will support Heart to Heart, Family Promise of Albany County, the Catholic Priest Trust Fund, and Special Olympics. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact Ethan

McCauley: 1013.ethan@gmail.com,
307-761-4268.

Claim Your Items

We have several unclaimed items that need to find their way home. Photos from the *Día de los Muertos* ofrenda and items from the lost and found have been placed on a table by the front door of the church. Unclaimed dishes have been placed on the kitchen counter next to the sink. Please take anything that belongs to you.



Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is Monday, January 5, 11:00 am-2:30 pm in Bishop Newell Hall. To make an appointment, please scan click [here](#) and enter blood drive code "C1723" or contact Sandy Rupp: rupp@newmancenter.org.

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 either by email to tskala@dcwy.org, or by mail to:

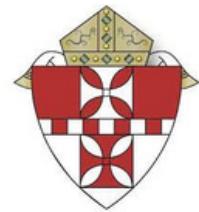
Tammy Skala, Human Resource Director

Diocese of Cheyenne

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



This special time of worship offers comfort, healing, and hope through readings and music that give voice to our feelings of grief and loss, and the persistent light of Christ in the darkest areas of our lives.



Bringing Home the Word

Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)
December 21, 2025

Holy Voices

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Instincts come in various shapes and sizes. They may simply be gut feelings, or dreams that seem to speak more than a nighttime fantasy trip. Sometimes, they appear in the form of daydreaming that takes us to another place, or they can be the silent voice of God. Whatever they may be, there are times when they demand our attention.

In *Saint Joan*, a play by George Bernard Shaw, Joan of Arc has a conversation with Robert about her conviction regarding what God is calling her to do. Joan says to him, “I hear voices. They come from God.”

Robert disagrees. “They come from your imagination.”

“Of course,” says Joan. “That is how

messages of God come to us.”

Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, placed a heavy credence on his dream, believing that the dream to keep pregnant Mary as his wife was the voice of God, and so Joseph does just that. Much later, he again listens to a dream and takes his young family to the safety of Egypt and then back home to Nazareth. Those nighttime dreams could have easily become daytime nightmares. Yet, for Joseph, there was something that kept him from simply dismissing them.

Sometimes our inclinations and inner voices may not seem practical, and yet, even as we find ourselves second-guessing them, we think we need to listen to them. When the inclination is one toward goodness, that may very well be the voice of God. †

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 7:10–14

The Lord himself will give you a sign.

Romans 1:1–7

Through [Jesus Christ] we have received the grace of apostleship.

Matthew 1:18–24

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.”



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A Word from Pope Leo XIV

I think it is important for all of us to learn how to listen more, to enter into dialogue. First and foremost, with the Lord: always listen to the word of God. Also listen to others...to know how to listen without judging, not closing the doors [and] thinking that we have all the truth and no one else can tell us anything.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 11, 2025



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- Have you ever followed an inner voice with which others disagreed?
- Who do you trust to tell you if your instinct is good?