



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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

Saturdays: 4:00 pm

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 11, 2026

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January 10-January 18

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Sat	5:00 pm	Gavino and Lilia Sanchez
Sun	8:30 am	Rudy Mondragon
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
Mon	5:00 pm	Blane Enyeart
Tues	5:00 pm	Blane Enyeart
Wed	5:00 pm	Kermit Brown
Thurs	5:00 pm	Blane Enyeart

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	Mary Ruth Ruddy
Sun	8:30 am	Rudy Mondragon
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's



Winter Break Schedule

- The Sunday 5:00 pm Liturgy will resume on January 25.
- The sacrament of reconciliation will not be celebrated on Wednesdays until January 28.

Sunday Supper Cooks Needed

The spring semester is almost upon us! We are in need of volunteers to help prepare Sunday Supper meals for our students after the Sunday 5:00 pm

Liturgy. If you would like to help, please click [here](#) or contact Sandy Rupp at rupp@newmancenter.org to sign up. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.



Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

John could not believe that Jesus would seek baptism from him, a lowly mortal man. But our God is a humble God. He does not fear our weakness. He extends his hand, saying, "It is fitting." So take his hand. Begin the work he has set out for you. ©LPI



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Upcoming Events

Youth Group Resumes
Sunday, January 18

UW Classes Resume
Tuesday, January 20

Sunday 5:00 pm Liturgy Resumes
January 25

Adult Bible Study Begins
Wednesday, January 28, 9-10:00 am

Wednesday Reconciliation Resumes
January 28, 4:00 pm

First Eucharist Preparation Begins
Monday, March 2



First Eucharist Preparation
Formation for children preparing to receive first Eucharist will begin this spring. Sessions will be on Mondays beginning on March 2.

End of Year Contribution Statements

Thank you for all of your generous donations to Saint Paul's Newman Center in 2025. Your contributions have helped support essential ministries in our parish and the wider Laramie community. End of year contribution statements for taxes will go out via email this week. If you would like a hard copy, or if you have any questions or concerns about your statement, please contact Hanna Hoes: communications@newmancenter.org, 307-745-5461.



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.

THANK YOU

for your generosity

January 4 donations: **\$19,909.86**
Our 10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$1,990.98**

Youth Group Resumes

Middle and high school youth group will resume next Sunday, January 18. Middle schoolers will meet 3:45-4:45 pm, and high schoolers will meet 6:00-7:30 pm. Both groups will meet at Zion Lutheran Church, 406 S. 19th Street.

Adult Bible Study

All are welcome to join us this spring for a Bible study. Leading up to Lent and Easter, we will examine and reflect on one of our faith's most prominent symbols: the cross. Meetings will be 9-10:00 am in Bishop Newell Hall on Wednesdays beginning January 28. To sign up, please click [here](#) or contact Hanna Hoes: communications@newmancenter.org



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Mary's Cathedral

St. Mary's Cathedral is hiring a full-time Administrative Assistant. This position helps ensure smooth operation of the front office, performs general reception and administrative duties, creates the weekly bulletin, and assists with database and cemetery management. For a full job description, please visit the cathedral website at stmarycathedral.com/employment. Those interested should send a cover letter, resume, and three professional references to Michelle Klawon at mklawon@stmarycathedral.com by Friday, January 30.

St. Joseph's Food Pantry

St. Joseph's Food Pantry in Cheyenne is hiring an Executive Director. This person is responsible to the Board for the operation of the pantry which has over 80 volunteers and distributes food to 750 individuals and families weekly. This job is a salaried position with benefits. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and three professional references in PDF format to stjosepantrymedia@gmail.com, or by mail to:

Fr. Michael Carr
PO Box 761

Cheyenne, WY 82003

A full job description can be found on the St. Joseph's Food Pantry website: stjosepantry.org/careers. Applications are due by February 13.



Bringing Home the Word

The Baptism of the Lord (A)
January 11, 2026

Signal of a New Beginning

Mary Katharine Deeley

In the sacrament of baptism, we stress that the person is no longer bound by original sin; rather, despite still retaining the wounds caused by original sin, he or she becomes free to live as a child of God, embracing the will of God through discipleship in Jesus Christ. We're free to live not as the world dictates but as those who know, love, and serve God in this world and look forward to being with him in the next.

Adults who go through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults have time to reflect on the conversion necessary for such transformation, but for many of us, the significance of our baptism as infants gets lost in the long years

between childhood and adulthood. We stop being mindful of the power of grace and the necessity of turning our lives over to God, regardless of the work we do or the community we belong to.

We may have wondered why Jesus presented himself for baptism. Wasn't he God, born without sin? Of course, the answer is yes. But Jesus came to his baptism as a public witness of the need to turn over our lives to God. Like us in all things, Jesus approached John for the ritual washing that signaled a new beginning. It was a sign for us and a wonderful way to mark the beginning of his ministry.

Matthew records that he heard the voice of God saying, "This is my beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17). In baptism, God welcomes all of us as beloved children. Out of gratitude and praise, we, in turn, follow Jesus. And so, we submit our lives to God—proclaiming justice, doing good, and loving God and others as we love ourselves. †

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased.

Acts 10:34–38

He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Matthew 3:13–17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

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A Word from Pope Leo XIV

In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like the food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 1, 2025



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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- Do I know the date I was baptized?
- How might I commemorate that anniversary of my rebirth in Christ?



A Healthy Relationship with God

Mark G. Boyer

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,

And heav'n and nature sing, And
heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n
and heav'n and nature sing.

"Joy to the World!" Verse 1

In Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism, John the Baptist uniquely tries to prevent it, declaring that he needs to be baptized by Jesus. Jesus, however, tells him to do it in order to fulfill all righteousness, and John baptizes the Lord, who has come into the world. The fulfillment-of-righteousness theme in Matthew's Gospel indicates a healthy relationship with God. To demonstrate that Jesus and God have a good relationship, God's Spirit descends upon Jesus at his baptism, and God declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

The selection from Peter's speech to Cornelius and the members of his household in the Acts of the Apostles emphasizes the same point. Peter has just witnessed the Spirit come upon the Gentiles; this leads him to conclude that God shows no partiality to the Jews. Anyone who acts uprightly, that is in righteousness; anyone who prepares room for God

in his or her heart is acceptable to God. Isaiah, too, writes about this topic, presenting the servant of the Lord, the one with whom God is pleased, the one who brings the victory of justice, the result of a healthy relationship with God.

Baptism begins a healthy relationship with God. The righteousness that baptism begins, however, like the beginning of any other relationship, must be nourished. It requires commitment. There is nothing magical about it. Just as Jesus' baptism launched his mission of proclaiming God's kingdom, so our baptism launched our mission of relating to God in order to fulfill all righteousness. †

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Baptism: Our Lifelong Call" by Nicholas Lohkamp, OFM

Our baptism puts us in touch with Jesus, the Word made flesh, the incarnate expression of God's love. Jesus is my way to live and find God; the truth of who I am and who I am called to become. To be a Catholic is to seek to become fully human. As St. Irenaeus said, "The glory of God is the human person fully alive." It is Jesus who helps me become ever more human and therein discover the mystery of my calling to share divine life. In Jesus, we are called to freedom. I am not born free; I am born with the capacity to become free. It takes grace and a lot of hard work to become free, to become a mature person, so that I can love as Jesus does.

Catholic Update—a subscription newsletter published eleven times a year—explores Church tradition and teaching on contemporary topics. For more information, call 800-325-9521 or visit Liguori.org.



Lord Jesus, that we may live as children of God, always listening for his true voice, we pray—
Be born in us, be born in our world.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

January 12–17

Monday, Weekday:
1 Sm 1:1–8 / Mk 1:14–20

Tuesday, Weekday:
1 Sm 1:9–20 / Mk 1:21–28

Wednesday, Weekday:
1 Sm 3:1–10, 19–20 / Mk 1:29–39

Thursday, Weekday:
1 Sm 4:1–11 / Mk 1:40–45

Friday, Weekday:
1 Sm 8:4–7, 10–22a / Mk 2:1–12

Saturday, St. Anthony
1 Sm 9:1–4, 17–19; 10:1a / Mk 2:13–17