



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

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Therefore, stay awake!
For you do not know
on which day your
Lord will come."
- Mt 24:42

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 30, 2025



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November 29- December 7

The First Sunday of Advent

Sat	5:00 pm	Rita Vasquez
Sun	8:30 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
	11:00 am	Kay Tencick
	5:00 pm	No Mass
Mon	5:00 pm	No Intention
Tues	5:00 pm	No Intention
Wed	5:00 pm	Malgorzata Clennan
Thurs	5:00 pm	Florence Plancher

The Second Sunday of Advent

Sat	5:00 pm	Barnard Ruddy
Sun	8:30 am	Rudy Mondragon
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
	5:00 pm	No Intention
Last Sunday 5:00 pm Liturgy		

The final Sunday 5:00 pm Liturgy and Sunday Supper of the semester will be on Sunday, December 7.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

"You do not know on which day your Lord will come," Jesus says. He is reminding us that we do not know the mind of God. But we do know the heart of God, and we know that it is filled with mercy for those who heed the warning: Stay awake! ©LPi

Feast of Saint Francis Xavier Celebration

This Wednesday, December 3, is the feast of Saint Francis Xavier, co-founder of the Jesuits. To celebrate this feast day, four visiting Jesuits from Omaha, Nebraska will celebrate daily Mass with us at 5:00 pm. Dinner will immediately follow.

Upcoming Events

Knights of Columbus Family Craft Day
Sunday, November 30, 9:30 am

First Reconciliation Penance Service
Monday, December 1, 6:00 pm

Feast of Saint Francis Xavier Celebration
Wednesday, December 3, 5:00 pm

Adoration and Praise
Wednesday, December 3, 8:00 pm

Martha and Mary Christmas Basket Fundraiser
Drawing and Chili Lunch
Sunday, December 7, 12:00 pm

Final Sunday 5:00 pm Liturgy
and Sunday Supper
Sunday, December 7

Advent Prayer Night
Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 pm

December Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet on December 7 and 21 during the Sunday 8:30 am Liturgy. Grandparents (or proxies) are cordially invited to attend on December 7.



First Reconciliation

The first reconciliation penance service will be on Monday, December 1 at 6:00 pm.



Catholic Charities of Wyoming Advent Calendars and Food Drive

Advent calendars from Catholic Charities of Wyoming are now available by the entrance of the church. These calendars include a guide for prayerful and charitable ideas to celebrate the season, a guide to holy days, and an invitation to participate in a diocese-wide food drive. The food drive will have a different donation theme for each week of Advent. This week, we celebrate hope. We await the Light in the darkness, the coming of the Messiah. To contribute to the Advent food drive this week, please bring pasta, pasta sauce, salad dressing, ketchup, peanut butter, and canned goods.

Thank You!

Sunday Gift Offering

November 23 donations: **\$10,298.06**

Our 10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$1,029.80**

Financial Stewardship Commitment

Thank you to everyone who has made a Pledge of Gratitude. You may drop your completed pledge cards in the collection basket at any of the weekend Liturgies. To fill out an electronic pledge card, please click [here](#).



Knights of Columbus Family Craft Day

Join the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, November 30 after the 8:30 am Liturgy for a family craft day in Bishop Newell Hall.

Come celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas by making your own decorations. Kids of all ages are invited to attend.

Martha and Mary Christmas Basket Fundraiser

Join Martha and Mary on Sunday, December 7 after the 11:00 am Liturgy for the Christmas Basket Fundraiser final drawing and a chili lunch.

ADORATION & PRAISE



Our next evening of adoration and praise is Wednesday, December 3 at 8:00 pm in the Worship Space. Come enjoy music and prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Advent Prayer Night

Join us on Tuesday, December 16 for an evening of music, prayer, and reflection. Come to the Worship Space at 6:30 pm for a chance to slow down and find quiet amidst the busyness of the Advent season.

Employment Opportunity

The Diocese of Cheyenne chancery office is hiring a full-time Accounts Receivable Accountant. Those interested should submit an application, letter of interest, and a current resume by email to tskala@dcwy.org, or by mail to:

Tammy Skala, Human Resource Director
Diocese of Cheyenne
2121 Capitol Ave
Cheyenne, WY 82001



A complete job description and application for the position can be found on the Diocese of Cheyenne website: dcwy.org/job-openings.



Bringing Home the Word

First Sunday of Advent (A)
November 30, 2025

The Waiting Game

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

If Advent is a time of waiting, then our entire lives must be an advent, for we spend so much of our lives waiting—as children, for Santa to come with his sack of surprises and for the dizzying lure of summertime. Later, we eagerly wait to get our driver's licenses and then to move out on our own and get our first real jobs and the independence this phase of life promises. We wait for love to find us and, for some, for love to return. Some wait for children, others for the empty nest, and others for retirement.

Our mothers told us not to wish our lives away, yet we did, and still we do, as we wait for life to be more than what it seems to be. Then, one day, we look back and wish we could have again all that once was. So, maybe Advent is not about waiting for God to make a splash in our lives. Maybe Advent is about God waiting for us to come around and recognize that he is with us here and now.

The question for each of us, then, is what are we waiting for at this point in our lives? There is no right answer, only the one each of us has for ourselves. Whatever it is, there is no doubt that there is love or joy or peace or meaning at the heart of it, all camouflaged by whatever we say we are waiting for. Beneath it all is the hunger for God-With-Us. †

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 2:1–5

In days to come... One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.

Romans 13:11–14

Let us then throw off the works of darkness [and] put on the armor of light.

Matthew 24:37–44

[Jesus said,] "So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."



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A Word from Pope Leo XIV

We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity that does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people. Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Have you experienced God's presence in others?
- Have you been a sign of God's presence to those around you?



Looking Back and Preparing for the Future

Mark G. Boyer

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'ry where;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.
Down in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

—“Go, Tell It on the Mountain,” verse 4

***We stand together
during Advent,
united in hope.***

In today's readings, Isaiah records his vision of the mountain of the Lord's house being established as the highest mountain, and all people streaming toward Jerusalem to enjoy the everlasting peace of God's kingdom. Paul tells the Romans that salvation is nearer today than when we first believed. Every day that passes brings us closer to the day of Christ's return in glory. We look back to his birth in a lowly manger on Christmas morning even as we look forward to the fullness of salvation when he comes again.

The first two weeks of Advent are focused on preparing ourselves for the Lord's second coming. Jesus makes clear in Matthew's Gospel that his arrival will be unexpected, like a thief in the night. As Noah prepared for the flood, we should prepare for Christ's return in glory. While we may question when that day will arrive, we stand together during Advent, united in hope in order to prepare for that day. When the Son of Man comes, those who are prepared will be taken, and the unprepared will be left.

During the solemn Advent season, we stop and take inventory of our lives so that we can be prepared for Christ's return in glory. We want to examine our daily prayer rituals to be sure that they have not become routine. We want to pay attention to how well we are living our baptismal promises: renouncing evil and professing our faith in our Triune God. Advent preparation includes less rushing around and more quiet reflection—a stark contrast to our cultural Christmas frenzy. †

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From “Let Heaven and Nature Sing: The Stories Behind Favorite Christmas Songs” by Lawrence Livingston

“Good King Wenceslas” is based on a Czech poem about a king who sets out, along with his page, on the second day of Christmastide to take food and firewood to a poor family several miles away. At one point, the exhausted page says he can't go on through the deep snow, but when he is encouraged by the king to step in the king's own footprints, he is able to continue. The song, a metaphor for the Christian journey, is loosely based on the life of St. Wenceslas, who was a duke in tenth-century Bohemia and renowned for his kindness and beloved by his people.

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Lord Jesus, so that the world
may know of your presence
among us, we pray ...
Be born in us, be born in our
world.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

December 1–6

Monday, Advent Weekday:
Is 4:2–6 / Mt 8:5–11

Tuesday, Advent Weekday:
Is 11:1–10 / Lk 10:21–24

Wednesday, St. Francis Xavier:
Is 25:6–10a / Mt 15:29–37

Thursday, Advent Weekday:
Is 26:1–6 / Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday, Advent Weekday:
Is 29:17–24 / Mt 9:27–31

Saturday, Advent Weekday:
Is 30:19–21, 23–26 / Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6–8

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