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Fourth Sunday in Lent

this week . . .
March 30 - April 7



*"Now we must celebrate and rejoice,
because your brother was dead and has come to life
again;
he was lost and has been found." (Lk 15:32)*

Reflect & Respond to Scripture

First Reading

After Moses died, Joshua successfully settled the Israelites into the Promised Land (Canaan). Israel was now fully freed from their Egyptian captors after 40 years of struggle. When have you experienced liberation from a difficult situation?

Second Reading

Paul taught that through Christ, we, as believers, are reconciled to God. In this way, we are a new creation. How does the season of Lent keep you focused on this reality?

Gospel Reading

Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son is one of the most beloved parables. Why do you think so many people relate to this parable?

SAT 30	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Fourth Sunday in Lent		
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Edin Vaske
SUN 31	8:30 a.m.	Mass: St. Paul's Newman Center
	9:30 a.m.	Diving Deep
	11:00 p.m.	Mass: Norma Deibert/2nd Scrutiny
	2:00 p.m.	Misa En Español
	5:00 p.m.	Mass
	6:00 p.m.	Hunger Banquet Sunday Supper
MON 01	12:00 p.m.	Meditation
	2:00 p.m.	Staff Check-in
	4:00 p.m.	Family Faith Formation
	5:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
	6:00 p.m.	Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
TUE 02	1:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting/Offices are Closed
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Luza and Gonzalo Chapela
	5:45 p.m.	Music Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Family Faith Formation
WED 03	8:30 a.m.	Mothers Rosary 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
	8:00 p.m.	Cowboy Catholic
THURS 04	11:00 a.m.	Staff Check-in
	12:25 p.m.	Mass on Campus
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Bob Burnett
FRI 05		Student SEARCH Retreat thru 4/7
	5:00 p.m.	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Ladles
	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
SAT 06	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Fifth Sunday of Lent		
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: St. Paul's Newman Center
SUN 07	8:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:30 a.m.	Diving Deep
	11:00 a.m.	Mass: 3rd Scrutiny
	2:00 p.m.	Misa En Español:
	5:00 p.m.	Mass
	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Communal Reconciliation

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

Sunday-Misa En Español

2:00 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.

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.

Catholic Relief Services Appeal- March 31, 2019

This week we recognize victims of persecution, natural disasters, and the poor and marginalized.

When you support this appeal you support six Catholic agencies bringing Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. A donation will be made from our 10% tithe. Individual donations are welcome by noting Catholic Relief on the memo line of your check. Thank you for your generosity.



Communal Reconciliation

Join the Laramie Catholic Community as we celebrate God's love for us on Sunday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Space.

upcoming events

- **Student SEARCH**
Friday - Sunday April 5-7
- **Communal Reconciliation**
Sunday, April 7
- **Triduum**
Thursday - Saturday April 18-20
- **Easter**
Saturday & Sunday April 20 & 21
- **Adoration & Praise**
Wednesday, April 24

Campus Ministry

Hunger Banquet

Join us Sunday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. to learn what it would be like to live at a different economic level. A hunger banquet helps bring awareness to the issue of the availability and access to food for people around the world. It is an interactive event that brings hunger and poverty issues to life. All are welcome! This banquet will happen in the place of Sunday Supper.

Thank You

Last Sunday, March 24, Gift Offerings **\$7,534** including our tithe (**\$753**) for our Lenten Project

"Each tree is known by its fruit." -Luke 6:44

Lenten Project

Sustainable Harvest International (SHI).

SHI understands the importance of educating individuals and providing them with the tools and training necessary to become community leaders in sustainability.

Up until last month, Hernando's farm was surrounded by dense forest. Then, one morning, thirty-five acres were cleared for a conventional bean operation.

Hernando was heartsick. Deforestation on this scale drastically alters the landscape—not to mention his livelihood. When asked if this would make him consider selling his land, Hernando shakes his head. "I'm a farmer," he says, "If I sell my land, what am I leaving for my children?" For now, he'll plant a buffer of trees to protect his crops from the harmful pesticides and white flies on the nearby bean plantation. Hernando hopes that his neighbors will see the techniques he's using and consider transforming their approach to agriculture, too.

Thanks to your dedication, families like Hernando's are receiving the support they need to practice regenerative farming for generations to come.



Hernando and fellow farmers dealing with deforestation

Thank you for your donations. With your direct donations and our Lenten tithe, to date **we have raised \$3,825**. Our 10% tithe from Sunday Gift Offerings throughout Lent will go to **SHI**. We are grateful to receive your direct donations as well. Just indicate SHI on the memo line of your check. God bless your generosity!



Diocesan Events

Employment Opportunity

Director of Faith Formation, Sheridan WY

Holy Name Catholic Church is seeking a Director of Faith Formation to help foster a deeper spiritual life for all members of the parish. For a list of qualifications or to apply, please visit the website: <https://holynamesheridan.org/staff-1> or mail a resume to the parish office: 9 S Connor St. Sheridan, WY 82801



Chrism Mass

You are invited to join the Diocese of Cheyenne in celebrating the Chrism Mass on Thursday, April 11 at 5:30 pm at St. Patrick's Church in Casper. During this celebration, three holy oils are blessed that are used for the sacraments then sent back to individuals parishes. There will be no 5:00 p.m. Liturgy celebrated at the Newman Center on that day.

Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Sunday, April 7th at 12:30 p.m.

You will be immersed in the Gospel Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette. Come and experience Christ's healing grace through His Mother, Mary. Invite your family, children and friends! The invitation is extended to all!



You Can Help Your Marriage – Retrouvaille Weekend

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 100's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend in Denver, CO on April 5-7, 2019, call (303) 317-5111 or email: retrouvaille.co@gmail.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Lenten Opportunities

- **Friday Lenten Ladles** - A community simple meal and time to build community following daily liturgy on Fridays during Lent.
- **Stations of the Cross** - Walk the path of Jesus commemorating His Passion - Fridays following Lenten Ladles at 6:00 p.m.
- **Ministry of Presence.** - Opportunities to be with our brothers and sisters especially those who experience poverty. Check with Sandy Rupp for ways to be Christ for one another: rupp@newmancenter.org

Thank you for your generous response to the "40 Cans for 40 Days" Project. Baskets to collect items have been overflowing each weekend. You are asked to continue to bring donated items of nonperishables forward at the preparation of gifts throughout Lent as a sign of almsgiving to help those in need.



Observances for the week of March 31, 2019

Sunday:	4th Sunday of Lent
Monday:	April Fools' Day
Tuesday:	St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
Thursday:	St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
Next Sunday:	5th Sunday of Lent

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"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.

Hispanic Ministry

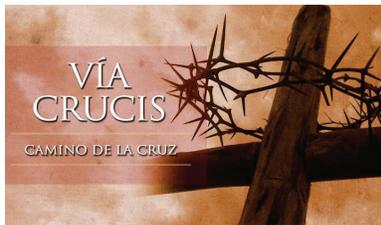


Misa en español Domingos
de Cuaresma a 2:00 p.m.

Gracias por su generosa respuesta el proyecto "40 Latas por 40 días". Las cestas para recoger los artículos se han desbordado cada fin de semana. Se le solicita que continúe trayendo artículos donados de productos no perecederos para la preparación de los obsequios a lo largo de todo el tiempo prestado como un signo de dar limosna para ayudar a los necesitados.

Via Crucis- Stations of the Cross

Acompáñenos a rezar esta devoción para reflexionar sobre la Pasión y las formas en que experimentamos sufrimiento en nuestro mundo hoy. Todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma a las 6:00 p.m. El 12 de abril se rezará en español el Vía Crucis.



Servicio de Reconciliación Comunitario – Confesiones de Cuaresma

Acompañe a la comunidad católica de Laramie a celebrar el amor de Dios por nosotros el domingo 7 de abril a las 7:00 p.m. en el espacio de adoración.

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 24 de marzo

Domingo: 4o Domingo de Cuaresma
Martes: San Francisco de Paula, ermitaño
Jueves: San Isidoro, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia
Viernes: San Vicente Ferrer, sacerdote
Domingo siguiente: 5º Domingo de Cuaresma © LPI

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

God does not coerce us into anything. Rather, He gives us the freedom and the means to live like adults, taking responsibility for our choices and the direction our lives take. As our loving Father, He desires that our home be made with Him but understands when we choose to pursue our own passions and desires, which lead us away from Him. We have to learn our own lessons if conversion is to be tangible and real. We cannot return to God simply because we are told to or because we are expected to. We have to come to God freely, and when we do, God is there with loving, open arms ready to welcome us back home. We can celebrate because we were dead and have found life again!

Vivir la Liturgia - Inspiración de la Semana

Dios no nos obliga a nada. Más bien, Él nos da la libertad y los medios para vivir como adultos, asumiendo la responsabilidad de nuestras decisiones y la dirección que toman nuestras vidas. Como nuestro Padre amoroso, Él desea que nuestro hogar se haga con Él, pero entiende cuando elegimos perseguir nuestras propias pasiones y deseos, los cuales nos alejan de Él. Tenemos que aprender nuestras propias lecciones si la conversión va a ser tangible y real. No podemos regresar a Dios simplemente porque se nos diga o porque se espera que lo hagamos. Tenemos que venir a Dios libremente, y cuando lo hacemos, Dios está allí con los brazos abiertos y amorosos, listos para darnos la bienvenida de regreso a casa. ¡Podemos celebrar porque estábamos muertos y hemos encontrado la vida otra vez! hoy. No nos alejemos más y volvamos a la verdad.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
April 6-7				
Lector	J. Van Heule/E. McGann	S. Brown Mathews/C Rohde	E. Parker/I. Johnson	M. Palm/A. Nirider
Altar Server	J. Van Heule	E. Alvarez	S. Navarro	K. Greenwald
EMoHC	M. Daum	A. Wilhelm	C. Weber	M. Lube
	T. Scherden	J. Kennedy	A. Hayden	R. Hopson
	K. Downey	K. Kennedy	J. Atencio	T. Dahl
	M. Downey	S. Villaseñor	B. Atencio	H. Hoversland
	De. Vaskie	J. Przygocki	E. Spann	E. Tracy
Hospitality	B. Hettgar/Needed	N. Arulsamy/P. Radosevich	Jarvis Family	C. Ellis/K. Espinola
Eucharistic Bread:	De. Vaske			



Bringing Home the Word

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 31, 2019

God's Extravagant Love for All of His People

By Mary Katharine Deeley

One of the deep meanings of this Gospel reading is signaled in verse 2: "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Last Sunday, Jesus challenged the people to realize they were no better than those they condemned. The Pharisees and scribes had trouble with that lesson. They felt morally superior and more entitled to God's favor than those whose lives they questioned. Jesus turned that attitude on its head, showing time and again that God seeks out the sinner and the lost, particularly those who recognize that they are sinners

and lost. As long as the Pharisees and scribes did not see themselves that way, Jesus could not help them.

Dictionary.com Unabridged says *prodigal* means "wastefully or recklessly extravagant," so someone who is prodigal is lavish, a spendthrift. According to the Pharisees, Jesus was prodigal, for they considered his welcome of sinners as wildly wasteful, frittering away time and resources on people they thought were unworthy. But Jesus simply was showing them, and all of us, what God's love is like. God is extravagant in his love for saints and sinners alike. To some it might seem pointless or unjust to love and care for sinners and enemies, but God finds no one unworthy or unlovable—even those who reject him and oppress others.

Lent is a time to accept our sinfulness, our lost condition, and return home to the Father. Like the father of the prodigal son, God waits for that warm embrace, willing to give us everything. Hurry! +

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Sunday Readings

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

...The LORD said to Joshua: Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us.

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

[Jesus said,] "Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus takes from us our diseased humanity and we take from him his sound and healing humanity. This happens each time we receive a sacrament with faith: the Lord Jesus "touches" us and grants us his grace....We think especially of the sacrament of reconciliation, which heals us from the leprosy of sin.

—Angelus, February 15, 2015



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I give thanks that God finds no one unworthy or unlovable—even me?
- Am I making the most of this Lenten season to return to God's warm embrace?

Lost and Found



By Richard Rohr, OFM

Of all Jesus' parables, the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32) is perhaps the most profound. The story is more that of the prodigal father, who is extravagant when it comes to his sons. The sons are prodigal in failure; the father in generosity.

The story is familiar: The younger son asks for a share of his father's estate. He wants a life apart. In effect, he says: "Give me my part of your stuff, Dad. I'm going to take off and live alone." His father obliges and the young man departs for a distant country, quickly squandering his inheritance. He is soon destitute—and chastened by his intemperance.

He returns home, prepared to acknowledge to his father that he has failed and no longer deserves to be called

his son. The younger son has come to his senses. He is content, even eager, to be treated as no more than a hired worker. But he's in for a big surprise, as we'll all be. God is greater than our sins.

Luke writes that while the younger son "was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." He calls for a feast to celebrate his son's return. The older son protests that he has never disobeyed his father or given him grief. This is true, but the older son is trying to find his legitimacy in obedience, not love. He doesn't know about simple relationship—and the Bible is all about relationship. When we don't have a living relationship, we often try to substitute with duty and obligation.

A Glimpse of God

"Everything I have is yours," the father insists. What a marvelous response and image of God! God is like a prodigal father who welcomes his son without explanation. No questions are asked about why the son is returning home; no apology is requested. He throws his arms around him and invites everyone to celebrate because his son who "was dead has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

This isn't just a son, but a returned son. It's when we return that we know how important union is, what strength and joy relationship gives. It's one of the most consistent messages of the Bible: It's in losing that we discover what we have. Alienation isn't the end of the world; it's the way we commonly come to God. Most biblical figures are transformed

sinner, not people who walk a straight line to God. That isn't the path.

Universal Lesson

This parable of the prodigal son/father has power to change us because it names human relationships so perfectly. We see ourselves in both sons: We try to live autonomously, yet that eventually leads to alienation and unhappiness. Slowly we gather our truth and our identity. But we're also capable of being the older son who prides himself on his orthodoxy but is unable to celebrate and enjoy a free gift. So we end with an amazing story of one son who does it all right and is wrong, and another son who does it all wrong and is right!

In the end, we never learn whether the elder son attends the banquet, but we do know that the Father continues hoping that his son will come and not live in resentment or superiority toward his brother who has done it all wrong. It is an invitation to all who have perhaps been good Catholics, "older sons," but may also lack compassion and forgiveness. +

PRAYER

*Lord, you are the face of
God's compassion in the world.
Give me a compassionate heart
to embrace my suffering
brothers and sisters.*

—From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 1-6

Monday, Lenten Weekday:

Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, Lenten Weekday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, Lenten Weekday:

Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, Lenten Weekday:

Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

Friday, Lenten Weekday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, Lenten Weekday:

Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53