



## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"No servant can  
serve two masters."  
- Lk 16:13

## Saint Paul's Newman Center

*Heart Speaks to Heart*



### Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm

Evening Prayer and Daily Mass:

Monday-Thursday, 5:00 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays & Saturdays: 4:00 pm

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 21, 2025



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### September 20-September 28

#### The Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
Sun	8:30 am	No Intention
	11:00 am	Jim Polis
	5:00 pm	No Intention
Mon	5:00 pm	No Intention
Tues	5:00 pm	No Intention
Wed	5:00 pm	No Intention
Thurs	5:00 pm	Malgorzata Clennan

#### Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	Bernard Ruddy
Sun	8:30 am	No Intention
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
	5:00 pm	No Intention

### Fall Faith Series

All are welcome to participate in our fall faith series, which begins on Monday, September 29. It will consist of a book study of John Mark Comer's *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*, along with opportunities for communal prayer and learning the basics of the Catholic faith. Meetings will be every Monday, 6-7:30 pm, and dinner will be served. To ensure that we prepare enough food, please RSVP by clicking [here](#). If you would like to help cook or serve dinner, please contact Lillie Rodgers: [lillie@newmancenter.org](mailto:lillie@newmancenter.org)



*Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week*

No servant can serve two masters, and in his goodness, God gives us the ability to choose. Will we serve mammon, the riches of this world? Or will we seek true wealth, the kind that cannot be hoarded or wasted, but only given freely away?

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## Upcoming Events

**Family Faith Formation Welcome Event**  
Sunday, September 21, 9:45-10:45

**SPNC Dedication Celebration**  
Monday, September 22, 5:15 pm

**Taizé Prayer Night**  
Tuesday, September 23, 7:00 pm

**Adult Bible Study Begins**  
Wednesday, September 24, 9-10:00 am

**Martha and Mary Open House**  
Saturday, September 27, 9-11:00 am

**Fall Faith Series Begins**  
Monday, September 29, 6-7:30 pm

**Adoration and Praise**  
Wednesday, October 1, 8-9:00 pm

**Alumni Homecoming Brunch**  
Sunday, October 5, 9:30 am

### Retirement Fund for Religious

Last weekend, we held a collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests must face retirement without sufficient savings. This collection helps ensure that they receive the care they need as they age. If you still wish to donate, it is not too late. To donate online, please click [here](#).



### Taizé Prayer Night

Join us this Tuesday, September 23 at 7:00 pm in the Worship Space for an evening of Taizé prayer. Taizé is a type of contemplative prayer involving simple repetitive chants alternated with periods of silent reflection. Come take a break from the busyness of life and spend your evening in the peace of Christ.

### Martha and Mary Open House

Martha and Mary will host an open house in Bishop Newell Hall this Saturday, September 27, 9-11:00 am. All women in the parish are invited to stop by, enjoy fellowship, and learn about all the activities available to them through Martha and Mary.



## Thank You!

Sunday Gift Offering  
September 14 donations: **\$8,255.37**  
Our 10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$825.53**



### Stewardship of Time and Talent

If you have not yet made your commitments to grow in your personal faith and serve your parish community, please do so by filling out a stewardship of time and talent form. You may fill out a paper copy using the green cards in the pews, or you may fill out an electronic form by clicking [here](#).

### SPNC Dedication Celebration

Mark your calendars for the 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Saint Paul's Newman Center's dedication on Monday, September 22. We will celebrate our dedication day with Mass at 5:15 pm, followed by a potluck dinner in Bishop Newell Hall. If you are able, please bring a dish to share.



### Adult Bible Study

Adults in our community are invited to join our fall Bible study, which will focus on Matthew's Gospel. Meetings will be on Wednesdays, 9-10:00 am, beginning on September 24 in the fireplace room. To sign up, please click [here](#).

### ADORATION & PRAISE



Join us for an evening of music and prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at our next adoration and praise night on Wednesday, October 1, 8-9:00 pm in the Worship Space.

### Alumni Homecoming Brunch

Save the date for our homecoming weekend alumni brunch Sunday, October 5 at 9:30 am. Join us between the Sunday morning Liturgies for food and a chance to reconnect with other alumni. Come plenty hungry, because in addition to brunch, the Newman Center staff will hold a green chili cookoff. We will need your help deciding which one is the best!

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, October 5 due to the alumni brunch. The next meeting will be on Sunday, October 19 during the 8:30 am Liturgy.





# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
September 21, 2025

## God or Mammon?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Jesus tells a story that might sound confusing to us because it reflects economic practices of his time, not ours. His original audience likely recognized the situation as one that was familiar to them. In the story, an employee fails to oversee and enhance the material holdings of his employer. However, when it came to getting what he could for himself from the employer's assets, he shows remarkable ability. One might say, "Good for him!" Even the employer thought the employee's actions showed resourcefulness.

Jesus does not applaud the specifics of the man's behavior, acceptable or not, as the case may have been. Rather, he notes that the man used whatever was available to him to ensure his own comfort in the future. Jesus then states that the ingenuity of such a man is more noteworthy than that of children of light. What a condemnation!

Jesus goes on to condemn mammon. Just what is that? It is too easy to say that mammon is money, though money is part of it. A good definition is "the greedy pursuit of gain." This could be any kind of gain over others when we make that gain the primary value in our lives. The story shows that the employee was amazingly industrious in his pursuit. In comparison, the children of light (you and me?) too often fail to demonstrate comparable industry in pursuing the true wealth of which Jesus spoke. Once again, a choice is placed before us: God or mammon? †



*Are we guilty of choosing mammon: "the greedy pursuit of gain"?*

## A Word from Pope Leo XIV

I would like that our first great desire be for a *united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world.* [We see] too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest.

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## Sunday Readings

### Amos 8:4–7

The *Lord* has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

### 1 Timothy 2:1–8

I ask that...prayers...be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life.

### Luke 16:1–13 or 16:10–13

The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones.

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What is the driving pursuit of my life?
- Is it worthy of me?





# One in the One Christ

Sr. Gemma Morató Sendra, OP

In a striking contrast to the ceremonial grandeur often associated with a new papacy, Leo XIV's first public appearance was disarming in its simplicity. There were no grand declarations, no theatrical gestures. Instead, there was a quiet reverence, a humble gaze, and a message that was deeply intentional. "Peace be with you," he said—echoing the first words of the risen Christ. And with those words, a tone was set for his entire pontificate: one of peace, humility, fraternity, and mission.

Pope Leo XIV does not see the Church as a fortress to be defended but as a bridge to be built. His Augustinian roots have instilled in him a spirituality that is both contemplative and missionary—a restless search for God that is fulfilled only in community and service. He brings to the papacy a wealth of lived experience: as a missionary in the poor regions of Peru, as a seminary formator, as the superior general of his Order, and as prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops. These roles have not distanced him from the people but have deepened his commitment to walk with them—to listen, to heal, to accompany. This is a pope who believes that holiness is not reserved for the few but is the vocation of all. That the Church must be missionary not only in word but also in action. That synodality is not an option but is a path to rediscovering the face of Christ in one another. That Mary walks with us. And that evil will not have the final word.

In Leo XIV, the Church has not just found a pope—it has found a fellow pilgrim. One who reminds us, gently but firmly, that the journey of faith is not one we walk alone, but together. In the one Christ, we are one. †

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## Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "A Tour of a Catholic Church"

From wherever we stand in the church, our attention is drawn to the sanctuary... and to the three pieces of furniture we find there: the presider's chair, the lectern, and the altar. In the front of the assembly area, we find a special seat for the one presiding and leading the assembly. In the principal church of a diocese, this chair, the **cathedra** (from the Greek word for "chair"), gives name to the entire building, "cathedral." Each church will have a **presider's chair** or bench and seating for the other ministers. [There is also a] reading stand, a **lectern**, or **ambo**, from which we proclaim the word of God and upon which is placed the **Lectionary**, the book of readings from sacred Scripture. The **altar**...functions as both altar of sacrifice and banquet table for the Eucharist.

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Faithful God, as you keep your promises to us, please give us the grace to keep our promises to you and to others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

September 22–27

**Monday**, Weekday: Ezr 1:1–6 / Lk 8:16–18


**Tuesday**, St. Pius of Pietrelcina: Ezr 6:7–8, 12b, 14–20 / Lk 8:19–21

**Wednesday**, Weekday: Ezr 9:5–9 / Lk 9:1–6

**Thursday**, Weekday: Hg 1:1–8 / Lk 9:7–9

**Friday**, Weekday: Hg 2:1–9 / Lk 9:18–22

**Saturday**, St. Vincent de Paul: Zec 2:5–9, 14–15a / Lk 9:43b–45

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