

Newman Announcements for April 24 2022 Second Sunday of Easter



Live the Liturgy-Inspiration for the Week

Life is about to get very interesting for the disciples. Finding themselves questioning what happened to Jesus and whether he actually was raised from the dead, they are afraid and uncertain. In the midst of this fear, questioning, and uncertainty, Jesus decides to surprise them with a visit! This visit, complete with the gift of peace, fills the disciples with great excitement and joy. But their detailed testimony is not enough to convince their absent friend Thomas. He wants to see for himself. We struggle with belief as well. It is hard for some to give themselves over to the testimony of another. We want to see the resurrected Christ in person. God, through the gift of eyes of faith, gives us the ability to do precisely that: when we witness the healing that comes from forgiveness, the beauty that flows from love, the wonder of creation, the new life that comes after we fall, and the unique soul that lives behind each person's life. Christ is risen. Life will get very interesting for us too, when we stop unbelieving and believe! ©LPi

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:30, 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday	5:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Wed. & Sat.	4:00 p.m.
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April 23 - May 1

Sat	5:00 pm	Elly Kozlowski
Sun	8:30 am	Dale Gallegos
	11:00 am	Robert Ojeda
	5:00 pm	Terri Sax
Mon	5:00 pm	Ethan Tregilgas
Tues	5:00 pm	Catholic Extension Society Donor
Wed	5:00 pm	Catholic Extension Society Donor
Thurs	5:00 pm	Linda Kranz
Sat	5:00 pm	Kathy Holden
Sun	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Paul's
	11:00 am	Thor Hallingbye
	5:00 pm	Intention of Kathleen Carter on her graduation



Thank You. 

Sunday Gift Offering for April 17: \$8,694.00

Our 10% tithe of \$869.00 will go to assist our brother and sisters in need.

\$16,889.00 has been donated to Amigos de Jesús Children's Home for the construction of a cemetery and for basic needs of the children's home.

"Whatever you did for one of these brothers and sisters, you did for me." -Matthew 25:40

Many, many thanks to the generous "hands" that have worked with diligence and enthusiasm to make our Triduum and Easter Liturgies and receptions exceptional. Easter Blessings upon each and all!!

Upcoming Events

Final Sunday 5:00 p.m. Liturgy
May 8

UW Finals Week
May 9 - 13

UW Graduation
May 14

Sacrament of Anointing
May 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Oklahoma Habitat Mission Trip
May 15 - 22

Youth Confirmation at St. Laurence
Friday, June 3

We Bring Our Gifts to the Altar...

A reminder that we will continue to bring nonperishable items for Laramie Interfaith during the Preparation of Gifts at the Saturday and Sunday Liturgies.



Catholic Relief Services: Aid to Ukraine

CRS is working to give aid to Ukrainians who have been displaced because of war. For facts and how to help, visit www.crs.org/media-center/current-issues/ukraine-conflict-facts-and-how-help



Congratulations to the newest Community members.

Amy Moon	Brady Beers
Savannah Erickson	Luke Hucke
Molly Murnane	Jane Gonzales
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through **SimpleGive** or set up a monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank account. To learn more about these options, contact Jan at accounting@newmancenter.org



Infant Baptism

Parents interested in exploring the Sacrament of Baptism and having their child baptized need to contact Fr. Rob at rob@newmancenter.org to set up an appointment.

Newman Center Lenten Project: Amigos de Jesús Children's Home in Honduras.



Many thanks for your generosity. To date, **\$16,889.00** has been donated to support Amigos de Jesús.

New to our Parish? 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 click **here**.



Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday of Easter (C)

April 24, 2022

Sin Is Never the Last Word

By Fr. Mark Haydu

We're not defined by our weakness but created for greatness! Look at David, Paul, and the sinful woman. David was an adulterer and murderer, yet he wrote psalms and was Jesus' ancestor. Paul killed one of the first deacons, Stephen, yet became the greatest apostle to the Gentiles. The sinful woman's misdeeds were public, yet what is most remembered is her repentance and love.

Sin is not the last word. God's

recreating mercy is. God's mercy asks for a response so all that transformative power can be unleashed in us. The only thing that stands in the way of God's renewal rushing in and totally transforming us is our own lack of acceptance.

Sin wants to stand in the way of this Good News. The evil one tries to convince us we are too sinful, that salvation and happiness might be for others, but not for us. But David, Paul, and the sinful woman didn't let that sinister message sink in. David was moved to repentance by Nathan's words.

Paul accepted that he wasn't saved by his religious fervor or condemned for his errors. He was saved by letting Christ's merciful love embrace him. The sinful woman refused to be defined by her poor choices. She tearfully made penance at Christ's feet, and this act of her brokenness gave off a consoling aroma that filled the house.

Let the power of Christ's love be unleashed in you by forgiving yourself and others. Then your weakness will be the first step toward the greatness God has in store for you. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

The presence of God among [us] did not take place in a perfect...world but rather in this real world, which is marked by...good and bad, division, wickedness, poverty, arrogance, and war. He chose to live in our history as it is.... In doing so, he demonstrated ...his merciful and truly loving disposition.

—General Audience
December 18, 2013



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- How do I help others see the love of God?
- What blocks me from accepting the renewal God offers me?

Sunday Readings

Acts 5:12–16

...They even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them.

Revelation 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19

Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld.

John 20:19–31

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Time for Fifty Days of Easter “Exercise”

By Kathleen M. Basi

On Easter Sunday, anything seems possible. The triumph of life over death and heaven over hell seems to resound throughout a world poised on the cusp of spring. But it's hard to hold on to the euphoria of resurrection for fifty days. White lilies fade and are discreetly removed from the altar while the rush of baseball and soccer starts. As the planet spins from one day to the next, we get caught up in ordinary life until one day that newness of purpose is gone altogether.

Faith is like a muscle: healthier when exercised. In the years after the resurrection, the Church flourished because Christianity wasn't just something you did on Sundays and holidays. It was something radical—something so powerful, so threatening to the establishment that claiming it could get you fed to wild animals. That kind of commitment changes what you do and think and say every day.

You and I will probably never face execution for our beliefs, but the reality of the resurrection should still impact the way we live—not just on the holy day itself, but throughout the Easter season and beyond. It should illuminate what endeavors are worthwhile and which are not. It should challenge us to temper our anger and expand our willingness to sacrifice for others.

Nobody needs a longer to-do list. But living the faith doesn't require commitments of epic proportions.



Imagine what could happen if every one of us celebrated the fifty days of Easter by doing one thing each day to grow, demonstrate, or share our faith. It doesn't have to be earth shattering in importance. It just needs to be real. Set aside five minutes for quiet, contemplative prayer. Count to ten before reacting to that inflammatory tweet. Dig into the mystery of death and resurrection with your children. Read the Acts of the Apostles and figure out one concrete way you can imitate their fervor in the context of your life. Read a book about the saints. Pick up that fast-food bag blowing around the mall parking lot. Send a donation to a crisis-pregnancy center. Buy a can of coffee

and deliver it to the homeless shelter.

Doing one thing every day may not change the world, but it will change *us*. Our souls and our bodies are made to work in harmony to reflect God's image. Our actions shape our inner reality. The more we act as Christ would have us act, the more our view of the world reflects his. In short, by doing as God does, we become more like God. And, that *can* change the world. +

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**PRAYER**

Lord, open my heart to believe your word. Guide me as I learn to play my part in creating your vision of peace and love.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 25–30

Monday, St. Mark:
1 Pt 5:5b–14 / Mk 16:15–20

Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 4:23–37 / Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 5:17–26 / Jn 3:16–21

Thursday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 5:27–33 / Jn 3:31–36

Friday, St. Catherine of Siena:
Acts 5:34–42 / Jn 6:1–15

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 6:1–7 / Jn 6:16–21

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