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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"A widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" - Lk 18:3-4b, 5

## Reflect & Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

Moses relied on Aaron and Hur to help him accomplish the task of defeating Israel's enemies. Who do you consider a close ally in your spiritual journey?

### Second Reading

Paul teaches Timothy an important biblical principle: "All Scripture is inspired by God." How would you explain this idea of "divine inspiration" of Scripture to a non-believer?

### Gospel Reading

Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the persistent widow, holding her up as a model of tenacity in faith. How would you assess your own level of tenacity for your faith?

### Primera Lectura

Moisés confió en Aarón y Jur para ayudarlo a cumplir la tarea de derrotar a los enemigos de Israel. ¿A quién consideras un aliado cercano en tu viaje espiritual?

### Segunda Lectura

Pablo le enseña a Timoteo un importante principio bíblico: "Toda la sagrada Escritura está inspirada por Dios;" ¿Cómo explicarías esta idea de "inspiración divina" de las Escrituras a un no creyente?

### Lectura del Evangelio

Jesús les cuenta a sus discípulos la parábola de la viuda persistente, sosteniéndola como un modelo de tenacidad en la fe. ¿Cómo evaluarías tu propio nivel de tenacidad para tu fe?

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October 19 - 27

<b>SAT 19</b>	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: St. Paul's Newman Center
<b>SUN 20</b>	8:30 a.m.	Mass: Franklin Taylor
	11:00 p.m.	Mass: Kay Tencick
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Nathan Pieper
	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Supper
<b>MON 21</b>	10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting/Offices are Closed
	12:00 p.m.	Meditation
	5:00 p.m.	Mass
	6:00 p.m.	Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
	7:30 p.m.	SEARCH Team Meeting
<b>TUE 22</b>	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Patti Spaulding
	5:45 p.m.	Music Rehearsal
<b>WED 23</b>	2:00 p.m.	Staff Check-in
	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Special Intention
	8:00 p.m.	Cowboy Catholic
<b>THUR 24</b>	12:25 p.m.	Mass on Campus
	5:00 p.m.	Misa en Español:
	6:00 p.m.	SEARCH Team Dinner/Preparation
<b>STUDENT SEARCH RETREAT THROUGH 10/27</b>		
<b>FRI 25</b>	5:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion: Michael Horan
	5:30 p.m.	Martha & Mary Stitcher's Festival
<b>SAT 26</b>	10:00 a.m.	Women's Rosary Group
	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Franklin Taylor
<b>SUN 27</b>	8:30 a.m.	Mass: St. Paul's Newman Center
	9:30 a.m.	Family Faith Formation/ Community Building
	11:00 a.m.	Mass: Nora O'Dwyer
	5:00 p.m.	Mass: Patti Spaulding
	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Marriage Preparation Session II

WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

*In God's plan, nothing happens by chance.*

*St. John Paul II*

**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 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. For information, contact Fr. Rob: rob@newmancenter.org

**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. The next preparation is October 16 at 6:00 p.m. Email Fr. Rob for information.

**sacrament of anointing**

This sacrament that brings spiritual and physical strength will be celebrated following the evening liturgy on the second Saturday of every other month. This will be celebrated next on November 9.



**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

**Book of the Dead**

As we prepare to remember and honor the dead in the month of November, we invite you to stop in Bishop Newell Hall to create a page or make additions with names of family and friends who have died. There are new pages with the book if needed. The Book of the Dead will be displayed in the Worship Space in November. You may also bring photos of deceased family members for the ofrenda or Day of the Dead altar during the month of November.



Campus Ministry

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**SEARCH Retreat is October 25-27**

Please pray for the team as they prepare, for Fr. Rob and Fr. Hiep for their spiritual presence and guidance, and for the Searchers to be open to the Spirit during this weekend.

**Adoration & Praise**

The students hope you will join them for an evening of prayer, music and reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, November 6 at 8:00 p.m. in the Worship Space.

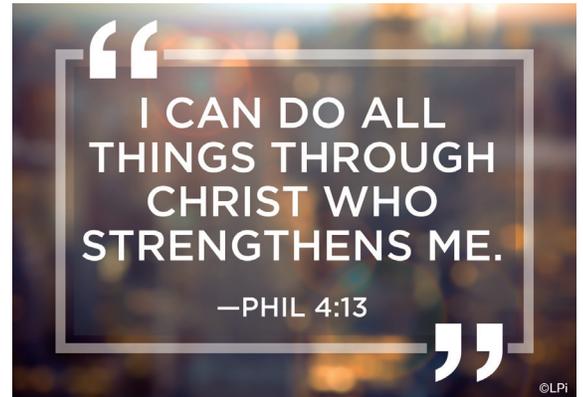


**Nice to Know: Financial Advice**

If you are over 70 1/2 and required to take money from your retirement accounts and pay income taxes on that amount (RMD, required minimum distribution), you can avoid the taxes and support charities of your choice or the Newman Center. Ask your accountant how to accomplish this. You may also call your investment advisor or broker.

**Observances for the week of Oct 20, 2019**

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday  
Tuesday: St. John Paul II, Pope  
Wednesday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest  
Thursday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop  
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**World Mission Sunday October 20, 2019 We are Baptized and Sent!**

We are called through our baptism to be part of the Church's missionary efforts for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Your prayers and financial help support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world in need of His healing, love, and peace. We will make a donation from our charity tithe and invite you to make additional donations by noting World Mission on the memo line of your check or use the envelopes on the gift table.



**Martha & Mary Stitches Fall Festival**

We welcome new and returning stitchers for a evening of fellowship, fun, and planning on Friday, October 25 at 5:30 at the Emmaus House. Those attending are asked to bring a small quantity of fabric for an exchange. Refreshments will be provided.



RSVP: Carole: cijaeger11@gmail.com or 605-381-6176

# ALL Saints

**Friday, November 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints**  
This a Holy Day of Opportunity meaning that you are called to take this opportunity to come celebrate with your faith community to receive the Eucharist on this special feast day.

**Liturgy is at 5:15 p.m.**

## Diocesan Announcements

### Marriage Encounter Weekend

Marriage can be challenging at times, but Jesus tells us, "Be not afraid". Trust in the Lord and the incredible plans he has for your marriage. Attend the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and rediscover the beauty of married life. This weekend is the perfect opportunity to reconnect, improve communication and fall more deeply in love. Upcoming dates: Ucross (Clearmont), WY Nov 1-3, 2019 and Billings, MT Jan 24-26, 2020. For more information and to apply visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call Paul and Tracy 307-689-2820.

### Hispanic Ministry



**Saturday, November 2, 2019**

**Liturgy at 5:00 p.m.**

Bring photos of deceased family  
(5x7 or smaller)

a Potluck meal will follow  
bring a dish to share

**sábado, 2 de Noviembre, 2019**

**Misa a las 5 de la tarde**

Traiga fotos de sus familiares difuntos  
(5x7 o menos)

**Habra un convivio**  
por favor traiga un plato para compartir



*"Cor ad Cor loquitur."*

## Living & Giving in Christ

### YOUR HELP IS VERY NEEDED!!

**Did you know that our goal for Living and Giving in Christ is a responsibility we must meet?**

We still owe **\$18,000.**

147 of our 568 resident parishioners have made a pledge.

If 147 households can pledge \$65,694 think what 421 households could raise.

Please help our parish by making your pledge today.

You may place your pledge in the gift offering basket, mail it directly to the Diocese or give online at [www.livingandgivinginchrist.org](http://www.livingandgivinginchrist.org)

**"Give and it shall be given to you...  
For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38**

### Thank You

**Last Sunday, October 6, Gift Offerings \$6,152** including our tithe (**\$612**) for our sisters and brothers in need

*"Once we have come to an appreciation of all He has given to us, we will have abundant cause to give thanks continually." St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

### Christ in the City

Thanks to all who participated last weekend to serve those experiencing poverty and homelessness in Denver. A special thanks to the drivers for taking the time to safely get the students to their inner city location.



### Lost and Found

Stop by the table in Bishop Newell Hall to see if there is are familiar items that might belong to you.

*"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

**October 25-27**

Student SEARCH Retreat

**October 27**

Family Faith Formation/Community Building

**November 1**

All Saints Day

**November 2**

Dia de los Muertos

**November 3**

Daylight Saving Time ends

Slow Motion Mass

**November 6**

Adoration & Praise

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### Live the Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

As we live out our life of faith, it is easy to lose heart and lose confidence in God's power and effective presence. We can fall into apathy. Given the immensity of the concerns that abound, we feel powerless and can become unmotivated to persevere. To combat this weariness, Jesus tells his friends to pray always. Persisting in prayer allows us to find the determination, strength, and conviction to continue on course even when presented with difficulties. If we are determined in our pursuit of God, we will eventually find God breaking through our darkness with the light of His presence, gifting us with contemplative sight so that we can see as He sees and love as He loves. It is only when we take on the person of Christ that we are able, with God's help, to touch the world's pain and loneliness.

### Vivir la Liturgia - Inspiración de la Semana

A medida que vivimos nuestra vida de fe, es fácil descorazonarse y perder la confianza en el poder y la presencia eficaz de Dios. Podemos caer en la apatía. Dada la inmensidad de las preocupaciones que abundan, nos sentimos impotentes y podemos perder la motivación para perseverar. Para combatir este cansancio, Jesús les dice a sus amigos que oren siempre. Persistir en la oración nos permite encontrar la determinación, la fuerza y la convicción para continuar en curso, incluso cuando se nos presenten dificultades. Si estamos decididos en nuestra búsqueda de Dios, eventualmente encontraremos a Dios atravesando nuestras tinieblas con la luz de su presencia, dándonos una visión contemplativa para que podamos ver como Él ve y amar como Él ama. Es solo cuando tomamos la persona de Cristo que podemos, con la ayuda de Dios, tocar el dolor y la soledad del mundo.

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

**October 26-27**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Lector**

**D. Waggener/E. McGann**

**Altar Server**

**J. French**

**EMoHC**

**J. Waggener**

**S. Beck**

**M. Downey**

**K. Downey**

**C. Davis**

**Hospitality**

**Gabriel Family**

**Eucharistic Bread: A. Wilhelm**

**8:30 a.m.**

**M. Showacre/P. Parish**

**G. Showacre**

**J. Murray**

**T. Strube**

**J. Przygocki**

**M. Hardjito**

**M. Belser**

**C. Rohde/M. Wion**

**11:00 a.m.**

**A. Hayden/C. Weber**

**B. Atencio**

**B. Pier**

**D. Martinez**

**J. Sheaffer**

**S. Kidwiler**

**S. Loza**

**J. Atencio/R. Sprinkle**

**5:00 p.m.**

**N. Thiele/A. Miller**

**J. Russo**

**M. Jones**

**H. Hoversland**

**E. Barnett**

**S. Palm**

**J. Palm**

**K. Espinola/Z. Parsons**





# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
October 20, 2019

## Keeping the Faith in a Land of Choices

By Mary Katharine Deeley

“Remain faithful to what you have learned and believe.” This was a favorite motto of a former director of the Catholic center where I work. Students who had just entered college and graduating seniors heard many reflections and homilies on this phrase because he felt it was one of the best pieces of advice he could give them. And so it is for us. The world is a complex place. Our choices are many, from the trivial (What breakfast cereal should I buy?) to the vitally important (How do I uphold the

dignity of every human person?). We see great beauty in creation and great evil in its wanton destruction for profit. There are those who think so little of human life that they bomb public places in order to destroy their enemies and those who think so much of life that they run into burning buildings or minister to the poorest and least.

In some cases, our path is crystal clear. In other cases, competing goods push and pull us in different directions. How do we make up our minds? This is where the teaching of Jesus and the Church, our prayer, and our conscience come together. Being faithful to what we believe gives us the foundation for good decisions in complex situations. It makes it possible for us to pass on the faith to the next generation and to the world. Doing this hard work is not always convenient. But this good news is what the world needs and is our path and guide as well. +

## Sunday Readings

### Exodus 17:8–13

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight.

### 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2

Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

### Luke 18:1–8

[Jesus said,] “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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crystal clear. In other cases,  
competing goods pull us in  
different directions.*

## A Word from Pope Francis

The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God’s hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, creation is projected toward divinization, toward the holy wedding feast, toward unification with the Creator himself.

—On Care for Our Common Home  
(*Laudato si’*), June 18, 2015



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- When faced with difficult decisions, do I pray for God’s guidance?
- Is remaining faithful to my Catholic beliefs a guiding principle for me?

# Was Jesus a Tree Hugger? Ecology and Faith

By Jim and  
Susan Vogt

Climate change is a hot topic these days, but what does it have to do with faith? “Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth....God looked at

everything he had made, and found it very good” (Genesis 1:28, 31). “The LORD God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it” (Genesis 2:15).

How are we to cultivate and take care of the earth? Scripture can't mean that everyone must become farmers! It means, however, that we all have a responsibility to care for the earth. This is easy to agree to in theory. After all, it feels wholesome to commit to caring for the earth. Being good stewards of creation is holy, natural, and reasonable—but not as easy as it sounds. Consider the following:

Many scientists identify using automobiles as the single most environment-damaging consumer behavior, so Jim urged Susan to take the bus to work. He often rode it himself. After all, we live on a bus line, and it would be “good for Susan's soul.” Jim explained that Susan could use the time to read, meditate, and commune with those who lack transportation choices.



But this quadrupled a twenty-minute commute, once transfers and waiting were factored in.

Vegetable gardening is good stewardship. It provides fresh healthy food, saves money and trips to the store, and can be satisfying to the spirit, not to mention good exercise. (Assuming

you don't overdo it and have to go to a chiropractor afterward, as Susan once did.) But what about those pesky critters that can delete the fruits of our hard work more quickly than we can delete spam? Should we use pesticides on crops, poison the moles, or spend extra on organic remedies? What if our kids won't eat the apples because they don't look as pretty as the ones in the store?

There are plenty of other conundrums for conscientious Christians who want to honor God's creation by preserving and protecting it. In the end, many of us tire of the complexity and mixed messages, throw up our hands, and murmur, “What difference will it make to the environment if I recycle a few soda cans each week?”

What each of us does, however, *can* make a difference. First, we must take personal responsibility for our actions. Whether it's refraining from lying, caring for those in need, or respecting the environment, our own actions are

the ones we control. We must start by responding consistently to God's call to be faithful stewards of creation. In addition, there is the dimension of witness. Who knows when someone might see our small efforts at recycling and decide to do something similar?

Then there is the reality that, as members of the human community, we are not isolated beings dependent only on ourselves. Instead of “*What difference will my action make?*” we might ask, “*What if everyone took my action?*” What if all people just threw their soda cans into the trash? What if all people recycled them? The “everyone” test can often help us judge more clearly.

Perhaps we can revisit the maxim “What would Jesus do?” and ask, “Was Jesus an environmentalist?” Well, he did walk a lot, ate organic and local, and didn't depend on electricity. But he didn't have a choice. We do. Jesus sent us the Spirit to breathe new life into our troubled souls and world. Let us not pollute the gift of creation lest it die on our watch—or on that of our children's children. +

## PRAYER

*Lord, I am grateful that you listen to me. Make my whole life a prayer of thanksgiving in honor of your goodness and love.*

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

## WEEKDAY READINGS

October 21–26

**Monday, Weekday:**  
Rom 4:20–25 / Lk 12:13–21

**Tuesday, Weekday:**  
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17–19, 20b–21 /  
Lk 12:35–38

**Wednesday, Weekday:**  
Rom 6:12–18 / Lk 12:39–48

**Thursday, Weekday:**  
Rom 6:19–23 / Lk 12:49–53

**Friday, Weekday:**  
Rom 7:18–25a / Lk 12:54–59

**Saturday, Weekday:**  
Rom 8:1–11 / Lk 13:1–9

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