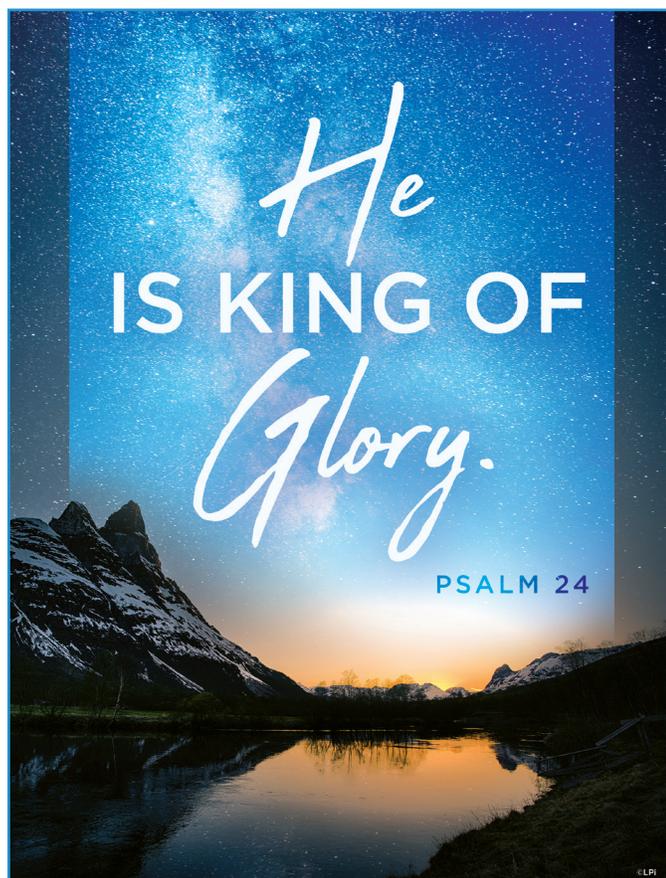




# Newman Announcements for December 18, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent



**Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week**  
 "God is with us." This is the one constant in the unpredictability of life. The particulars of our lives can change, not only instantly but dramatically. People experiencing a time of peace can easily find themselves at war. Times of prosperity can rapidly become times of want. Our vision for the future can be destroyed, and our securities placed in jeopardy. These final days of Advent allow us to make final preparations. The true safety and security we seek can only come from God. The rest, harmony, and peacefulness we desire are found in God alone. How do we know this to be true? God Himself gave us a sign: Emmanuel, God with us. Do not be afraid, and do not be unbelieving. Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. All we need to do is make sure that our hearts are in the proper place and seeking the right things! ©LPi

## Liturgy Schedule

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Monday-Thursday	5:00 p.m.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
Wed & Sat	4:00 p.m.



## Dec 17 - Dec 25

Sat	5:00 pm	Kay Harris
Sun	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Paul's
	11:00 am	Gloria Flores
Mon	5:00 pm	Ruth Micklich
Tues	5:00 pm	no intention
Wed	5:00 pm	no intention
Thurs	5:00 pm	For all deceased members of the Hardjito and Adidharma families
Sat	4:00 pm	Elly Kozlowski
	6:00 pm	Parishioners of St Paul's
	10:00 pm	Kermit Brown
Sun	10:00 am	Edin Vaske

(The 5:00 p.m. Sunday Liturgy returns Jan. 15, 2023)

## Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Liturgical Celebrations

<b>Saturday</b>	December 24
	4:00, 6:00, & 10:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	December 25
	10:00 a.m.
	(no 8:30, 11:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. Liturgies)
<b>Incense will be used Christmas Eve at 10:00 p.m.</b>	

## Christmas Office Schedule

Parish Offices are closed Monday - Wednesday, December 26 - 28 and Monday, January 2. Due to minimal staff being on site December 26 - 30, the building will be open limited hours as well. We wish you a restful and joyous Christmas.

## Upcoming Events

### Family Faith Formation

Sunday, December 18 at 9:45 a.m.

### Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Liturgies

December 24 at 4:00, 6:00 & 10:00 p.m.

December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

### Liturgical Ministers

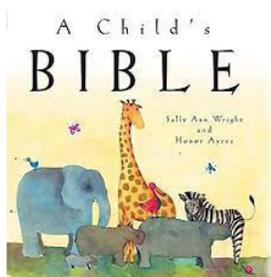
The schedule for December 17 through January 15 schedule has not been preassigned.

This means we are heavily relying on your generosity and willingness to help fill empty positions. To see the full schedule and to volunteer, log in to the Web Terminal [here](#).

### Shop the Newman Book Shelf

Books are a wonderful gift at Christmas! Check out some great selections for purchase.

Just added are hardbound copies of *A Child's Bible* by Sally Ann Wright that are beautifully illustrated and include favorite stories from both the Old and New Testaments (written for ages 3-9 years old). The cost is \$20.00. Enclose your check or cash in the envelope for the amount of the book and leave in the box on the shelf.



### Chancery Office Position Openings

The Chancery Office for the Diocese of Cheyenne has two job openings:

#### •Accountant •Director of Pastoral Formation

Application, Letter of Interest, and a Résumé may be sent by mail, e-mail, online, or in-person to: Tammy Skala, Executive Director of Parish Services (Human Resources), Diocese of Cheyenne, 2121 Capitol Ave, Cheyenne, WY 82001, [tskala@dcwy.org](mailto:tskala@dcwy.org). Tel.: 307-638-1530. Find all information on the webpage [here](#). <https://dcwy.org/job-openings>

## SAVE THE DATE!

Resident SEARCH retreat, February 24 - 26 at the Vee-Bar Ranch.

thank you!

"What do you have that has not been given to you by God?"

To date, **108** of us have pledged **\$308,575.00!** If you have not yet made a pledge, please pick up a card and fill it out today or pledge via our website here: [www.newmancenter.org/](http://www.newmancenter.org/)

### Diaper Drive

Many thanks to your outpouring of generosity to support **UW Students for Life Diaper Drive**. The collected amount of 38 packages and donations totaling around \$1,000.00 are enough to supply one child for a year.

### Sunday Gift Offering: December 11:

**\$4,945.00.** Our 10% tithe totaling \$494.50 will go to assist those in need.

*"The Almighty One has done great things for me..."—Luke 1:49*

**Thanks to all the cookie bakers and candy makers that provided a wide variety of treats for the students. All the snacks and goodies were greatly appreciated!**

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*The Staff is unavailable during weekly meetings at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays and 11:00 a.m. on Thursdays.*



# Bringing Home the Word

Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)  
December 18, 2022

## He Is One of Us

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The Incarnation means God is one of us. He is made of our flesh and blood; he laughs, sings, and loves people. Though we believe he is God, he is still one of us. We can choose him to be on our team, trusting he will play to win.

When identifying ourselves, we normally tell others what we do. Societies like the one to which Jesus belonged usually identified themselves by tracing ancestry. As Isaiah tells us today, Jesus belonged to the house of David. Paul says that he was of David “according to the flesh” (Romans 1:3). The Gospel identifies Joseph as a “son of David” (Matthew 1:20). Since Jesus was considered Joseph’s legal son, he

also was a “son of David.” Joseph is told that the child will be called Emmanuel, which means “God is with us” (Matthew 1:23). Thus, Incarnation means God is with us in a unique way in this man who is one of us. The Incarnation also gives extraordinary dignity to material creation, of which we are all a part and of which he is a part as well, for he is one of us. In other words, Emmanuel (God with us) is a Child of earth.

Like Joseph, we cannot fully comprehend what has happened. We can only stand with him in awe as this wondrous mystery unfolds before us. As we await Christmas, we wait for him to appear. When he comes, we will be amazed to see that he is really one of us. +

## A Word from Pope Francis

Joseph trusts God totally... This unshakable trust in God that enabled him to accept a humanly difficult...situation. Joseph understands, in faith, that the child born in Mary’s womb is not his child, but the Son of God, and he, Joseph, will be [the] guardians.

Angelus, Rome, December 22, 2019



## Sunday Readings

### Isaiah 7:10–14

The Lord himself will give you a sign.

### Romans 1:1–7

Through [Jesus Christ] we have received the grace of apostleship.

### Matthew 1:18–24

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.”

*Though we believe  
Jesus is God,  
he is still one of us.*

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- How does knowing that Jesus is one of us make a difference in your life?
- What religious sentiments fill your mind and heart as we approach Christmas?

# What the World Needs

By Emily Blasik

As corny as it may sound, the last two months of the year are my favorites out of the twelve. From the start of November on, it's as if something changes in the air.

The change is subtle, but I start to see it everywhere: I see it on early-morning walks before the sun has fully risen, when the grass is wet beneath my feet, and the weather is cool enough even in the South to warrant a cup of hot cocoa.

I see it on the face of every young child in anticipation of Santa's arrival. I feel it driving to work with the radio turned up, each song chanting like a countdown of the time before Christmas.

I relish it in the window displays of my favorite city storefronts.

People are nicer this time of year. They seem to be more patient and less bogged down by the weight of their world. And it's been my experience that even those who claim to hate Christmas music or the cold or the other trappings of the season can't help but smile a little brighter come December.

But why? What is it about this season that makes us a little giddy, despite ourselves? For me, it's the collective anticipation that springs to life in everyone I encounter. As a society,



holidays tend to captivate us, so we plan and prepare tirelessly. We love it because it's exciting to have something to look forward to. The stockings are hung on our mantles, the gifts are bought and wrapped with care, the cookies are baked and decorated—all a foretaste of and ways to celebrate what's ahead.

Our celebrations and holiday traditions hold deep meaning. For us, as Christians, who recognize the importance of this holiday season, the joy simply can't be contained. And it shouldn't be! It's meant to be shared. Christmas carols and cakes are great, but the news of our Savior's birth is enough to change us all, believers and nonbelievers alike. As a community in need of hope and light and love, we await his precious coming like a child awaits Christmas morning—with anxious hearts and sleepless eyes—because we know it's what this world needs most.

So light your candles. Prepare your homes. Loudly sing the hymns of Advent. Be joyful and anticipate the coming of Christ with all you have. Is there a better reason to celebrate? +

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Next week our churches will fill with those who don't come regularly, sometimes referred to as Christmas and Easter (C&E) Catholics. In one parish, just before the collection, the pastor suggested that those who were sitting change places with those who were standing. (He even offered his seat in the sanctuary!) Make the strangers welcome. Maybe they'll come back.

## PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, so that the world may put away the weapons of war and embrace the ways of peace, love, and holiness, we pray—Be born in us, be born in our world.*

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

December 19–24

**Monday, Advent Weekday:**  
Jgs 13:2–7, 24–25a / Lk 1:5–25

**Tuesday, Advent Weekday:**  
Is 7:10–14 / Lk 1:26–38

**Wednesday, Advent Weekday:**  
Sg 2:8–14 or Zep 3:14–18a / Lk 1:39–45

**Thursday, Advent Weekday:**  
1 Sm 1:24–28 / Lk 1:46–56

**Friday, Advent Weekday:**  
Mal 3:1–4, 23–24 / Lk 1:57–66

**Saturday, Advent Weekday (Morning):**  
2 Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16 / Lk 1:67–79