



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."
- Mt 18:21-22

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

Saturdays: 4:00 pm

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



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September 12-September 20

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	The Intention of Marilyn Ruddy
Sun	8:30 am	Kathleen Maher
	11:00 am	No Intention
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
Mon	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Tues	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Wed	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Thurs	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	Ray Kisicki
Sun	8:30 am	Jeff Arellano
	11:00 am	Tere Teresi
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of Saint Paul's

Fall Faith Series

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Join our Fall Faith Series! This 6-week class series on intentional discipleship is open to students, resident parishioners, and anyone interested in exploring Catholicism. Classes will meet in Bishop Newell Hall on Mondays, 6-7:30 pm, beginning on September 28. For more information or to sign up, please click [here](#) or contact Lillie Rodgers: lillie@newmancenter.org.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin on Sunday, October 4. Meetings will be on the first and third Sundays of each month during the 8:30 am Liturgy. All children are welcome!

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

We have all been the wicked servant. We have denied others the same forgiveness and grace shown to us. This week, let us find new ways to make the love and mercy of God manifest in the lives of those we meet.

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Upcoming Events

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
September 12-13

Youth Group Begins
Sunday, September 13

Mass in the Park
Sunday, September 13, 5:00 pm

Adult Bible Study Begins
Wednesday, September 23, 9-10:00 am

**Family Faith Formation
Dinner and Activity Stations**
Wednesday, September 23, 5:45-7:00 pm

Fall Faith Series Begins
Monday, September 28, 6-7:30 pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word Begins
Sunday, October 4 during the 8:30 am Liturgy

Retirement Fund for Religious

A lifetime of service deserves care in return. The Retirement Fund for Religious assists thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests with healthcare, housing, and daily needs. Please prayerfully consider giving to our collection this weekend. Please make all checks payable to St. Paul's Newman Center and include "Retirement Fund for Religious" in the memo, or click [here](#) to donate online.

Mass in the Park

On Sunday, September 13, the 5:00 pm Liturgy will take place outdoors in Washington Park. Meet us next to the basketball court, where we will celebrate Mass and then enjoy Sunday Supper. College students and resident parishioners are both encouraged to partake in this opportunity to meet and connect with one another.

Bereavement Ministry

Give comfort to those who are grieving this year. Choose a month to send 4-5 cards or notes to persons who have experienced the loss of a loved one. We seek new and seasoned members to share a moment of caring by reaching out to a Newman family member who is grieving. Call Jeanie at 307-760-1872 for details on this rewarding and loving ministry.

THANK YOU!
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September 6 Donations: **\$16,046.01**
Our 10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$1,604.60**

Martha and Mary Christmas Basket Fundraiser

Join the Martha and Mary Christmas Basket Fundraiser! Empty baskets will be available for pickup on September 5, 6, 12, and 13 in the room on the west side of Bishop Newell Hall. To donate a completed themed basket, click [here](#) to sign up or email Pamela Hardigan at pamelahardigan@gmail.com. Baskets are due in Bishop Newell Hall on Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please include a basket title and list of contents.

Adult Bible Study

Dive deeper into Scripture this fall with our adult Bible study, where we will explore the books of Galatians, Philippians, and 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Meetings will be in the Fireplace Room on Wednesdays, 9-10:00 am, beginning on September 23. For more information or to sign up, please click [here](#) or contact Lillie Rodgers: lillie@newmancenter.org.



Family Faith Formation

All families with children are invited to join this fall's first Family Faith Formation night on Wednesday, September 23, 5:45-7:00 pm in Bishop Newell Hall. Come share a meal and enjoy faith-filled activity stations for the whole family. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by clicking [here](#) or contacting Brenna Fankell: brenna@newmancenter.org.



Our Progress

Our Goal: **\$100,680.00**
Amount Raised: **\$97,582.57**
Percent Raised to Goal: **97%**
Number of Donors: **127**

Please make all checks payable to the Diocese of Cheyenne, or click [here](#) to donate online.
Thank you for your support!



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
September 13, 2026

Forgive and Forget?

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Terry Anderson was an American reporter in Lebanon when he was abducted by terrorists in 1985. He was held captive by them until his release in 1991. After his release, he was asked if he forgave his captors. His response? "I'm a Christian and a Catholic, and it's really required of me that I forgive, no matter how hard that may be."

It's been said that forgiveness is the most difficult thing we have to do, simply because all too often we do not feel like forgiving. Nor is forgiveness about overlooking the injury as if to say, "Oh, that's OK. Don't worry about it." Forgiveness may not even mean being

able to be nice. Sometimes the pain may be too much.

Forgiveness as Jesus lived it is a choice one makes to care about the other. It is the gift of wanting what is best for the other even at times in the midst of our own pain. "Forgive and forget" is not always possible. At times, the pain not only lingers but also throbs as if the wound continues to ooze and weep. Then we cannot forget. Yet it is possible to make the choice to care.

What do we do if we cannot even bring ourselves to do that much? Perhaps then we can at least ask God to bring goodness into that person's life. And if that seems too difficult, then ask God to do what we cannot. That simple choice may very well be the seed that eventually sprouts into healing and peace in our own spirit. †



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A Word from Pope Leo XIV

In the Church there is...a place for everyone, and... every Christian is called to proclaim the gospel and bear witness in every environment.... Thus, this people shows its catholicity, welcoming the wealth and resources of different cultures and, at the same time, offering them the newness of the gospel to purify them and to raise them up.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
MARCH 11, 2026



Sunday Readings

Sirach 27:30—28:7

Remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook faults.

Romans 14:7-9

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus answered, "I say to you, [forgive] not seven times but seventy-seven times."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Do I mean it when I pray, "as we forgive those who trespass against us."
- Who does it hurt when I fail to forgive?



Advice to a Divided Community

Paige Byrne Shortal

Today's gospel passage, and last week's as well, might be entitled "Advice to a Divided Community." Imagine for a moment all the books, articles, radio talk

shows, and advice columnists who take up this topic: *How to Deal with Difficult People*; *Beyond Anger*; and my personal favorite, *Because Strangling Isn't an Option*.

Jesus says *forgive*. He says we are to forgive over and over again. He doesn't mention any exceptions. He says forgive no matter however badly you have been treated and whatever grievous loss you have suffered at the hands of another. Forgive because you are forgiven.

Even if we've made the first step—which is to want to forgive—complete forgiveness may take a while. We usually assume that Peter's question in today's gospel refers to how many times we must forgive different offenses. I wonder if

it isn't how many times we must forgive the same incident of being wronged. Just when you think you're done with the work of forgiveness, it comes back to haunt you, and you must forgive all over again. And again. Seventy-seven times.

As difficult as it can be, life is too short to live with an unforgiving heart. In fact, life may even be made shorter by failing to forgive. Study after study indicates that those who live with resentment are more likely to suffer a heart attack. We can literally "harden our hearts." What can we possibly gain by living this way?

From today's first reading: "Wrath and anger, these also are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them. Forgive your neighbor the wrong done to you; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven" (Sirach 27:30, 28:2). †

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen: A Media Apostle on the Road to Sainthood" by Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR

Sheen had a sharp understanding of the struggles of modern humanity: loneliness, pride, materialism, anxiety, and loss of purpose. He interpreted these through Catholic moral theology and never flinched from naming sin clearly, yet he always pointed toward mercy. He argued consistently that freedom without truth becomes chaos, and that true liberty is freedom directed toward the good. Some works are products of their era, but his best books remain spiritually fresh because they address perennial human questions: *Why am I unhappy? What is love? Why suffering? Who is Christ?* In the years since his death, Sheen's writings have continued to find new readers, and for good reason. The questions he addressed have not grown old. His voice remains what it always was: clear, hopeful, and worth following.

Note: The beatification Mass for Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen is scheduled for Thursday, September 24.

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Merciful God, give us generous hearts and open minds that we may forgive others as we have been forgiven. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 14–19

Monday, Exaltation of the Holy Cross:
Nm 21:4b–9 / Phil 2:6–11 / Jn 3:13–17

Tuesday, Our Lady of Sorrows: 1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a / Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35

Wednesday, Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian:
1 Cor 12:31–13:13 / Lk 7:31–35

Thursday, Weekday: 1 Cor 15:1–11
/ Lk 7:36–50

Friday, Weekday: 1 Cor 15:12–20 / Lk 8:1–3

Saturday, Weekday: 1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49
/ Lk 8:4–15



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