

Saint Paul's Newman Center

Heart Speaks to Heart



Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

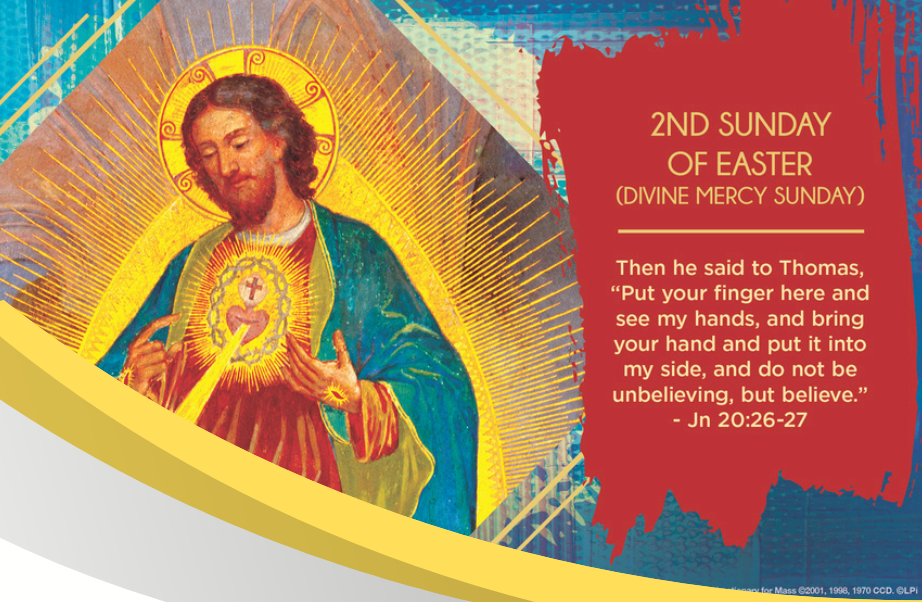
Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm

Evening Prayer and Daily Mass:

Monday-Thursday, 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays and Saturdays: 4:00 pm



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."
- Jn 20:26-27

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 12, 2026



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April 11-April 19

The Second Sunday of Easter

Sat 5:00 pm

John Helberg

Sun 8:30 am

Clay McDonald

11:00 am

The Intention of the sons of

Carla Trenary

Mon 5:00 pm

Parishioners of Saint Paul's

Tues 5:00 pm

Catholic Extension Society

Wed 5:00 pm

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Thurs 5:00 pm

Leo Patton

The Third Sunday of Easter

Sat 5:00 pm

Mary Ruth Ruddy

Sun 8:30 am

Brendan Gallagher

11:00 am

The Intention of Leonard Taylor

5:00 pm

Parishioners of Saint Paul's



2026 Lenten Project

Thank you for all your generous contributions to Ark Regional Services as part of our Lenten Project! Your generosity will help our neighbors with developmental disabilities receive the services and support they need to be successful members of our community. To date, we have raised **\$16,494.13** in donations.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

How does Christ prove himself to Thomas? Not by his face or his words, but by his wounds. So, when we look for God to show Himself in relief or in triumph, we must remember the wounds of Christ.

This is where we find our salvation.

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Upcoming Events

Mom's Group Gathering
Thursday, April 16, 6:00 pm

Bingo with Ark Residents
Saturday, April 18, 1:00 pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sunday, April 19 during the 8:30 am Liturgy

Unbound Final Gathering
Sunday, April 19, 12:00 pm

Family Faith Formation Dinner and Prayer
Tuesday, April 21, 6:00 pm

Martha and Mary Spring Tea
Saturday, April 25, 11:00 am

"Be a Merciful Neighbor" Discussion
Sunday, April 26 and Sunday, May 3, 12:00 pm

Beloved Marriage Formation Retreat
May 1-2 in Cheyenne

"Be a Merciful Neighbor" Discussion

On Sunday, April 26 and Sunday, May 3, we will host a discussion of Bishop Steven's Pastoral Letter on immigration "Be a Merciful Neighbor." We will gather in Bishop Newell Hall at 12:00 pm. Take advantage of this learning opportunity with your parish community.

Marriage Formation Retreat

All couples, especially those discerning engagement or preparing for marriage, are invited to attend the Diocese of Cheyenne Beloved Marriage Formation Retreat May 1-2 at Holy Trinity Church in Cheyenne.

Couples can expect to dive deeper into God's beautiful plan for marriage and a greater appreciation for the sacrament of holy matrimony. There will be prayer, testimonies from married couples about God's grace and mercy, shared conversation with other couples, and one-on-one time as a couple. Pre-registration is requested, and there is an encouraged offering of \$35 per couple to cover costs. Friday night we will gather 5:30 pm-9:00 pm, beginning with a plated dinner. Saturday we gather 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

Please click [here](#) or contact Theresa Meuer at tmeuer@dcwy.org to for more information or to register.

THANK YOU
for your generosity

April 5 donations: **\$15,492.55**
Our 10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$1,549.25**

Unbound Final Gathering

Did you participate in *Unbound* this Lent? Join us as we wrap up the series with a final gathering in Bishop Newell Hall on Sunday, April 19 at 12:00 pm. Enjoy fellowship with your parish community as we discuss our Lenten experiences.

Family Faith Formation Dinner and Prayer

All families with children are invited to our next evening of Family Faith Formation Dinner and Prayer on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00 pm in Bishop Newell Hall. If you would like to attend, please sign up by clicking [here](#) or contacting Brenna Fankell: brenna@newmancenter.org.



Bingo with Ark Residents

Join us in Bishop Newell Hall on Saturday, April 18 at 1:00 pm for an afternoon of bingo and fellowship with residents from the Ark. All are welcome to attend!



Parish Mom's Group

St. Paul's Newman Center is starting a mom's group for mothers of all ages to grow in fellowship with one another. The group will meet once a month, and the first meeting is on Thursday, April 16 at 6:00 pm in the Fireplace Room. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lillie Rodgers at lillie@newmancenter.org or click [here](#) to join our mom's group on Flocknote.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet on Sunday, April 19 during the 8:30 am Liturgy.

You're Invited to Martha and Mary Spring Tea!

All women are warmly invited to join us for a delightful and friendly gathering at the Martha and Mary Spring Tea on Saturday, April 25, 11:00 am-1:00 pm in Bishop Newell Hall. Feel free to bring a friend along for the fun!



Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday of Easter / (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)
April 12, 2026

The Gift of Doubts

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

When people tell me they have doubts about their faith, I usually tell them that doubts can be a good thing. “Reflect on your doubts,” I say. So very often, the doubts bring someone to deeper faith and understanding. When people say they’re not sure they believe in God anymore, often what they mean is that they don’t believe in a particular idea of God, like the bearded old man in the sky or a God who “allows” children to die of cancer and “permits” wars that slaughter people.

What such doubts ask us to do is to rethink our understanding of who God is. Tossing out our old idea of God does not mean there is no God. It simply means we had a faulty or immature notion of God. It may take some time to rethink who God is, but if we stay with it, do some reading, ask some questions, and pray over it, we may come to a deeper and richer understanding of God. In short, because I don’t understand how something can be does not mean that that something—or someone—is not true or real.

In this week’s gospel, Thomas, who was not with the community when Jesus appeared, later could not believe that the Jesus he had known was alive. He doubted. Yet, when he was with the community the following week, he discovered that the risen Lord was indeed real but in an entirely new reality. It takes a community of faith to become a believer. †



Our doubts ask us to rethink our understanding of who God is.

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

The Lord shows us his wounds and says: *Peace be with you.* Do not be afraid to show your wounds healed by mercy. Do not be afraid to draw close to those who are trapped in fear or guilt. May the breath of the Spirit make us, too, witnesses of this peace and this love that is stronger than any defeat.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
OCTOBER 1, 2025



Sunday Readings

Acts 2:42–47

Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

1 Peter 1:3–9

You may have to suffer through various trials, so...the genuineness of your faith...may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

John 20:19–31

These [signs] are written that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah...and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

REFLECTION
QUESTIONS
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- Do I think of doubt as an invitation or a temptation?
- Has my understanding of God changed over the years?



Strong(er) in Faith Together

The Redemptorists

We are much like St. Thomas. We like to understand God as we

understand a textbook. Despite walking with Jesus for three years, Thomas and the other apostles did not see Jesus clearly. He was beyond their understanding. Faith is not contrary to reason but reason alone is not enough to comprehend God. Faith is believing in something beyond our intelligence. When Jesus says, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe,” he tells us, too. When Jesus came to the closed room, his first greeting was, “Peace be with you.” He brings peace. Faith relieves you of the fear of what others will say or how they will treat you. This is what the apostles were frightened of. Jesus’ appearance relieves the apostles of this fear so that they could publicly proclaim the same Jesus. Relief from fear gives us freedom. Freedom is not something to do everything we like; rather, freedom is to live responsibly with fellow beings.

The first reading tells us how the first Christian community

lived in peace. Their happiness depended not on the things they held but on the eternal life they would get. They could easily share everything and yet live happily. Many of us are also like St. Thomas when

we are separated from the Church. Jesus appeared to them when they were together, but St. Thomas was not there.

He missed the risen Jesus’ experience. This happens even today. People believe in God but refuse a community experience. Church is not a perfect society, just like at the time of Jesus. But we have to remember that Jesus created the Church as a community and gave it power as a community. An African proverb says, “If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together.” Our journey is long, and it is good to go forward as a community. †

Freedom is to live responsibly with fellow beings.

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From “*Divine Mercy: Following in the Footsteps of Saint Faustina*” by Fr. James White, CSsR

In his message for the fifty-ninth World Day of Peace, Pope Leo XIV spoke with urgency, begging believers to be witnesses to mercy: “The great parable of the Last Judgment invites all Christians to act with mercy. (See Matthew 25:31–46.) In doing so, they will find brothers and sisters at their side who, in different ways, have listened to the pain of others and freed themselves inwardly from the deception of violence.” The world needs the witness of disciples who embrace and practice mercy in their daily lives. Saint Faustina wrote, “Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to my merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace” (Diary, §1074). Humankind is aching. With St. Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament, we can each become a sign of God’s merciful love.

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Lord Jesus, when we are tempted to doubt that good triumphs over evil, that life is stronger than death, fill us with faith and hope, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 13–18

Monday, Easter Weekday: Acts 4:23–31
/ Jn 3:1–8

Tuesday, Easter Weekday: Acts 4:32–37
/ Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday, Easter Weekday: Acts 5:17–26
/ Jn 3:16–21

Thursday, Easter Weekday: Acts 5:27–33
/ Jn 3:31–36

Friday, Easter Weekday: Acts 5:34–42
/ Jn 6:1–15

Saturday, Easter Weekday: Acts 6:1–7
/ Jn 6:16–21



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April 12, 2026
Sunday of Divine Mercy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter!

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we are refreshed with the Lord's mercy.

I am always encouraged by the mercy of the Risen Lord. When Jesus appeared on the day of the resurrection, Peter must have felt ashamed of his betrayal. But Christ surprised him with mercy. Jesus said nothing about Peter's denial and instead greeted him with mercy, saying ***"Peace be with you."*** Peter must have been overwhelmed with feelings of humility, forgiveness, and joy. His own heart was inflamed with mercy.

As our hearts are refreshed with the power of the Resurrection, I am issuing a Pastoral Letter titled ***'Be a Merciful Neighbor.'*** I have written this letter as a resource to educate Catholics on the Church's teaching on immigration, and as an invitation to experience Christ's transformative love by standing in solidarity in this moment with our migrant sisters and brothers in Wyoming.

This situation is complex and people have strong opinions. I know the temptation in myself to react hastily to certain perspectives. So, I invite all of us to prayerfully reflect on the Pastoral Letter in a way that upholds the dignity of all, including those with varying perspectives. As Christians, our convictions should be rooted not in partisan positions but fidelity to Christ and his commandment: ***'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful'*** (Lk 6:36). Inspired by the Good Samaritan, when we embrace the Church's call to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate those who migrate, we ourselves are transformed. In doing so, our community and our nation become more vibrant.

As one Catholic community in Wyoming, I invite all of us:

- *to listen* to those who are suffering, just as God listens with compassion,
- *to reflect* on Scripture and Church teaching and discern the way forward, and then
- *to act* with the mercy of Christ.

Let us listen to the stories of those who migrate, engage in respectful dialogue, participate in small group spiritual conversations on the Pastoral Letter, and pray for the guidance of the Spirit for those who migrate, public servants, the Church, and our nation.

The Pastoral Letter can be found on the diocesan website at <https://dcwy.org>.

May the Lord inflame our hearts with his mercy so that we will be merciful witnesses in the world.

Peace in Christ,

Bishop Steven Biegler



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Abril 12, 2026
Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

¡Felices Pascuas! Al celebrar el Domingo de Pascua de la Divina Misericordia, se nos recuerda de la misericordia del Señor.

Siempre soy animado por la misericordia del Señor Resucitado. Cuando Jesús se aparece el día de la resurrección, Pedro debió estar avergonzado por su negación de Jesús. Pero Cristo lo sorprendió con misericordia. Jesús no dijo nada sobre la negación de Pedro, sino que lo saluda con misericordia, diciendo **“Que la paz este con ustedes.”** Pedro debió haberse llenado de sentimiento de humillación, perdonado y con gozo. Su propio corazón fue inflamado con misericordia.

Así como nuestros corazones son refrescados con el poder de la Resurrección, yo estoy escribiendo una Carta Pastoral titulada **‘Sé un Vecino Misericordioso’**. He escrito esta carta como un recurso para educar a los Católicos sobre las enseñanzas de la Iglesia sobre migración, y como una invitación a experimentar el amor transformante de Cristo al mantenerse en solidaridad en este momento con nuestras hermanas y hermanos migrantes en Wyoming.

Esta situación es compleja y la gente tiene opiniones muy fuertes. Reconozco mi tentación de reaccionar precipitadamente a ciertas perspectivas. Así que, invito a todos nosotros a reflexionar en oración sobre esta carta pastoral de manera que se respete la dignidad de todos, incluyendo aquellos con diferentes perspectivas. Como Cristianos nuestras convicciones deberán de estar enraizadas no en posiciones partidarias, sino en fidelidad con Cristo y su mandamiento: **‘Sean misericordiosos, así como su Padre es misericordioso’** (Lucas 6, 36). En el espíritu del Buen Samaritano, cuando tomamos la invitación de la Iglesia a dar la bienvenida, proteger, promover, e integrar aquellos que migran, nosotros mismos somos transformados. Al hacerlo, nuestra comunidad y nuestra nación se vuelven más vibrantes.

Como una comunidad Católica de Wyoming, invito a todos nosotros:

- a *escuchar* a aquellos que sufren, así como Dios escucha con compasión,
- a *reflexionar* en las Escrituras y las enseñanzas de la Iglesia y discernir el camino a seguir,
- y a *actuar* con la misericordia en Cristo.

Escuchemos las historias de aquellos que migran, entra en conversaciones respetuosas, participa en pequeños grupos de conversaciones espirituales de la Carta, y reza por la guía del Espíritu por aquellos que migran, los servidores públicos, la Iglesia y nuestra nación.

La Carta Pastoral la pueden encontrar en el sitio de internet de la diócesis: <https://dcwy.org>

Que el Señor inflame nuestros corazones con su misericordia para que seamos testigos misericordiosos en el mundo.

Paz en Cristo,

Obispo Steven Biegler