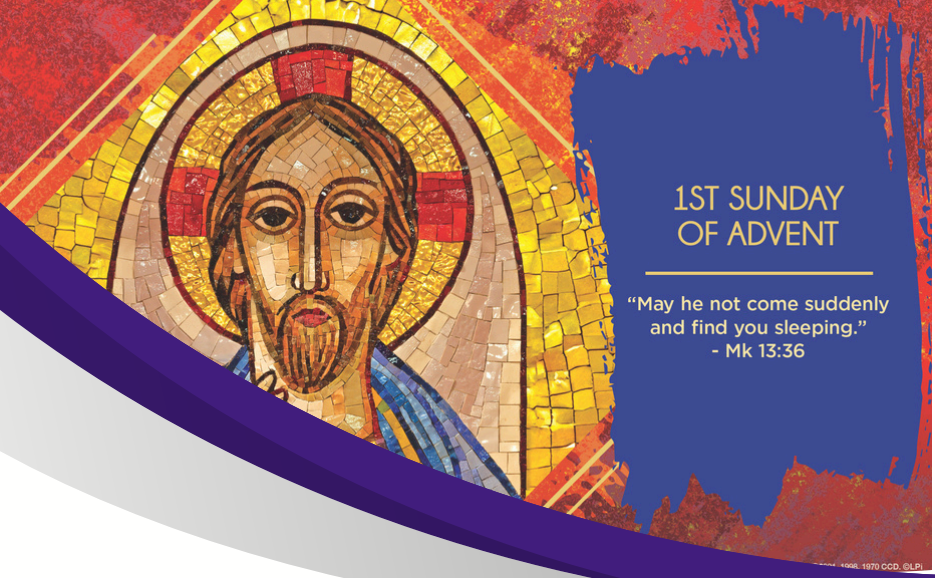

Saint Paul's Newman Center

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

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2026

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Mass INTENTIONS

November 28-December 6

The First Sunday of Advent

Sat	5:00 pm	Bernard Ruddy
Sun	8:30 am	Those in Purgatory
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
	5:00 pm	No Intention
Mon	5:00 pm	Those in Purgatory
Tues	5:00 pm	No Intention
Wed	5:00 pm	No Intention
Thurs	5:00 pm	The Deceased Family Members of Adidharma and Hardjito

The Second Sunday of Advent

Sat	5:00 pm	Bernard Ruddy
Sun	8:30 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
	11:00 am	Kermit Brown
	5:00 pm	No Intention

Financial Stewardship Commitment
Thank you to everyone who has made a Pledge of Gratitude for the coming year. If you have not done so already, please indicate your financial commitments to the parish on a pledge card and drop it in the collection basket at any weekend Liturgy.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Are our eyes drooping? Are we drifting off? Jesus wants us awake. He wants our eyes open. He wants us ready. Advent is the season of staying awake, of splashing water in the face of our soul. Wake up — and watch!
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November 22 Donations: **$10,295.00**
Our 10% tithe for Charitable Outreach: **$1,029.50**

Upcoming Events

Knights of Columbus Advent Family Craft Day
Sunday, November 29, 9:30 am

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 am and 5:15 pm

December Meal Delivery
Wednesday, December 9

Family Faith Formation
Wednesday, December 9, 5:45 pm

Adoration and Praise
Wednesday, December 9, 8:00 pm

Advent Penance Service
Sunday, December 13, 2:00 pm
at St. Laurence O'Toole

Parish Facility Discernment

Our final evening of community discernment regarding the future of our church building and parish facilities will be on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30 pm in Bishop Newell Hall. Come join us and let your voice be heard.

Family Faith Formation



Families with children, join us for Family Faith Formation on Wednesday, December 9 at 5:45 pm in Bishop Newell Hall. Come enjoy fellowship with other families in your community. Click **here** or email Brenna Fankell at brenna@newmancenter.org to RSVP.



An Advent penance service for the Laramie commuinity will be held at St. Laurence O'Toole on Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 pm.

Catholic Charities of Wyoming Faith and Advocacy Conference

Catholic Charities of Wyoming is hosting their 2nd annuall Faith and Advocacy Conference. This year's theme is "Sheltered in God's Love" and focuses on affordable housing. The conference will take place through a series of webinars throughout December and January. For more information or to register, please scan the click **here**.

Meal Delivery Ministry



Our next opportunity to deliver a home-cooked meal for someone in need is on Wednesday, December 9. To volunteer, please click **here** or contact Lillie Rodgers: lillie@newmancenter.org.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Tuesday December 8, and it is a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate Liturgies at 7:00 am and 5:15 pm.



Adoration and Praise

Set aside the busyness of life and enjoy music and prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, December 9 at 8:00 pm in the Worship Space.

Martha & Mary Basket Raffle Tickets Available!

Enjoy wine and cheese on Saturdays or coffee and donuts on Sundays while you browse baskets in Bishop Newell Hall. Tickets are available after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses on December 5-6. Proceeds support the UW Campus Food Pantry. Don't miss the raffle drawing and free chili lunch on December 6 after the 11:00 am Liturgy

Knights of Columbus Advent Family Craft Day



Join the Knights of Columbus for a joyful morning of family fun! Make your own Christmas decorations as we celebrate Advent and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Come to Bishop Newell Hall on Sunday, November 29 after the 8:30 am Liturgy.



Our Progress

Our Goal: **$100,680.00**
Amount Raised: **$99,974.00**
Percent Raised to Goal: **99%**
Number of Donors: **134**

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

First Sunday of Advent (B)
November 29, 2026

How Has God Shaped You?

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Sometimes it seems as if life is a laboratory of designed experiments on how to become human, all of them allotted ten-year blocks.

Have you noticed how nine- and ten-year-olds can be easy to be around? Then, about the time we've gotten being a kid down to a science, life begins to move us into adolescence. We want to be independent and responsible, but we don't yet have all the skills. We have sexual feelings, but we're expected not to act on them. About the time we reach adulthood and move into our twenties, it seems we can finally do what we want, but then we might drink too much, spend too much, drive too fast, and party too long. Once we begin to settle down around year thirty, we have to learn how to live with another person. One likes it warm; the other cool. One seeks to save; the other spends. One is a homebody; the other enjoys going out on the town. By the time we've gotten to our sixties and seventies, we may have figured out life, but by then we've used up most of our energy.

What's going on?
Faith suggests it's the hand of God shaping us into the sort of persons we're meant to be. "Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you our potter: we are all the work of your hand" (Isaiah 64:7). Advent may be a time to figure out how God is acting in your life now and look back to see that God has been shaping you all along. ✝

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7
Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you our potter: we are all the work of your hand.

1 Corinthians 1:3–9
God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son.

Mark 13:33–37
[Jesus said,] "May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."



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A Word from Pope Leo XIV

We journey as if on a bridge that connects Earth to heaven, a bridge that the Lord has built for us. Let us always keep our eyes fixed on both shores, so that we may love God and our brothers and sisters with all our hearts in order to journey together and find ourselves one day united in the house of the Father.

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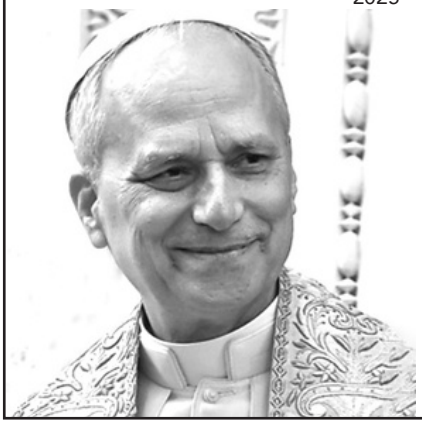

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Can I recall a time when I saw God acting in my life?
- Do I see God acting in my life today?

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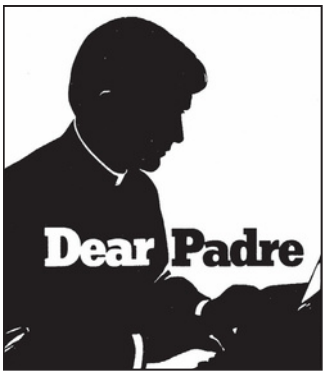

Dear Padre,
Why are the Gospels of Matthew and Mark so alike? Why did the Church keep both gospels when so much of Mark seems to be a mirror image of Matthew?

The gospels were written over time and used by the faithful when they gathered for worship. They read the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus collected by Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

The Christian communities were often great distances from one another. A community may have had access to only one of these accounts. There is considerable similarity because the gospel writers depended on one another. All three of these gospels include some of the same incidents, and each one also has incidents or details unique to that gospel.

These were not the only accounts written about the life and ministry of Jesus. At some point, the Church had to decide which should be considered the inspired word of God. There were four accounts that were widely used: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. With their similarities and differences, the Church accepted these four accounts as gospel—the Good News. ✝

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Go to ***DearPadre.org*** to send your question and to learn more about ***Dear Padre.***

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From *The Joy of Advent: Grace Through Waiting* by Patricia Livingston

Advent. A strong wind is blowing. An adventure is in the air. Someone is coming. The curious energy of Advent is that we are looking for something we know is already here. It is both right now and not yet. We sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," yet Emmanuel means "God is with us."

The days of Advent are like the intriguing little doors on an Advent calendar. Each one opens to reveal some aspect of Christmas…beauty, kindness, prayer, humor, insight, memory, encounter, music, and Scripture. What doors will you open this season?

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PRAYER

Lord Jesus, so that we may be patient in our waiting and energetic in our service, we pray—Be born in us, be born in our world.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

November 30–
December 5

Monday, St.Andrew, Rom 10:9–18 / Mt 4:18–22

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

Wednesday, Advent Weekday, Is 25:6–10a / Mt 15:29–37

Thursday, St. Francis Xavier, 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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