



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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 and Saturdays: 4:00 pm

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 15, 2026



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March 14-March 22

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sat	5:00 pm	No Intention
Sun	8:30 am	No Intention
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
	5:00 pm	No Liturgy due to spring break
Mon	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Tues	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Wed	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Thurs	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sat	5:00 pm	The Intention of Skip and Linda Campbell on their anniversary
Sun	8:30 am	No Intention
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
	5:00 pm	Patricia Prawitz



2026 Lenten Project

For our Lenten Project this year, we are supporting Ark Regional Services, a Laramie nonprofit that helps people with developmental disabilities and acquired brain injuries increase their independence and actively participate in their communities. Ark provides residential support services, employment opportunities and support, equestrian services, and educational classes across a variety of subject matters and areas of interest. To donate, please make checks payable to St. Paul's Newman Center and include "Lenten Project" in the memo, or click [here](#) to donate online.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

The Pharisees refused to see what was in front of them. Their blindness was stronger than that of the man born without sight, because it was a blindness they chose for themselves. So what will it be for us? Do we choose blindness, or do we choose sight? ©LPI

Upcoming Events

Catholic Relief Services Collection
March 14-15

UW Spring Break
March 16-20

Stations of the Cross and Simple Meal
Continues Friday, March 20, 5:30 pm
at St. Laurence O'Toole

First Eucharist Preparation
Monday, March 23, 6:00 pm

Communal Reconciliation
Sunday, March 29, 2:00 pm

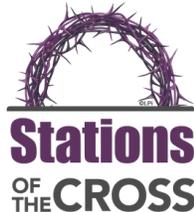
Bingo with Ark Residents
Saturday, April 18, 1:00 pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sunday, April 19 during the 8:30 am Liturgy

There is no 5:00 pm Liturgy on Sunday, March 15 due to spring break. Parish offices will be closed on Monday, March 16 and Friday, March 20.

Stations of the Cross and Simple Meal

On Fridays during Lent, join the Laramie community as we pray the Stations of the Cross. Stations will begin at 5:30 pm, followed by a simple meal. St. Laurence O'Toole will host both Laramie parishes for the remaining Fridays in Lent: March 20 and 27.



Communal Reconciliation

Experience the healing power of God's mercy as we gather for communal reconciliation on Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 pm in the Worship Space. Prepare for Easter as we support and pray for one another, recognizing our weaknesses and our need for God's love.

Bingo with Ark Residents

Join us in Bishop Newell Hall on Saturday, April 18, 1-3:00 pm for an afternoon of bingo with residents from the Ark. All are welcome to attend!

THANK YOU
for your generosity

March 8 donations: **\$15,859.86**
Our 10% tithe for the Lenten Project: **\$1,585.99**

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This weekend, we will take up a collection for Catholic Relief Services, who provides humanitarian aid to people throughout the world that need it most--refugees, immigrants, and victims of hunger, natural disasters, and political turmoil. Please prayerfully consider giving to this collection. To donate, please make checks out to St. Paul's Newman Center and include "Catholic Relief Services" in the memo. To donate online, please click [here](#).

Scholarship Opportunity for Laramie Catholics

The William Hubel Scholarship Fund was established in 2005 with funds from the William Hubel Foundation. The scholarship is available to students from either St. Paul's Newman Center or St. Laurence O'Toole who are continuing their education after high school. If you are interested in applying, please email Emily Mahood at emily@newmancenter.org or pick up an application at the parish office. Please submit your application no later than Monday, April 13 either via email to office@stlaurenceotoole.org, or by mail to:

Hubel Scholarship
St. Laurence O'Toole Church
617 S. 4th Street
Laramie, WY 82070

Please note that you are eligible for the scholarship each year even if you have received money in previous years.

First Eucharist Preparation

Formation for children preparing to receive first Eucharist will be at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 23 in the Worship Space.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will not meet on March 15 or April 5 due to spring break and Easter. The next meeting will be on Sunday, April 19 during the 8:30 am Liturgy.



LAETARE  SUNDAY
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Bringing Home the Word

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)
March 15, 2026

Coming of Age, Coming of Faith

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

It is said we never become believers before age thirty-five. I don't think there is anything magical about that age. Some in their seventies still have not yet come to be people of faith, and there are those who, at a very young age, seem to have entrusted their lives to God. What the age of thirty-five does say, however, is that most people need to have lived a while and experienced a few ups and downs to recognize there is a power in their lives greater than themselves.

Sunday Readings

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

God does not see as a mortal, who sees the appearance. The LORD looks into the heart.

Ephesians 5:8-14

Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather, expose them.

John 9:1-41 or John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

This week's gospel story of the man born blind encapsulates a lifelong journey of coming to see who Jesus is, compressed into a few days. When asked who cured him of blindness, the man first says that the man Jesus did it. Brought to testify before the Pharisees, he says that Jesus must be a prophet. Confronted by the Pharisees a second time, he testifies that Jesus must be of God. Finally, when he sees Jesus again, he calls him Lord, a name for God. The story is a parable of sorts about how we come to have faith, to see with new and different eyes.

Faith involves trusting—sometimes trusting an unseen power who feels absent at times— and about surrendering control over our lives to God as we come to see in an entirely new way. It can take a lifetime to begin seeing in such a way. †

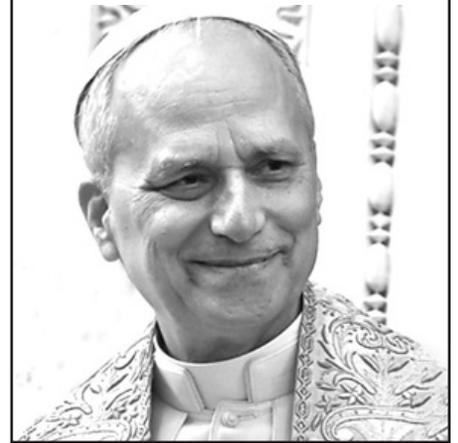


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A Word from Pope Leo XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, let us trustfully bring our ailments before Jesus, and also those of our loved ones; let us bring the pain of those who feel lost and without a way out. Let us cry out for them, too, and we will be certain that the Lord will hear us.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
JUNE 11, 2025



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Where am I on the journey of faith?
- How open are my eyes?



“Surely We Are Not Blind, Are We?”

The Redemptorists

As Jesus and his disciples walk past a man blind from birth, the disciples ask, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus’ reply shifts the conversation: “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him” (John 9:3).

That statement opens our eyes to something deeper. This man, blind from birth, is more than just an individual in a miraculous healing story. He represents each one of us. All of us, in some way, are blind—unable to see God, others, or ourselves as we truly are.

The Pharisees in the gospel could see physically, but spiritually they were in darkness. They saw the healed man and rejected the miracle. They questioned his story, interrogated his parents, and remained blind to the truth standing before them—Jesus, the Light of the World. Their pride made them certain of their own vision, and that very

certainty made them blind to grace.

They ask, “Surely we are not also blind, are we?” (John 9:40). But that’s the irony:

until we recognize our blindness, we cannot be healed. And true blindness isn’t about our eyes. It’s not about poor sight or darkness around us. It’s the darkness within us—the pride, fear, and assumptions that distort our vision.

How we see others, how we interpret life, and how we understand God all depend on the condition of our heart. As the saying goes, “We don’t see things as they are; we see them as we are.” Until Christ opens our inner eyes, our seeing remains clouded. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if Jesus healed us all from this inner blindness? †

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From “*Preaching as a Sacramental Encounter*” by Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Congregations include people who call themselves conservative or liberal, traditional or progressive, conventional or cutting-edge. The preacher is one person who cannot possibly lean in the same direction as every member of the congregation. The challenge for preachers is to avoid appealing only to those who prefer a certain style of liturgy. Likewise, they must prevent themselves from being special-interest spokespeople of a political party, especially in today’s climate, when partisanship foments extremism. In his 2017 homily for Pentecost, Pope Francis said that when Christians “take sides and form parties, when we adopt rigid and airtight positions, [we] become Christians on the ‘right’ or the ‘left’ before being on the side of Jesus.”

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So that our eyes may be open to your presence everywhere and in everyone, we pray—
Lord, let us be like you.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

March 16–21

Monday, Lenten Weekday: Is 65:17–21 / Jn 4:43–54

Tuesday, Lenten Weekday: Ez 47:1–9, 12 / Jn 5:1–16

Wednesday, Lenten Weekday: Is 49:8–15 / Jn 5:17–30

Thursday, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Lk 2:41–51a

Friday, Lenten Weekday: Wis 2:1a, 12–22 / Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

Saturday, Lenten Weekday: Jer 11:18–20 / Jn 7:40–53



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