



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles
said to the Lord,
"Increase our faith."
- Lk 17:5-6

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 5, 2025



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October 4-October 12

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Alumni Homecoming Brunch

Our homecoming weekend alumni brunch is this 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 chili 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.



Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don't really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work? ©LPi

Upcoming Events

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

Family Faith Formation Dinner and Prayer
Tuesday, October 14, 6-7:00 pm

**Catholic Charities of Wyoming
Faith and Advocacy Conference**
October 17-18 in Casper

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience
November 7-9 in Gillette

Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Retreat
Saturday, November 8 in Riverton



Family Faith Formation

Join us for an evening of dinner and prayer at our next family faith formation event. We will gather in Bishop Newell Hall on Tuesday, October 14, 6-7:00 pm. All families with children are welcome to attend. Come share a meal and enjoy a chance to pray and socialize with other families in your faith community.

Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Retreat

The final Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Retreat is Saturday, November 8 at Saint Margaret Church in Riverton, beginning at 9:00 am and closing with Mass at 5:30 pm.

This retreat focuses on hope for the poor, coinciding with *Spes Non Confundit* paragraph 15. Lunch will be provided. For more information and to RSVP, please click [here](#) or call 307-638-1530 Ext. 1002. Please RSVP no later than Friday, October 24.



Let the colors of fall inspire you to rediscover the beauty of your marriage. Sign up for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience November 7-9 in Gillette, and gain all the tools you need for a great marriage. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, click [here](#) to visit www.wwme.org or call 307-689-2820.

Thank You!

Sunday Gift Offering
September 28 donations: **\$4,088.52**
Our 10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$408.85**

Faith and Advocacy Conference

Catholic Charities of Wyoming invites you to their upcoming Faith and Advocacy Conference October 17-18 at Saint Patrick's Church in Casper. The conference will cover the importance of advocating for issues regarding Catholic social and moral teaching in the public arena. It will feature guest speakers, panels of current and former elected officials from Wyoming, workshops, and group discussions. To learn more or to register, please click [here](#). Early bird registration runs through October 10.

**Martha and Mary
Christmas Basket Fundraiser**
Need help making a basket for the Martha and Mary Christmas basket fundraiser? Visit Bishop Newell Hall after each Mass on October 11, 12, 18, and 19 for supplies. To inspire creativity, check the bulletin board in Bishop Newell Hall for basket ideas. Baskets are due on October 25. Please include a basket title and a list of contents.



Liturgical Ministers

Liturgical Minister Formation

Thank you to all who volunteered to be a liturgical minister for the coming year. If you signed up for a ministry that requires training, please plan to attend one of the following trainings in the Worship Space in the coming weeks:

Lectors:

Sunday, October 5, 1:00 pm
Tuesday, October 7, 6:00 pm

Hospitality Ministers:

Sunday, October 5, 2:00 pm
Wednesday, October 8, 6:00 pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sunday, October 5, 3:00 pm
Tuesday, October 7, 7:00 pm

Altar Servers:

Sunday, October 12, 12:00 pm
Wednesday, October 15, 6:00 pm



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
October 5, 2025

Have Faith

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

That is so easy to say and so hard to do. This might be because we misunderstand what faith is and what it might do. Today's readings offer us three glimpses into what the Bible means by faith.

The reading from Habakkuk and the gospel passage seem to contradict each other. The gospel suggests that one can do wondrous things if one's faith is strong enough. Many people understand this literally and then are confused and terribly disappointed when things do not turn out as they wanted. Habakkuk is in a dire situation. He turned to God, but it seems to no avail: "You do not intervene"

(Habakkuk 1:2). What response did he get? "Don't give up. Don't lose faith."

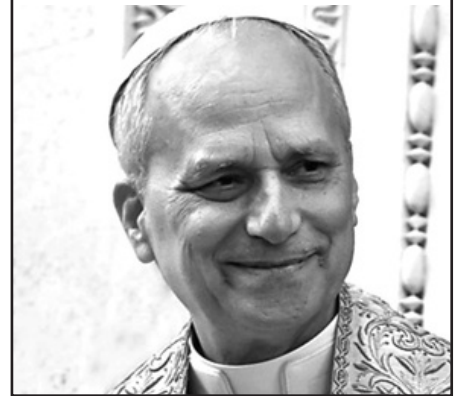
Paul's letter was written to Timothy, one of Paul's own converts to faith in the risen Lord. Paul encourages Timothy to remain steadfast in that faith. It's clear that faith is not solely a set of beliefs and doctrines; it is a way of life—one that follows and is inspired by the example Jesus' life provides. It is also clear that living such a life might be dangerous, as evidenced by Paul's own imprisonment.

Reading the gospel passage again after considering these reflections, one might understand the power of faith in a new way. Perhaps the mulberry tree stands for the struggles that had to be endured by Habakkuk, the danger that Timothy faced in a hostile world, and the hurdles that challenge our own faith. It assures us that if we don't lose faith, we also can do wondrous things. †

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor.

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Sunday Readings

Habakkuk 1:2–3; 2:2–4

The just one who is righteous because of faith shall live.

2 Timothy 1:6–8, 13–14

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.

Luke 17:5–10

[Jesus said,] "When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"



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REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Does how I live reflect what I say I believe?
- What is one thing I can change to better live my faith?



Meet Pope Leo XIV

Sr. Gemma Morató Sendra, OP

There are people whose presence doesn't impose, but transforms. These people don't seek the spotlight, yet they "illuminate," as St. Thomas Aquinas once said. They don't raise their voices, yet they leave a lasting impression. They walk quietly behind the scenes, without a desire for prominence, yet they are often the soul behind key decisions—the whisper that orients, the listener who sustains.

Such has been the path of Robert Francis Prevost for decades: Augustinian friar, missionary in distant lands, bishop among the poor, prefect entrusted with discerning and appointing pastors throughout the world, and now Successor of Peter under the name Leo XIV. Yet, above all, he has been a seeker: a tireless seeker of truth in the spirit of St. Augustine, his spiritual teacher. Like St. Augustine, bishop of Hippo, Prevost has understood the Christian life as an interior journey of constant searching—sustained by faith and nourished by prayer, study, and community.

His vocation was not born of strategy or calculation, but of that restlessness of heart to which Augustine gave immortal expression: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." For St. Augustine and for Prevost, truth is not an abstract concept or intellectual construction, but a living person: Jesus Christ.

Leo XIV's life has not been an ecclesiastical climb to the top, but a pastoral path marked by service, empathy, and quiet fidelity. He never sought to stand out, yet he was chosen for one of the most demanding roles on earth. And he accepted it with the simplicity of someone who did not pursue the position, but who responds to a call. For him, as for many before him, service is not ambition, but—in the way of Jesus—a form of love. †

He has been a seeker: a tireless seeker of truth in this world.

From *Pope Leo XIV: Restless Heart, Faithful Shepherd* by Sr. Gemma Morató Sendra, OP, Liguori Publications (829000).
To order, call 800-325-9521 or visit Liguori.org.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Five Ways to Share Your Faith" by John Roberto

Nurturing the growth of faith at home occurs through religious activities connected with daily family routines: eating together; praying in the morning, in the evening, and at mealtimes; having family conversations; displaying sacred objects and religious images, especially a Bible, crucifix, or image of Jesus; celebrating holy days, holidays, and Church seasons; providing moral guidance; engaging in family devotions; reading the Bible; and serving the needy. When we invite God into our family activities, we grow in faith, recognize God's presence and love in our lives, and experience home life as holy. The household becomes a living "laboratory" for cultivating and nurturing the growing faith of young disciples. In generations past, religious activities were more naturally part of family life—passed on from generation to generation and supported by ethnic traditions. Today, a Catholic family must intentionally choose to plant and nurture faith practices.

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Gracious God, enlighten our minds and open our hearts that we may humbly receive the message of your truth. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 6–11

Monday, Weekday:

Jon 1:1–2:2, 11 / Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday, Our Lady of the Rosary:

Jon 3:1–10 / Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday, Weekday:

Jon 4:1–11 / Lk 11:1–4

Thursday, Weekday:

Mal 3:13–20b / Lk 11:5–13

Friday, Weekday:

Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2 / Lk 11:15–26

Saturday, Weekday:

Jl 4:12–21 / Lk 11:27–28