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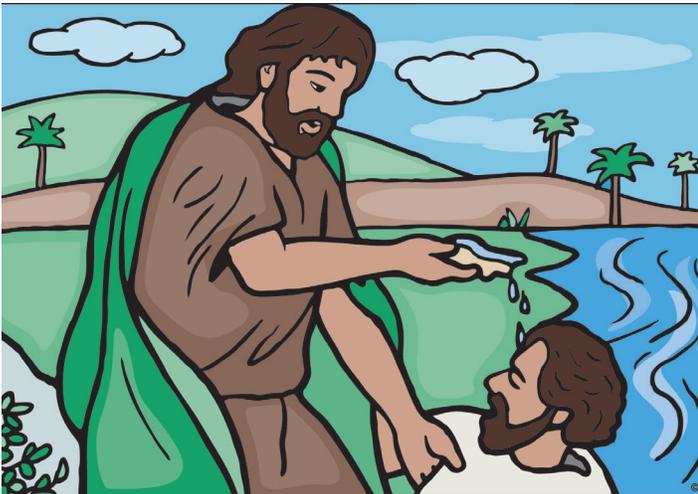
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12 . 16 . 2018  
Third Sunday of Advent  
Gaudete Sunday

this week . . .  
Dec 15 - Dec 25



*John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." -Lk 3:16*

## Reflect & Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

The prophet Zephaniah was active during the reign of King Josiah (640-609 B.C.), just prior to fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians. He was in many ways a prophet of doom, yet today's prophesies are filled with hope for a new beginning. As a person of faith, how do you find hope in difficult situations?

### Second Reading

St. Paul's letter to the Philippians is often called a "letter of joy." Today's reading offers a prime example of Paul's spiritual happiness. Who are the people in your faith community that model spiritual joy?

### Gospel Reading

John the Baptist challenges the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers to live a righteous and honorable life as a way to prepare for the coming of the Lord. In what ways is this message a challenging spiritual exercise even today?

SAT 15		Third Sunday of Advent
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Intention of Sean Blackburn
	6:30 p.m.	Posada Day 3
SUN 16		
	8:30 a.m.	Mass:
	9:30 a.m.	Diving Deep
	11:00 p.m.	Mass
	12:30 p.m.	Posada Day 4
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: St. Paul's Newman Center
	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Communal Reconciliation at St. Laurence
MON 17		
	12:00 p.m.	Meditation
	5:00 p.m.	Mass
	6:30 p.m.	Posada Day 5
TUE 18		
	1:00 p.m.	Funeral Mass/Don Almendares
	3:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting Parish Offices Closed
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Barbara Morandi
	5:30 p.m.	Parent Baptism Class I
	5:45 p.m.	Music Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Posada Day 6
WED 19		
	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5:00 p.m.	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Parent Baptism Class II
	6:30 p.m.	Posada Day 7
THURS 20		
	5:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
	6:30 p.m.	Posada Day 8
FRI 21		
	5:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
	6:30 p.m.	Posada Day 9
SAT 22		
	12:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Movie Matinee (Mary Poppins Returns)
	4:00 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		Fourth Sunday of Advent
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Manuel and Gloria Flores
SUN 23		
	8:30 a.m.	Mass
	11:00 a.m.	Mass: Elly Kozlowski
		Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
MON 24		
	4:00 p.m.	Mass: Kay Tencick
	7:00 p.m.	Mass: Feliberto, Celestina, & Ronnie Sanchez
	10:00 p.m.	Mass: Kermit Brown
TUES 25		
	10:00 a.m.	Mass: Edin Vaske (No 5:00 p.m. daily Liturgy)

### eucharist times & sacramental preparation info

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:30, 11:00 a.m.

Monday - Friday

5:00 p.m.

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](mailto: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](mailto:newman@newmancenter.org)



**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.

### 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.



### Hispanic Ministry

## 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.



Sign-ups for refreshments are in Bishop Newell Hall.

### Thank You

### Sunday, December 9, Gift Offerings

**\$16,687** including our tithe (**\$1,669**) for our brothers and sisters in need

“Comfort. Give comfort to my people, says your God.” Isaiah 40:1



## Living in God's Abundance

### 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

Your signed pledge card is a concrete, outward sign of your gratitude and commitment in support of our growing ministry here at St. Paul's Newman Center. Our expenses are growing too but together we can easily meet the costs of our ministry. We have 523 resident members and 583 student members.

### Every financial commitment is needed!!

Commitment Card Pledges received to date:

153 resident	\$ 321,596
23 student	\$ 4,042
4 children	\$ 112
3 other	\$ 1,300

**TOTAL \$ 327,050**

**Campus Ministry**

The final **Sunday Supper** for the semester is December 16 following the last Sunday 5:00 p.m. Liturgy for the semester. The 5:00 p.m. Sunday Liturgy returns on January, 27, 2019.

**Observances for the week of December 16, 2018**  
 Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent  
 Friday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church  
 Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent  
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**Congratulations Graduates**

We are proud of your accomplishments and send you to be Christ for one another in our world. Thank you for all the gifts you have brought to our ministry? We look forward to a continued relationship with you for many years to come. You will remain cherished members of this Faith Community!



**WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL**

"Our world has been filled with noise ? It is time to enter into the classroom of silence."

-- Matthew Kelly

**Electronic Giving:** Easy options

More parishioners are using the convenience and ease of electronic donations. Two regularly used options are:

- Click the "DONATE NOW" button on the home page of our website, [newmancenter.org](http://newmancenter.org). You can quickly and easily make a credit card donation through SimpleGive.
- Contact Sandy in the parish office [sandy@newmancenter.org](mailto:sandy@newmancenter.org), 745-5461 to set up secure and easy automatic withdrawal from your bank account.

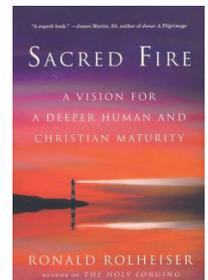
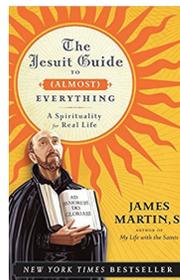
<b>Christmas Liturgies</b>	
<b>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</b>	Monday December 24 4:00, 7:00 & *10:00 p.m. <b>*note time change</b>
Tuesday	December 25 10:00 a.m.
<b>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, &amp; Joseph</b>	Saturday December 29 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	December 30 8:30, 11:00 a.m.
<b>Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord</b>	Monday December 31 5:15 p.m.
<b>Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God</b>	Tuesday January 1 10:00 a.m.

**Christmas Office Closures**

The parish offices will be closed Monday, December 24 through Wednesday, December 26. The building will open later and close earlier during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. Many of the staff will also be gone that week. We wish you experience the many graces this season brings in the coming weeks.

**Shop Local...Visit our Book Store**

Are you still looking for gifts to complete your list? Why not stop by the Newman Bookstore to pick up one of several great spiritual reads? Among the authors to choose from are Paula D'Arcy, C. S. Lewis, Ron Rolheiser, Pope Francis, Fr. Gregory Boyle and Fr. James Martin, to name a few. Books are a great gift plus they are easy to wrap!!!



*"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

#### Posadas

December 13-21 at 6:30 p.m.  
(Sunday, December 16 at 12:30 p.m.)

#### Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord

December 24 at 4:00, 7:00 & 10:00 p.m.\*

\*Mass at Night at 10:00 p.m. will  
replace Midnight Mass this year.

December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

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### Live the Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

This Gaudete Sunday calls us to rejoice because the Lord is near. Does your heart rejoice and sing, or are the pressures and burdens of life weighing you down? We can easily become overwhelmed. The weaknesses and sins of life, indeed our own weakness and sin, eat away at the joy and hope God wants us to know. Those who are grounded in their faith and possess deep spiritual lives know that God is near. Realizing this puts life into perspective. We really want to be free from our burdens but do not always know how to achieve this. We keep stumbling and falling. Advent is a time when we can learn to "do life differently," just like John the Baptist instructed the crowds. Joy and hope are the gifts God offers, not anxiety and despair.

### Vivir la Liturgia - Inspiración de la Semana

Este domingo de gaudete nos llama a regocijarnos, que ya llega el Señor. ¿Su corazón le canta de alegría? ¿o, ¿está lleno preocupaciones de la vida? Es fácil dejar que nos controlen nuestras preocupaciones diarias. Las debilidades y pecados del mundo, tanto como nuestras propias debilidades y pecados pueden quitarnos la paz y alegría que Dios quiere para cada uno de nosotros. Los que están fuertes en su fe y espiritualidad, saben que Dios está cerca. Cuando uno se da cuenta de esto, le abre los ojos a una perspectiva nueva. Muchas veces, uno quiere liberarse de sus ansiedades y presiones, pero no sabe cómo. Uno intenta y se cae. El adviento es un tiempo en el que uno puede aprender a vivir de una forma diferente, así como indicó Juan el bautista. La alegría y la esperanza son los regalos que Dios nos ofrece, no la ansiedad ni la desesperanza.

### Liturgical Ministry Schedule

**Dec. 22-23**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Lector**

**J. Ballard/R. Ballard**

**Altar Server**

**J. Devine**

**EMoHC**

**C. Burnett**

**M. Hardjito**

**M. Daum**

**S. Gaddis**

**D. Gaddis**

**Hospitality**

**B. Hettgar/Needed**

**Eucharistic Bread: B. Black**

**8:30 a.m.**

**P. Parish/K. Farley**

**C. Alvarez**

**S. Brown Mathews**

**T. Leathers**

**J. Roznowski**

**A. Wilhelm**

**J. Niemoller**

**Ballard family**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Needed/Needed**

**B. Atencio**

**S. Sheaffer**

**D. Martinez**

**C. Brock**

**J. Sheaffer**

**Needed**

**Needed**

**Ministers are needed for the 4 Christmas Liturgies, 4:00, 7:00, & 10:00 p.m. on December 24 and 10:00 a.m. on December 25. Please take a moment to go to [Ministry Scheduler Pro](#) to sign up for ministry on these days.**



# Bringing Home the Word

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 16, 2018

## Preparing for the Living Water of Christ

By Mary Katharine Deeley

I love waterfalls. When I'm out hiking, I'll take any side path that leads to a waterfall. The first time I swam in a waterfall pool was memorable. I'm not sure where this love came from, but there is something about the motion and sound of the water as it's falling that soothes my mind and enlivens my soul. I also know that waterfalls can be dangerous: The force of the water can sweep everything over the edge. Still, when Jesus refers to his living water in the encounter with the woman at the well (John 4), I immediately think

of water falling into a pool and the abundant life that grows around the area.

For Christians, water signifies both life and death. At creation, God said, "Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures" (Genesis 1:20). God then used the waters of a flood to destroy wickedness on earth (while saving Noah and others). Water washes us clean and keeps us alive. On a recent trip to Israel, I had an opportunity to stand in the Jordan River and renew my own baptismal vows. I was struck by the power of the words and the coolness of the water. It also occurred to me that simply renewing my vows was not enough. Our promise, inherent in the Creed, is that we will live a life transformed by grace with the help of the Holy Spirit. That is both comforting and challenging. But Jesus, who is living water, whose Spirit brings us life and whose fire is ready to purify and make us ready, is with us now and forever. +

## Sunday Readings

### Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Do not fear, Zion, do not be discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior.

### Philippians 4:4-7

The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything...make your requests known to God.

### Luke 3:10-18

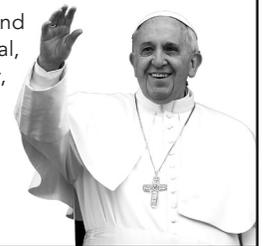
[John said,] "I am baptizing you with water...He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire."

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motion and sound of falling  
water that soothes my mind  
and enlivens my soul.*

## A Word from Pope Francis

Let us implore from on high the gift of commitment to the cause of peace. Peace in our homes, our families, our schools and our communities. Peace in all those places where war never seems to end. Peace for those faces which have known nothing but pain. Peace throughout this world...Simply PEACE.

Address at Ground  
Zero Memorial,  
New York City,  
September 25,  
2015



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Do I regularly attend Mass to experience Jesus' living water?
- Can I make time to celebrate baptismal anniversaries as well as family birthdays?

# A New Way of Seeing

By Kathy Coffey

*Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned (Mark 16:16).*

In the northern parts of the country, winter makes the land bleak and brown. As spring makes its gradual entrance, trees and grass reach deep into their roots for nurture. Perhaps it is like that with belief. When our lives seem wintry, people of faith grip the bedrock and, from that common core, surge into new life. We reach down into roots sunk so deep in tradition we cannot see their source. But we know they are there. We count on them for life.

If we try to go it alone, we quickly discover our impoverishment. To ignore God's graciousness is to risk condemnation. To count on grace is to take our place among the great ones who went before us.

While we may amuse ourselves with fantasies of martyrdom, we all face less dramatic Calvaries. The irritating colleague, the whiny child, the boring job, the repetitive housework, the chemotherapy, or the long commute: All represent places to which Christ calls us, the arenas where belief becomes action.

Do we believe the little stuff of our life can help shape us for greatness? Or do we relegate holiness to apostles and saints,



centuries ago? Just as we can neglect belief, we may mistakenly distance the grace of baptism to our past. But we can draw on baptism's power today. Any gardener knows that deep-rooted plants need water. So too the baptismal symbols offer a fresh start, full of potential and vigor.

## Sharpened Vision

When we bring that symbolism into each day, we discover that we are washed not only in water, but in a new way of seeing. On a natural plane, we can all appreciate the yearning for rain after drought or a hot shower after dirty work. Jesus referred to himself as an exuberant fountain quenching our thirst: "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink" (John 7:37).

The postbaptismal anointing is an ancient act of strengthening. In the fourth century, St. Ambrose described the attraction of fragrant oils: "We shall run following the perfume of your robes." If the perfume industry can capitalize on lovely scents, Christians can recognize more profound overtones: We are marked with the symbol of God's beauty.

We who fret over problems at 3 AM know they become less formidable in the daylight. On his deathbed, the blind writer Goethe pleaded, "More light!" Jesus addresses our dread of darkness:

"While I am in the world, I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). One gift of baptism is the presentation of a burning candle with the words: "Receive the light of Christ."

## Clothed in Christ

We know the difference clothing can make and how we feel when a new shirt rates a compliment. Garment imagery runs throughout Scripture, where we read: "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" (Galatians 3:27).

A name change in Scripture signaled a new person (Abram and Sarai to Abraham and Sarah, Cephas to Peter). So our baptismal name gives us a new identity in Christ. We know the security of the Good Shepherd calling us by name. The Book of Revelation adds, "On him I will inscribe the name of my God" (3:12).

The gifts of baptism renew our best selves so we can get on with the business of recreating the world. Energized by shared beliefs that root us firmly, by symbols that ground our identity, we can focus on dreams and hopes, not fears and anxieties. +



*Lord, you are generous and kind to all your people. Instill within me a compassionate and generous heart, so I may respond to my poor sisters and brothers near and far away.*

—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 17–22

**Monday**, Advent Weekday:  
Gn 49:2, 8–10 / Mt 1:1–17

**Tuesday**, Advent Weekday:  
Jer 23:5–8 / Mt 1:18–25

**Wednesday**, Advent Weekday:  
Jgs 13:2–7, 24–25a / Lk 1:5–25

**Thursday**, Advent Weekday:  
Is 7:10–14 / Lk 1:26–38

**Friday**, Advent Weekday:  
Sg 2:8–14 or Zep 3:14–18a / Lk 1:39–45

**Saturday**, Advent Weekday:  
1 Sm 1:24–28 / Lk 1:46–56