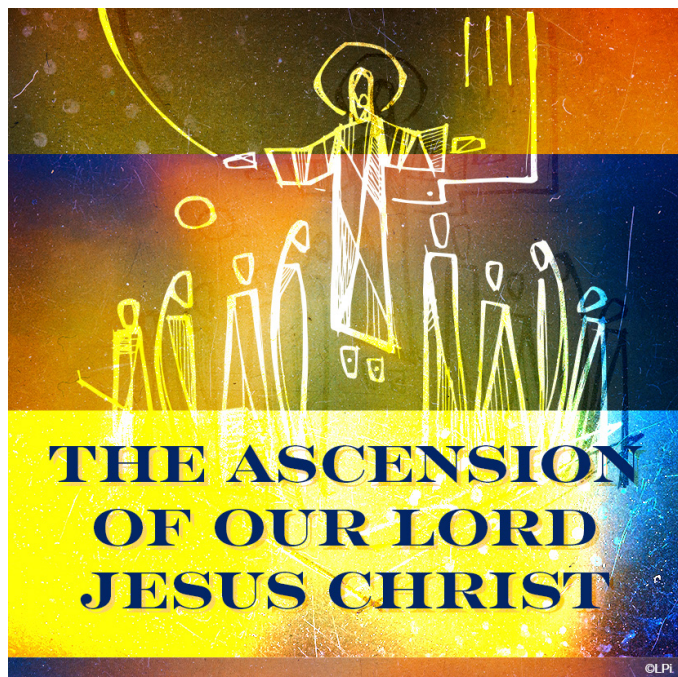


Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 12, 2024



THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. - Mk 16:15b-17

Reflect & Respond to Scripture

Jesus prays to the Father to keep his followers united in faith, protected from the evil one, and consecrated in the truth. Have you ever thought that Jesus actually prays these things for you?

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 am
Monday-Thursday 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 pm



May 11 - 19

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| Sat | 5:00 pm | Richard Nordquist |
| | | Mother's Day |
| Sun | 8:30 am | Parishioners of St. Paul's |
| | 11:00 am | Vanessa Reilly |
| Mon | 5:00 pm | Liturgy of the Word |
| Tues | 5:00 pm | Liturgy of the Word |
| Wed | 5:00 pm | Liturgy of the Word |
| Thurs | 5:00 pm | Liturgy of the Word |

Solemnity of Pentecost

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| Sat | 5:00 pm | Wendy Davis |
| Sun | 8:30 am | Parishioners of St. Paul's |
| | 11:00 am | Celestina Sanchez |

Sunday Gift Offering including electronic donations: May 5: \$25,104.43

10% tithe for charitable outreach: \$2,510.44



From the Downtown Clinic

Dear Fr. Rob and Members of St. Paul's,
Your recent donation will cover the costs of prescription medications for people and families needing assistance in Albany County. Thank You!
More importantly, you have allowed families to NOT have to choose between buying medicine or meals. We are truly grateful for you!

Note Summer Liturgy Schedule Changes

The final Sunday 5:00 pm Liturgy was last Sunday and will resume in the Fall. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated once a week on Saturdays at 4:00 pm.

Upcoming Events

Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 pm at St. Laurence Rectory

Mission Trip to Oklahoma City
May 13 - 17

Fr. Tom Ogg Memorial Golf Tournament
Saturday, August 31, 2024
Jacoby Golf Course



Thank you to all who already have responded to the **Living in Giving in Christ 2024** annual appeal! Gifts to Living and Giving in Christ are received in gratitude, responsibly managed, and returned to each giver, as those funds support the infrastructure behind every parish in the Diocese of Cheyenne. By providing critical support to parish leaders and ministries, Chancery Office staff members assist parishes to do what they cannot do alone. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's annual appeal, please prayerfully consider doing so. You may return your appeal card or in-pew envelope to the parish or the Chancery Office. You also may donate online by scanning the QR code with your cell phone.



Knights of Columbus

Meetings for the Laramie Council are on the third Wednesday of the each month at 7:00 pm. On odd months, meet at the St. Laurence Rectory.

On even months, meet at the Newman Center Library. For questions contact

John Van Huele at
307-399-5924 or

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For general information about K of C, click [here](#).



Sara's Farewell Message

I want to thank all of you, not only the individuals

I have been able to form close friendships with, but everyone in the community: you have created a place of so much warmth and charity, so much so that I felt at

home almost immediately after moving here.

It is very difficult to leave a community like Saint Paul's and the people I love so dearly in Christ. Please pray for me and for my future discernment of the Lord's will in my life.

God love you all!



Happy Mother's Day!

Fr. Tom Ogg Memorial Golf Tournament

St. Paul's Newman Center is hosting the **Fr. Tom Ogg Memorial Golf Tournament**. This event is August 31, 2024, at the Jacoby Golf Course. Expect a fun day for golfers and nongolfers. Proceeds will fund service/mission trips for University students and will contribute to the building fund for a future Newman Center facility.



Fr. Tom Ogg MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

"Heart Speaks to Heart"
—ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

To register, buy raffle ticket or meal tickets, scan the QR code or go to the Newman Center website and click on the **"Golf Event"** tab or click [here](#).

Many volunteers are needed to contribute to the success of this event.

Sign-up today on the "Golf Event" tab.



Bringing Home the Word

Ascension of the Lord (B)
May 12, 2024

Up in Heaven

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The message of this feast is that Jesus was taken up into heaven. Just what does this mean? Is heaven “up there” along with the moon and the stars? Cosmology would question that. Today’s readings also indicate that Jesus is seated at God’s right hand. Is this science, or is it a concrete image used to explain something more marvelous than words can describe?

Traditionally, the place of honor is at the dignitary’s right hand (decided by a right-hander, no doubt). That Jesus sits at God’s right hand means he enjoys the place of highest honor. The responsorial psalm refers to this exalted place as the

throne of God. “Throne” suggests king. Thus, the readings tell us that Jesus, who is now exalted with divine honor, is above everything else. Finally, to say that heaven is “above” means that it is beyond earth, perhaps not in actual distance, but in distinction and glory. Thus, Jesus’ ascension means the risen Lord is no longer limited by the restrictions of earth’s space and time but now enjoys the highest honor with God everywhere and always.

This is the message the disciples were sent to preach. This is the message we also are sent to preach. But how are we to do it? By the way we live our lives. Emmanuel Célestin Cardinal Suhard of Paris (1874–1949) wrote: “To be a witness...means to live in such a way that one’s life would not make sense if God did not exist.” Do our lives show that we believe this? †

A Word from Pope Francis

Do we really think we can build peace by destroying the other? In the name of God who created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity...I make an appeal for calm and, for those who are responsible to put a stop to the clamor of weapons and to follow the paths of peace....

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 16, 2021



Sunday Readings

Acts 1:1–11

[A]s they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

Ephesians 1:17–23 or Ephesians 4:1–13 or 4:1–7, 11–13

I...urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness.

Mark 16:15–20

Jesus said to his disciples: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.”

The risen Lord is no longer limited by space and time but now enjoys the highest honor with God everywhere and always.



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- Who witnesses to God’s goodness in my life?
- Am I such a witness by how I live?

When You Seek to Be the Perfect Mom

Agnes Bojaxhiu, now known worldwide as “Mother Teresa,” was born in Macedonia in 1910. A Sister of Loreto, she was sent to India, where she spent years educating wealthy girls. Teresa began to experience a series of visions in which Jesus asked her to serve the poorest of the poor. She did just that for the rest of her life, founding the Missionaries of Charity. She was canonized in 2016.

When I have visited a friend whose house is spotless and whose life seems perfectly organized, I feel more than a twinge of inferiority. I’m forever behind on everything that needs to be done, and our house looks like a toy factory merged with a laundromat that blew up. *Why can’t I keep up?* I wonder. I want to be the organized, efficient, got-it-



together mom. I want my child to have a household that runs like a machine, with a mom who juggles everything calmly and expertly.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta has insight to share with those of us seeking after perfection. She once said that we are not all called to do great things, but we are called to do little things with great love. Not with great efficiency, not even with great skill. Great love. Saint Teresa should help us realize that when our children grow up, we want more than anything for them to remember feeling happy and loved because of the little things. To remember a mom who made time to play in the sandbox, dance in the kitchen, and read to them in bed. We want them to recall a mom who did these littlest things with the greatest love. †

Source: *Saints on Call: Everyday Devotions for Moms* by Christine Gibson, © 2011, (820342) available at Liguori.org.

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “The Liturgical Year: How Christians Celebrate Time”
by Sandra DeGidio, OSM

The Church year...is the way we Christians add a religious or spiritual dimension to the natural seasons, months, weeks, and days. It was only after the resurrection that Jesus’ followers finally understood the saving activity of Christ within the story of his life, words, and works. Because of this understanding, the first Christians gathered on Sunday in Jesus’ name to break bread and share the stories of the redeeming work of Christ. By the end of the first century, a Church manual called the *Didache* instructed Christians to come together every Sunday (the Lord’s Day) for giving thanks, proclaiming the word, and breaking bread. The first day of the week, the day Christ rose, gave shape to the week and to the year. †

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PRAYER

Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit that we may be your witnesses to our families, friends, neighbors, and all whom we meet, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

May 13–18

Monday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 19:1–8 / Jn 16:29–33

Tuesday, St. Matthias:
Acts 1:15–17, 20–26 / Jn 15:9–17

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 20:28–38 / Jn 17:11b–19

Thursday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11 / Jn 17:20–26

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 25:13b–21 / Jn 21:15–19

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31 / Jn 21:20–25