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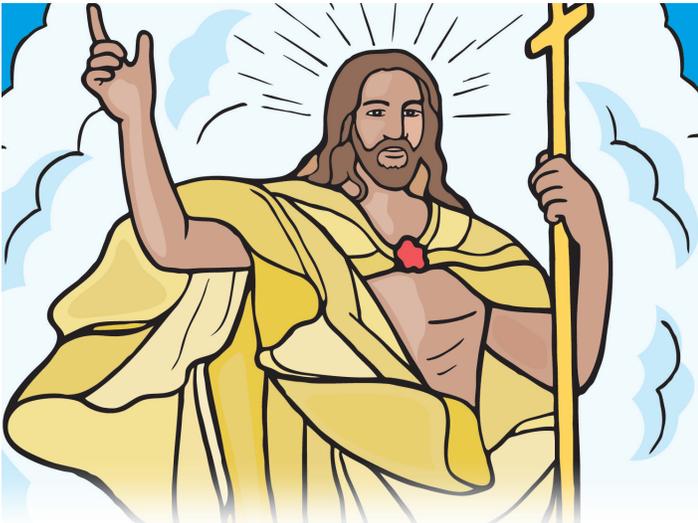
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First Sunday of Advent

this week . . .  
Dec 1 - Dec 9



*"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand" (Lk 21:27-28)*

## Reflect & Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

Around the year 600 B.C., the prophet Jeremiah offered a message of hope to the people of Israel as they were facing deportation and exile into Babylon. Jeremiah speaks of God's fidelity to His people. In what ways do you experience God's commitment to your life and well-being?

### Second Reading

St. Paul stressed to the Christians in Thessalonica the importance of having one's perspective and behavior focused on the return of Christ. How does the Second Coming of Christ impact your behavior as a believing Christian?

### Gospel Reading

Jesus warns his disciples to be attentive about events that will be associated with the end times. How would you evaluate your own readiness for the return of the Son of Man?

<b>SAT 01</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	5:00 p.m. Mass: Kay Tencick
<b>SUN 02</b>		8:30 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. Diving Deep 11:00 p.m. Mass: Estefani Barrera on his birthday 5:00 p.m. Mass: St. Paul's Newman Center 6:00 p.m. Sunday Supper
<b>MON 03</b>		12:00 p.m. Meditation 4:00 p.m. Family Faith Formation 5:00 p.m. Mass: LaVerne Menke 6:00 p.m. College Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
<b>TUE 04</b>		1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting Parish Offices Closed 5:00 p.m. Mass: Fr. John Savio 5:45 p.m. Music Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Family Faith Formation
<b>WED 05</b>		8:30 a.m. Young Mother's Group 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 p.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Ministry 7:30 p.m. High School Youth Ministry 7:30 p.m. Estudio Biblico 8:00 p.m. Cowboy Catholic Praise & Adoration
<b>THUR 06</b>		12:25 p.m. Mass on Campus 5:00 p.m. Misa En Español: 7:00 p.m. Brotherhood Group
<b>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		
<b>FRI 07</b>		5:15 p.m. Mass
<b>SAT 08</b>		All Day Denver Christ in the City Service Trip 10:00 a.m. Mass: 4:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 5:00 p.m. Mass: Edin Vaske 6:00 p.m. Martha & Mary Christmas Party
<b>SUN 09</b>		8:30 a.m. Mass: Kermit Brown 9:30 a.m. Diving Deep 11:00 a.m. Mass: St. Paul's Newman Center 5:00 p.m. Mass Blessing of Engaged Couples 6:00 p.m. Sunday Supper

## eucharist times & sacramental preparation info

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:30, 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday

5:00 p.m.

Thursday Mass on Campus

UW Union Rm 202 at 12:25

Thursday-Misa En Español

5:00 p.m.

## reconciliation

Wednesdays & Saturdays

4:00 p.m.

(or by appointment)

## RCIA

Are you interested in exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic? RCIA meets Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Call Anthony Allen for more information.

## infant baptism

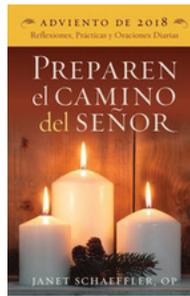
Anyone interested in having their baby baptized needs to attend preparation sessions that explore the meaning of the Sacrament, explain the Rite, and support parents and godparents in the Christian role of sharing faith with their children. Email Anthony for information.

Padres interesados en tener a sus hijos bautizados deben de asistir a clases de preparación de bautismo. Las clases de bautismo se dan en dos sesiones y exploran el sacramento de bautismo, el rito del bautismo, y ayuda a los padres y padrinos en su papel cristiano para compartir su fe con sus hijos. Estas clases están disponibles en español. Para más información y para inscribirse, mande correo electrónico a Sandra Loza a

sandra@newmancenter.org o marque a la oficina al 307-745-5461.

## new to our parish? would you like to become a member?

Whether you are new to Laramie or new to our community, we welcome and invite you to stop by the office weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. for membership information or contact us at newman@newmancenter.org



## Advent Reflection Booklet

Take time this Advent to pause for prayer and experience the comfort of God, from whom all joy comes. Pick up your Advent booklet in the entryway of the worship space. Copies are also available in Spanish.

## Folleto de reflexión de Adviento

Tóme tiempo en este Adviento para hacer una pausa para orar y experimentar el consuelo de Dios, de quien proviene todo el gozo. Recoga su folleto de Adviento en la entrada del espacio de adoración.

## Hispanic Ministry

**The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** is Wednesday, December 12. Liturgy is at 6:00 p.m. followed by a potluck meal. Bring a dish to share. (there is no 5:00 p.m. daily liturgy that day)

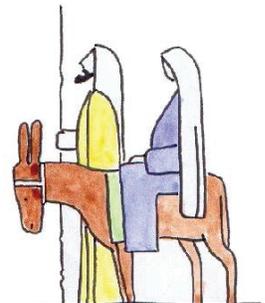


# Las Posadas

December 13—21 at 6:30 p.m.

(Sunday, Dec. 16 at 12:30 p.m.)

Join in this Latino tradition as we process with Joseph and Mary commemorating their search for shelter in Bethlehem. There will be traditional songs and readings. Refreshments and an activity for the children will be a part of each evening.



## Thank You

### Sunday, Nov 18, Gift Offerings

\$6,415 including our tithe (\$642) for our brothers and sisters in need

### Sunday, Nov 25, Gift Offerings

\$4,458 including our tithe (\$446) for our brothers and sisters in need

“Those who believed shared all things in common...” Acts 2:44

## Pledge of Gratitude

### Annual Financial Stewardship Appeal December 2018-November 2019

“What do you have that has not been given to you by God?” 1 Corinthians 4:7

We have had a bit of slow response to our Financial Stewardship Appeal Less than 15% have filled a pledge card. You may not know how important your commitment and financial support are. Every financial commitment and gift is needed!! Our annual operating expenses are \$700,000 which are met by your generous contributions. Please make a planned, consistent commitment in support of our ministry.

Before Thanksgiving, Fr. Rob mailed a letter along with a Pledge of Gratitude card to all of us and there are also pledge cards available throughout the worship space. Let's make 50% our next goal!!!

Thank you, in advance, for all the ways each of you support and participate in the ministry of St. Paul's Newman Center.

**December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Because Mary is the Patroness of the United States we are encouraged to attend Liturgy on Friday, December 7 at 5:15 p.m. or Saturday at 10:00 a.m. to fulfill our obligation for this feast day.



**InterFaith Good Samaritan Christmas Food Baskets** The Thanksgiving meal distribution on November 17 was a success in providing meals for over 350 families. Thanks to everyone who helped donate food and volunteer. On Saturday December 15 we are doing it again. We have a good amount of some non-perishable foods, but we need about 150 hams for the boxes. Also needed are: canned or fresh yams, cream of mushroom soup, and frozen pies. Please contact Adrienne Polis for more information at [adepolis@yahoo.com](mailto:adepolis@yahoo.com)

**Observances for the week of December 2, 2018**

- Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
- Monday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
- Tuesday: St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church
- Thursday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
- Friday: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Saturday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (holy day of opportunity)
- Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

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**Advent Communal Reconciliation** is a time to come together as a community to pray and be reconciled with God and one another. Join us for this sacrament on Sunday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Laurence O'Toole.

**The Martha & Mary Women's Group** invites all members and women of the parish for a Holiday Celebration Potluck, Saturday, December 8, 6:00 p.m. at the Emmaus House. Check the Martha & Mary Bulletin Board in Bishop Newell Hall to sign-up or just show up with a dish to share. New members are always welcome.



**WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL**

"The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before."

-- Jan Richardson

**Upcoming Infant Baptism Preparation for Parents**

For those looking to have their infant child baptised, the next parent classes are:

Tuesday, December 18 and Wednesday, December 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Emmaus House. Contact Anthony Allen with any questions.



**Campus Ministry**

**Campus Ministry Cowboy Catholic** is hosting a 2018 Christmas present drive! This endeavor will support local Laramie families. Please consider buying a present for someone in need. Students can sign-up online and then drop off your gift anytime before Sunday, December 9. Students will have a wrapping party on Wednesday, December 12 at 9:15 p.m. Please contact Katie Caskey ([kcaskey@uwyo.edu](mailto:kcaskey@uwyo.edu)) or Julia Cathey ([jcathey@uwyo.edu](mailto:jcathey@uwyo.edu)) with questions.

**To give is to receive!**

*"Cor ad Cor loquitur."*

*"Heart Speaks to Heart"*

## Our Mission

As a Catholic community of Christian disciples filled with gratitude and the Holy Spirit, St. Paul's Newman Center celebrates and lives the Sacraments. We bring the Gospel to the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Wyoming through vibrant liturgies, hospitality, authentic stewardship, education, formation, empowerment, and support.

### upcoming events

#### First Sunday of Advent

December 2

#### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 7 at 5:15 p.m.

Saturday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m.

#### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12 at 6:00 p.m.

#### Posadas

December 13-21 at 6:30 p.m.

(Sunday, December 16 at 12:30 p.m.)

#### Communal Reconciliation at

#### St. Laurence O'Toole

Sunday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.

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### Live the Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

As we begin our Advent journey in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth and in anticipation of his coming again in glory, we are reminded of our need to be vigilant and prepared. This short season of Advent can be a mini-retreat for us who find ourselves living in a world that is often counterproductive to developing mature, focused, and meaningful relationships with God. Being a Christian and standing firm in our faith requires a strength that can only come from prayer. These four short preparatory weeks can help us look back to what God has done in history, to what God continues to do in our lives today, and to what God promises for the future. May we use this Advent time wisely, calling us to greater holiness.

### Vivir la Liturgia - Inspiración de la Semana

Ya que comenzamos nuestra jornada de adviento, en preparación para la celebración del nacimiento de Cristo y en anticipación de su gloria, tenemos que recordar de estar preparados. Esta temporada corta de adviento puede ser un mini retiro para esas personas que viven en un mundo que frecuentemente es contraproducente en desarrollar una relación madura, enfocada y significativa con Dios. Ser cristiano y estar seguro en su fe requiere una fuerza que solo le puede llegar a través de la oración. Esas cuatro semanitas de preparación le pueden ayudar a recordar lo que Dios ha hecho en nuestra historia y pueden ayudarlo a abrir su corazón para que puedan ver más claramente lo que Dios hace por usted hoy y Sus promesas para el futuro. Que todos usemos este tiempo de adviento de una manera productiva y que podamos llegar a una santidad más grande.



### Liturgical Ministry Schedule

**Dec. 8-9**

**Lector**  
**Altar Server**  
**EMoHC**

**5:00 p.m.**  
**S. Kaiser/L. Kaiser**  
**S. Kaiser**  
**C. Bath**  
**D. Aneiros**  
**T. Scherden**  
**C. Davis**  
**S. Root-Elledge**  
**Gabriel Family**

**8:30 a.m.**  
**P. Schmidt/B. Belser**  
**D. Villasenor**  
**J. Kennedy**  
**K. Kennedy**  
**M. Hardjito**  
**B. Alvarez**  
**R. Sax**  
**Pridmore Family**



**11:00 a.m.**  
**A. Eicke/S. Loza**  
**J. Baron**  
**J. Sheaffer**  
**B. Pier**  
**W. Woodward**  
**R. Guenzel**  
**D. Jaeger**  
**Needed**

**5:00 p.m.**  
**W. Overton/J. Tibbetts**  
**J. Russo**  
**J. Harlow**  
**C. McMorrow**  
**B. Massey**  
**C. Yost**  
**H. Adams**  
**Breghenti Family**

**Hospitality**  
**Eucharistic Bread: D. Vaske**



# Bringing Home the Word

First Sunday of Advent  
December 2, 2018

## Change for God's Creation

By Mary Katharine Deeley

We begin this Church year as we left the last one—with a description of the signs that will come before Christ appears. But where Mark warns of the coming judgment for the enemies of God, Luke, with great subtlety, shifts the focus so people will hear the hope of salvation. “Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand,” he calls out (Luke 21:28). At the end of the Church year, we meditate on Christ's coming in glory to judge the living and the dead. In the beginning, we remember the Incarnation: God's emptying himself to

become fully human and come into the world. Both actions are heralded by, and will mean great change for, us and for God's creation.

Change happens when God breaks into the world, regardless of the time. In account after account in the Bible, we watch as God visits people and changes their names (Abraham and Peter), their lives (Jeremiah, the apostles, the woman at the well), and heals their separation and brokenness (the blind man, the paralytic, and Lazarus). Also, sinners are punished (the rich man and Jezebel) and landscapes are altered (Isaiah's vision of valleys lifted up and mountains laid low). This saving action continues throughout history, especially within the Church and among the saints.

Advent is a time to remember that Christ came to change the world and each of us. Have we allowed ourselves to be changed? Are we willing to be shaped by the hand of God, called by a different name, and given a place in Christ's mission? Let's hope so because, ready or not, here he comes. +

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## A Word from Pope Francis

Christmas is near, the signs of his approach are evident along our streets and in our houses....These outward signs invite us to welcome the Lord who always comes and knocks at our door, knocks at our heart, in order to draw near to us.

—Angelus, December 11, 2016



## Sunday Readings

### Jeremiah 33:14–16

I will make a just shoot spring up for David; he shall do what is right and just in the land.

### 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all.

### Luke 21:25–28, 34–36

[Jesus said,] “They will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Am I open to accepting the changes that God wants to bring to my life?
- How has the coming of Christ changed the world?

# Connecting the Dots

By Richard Rohr, OFM

In this space we often discuss the great themes of Scripture. Though the point may seem obvious, this is a good time to emphasize that the Bible is more than a series of unrelated inspired stories or a collection of helpful lessons to live by. Biblical revelation invites us into an utterly new experience, and the wonderful thing is that human consciousness is ready for it—perhaps more than ever.

Remember the connect-the-dots activities found in the coloring books of our youth? When we had finished drawing in the lines and making all the connections, we suddenly saw something we hadn't seen before. So it is with the Bible: Its themes have coherence about them, offering something good and new. That is what the word of God is meant to be.

In many ways this gift is more important than ever. We live at a time when voices are telling us that nothing has meaning, there are no big patterns. We cannot thrive in such a universe. As we know, the soul needs meaning like the body needs food. The soul must have meaning to flourish and live with safety. What true biblical revelation gives us is coherence in the face of seeming incoherence.



As children, most of us learned the story about Adam and Eve. The Garden is the symbol of unitive consciousness where we cannot separate from God. Whatever our journeys outward from there, they eventually lead us back to the center to find who we really are, to find ourselves in God.

## God at the Center

We come to see this as the end point of the Bible, where at last in this marvelous doctrine that we call the Trinity we have this mystery of mutual indwelling: God in us and we in God; God in human history and history finding itself in God. There is no separation anymore.

Saint Paul addresses this idea of mutual indwelling in Colossians 3:4: “When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.” In his Letter to the Galatians (2:19–20), Paul writes: “I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God.”

What God is doing throughout the Bible is creating people who are capable of encounter, of being present. The whole movement of the Bible leads us toward ever greater incarnation, ever deeper indwelling. The last book of the Bible ends in the holy city with the river of

life flowing through it (Revelation 21). Here we have a final image of mutual indwelling: We live in God and God lives in us. And we dare to believe that it could be true.

## The Ultimate Question

Recall an early scene from John's Gospel (1:38–39) that sums up much of the good news. Jesus encounters two of his disciples walking along the lake and asks them what they want. I believe that is what God is asking us: What do we really want? They replied with another question, asking Jesus where he lived.

This is the ultimate spiritual question: Where do you live? Who are you? The answer, of course, is that we are sons and daughters of God. Jesus invited his disciples to follow him, and they stayed with him for the rest of that day. This is Jesus' invitation and his gift. This is what the Bible is finally calling us to. +

## PRAYER

*Lord, help me to slow down and become more aware of my rushing aimlessly from place to place. Quiet my mind and steady my heart that I may live in your presence throughout the day.*

—From *Joyful Meditations for Every Day of Advent and the 12 Days of Christmas*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

## WEEKDAY READINGS

December 3–8

**Monday**, St. Francis Xavier:  
Is 2:1–5 / Mt 8:5–11

**Tuesday**, Advent Weekday:  
Is 11:1–10 / Lk 10:21–24

**Wednesday**, Advent Weekday:  
Is 25:6–10a / Mt 15:29–37

**Thursday**, Advent Weekday:  
Is 26:1–6 / Mt 7:21, 24–27

**Friday**, St. Ambrose: Is 29:17–24 / Mt 9:27–31

**Saturday**, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Gn 3:9–15, 20 / Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 / Lk 1:26–38