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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"Stop judging and you will not be judged.
Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.
Forgive and you will be forgiven." (Lk 6:37)*

Reflect & Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Today's reading is an excerpt from a longer story of how King David spared Saul's life. David was determined not to murder Saul - "the Lord's anointed" - despite Saul seeking to kill David. What does this reveal about the character of King David?

Second Reading

As Paul begins to draw to a close his discussion on the resurrection of Christ, he contrasts the first man (Adam) with the last Adam (Christ). What do you find most interesting about Paul's insights about Adam and Christ?

Gospel Reading

Jesus implores his followers to love their enemies and to stop judging others. How do you measure yourself against these moral imperatives?

this week . . .

Feb 23 - March 3

SAT 23	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Ronnie Sanchez
SUN 24	8:30 a.m.	Mass: Birthday Intention for Susanna Villaseñor
	9:30 a.m.	Diving Deep
	11:00 p.m.	Mass: Stephen Brin
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: St. Paul's Newman Center
	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Supper
MON 25	10:00 a.m.	Martha & Mary Stitchers
	12:00 p.m.	Meditation
	2:00 p.m.	Staff Check-in
	4:00 p.m.	Family Faith Formation
	5:00 p.m.	Mass
	6:00 p.m.	Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
TUE 26	1:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting/Parish Offices Closed
	5:00 p.m.	Mass
	5:45 p.m.	Music Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Family Faith Formation
WED 27	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Birthday Intention for Ponciano Villaseñor
	5:45 p.m.	Environment Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Middle School Youth Ministry
	7:30 p.m.	High School Youth Ministry
	8:00 p.m.	Cowboy Catholic Craft Night
THURS 28	2:00 p.m.	Staff Check-in
	5:00 p.m.	Misa En Español
FRI 01	5:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
SAT 02	9:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Break Baking
	10:00 a.m.	Martha & Mary Stitchers
	1:00 p.m.	Environment Committee
	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Edin Vaske
SUN 03	8:30 a.m.	Mass: Azhara Ivey Kennicker
	9:30 a.m.	Diving Deep
	11:00 a.m.	Mass: Peg Tobin
	12:00 p.m.	Quinceañera Preparation Session 2
	2:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Minister Rehearsal
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: St. Paul's Newman Center
	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.

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

sacrament of anointing

The Sacrament of Anointing is offered to bring spiritual and physical strength during an illness and celebrated on the second Saturday of every other month following the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Liturgy. It is scheduled next for March 9, 2019.

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.

Campus Ministry

Spring Break is around the corner...

join Newman Center students for a meaningful and fun week at Nazareth Farm in West Virginia! Applications are due ASAP. If you are not on Flocknotes you can pick up a hard-copy at Lillie's office this week. Space is limited, so don't delay!

Dates are March 17-23. This service-

retreat incorporates

home repairs

and

prayer

alongside some incredible individuals

living in intentional Christian Community.

Cost is \$350.00 per individual. Please

contact Lillie@newmancenter.org with

any questions!



Residents, the SPNC college students

would like to invite you to join them

for their upcoming Wednesday night

"Cowboy Catholic" event: **Hobby Night**

On Wednesday, February 27,

beginning at 8:00 p.m. at Jericho

House (1800 E. Garfield). Whether

it be music, or art/crafts, or knitting/

sewing, or games like chess or cards,

join students for an evening of

building fellowship while doing your

favorite hobby. We will have a short

talk and then break up into smaller

groups throughout the house. Bring an

instrument, or game, or your choice

to participate, share, and hopefully

teach the students from your wealth of

knowledge!

Community Challenge

Go to a Liturgy you normally do not attend.



Thank You

Last Sunday, Feb 17, Gift Offerings

\$4,633 including our tithe (**\$463**) for our brothers and sisters in need

"You cannot give yourself to God and money."

Luke 14:33

upcoming events

Ash Wednesday

March 6

Lenten Ladles Simple Meal &

Stations of the Cross

Fridays beginning March 8

Sacrament of Anointing

Saturday, March 9

Lenten Reconciliation Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 30

Communal Reconciliation

Sunday, April 7



Lenten Ladles Ministry Sign-up

Help us so we may continue to

provide this simple meal and

gather as community on Fridays

during Lent. 4-6 people are

needed each week to prepare soup, bread

and/or mac-n-cheese (or other non-meat

dish) and to set-up and clean-up. Sign-

ups are in Bishop Newell Hall. Collectively,

volunteers will prepare for 50 attendees.

Questions? Contact myra@newmancenter.org

Diocesan Events

Diocesan Carry/Conceal Policy

The Diocese of Cheyenne does not allow carry/conceal weapons on Church/School property. If necessary, an active law enforcement officer, or a licensed professional security company may be contracted to provide security. Any contracted security company must carry adequate insurance.

The Diocese of Cheyenne has an opening for the **Director of Pastoral Ministries** position. The Director of Pastoral Ministries assists the Diocesan Bishop in developing and directing a Pastoral Ministries Plan for the Diocese of Cheyenne. Submit an application, letter of Interest and a current resume by mail, e-mail, online, or in person by March 20, 2019 to: Tammy Skala, Human Resource Director, Diocese of Cheyenne, 2121 Capitol Ave, Cheyenne, WY 82001, Office: 307-638-1530 - tskala@dioceseofcheyenne.org. For a job description and application to go <http://www.dioceseofcheyenne.org/employment.html>

Greetings – My name is Sandy Rupp. I recently relocated to Laramie from 25 windy years in Casper. I have accepted the position of **Coordinator of Service & Outreach** with St. Paul's Newman Center.



As a faith community whose members care for one another let's work to meet Christ beyond our walls. I am eager to explore the gifts and talents of this community so we can **love** others through our actions.

I am humbled that you has entrusted me with facilitating the growth of this meaningful ministry. Please come by the office to visit anytime.



Ash Wednesday, March 6

7:00 a.m. - Morning Liturgy of the Eucharist
12:10 p.m. - Ecumenical Service inviting the Laramie Community to gather as we enter into Lent to prepare for the coming of Easter including signing with ashes.

5:15 p.m. - Evening Liturgy of the Eucharist at Hilton Garden Inn



Miércoles de Ceniza 6 de marzo

7:00 a.m. - Liturgia de la Eucaristía por la mañana
12:10 p.m. Servicio ecuménico que invita a la comunidad de Laramie a reunirse para la entrada de Cuaresma para prepararnos para la llegada de la Pascua, incluye la distribución de cenizas.

5:15 p.m. - Liturgia de la Eucaristía en el Hilton Garden Inn

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Observances for the week of Feb 24, 2019

Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

"Act and God will act, work and He will work." -St. Joan of Arc

"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.

Ecumenical Service

You are invited to join the Laramie Christian Community for an Ash Wednesday Service. Members of the Laramie Ministerial Association will proclaim scripture and offer a reflection, followed by the signing with ashes. Worship begins at 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, here at St. Paul's Newman Center. All are welcome.



A time to transform and change our hearts.

"40 Cans for 40 Days" project will directly support the needs of the Laramie community during the season of Lent. Baskets to collect items will be the Worship Space beginning March 9-10. You are invited to bring donated items forward at the preparation of gifts. Needs at this time include canned meats, vegetables and fruits, rice and beans, nonperishable food items of any kind, diapers, and baby wipes, and personal hygiene products.



Love your enemy

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 24 de febrero de 2019

Domingo: 7º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
 Domingo siguiente: 8º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
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Live the Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

"Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you." We do not like hearing these words, but they are at the heart of Jesus' teaching. When we are hurt, we want to get defensive and fight back. We prefer engaging in battle with something that is negative and evil rather than returning a heart of love. It is easy to love those who will love us back and much harder to love those who may not. But there is no credit to be found in simply surrounding ourselves with friends. Jesus wants to push us out of our comfort zones. We still find ourselves judging others and condemning them when the order of the Gospel is forgiveness and mercy. Why are we so unwilling to let go of the control? Perhaps the answer is found in a failure to love and an absence of faith.

Vivir la Liturgia - Inspiración de la Semana

"Ama a tus enemigos y haz el bien a los que te odian". No nos gusta escuchar estas palabras, pero están en el corazón de la enseñanza de Jesús. Cuando estamos heridos, queremos ponernos a la defensiva y contra atacar. Preferimos participar en la batalla con algo que es negativo y malvado en lugar de devolver un corazón de amor. Es fácil amar a quienes nos aman y mucho más difícil amar a los que tal vez no nos aman. Pero no se puede encontrar merito en simplemente rodearnos de amigos. Jesús quiere sacarnos de nuestras zonas de confort. Todavía nos encontramos juzgando a otros y condenándolos cuando la orden del Evangelio es el perdón y la misericordia. ¿Por qué estamos tan poco dispuestos a soltar el control? Tal vez la respuesta se encuentre en una falta de amor y una ausencia de fe.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

March 2-3	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Lector	<i>M. Galvan/E. Hebbert</i>	<i>B. Belser/M. Chamberlin</i>	<i>S. Loza/A. Eicke</i>	<i>C. Brock/J. Russo</i>
Altar Server	<i>G. Sanford</i>	<i>E. Alvarez</i>	<i>F. Olson</i>	<i>K. Greenwald</i>
EMoHC	<i>D. Aneiros</i>	<i>M. Hardjito</i>	<i>L. Julian</i>	<i>S. Palm</i>
	<i>C. Aneiros</i>	<i>S. Brown Mathews</i>	<i>J. Sheaffer</i>	<i>H. Hoversland</i>
	<i>De. Vaske</i>	<i>T. Wilhelm</i>	<i>T. Cramer</i>	<i>M. Jones</i>
	<i>M. Daum</i>	<i>R. Sax</i>	<i>M. Guenzel</i>	<i>E. Tracy</i>
	<i>C. Curry</i>	<i>S. Villaseñor</i>	<i>K. Mercer</i>	<i>J. Spurny</i>
Hospitality	<i>E. McGann/Needed</i>	<i>Pridmore family</i>	<i>Needed/Needed</i>	<i>Adair Family</i>
Eucharistic Bread:	<i>B. Kamber</i>			



Bringing Home the Word

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 24, 2019

Learning to Love Our Enemy

By Paige Byrne Shortal

“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you....” Oh no! This impossible gospel again! Love your enemies? Turn the other cheek? If someone takes my cloak, I don’t give him my tunic. I look for a way to get it back and sue for damages besides.

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” Jesus didn’t just preach. He acted as he wants us to act and tells us, “Do as I do.” “Love one another as I have loved you,” he said. At the Last Supper after he washed his disciples’ feet, he said, “I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.”

But love my enemies?

Well, OK, who is my enemy? For

some it is the enemy of our nation. For others it is our current president and his administration, whoever it happens to be. For some the enemy is those who criticize the Church. For others it is the Church’s leadership. For some the enemy is a boss or former boss. For some it’s black people or white people, rich people or poor people, refugees who are trying to get into our country or citizens who are trying to keep them out. For some the enemy is as close to home as a parent who was abusive, a brother or sister, a daughter-in-law or son-in-law, an ex-spouse.

We tend to think *our* enemy is the exception; that *our* reason for hating is reasonable and not what Jesus was talking about. Find me the Gospel passage that offers the exception. I’d really like to read it and let myself off the hook.

If we have a hatred that’s gnawing at us, perhaps this points the way to our Lenten discipline. If we can’t love our enemies, we can pray for the grace to do so. If we can’t pray to love our enemies, we can pray for the desire to do so. If we can’t pray for the desire to love them, we can at least pray for the desire for the desire. Let’s start on Ash Wednesday. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

The cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sin of mankind, including our own. Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing on his shoulders our crosses and saying to us: “Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone! I carry it with you.”

—World Youth Day, July 26, 2013



Sunday Readings

1 Samuel 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23

The LORD repays everyone’s righteousness and faithfulness.

1 Corinthians 15:45–49

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

Luke 6:27–38

[Jesus said,] “Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.”

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I look for the good in others, including those I dislike?
- Can I pray for the grace to understand—and even love—my enemies?

Battling Addiction— Surrendering to God's Grace



By Paul M. Smith

"I don't belong here!" kept repeating in my impaired brain as I sat propped against the concrete wall. My head was pounding, my stomach churning. *"I'm the father of three, a community leader, a radio and television personality. How could this happen again?"*

The evening was a blur except for the flashing lights in my rearview mirror, prompting a familiar sinking feeling. There was no point in taking the field sobriety test. I could barely stand, much less walk a straight line. I vaguely remember verbally abusing the arresting officer and faking a heart attack in an attempt to avoid a Breathalyzer test. No one was fooled. My blood-alcohol content was well over the legal limit.

Now, sitting in the drunk tank, surrounded by a dozen men, some vomiting, others lying in their urine, I wondered:

"How could I have fallen this low again?"

I hadn't gone more than a day or two in my adult life without drinking or using drugs, usually both. I was fourteen when I took my first drink, whiskey straight from the bottle. I drank the whole thing and passed out.

As a teenager, drinking helped me fit in. It made me feel more comfortable around people. I could talk to girls. I even thought I could dance. (I now know that I can't!) Later there came two divorces, multiple arrests, the threat of losing good jobs, and the alienation of my children. My response was to simply drink and drug more. Finally, yet another humiliating arrest convinced me of my powerlessness. It was only then that the grace of God could enter me to expel my obsession for self-destructive drinking.

My conversion was gradual. I had abandoned my strict Catholic upbringing in favor of the lure of the world. Having no idea how to live on life's terms and with nothing to numb the pain, I became more miserable with each passing day. I visited recovery groups but rebelled against joining a twelve-step program. They talked of a Higher Power and, though I believed in God, I had kept him out of my life.

Then I met the man who would become my spiritual guide. A recovering alcoholic himself, this missionary priest showed me by gentle example his love for Jesus and the Church. I gradually became willing to ask for help and to embrace the support community that is the backbone

of recovery. I had to break my natural tendency towards isolation in order to join in the group.

I returned to church, becoming active in my parish. I was encouraged to pray and make a fearless examination of conscience, followed by an honest confession in the sacrament of reconciliation. I humbly received the Body and Blood of Christ. Through receiving his Precious Blood for this final time, I was freed from my past sins, became willing to make amends, and able to become the man I was created to be. The Catholic formation of my youth has become a firm foundation for continued spiritual growth.

Life is still filled with daily challenges, hardship, and pain. I'm still an addict, but my "addiction" today is to God's grace. Through faith, there is joy, hope, and love-sustaining substitutes for chemical escape.

I'm grateful that the obsession to drink and drug has been lifted by God's grace. As I face other destructive patterns in my daily walk, I'm reminded of the words of St. Paul as he struggled with his "thorn ... in the flesh." The Lord spoke to him saying, "My grace is sufficient for you" (2 Corinthians 12:9). +


PRAYER

Lord, you command me to love my neighbor. May your love dispel the hatred and resentment in my heart so that I may love all people unconditionally.

—From *Peaceful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

February 25–March 2

Monday, Weekday:
Sir 1:1–10 / Mk 9:14–29

Tuesday, Weekday:
Sir 2:1–11 / Mt 9:30–37

Wednesday, Weekday:
Sir 4:11–19 / Mk 9:38–40

Thursday, Weekday:
Sir 5:1–8 / Mk 9:41–50

Friday, Weekday:
Sir 6:5–17 / Mk 10:1–12

Saturday, Weekday:
Sir 17:1–15 / Mk 10:13–16

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