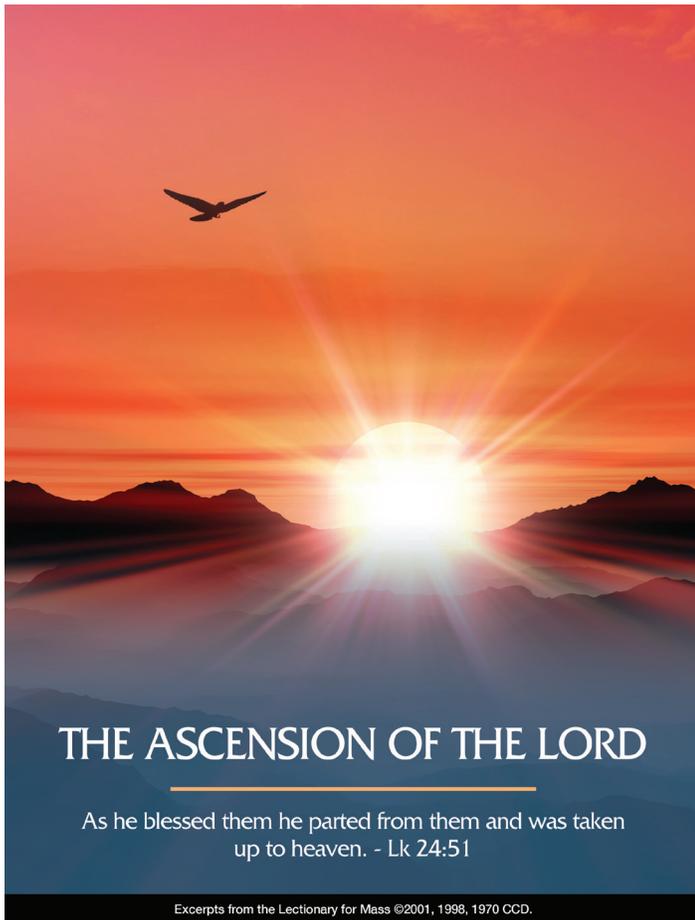


Newman Announcements for May 29, 2022

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



Live the Liturgy-Inspiration for the Week

Pope Francis states, "The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is now in the Lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us." God is present in every space and time. There is nowhere that God cannot be found and nothing that God cannot use to reveal his presence and intent to us. The neighbor who gets under our skin, the demanding coworker we see every day, the person at the supermarket who is rude to us, the elderly person we met on our daily walk who seemed so disheveled, the perfect sunrise that greeted us in the morning, and the wonderful aroma and taste of our first sip of coffee. All can be used by God to awaken us, humble us, and bring us to a heightened sense of His presence. We are given opportunities, always and everywhere, to live in the fullness of Christ. With hearts enlightened by these "God moments," we can anticipate that day when we are all fully and eternally one with Christ. This promise is what allows us to live with joyful hope!©LPi

Liturgy Schedule

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

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m.



May 28 - June 5

Sat	5:00 pm	Thanksgiving for Br. Isaiah's Ordination
Sun	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Paul's
	11:00 am	no intention
Mon	5:00 pm	Catholic Extension Donor
Tues	5:00 pm	Linda Kranz
Wed	5:00 pm	no intention
Thurs	5:00 pm	no intention
Sat	5:00 pm	Kimberly Tregilgas
Sun	8:30 am	Louise Bertrand
	11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Paul's

Youth Confirmation

 The following confirmandi have completed formation at St. Paul's Newman Center and will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, June 3 at St. Laurence O'Toole at 7:00 p.m. Continue to hold them in prayer.

Ava Kruger	Anna Kaiser
Lovely Plant	Moss Plant
Gauge Smith	Taylor Smith
Marisol Aldaz Villaseñor	

Message from Bishop Steven Synod Mass in Casper

As we wrap up the diocesan part of Synod 2021 – 2023, I want to thank all of you who participated—whether that involved appointing parish coordinators or conducting listening



sessions yourselves. The Synod Diocesan Team is grateful to everyone who helped. There is a closing Mass on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Anthony Tri-parish school gymnasium open to all.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Day

Monday, May 30, Parish Offices Closed

Youth Confirmation at St. Laurence

Friday, June 3

Neighborhood Mass & Potluck Gatherings

Beginning June 14

Blood Drive

Thursday, June 30

Neighborhood Mass & Potluck



Beginning in June, the Newman Center is hosting outdoor Masses & potlucks in various Laramie neighborhoods. This will be a great time to get better acquainted with your Newman neighbors. Gatherings will be on a week day at 6:00 p.m. Watch for a flyer or notices in the bulletin and Flocknote notifying you of date and location and other details.

Parish offices will be closed on Monday, May 30 for the Memorial Day Holiday. Take time this day to remember those who have died in the cause of freedom.



Disciples of Jesus steward their vocations (marriage, single life, consecrated life, ecclesial lay ministry, or Holy Orders) by serving the Body of Christ through prayer, time, and finances, according to their ability. If you have not yet given to **Living and Giving in Christ: Unity through Diocesan Ministries 2022** annual appeal, please prayerfully consider doing so. Every gift, no matter how small or how large, matters and is received in gratitude, responsibly managed, and returned to each giver, as those funds support the infrastructure behind every parish in the Diocese of Cheyenne. You may give online **here** or use envelopes/pledge cards that were mailed. **Be sure the name of our parish accompanies your donation.**

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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

Ascension of the Lord (C)

May 29, 2022

Jesus Awaits Us

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

In the Apostles' Creed we pray, "He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father." Jesus lived forty days in his glorified body after the resurrection, but at the end he rose into heaven where he awaits each of us. It was planned all along that he who came down from heaven would return there. "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man" (John 3:13).

The amazing truth is that he has opened heaven for us, cheering on each of us to join him forever! "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come

back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be" (John 14:3). So we're not only striving to get to heaven, but Jesus is there interceding with his power for an ongoing outpouring of his Holy Spirit upon each of us (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 667).

Imagine Jesus as your intercessor in heaven, pleading your case as a brother before our loving Father! If God is for us, who can be against us?

He is also there inaugurating his messianic kingdom. He told Pilate that his kingdom wasn't of this world. He has now taken the throne of his kingdom and will draw all peoples to himself. You and I will become witnesses to this kingdom with no end.

So, let's live with newfound confidence. Jesus is in heaven today interceding for us, inaugurating his kingdom, and preparing our eternal home. +

Sunday Readings

Acts 1:1-11

"[Y]ou will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth."

Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church.

Luke 24:46-53

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

The amazing truth is that Jesus has opened heaven for us, cheering on each of us to join him forever!

A Word From Pope Francis

[Jesus] is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God. If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Savior, our Advocate.

General Audience, April 17, 2013



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I live like a person who is aware that I'm on my way to heaven?
- How can I live this week with a more heavenly perspective?

Threads of Time

By Joanne Bennardo

I never imagined that stitches on a canvas could lead to prayer, but that's exactly what happened when I found a long-forgotten sewing project I had packed up in 1987 as our family prepared to move. Finding the project tucked away in a drawer evokes many memories of Ed and me and our three little boys.



the move. The hotel staff mailed us the wayward bear, and our youngest was full of glee when he opened the soft package. I can still picture the bulky lettering of the thank you note he sent to the thoughtful staff.

I outline three white buds with a dark lime green. The green of today is anchored by

I carefully take out this piece of my past. My arthritic fingers ply the labeled green yarns that had been gathered by younger, more flexible digits. I survey the canvas and find that only four colors of the total twenty-four had been worked: black, white, brown, and the first shade of green. This resonates. My younger self thought in black and white, right and wrong. Unlike today, back then there wasn't much time given to life's gray areas.

I study the diagram and the stitch directory and separate the huge bulk of unused threads. Slowly I guide the material between the two round stretchers. My needle resumes its rhythmic in and out, up and through.

This piece is creating an extraordinary bridge between my younger and present selves. Memories cascade through my very being with each stitch. I smile as I recall leaving Kevin's stuffed panda bear under the blankets in a hotel bed during

the white of yesterday. I wonder what else I did on the day I filled in the white buds. I picture the room where I sewed after boys and teddy bears had all been tucked into bed. I feel the old comfy couch where I cuddled my babies and played peek-a-boo. I hear the constant commotion of laughter and antics meshed with endless tasks. Back then, I could only imagine the day the canvas would boast a completed vase of colorful flowers.

I sew and remember, remember and sew, and God's grace helps me realize that my project may have been interrupted, but God's creativity never missed a stitch. The years I spent as a young mother are an integral part of my life canvas. The finished crewel holds the blessings of loosely held French knots as well as tight ones. Each is necessary and part of the whole picture. Weaved together, the varied threads of my

relationships and experiences have created a tapestry of light, shape, density, and form.

Throughout it all, God has been present in my ordinary and extraordinary days. He is present in the mundane and in crisis, ever-present in the packing and unpacking, sewing and unraveling of our lives.

The rhythm of my current season includes a daily walk. I savor the smell of the grass and the sound of birdsong. I meet young parents for whom I breathe a slow prayer. Some push strollers, others tug at muddy tricycles, and one beams as she receives an imaginary "vamella" ice-cream cone from a small, clenched fist. The past and present entwine, interconnect, and transform.

God gave me the ability to see the significance of old yarns. The pastel pink strands mingle with the deep purple in the same way lightheartedness and toil then and now caress and expand the contours of my life. I pray, "Thank you, creator God. I knocked, and you answered." +

PRAYER

Risen Lord, your resurrection and ascension give witness to God's power. May my life bear witness to God's love, compassion, forgiveness, and peace.

—From *Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter Through Pentecost*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

May 30 – June 4

Monday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 19:1–8 / Jn 16:29–33

Tuesday, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16 / Lk 1:39–56

Wednesday, St. Justin:

Acts 20:28–38 / Jn 17:11b–19

Thursday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 22:30; 23:6–11 / Jn 17:20–26

Friday, St. Charles Lwanga and Companions:

Acts 25:13b–21 / Jn 21:15–19

Saturday, Easter Weekday:

Acts 28:16–20, 30–31 / Jn 21:20–25