

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

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 2025



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December 6- December 14

The Second Sunday of Advent

Sat	5:00 pm	Bernard Ruddy
Sun	8:30 am	Rudy Mondragon
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
	5:00 pm	No Intention

Last Sunday 5:00 pm Liturgy

Mon	5:00 pm	No Intention
Tues	5:00 pm	No Intention
Wed	5:00 pm	No Intention
Thurs	5:00 pm	No Intention

No Liturgy--Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Laurence O'Toole

The Third Sunday of Advent

Sat	5:00 pm	Elizabeth Focht
Sun	8:30 am	Benjamin Cramer
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's



An Advent penance service for the Laramie community will be held at St. Laurence O'Toole on Sunday, December 7 at 7:00 pm.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Monday, December 8, and it is a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate Liturgies at 7:00 am and 5:15 pm. Evening Prayer will be prayed at 5:00 pm.

Live the Liturgy--Inspiration for the Week

The story of Advent is a story of repentance. John the Baptist held up a mirror to the chosen people. He urged them to look at what they saw there. This Advent, will we look in the mirror? Will we choose repentance?

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Upcoming Events

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

**Final Sunday 5:00 pm Liturgy
and Sunday Supper**
Sunday, December 7

Advent Penance Service
Sunday, December 7, 7:00 pm
at St. Laurence O'Toole

**Liturgies for the Solemnity of the Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Monday, December 8, 7:00 am and 5:15 pm

Blood Drive
Tuesday, December 9, 11:00 am-2:30 pm

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
Thursday, December 11, 5:30 pm
at St. Laurence O'Toole

Martha and Mary Christmas Party
Saturday, December 13, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Advent Prayer Night
Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 pm



Catholic Charities of Wyoming Food Drive

Join Catholic Charities of Wyoming for a diocese-wide food drive, which will have a different donation theme for each week of Advent. The second week of Advent calls us to remember the peace of Christ. As you light the second candle of your Advent wreath, think of ways you are invited to bring peace to others. To contribute to the food drive this week, please bring birthday cake mix, frosting, tea, and hot cocoa. After all, we are preparing to celebrate Jesus' birthday!

Claim Your Photos

This year's Día de los Muertos ofrenda has been taken down. If you contributed any photos, they may be picked up in the library.

Thank You!

Sunday Gift Offering

November 30 donations: **\$5,348.13**

Our 10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$534.81**

Note: 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.

**The final Sunday 5:00 pm Liturgy and
Sunday Supper of the semester will be on
Sunday, December 7.**

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](#).

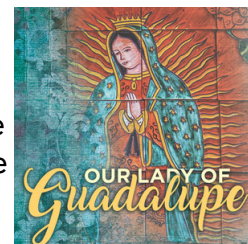


Martha and Mary Christmas Basket Fundraiser

Join Martha and Mary on Sunday, December 7 after the 11:00 am Liturgy for the Christmas Basket Fundraiser final drawing and a chili lunch. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support the UW campus food pantry and our parish's youth ministry.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Join the Laramie Catholic community as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, December 11, 5:30 pm at St. Laurence O'Toole. A potluck dinner will follow. Please note that there will be no 5:00 pm Liturgy here on this day.



Dish Pickup

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our community Thanksgiving meal last month. If you have left dishes here, please pick them up from the kitchen.



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.

Blood Drive

Give the gift of life this Advent season. Our next blood drive will be on Tuesday, December 9, 11:00 am-2:30 pm in Bishop Newell Hall. To make an appointment, please click [here](#) and enter blood drive code "C1723," or contact Sandy Rupp: rupp@newmancenter.org.



Martha and Mary Christmas Party

All parish women are invited to the annual Women's Christmas Party Potluck Luncheon on Saturday, December 13 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in Bishop Newell Hall. Please bring a favorite dish to share. There will be lots of food, fun, and fellowship!

Advent Prayer Night

Join us on Tuesday, December 16 for an evening of music, prayer, and reflection. Come to the Worship Space at 6:30 pm for a chance to slow down and find quiet amidst the busyness of the Advent season.



Giving Tree Signup

This year, St. Paul's Newman Center is partnering with Community Holidays to organize a giving tree. Please consider sponsoring someone in need, and help bring Christmas joy to everyone in our community. Click [here](#) to see available individuals and what they need. Please bring all purchased items to the Newman Center office no later than Friday, December 12.

Christmas Liturgy Schedule

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

Thursday, December 25
10:00 am



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.

We are looking for **NEW**

WINTER CLOTHES

ALL SIZES 0-24 MONTH

We would be blessed if you would consider donating clothing to keep our client's babies warm during our chilly Laramie months!

We are also looking for

DIAPERS

SIZE 2, 3, AND 4 DIAPERS

We would be blessed if you would consider donating any of these things! We are so grateful for our community.

Please call (307) 745-3444 for an extended list!



Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday of Advent (A)
December 7, 2025

Pretend the Dream

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

When I was in college, we had a professor who would often say that if, instead of acting the way we feel, we acted the way we would like to feel, then we would soon begin to feel the way we hoped. Over the years, I've found a fair amount of wisdom in that advice, although I don't always remember to tap into it. I know it's all a kind of pretending, but somehow the pretending does seem to make a difference.

Each year, we make our journey into Christmas with a year's baggage. We come with good memories of fun

times, sun-drenched summers, dappled autumns, vacations, and birthday parties. But we also make our way into this red and green season with a generous share of hurts and pains, failures, and even sins, just because most years are lived that way.

So, during this last month of each year, we play at being happy and pretend that all is good. We sing carols and toast friendships and wish each other blessings and goodness. And, we do it all with an unspoken honesty, knowing full well that life is not always so, but maybe by pretending, and by some freakish twist of godliness, we can find for some short time the harmony once prophesied by Isaiah. Maybe the wolf and the lamb will be kind, and the calf and lion will forget their history, and, for at least one brief shining moment, we will live in harmony with one another. †

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10

He shall judge the poor with justice, and decide fairly for the land's afflicted.

Romans 15:4-9

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus.

Matthew 3:1-12

[John the Baptist said,] "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."



*If we acted the way we
would like to feel, then we
would soon begin
to feel the way we hoped.*

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the Word, allows itself to be made "restless" by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 18, 2025



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Is it right to act nicer than I feel?
- Have I ever had the experience of feeling better because of my actions?