

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT  
March 17, 2024



# ST JOHN PAUL II

## CATHOLIC PARISH

THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

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### MASSES

Saturdays 4:00pm  
Sundays 8:00am & 10:00am

### CONFESSION

Saturdays: 2:30–3:30pm  
Sundays: upon request  
before & after Masses

#### Location for Mass:

Frassati Catholic Academy  
3951 Cottonwood Lakes Blvd.  
Thornton, CO

#### Mailing Address:

c/o Immaculate Heart of Mary  
11385 Grant Dr,  
Northglenn, CO 80233

#### General Information

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals  
(720) 319-8050 [Info@StJP2.org](mailto:Info@StJP2.org)



*"The future  
starts today,  
not tomorrow."*

*~ St. John Paul II*

"When I am lifted up  
from the earth, I will  
draw everyone to myself"

~John 12:32



Christ Crucified by Diego Velázquez (1632)

### DIRECTORY

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Here's what you can do for  
our Tanzania Sister Parish,  
who are praying for  
us at each Mass

- Pray for them
- Financial support



Christ The King parish and  
girls Catholic high school is in  
Nyantakubwa, Tanzania, just below  
Lake Victoria. St JP2 also supports an  
orphanage close by in Geita.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Mar 16th 4pm †Norm Gauthier  
Sun Mar 17th 10am †Daniel Joseph Trujillo  
Sat Mar 23rd 4pm †Stanislav Vlčák  
Sun Mar 24th 10am †Jim Murphy

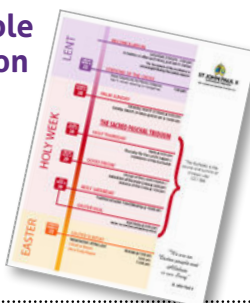
Sunday 8am Mass Intentions are for **Pro Populo**;  
for the parishioner of St. John Paul II

Intentions are not read aloud during Mass, but placed  
on the altar for the priest to offer up silently at Mass.

Send Mass intentions to: [SmokeyM@StJP2.org](mailto:SmokeyM@StJP2.org)

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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## SUNDAY READINGS

**MAR 17** 5th Sunday of Lent  
1st Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34  
Rsp Psalm: Psalms 51: 3-4, 12-13, 14-15  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 5: 7-9  
Gospel: John 12: 20-33

**MAR 24** Palm Sunday  
1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7  
Rsp Psalm: Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-2  
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11  
Gospel: Mark 14:1 – 15:47

**Parish Registration** Are you interested in joining this parish community? Register as parishioners under "Connect" on our website.

## Teaching Videos

Visit our video library to watch these informative series.

<https://stjohnpaul2.org/videos/>

### Teaching on Fasting

Find answers to why we fast during Lent. What does the Bible, both Old and New Testament, teach us about the benefit of fasting? How fasting can transform our spiritual life.

### Teaching on Suffering

Why does a good God allow suffering? What does God teach us about suffering in both the Old and New Testament? How God can bring about good through pain and suffering?

### Teaching on Prayer

These videos provide valuable insight into the importance of prayer, but also suggestions and ideas that we might not have thought of previously.

### Teaching on Spiritual Conversion

Delve into these videos for guidance on nurturing your soul and cultivating personal holiness. Discover the path to becoming the saint God has called you to be.

### Teaching on Salvation History

These videos offer a theological exploration of salvation history, tracing God's work from creation to the founding of the church.

## Upcoming Concert

The Divine Mercy Choir Live Concert

When: **Saturday, March 30, 2pm**

Where: **Immaculate Heart of Mary**

For more info, contact: Deacon Paul  
303-452-2041 or email him at  
[DeaconPaul@IHMC.org](mailto:DeaconPaul@IHMC.org)

## Summer Camp at Annunciation Heights

In three short months, the youth and families of the Archdiocese will be heading into the beautiful Rocky Mountains for a week of adventure and friendship in a truly Catholic environment. Our summer camp schedule begins in June, with six one-week youth sessions and four family camps. Youth camp sessions are offered for boys and girls from grades 4 through 12. We are also launching our first summer of our counselor in training program for Juniors and Seniors in High School.

For more information, visit: <https://annunciationheights.org>

## Online Giving

### Option 1.

Easily download the app "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" on your phone to set up "Saint John Paul II Catholic Parish"

### Option 2.

Go directly to our giving page at:  
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z61A>

### Option 3.

Point your phone camera here at our QR Code:



## Divine Mercy Sunday

April 7, 2024

Jesus' words to St. Faustina:

"Tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the feast of mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out an ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the font of my mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive holy communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are open. let no soul fear to draw near to me."

From the Diary of St. Faustina, excerpt 699



## 2024 March for Life Rally

When: **Friday, April 12, 11am**

Where: **Colorado State Capital**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is organizing a trip to the *March for Life Rally*! We have two buses departing from and returning to the church. Spots are limited, so secure your seat [HERE](#) or contact Hugh at [CCC.Rep@StJP2.org](mailto:CCC.Rep@StJP2.org)

## Stations of the Cross



Please come to this beautiful devotion to our Lord, every Friday at 7pm during Lent

**NOTE: Lent Soup Dinners have been canceled due to lack of participation.**



**Spots are limited!**  
Some weeks already have waitlists.

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

## Knights Corner

Congratulations to our Basketball Free Throw contest winners.

Three contestants advanced to district level: *Isla Imming, Jon-Paul Wilkins & Francis Wilkins.*



Francis Wilkins has won the district level for the 9 year old division and is advancing on to our State Basketball Free Throw contest next weekend!

**Good Luck Francis!**

## Action Alert!

This past week various Colorado Legislative Committees passed bills on to the full legislature for vote. **These bills are serious enough that Colorado Catholic Conference has called for an Action Alert on each bill.**

**Oppose:** HB24-1124 "Discrimination in Places of Public Accommodation". This bill may greatly affect Catholic Hospitals, Schools & Shelters. HB 1124 will add "non-profits" as subject to Colorado's non-discrimination law financial penalties. **HB 1124 will force every person and institution to conform to government-mandated beliefs about sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression under threat of criminal and financial penalties of \$10,000.**

**Oppose:** HB24-1028 "Overdose Prevention Centers"

**Support:** HB24-1280 "Welcome, Reception & Integration Grant Program"

Please go to the CCC website below and let your legislature know where we stand. Visit: [Colorado Catholic Conference](https://coloradocatholicconference.org/take-action/action-alerts) ([cocatholic.org/take-action/action-alerts](https://cocatholic.org/take-action/action-alerts))

If you have questions, please contact: Hugh Denning at [CCC.Rep@StJP2.org](mailto:CCC.Rep@StJP2.org)



*Please keep in your prayers...*

☞ **Rene Gonzales**  
☞ **Julie Wessling**  
☞ **Melanie Rohr**  
☞ **Earl Beer**

☞ **Jennifer Dunkley**  
☞ **Fr. Brian Morrow**  
☞ **Bill McGee**  
☞ **Chuy Medrano**

Email names of those who are ill or in need of prayers to [PrayerList@StJP2.org](mailto:PrayerList@StJP2.org). Names will remain on the list as space allows.

LENT

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Or before or after each Mass, just ask Fr. James

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is encouraged during the Lenten season

FRIDAY  
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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Great Opportunity for Plenary Indigence.  
See Fr. James' teaching on Indulgences.

7:00 pm

SUNDAY  
MARCH  
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## PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, March 23 Mass @ 4:00 pm  
Sunday, March 24 Mass @ 8:00 am & 10:00 am

## THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

THURS.  
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## HOLY THURSDAY

Mass @ 6:30 pm  
Thursday for the Lord's Supper /  
Institution of the Eucharist

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## GOOD FRIDAY

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion /  
Adoration of the Holy Cross @ 3:00 pm  
Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 pm

SAT.  
MARCH  
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## HOLY SATURDAY

Traditional Easter Food Blessing @ 10:00 am

## EASTER VIGIL

Vigil Mass @ 8:00 pm  
(Note: no 4:00 pm anticipatory mass)

  
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"The Eucharist is the  
source and summit of  
Christian Life"  
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HOLY WEEK

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## EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of the Lord  
Christ is Risen!  
He is Truly Risen!

Masses @ 7:00 am  
9:00 am  
11:00 am

*"We are an  
Easter people and  
Alleluia  
is our Song"*

St. John Paul II

EASTER