



13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” - Mt 10:42

Saint Paul's Newman Center

Heart Speaks to Heart



Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Evening Prayer and Daily Mass:
Monday-Thursday, 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 pm

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 28, 2026

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June 27-July 5

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	James "Jim" Johnson
Sun	8:30 am	No Intention
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
Mon	5:00 pm	Catholic Extension Society
Tues	5:00 pm	Catholic Extension Society
Wed	5:00 pm	Catholic Extension Society
Thurs	5:00 pm	Catholic Extension Society

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	Jim Johnson
Sun	8:30 am	Jeff Arellano
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's

Peter's Pence Collection

This weekend is the annual Peter's Pence collection. This collection is an opportunity for every member of the faithful to participate in Pope Leo's work as pastor of the universal Church. Contributions go to the Vatican to support Church needs, humanitarian efforts, and social promotion projects. To donate, please make checks payable to St. Paul's Newman Center and include "Peter's Pence" in the memo, or you may donate online by clicking [here](#).

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Whoever receives the one sent in Christ's name receives Christ. Whoever loves the Word of God loves God Himself. Who is Christ sending to you in his name this week? What Word do they speak into the stillness of your soul? Receive them. Receive him. ©LPI

Parish offices will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.



Upcoming Events

Peter's Pence Collection
June 27-28

Summer Christology Class Begins
Thursday, July 2, 12:00 pm

July Meal Delivery
Wednesday, July 8

Mom's Group Gathering
Thursday, July 9, 6:00 pm

An Evening with Fr. Greg Boyle
Monday, July 13, 6:30 pm in Golden, CO

**St. Laurence O'Toole
Sesquicentennial Celebration**
Sunday, July 19, 10:00 am

THANK YOU
for your generosity

June 21 donations: **\$10,242.17**
Our 10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$1,024.21**

Summer Learning Opportunity

This summer, come learn about Christ through the lens of prophecy with our 5-week Christology class led by Lillie Rodgers. The class will meet in the Jericho House, 1800 Garfield Street, on Thursdays from 12-1:00 pm beginning July 2. To register, please click **here** or contact Lillie: lillie@newmancenter.org.



The next parish mom's group meeting is Thursday, July 9 at 6:00 pm in the Emmaus House. All mothers, Catholic or not, are welcome to attend and grow in fellowship with one another.

Meal Delivery Ministry

We will deliver meals throughout the community once more on Wednesday, July 8. Come help feed our neighbors and spend some time in fellowship with someone new. If you would like to help prepare or deliver this month's meal, please click **here** or contact Lillie Rodgers, lillie@newmancenter.org, to sign up.



St. Laurence O'Toole Sesquicentennial Celebration

On Sunday, July 19, St. Laurence O'Toole will celebrate 150 years of prayer, worship, and service. All are encouraged to attend this celebration and support our brothers and sisters across town. Mass will be celebrated at St. Laurence at 10:00 am, followed by lunch in the Laramie Montessori School gym located at 608 S. 4th Street. If you plan on attending, please RSVP by clicking **here** or calling 307-745-3115 no later than Tuesday, June 30. Please also note that we will not have the Sunday 11:00 am Liturgy at St. Paul's on July 19.



Thank you for your generous and prayerful support of *Living and Giving in Christ: Unity through Diocesan Ministries*. We have now raised **67%** of our **\$100,680** parish goal from **104** donors. If you would like to make a gift, you can return your appeal card or in-pew envelope to the parish office, or you may make a pledge online by clicking **here** or visiting dcwy.org. Please make all checks payable to the Diocese of Cheyenne.



An Evening with Fr. Greg Boyle

Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ will be at the Mother Cabrini Shrine Chapel in Golden, CO on Monday, July 13 at 6:30 pm. Fr. Boyle is the founder of

Homeboy Industries, the world's largest gang intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program. Tickets to the event are free of charge, but limited. Visit mothercabrinishrine.org or click **here** to reserve your tickets. If you are interested in carpooling to Golden, please contact Lillie Rodgers: lillie@newmancenter.org.



Bringing Home the Word

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
June 28, 2026

The Statue of Hospitality

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Approximately twelve score and seven years ago, “our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal,” as Abraham Lincoln once reminded us. This week, we as a nation once again mark that new beginning, we who have inherited its blessings as a gift generously bestowed upon us by those who have gone before us, a gift not deserved but nevertheless ours, a gift we do not own yet pass on to generations to come, a gift we eagerly share.

Hospitality is something to extend to those who come to our doors; it is also

something we can extend to those who come to our shores. It seems worthwhile, then, especially this week and amid so many disagreements over immigration, to revisit the words inscribed at the base of the Statue of Liberty, written by the poet Emma Lazarus and etched into our psyche as a nation. These words serve as a vision of who we are, perhaps as much as our Constitution does.

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me;
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!

In today’s reading, the woman at Shunem offered Elisha the prophet hospitality, and she was blessed. Jesus promised that those who offer the hospitality of a cup of cold water will be blessed. Surely, then, any nation that welcomes others in hospitality will be blessed as well. †

Sunday Readings

2 Kings 4:8–11, 14–16a

Elisha promised, “This time next year you will be cradling a baby son.”

Romans 6:3–4, 8–11

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

Matthew 10:37–42

[Jesus said,] “Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.”

Jesus promised that those who offer hospitality will be blessed.

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

Looking without walking by, halting the frantic pace of our lives, allowing the lives of others...with their needs and troubles, to touch our hearts. That is what makes us neighbors to one another, what generates true fraternity and breaks down walls and barriers. In the end, love prevails, and it proves more powerful than evil and death.

HOMILY, CASTEL GANDOLFO,
JULY 13, 2025



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Am I hospitable?
- Is it easy or difficult for me to welcome others into my world?



Resist Comparison

Adam Tran-Chung

St. Teresa of Ávila wrote, “Never compare one person with another: comparisons are odious.” We live in a world where

comparison is only a thumb-swipe away. On our phones, we’re instantly greeted with images of perfect lives—highlight reels of vacations, achievements, relationships, etc. It can be so easy for us to fall into the trap of looking at our own lives through the filter of someone else’s social media page.

The temptation of comparison has been around for a long time, but social media gives it an immediate and ever-present platform. We can trace this comparison to Adam and Eve, when the serpent whispered to Eve, You’re missing out. You could be more.

Is God really working in my life the way he works in others? But comparisons are distortions of reality. They shrink the way we view ourselves, others, and even God. Instead of seeing the unique way that God is working in our own lives, we risk reducing ourselves to the bare metrics—followers, likes,

hearts. We begin to live performatively, curating our lives to look more put-together or holy, and we lose sight of who we truly are—who God is calling us to be.

So, what can we do? One of the most basic but effective antidotes to comparison is gratitude. When we take time to recognize how God is uniquely present in our lives—through friendships, small victories, or quiet moments of grace—we learn to see our lives in communion with others. Another person’s blessing does not mean we are lacking; it simply means that person was blessed by God. Rather than comparing our lives to those of others, we should rejoice. Rejoice that God is working in the lives of others. We must never forget that in the kingdom of God, there is no competition; there is only communion.

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From “Social Media Perspectives” by Adam Tran-Chung, Liguorian, July/August 2025. For more information, call 800-325-9521 or visit Liguori.org.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From “Your Conscience and Church Teaching: How Do They Fit Together” by Nicholas Lohkamp, OFM

If we refuse to hear what the Church is saying just because we are upset by method or style, we risk missing the vital teaching help of the Church and suffering serious consequences in trying to respond to Christ’s call. Even when it requires reexamining our values, opinions, and conduct, each of us must seek to be “teachable”—open, willing, even eager to hear the teaching of the Church. Our duty in conscience is to know the official teaching of the Church. This means getting to the heart of the matter to discern the values being taught. Such an attitude keeps us sincerely concerned, respectful, and involved.

Catholic Update—a subscription newsletter published eleven times a year—explores Church tradition and teaching on contemporary topics. For more information, call 800-325-9521, or visit Liguori.org.



Faithful God, as we each struggle with our own cross, make us mindful of the burdens others must carry, and allow us to be a blessing to them. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

June 29—July 4

Monday, Sts. Peter and Paul: Acts 12:1–11 / 2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18 / Mt 16:13–19

Tuesday, Weekday: Am 3:1–8; 4:11–12 / Mt 8:23–27

Wednesday, Weekday: Am 5:14–15, 21–24 / Mt 8:28–34

Thursday, Weekday: Am 7:10–17 / Mt 9:1–8

Friday, St. Thomas: Eph 2:19–22 / Jn 20:24–29

Saturday, Weekday: Am 9:11–15 / Mt 9:14–17



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