

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
March 9, 2025



ST JOHN PAUL II

CATHOLIC PARISH

THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

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"No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, for to his angles he has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways."
~ Ps 91:10-11

CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY MASS

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

CONFESSION

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

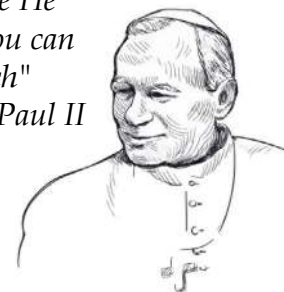
ROSARY

Saturdays: 3:25pm
Sundays: 7:25am & 9:25am

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

"If He asks much of you, it is because He knows you can give much"
St. John Paul II



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Mar. 8th 4pm + Dolores LeBlanc
Sun Mar. 9th 10am Lillian Taylor

Sat Mar. 15th 4pm + James Lockwood
Sun Mar. 16th 10am Tim Halling

Sunday 8am Mass Intention is Pro Populo;
for the parishioners 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.

If you would like to arrange a mass for a loved one, please send request to SmokeyM@StJP2.org

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

MISSION STATEMENT

St. John Paul II Parish exists to transform the hearts and minds of our parish family and foster an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ through steadfast devotion to the Eucharist and sacraments, immersion in Sacred Scripture, robust prayer and teaching, and vibrant community.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Sunday of Lent

Mar 9 1st Reading: Deut. 26: 4-10
Rsp Psalm: Psalm. 91
2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Second Sunday of Lent

Mar 16 1st Reading: Gn. 15:5-12, 17-18
Rsp Psalm: Psalm. 27
2nd Reading: Ph. 3:17-4:1
Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

The Divine Mercy Sunday April 27th, 2025

In 1934, Saint Faustina recorded, "During prayer I heard these words within me: 'Ask of my faithful servant [Father Sopocko] that, on this day, he tell the whole world of My great mercy; that whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy'"

(Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska # 300)

[Note: All words from Jesus, as recorded by St. Faustina, are shown in bold type]



PRAYER LIST

- ★ Deacon Louis Arambula
- ★ Jim Simonton
- ★ Carolyn Shanley
- ★ Laura Gonzales
- ★ Virgil Needler
- ★ William Finney
- ★ Mason Cos-Y-Leon
- ★ David Conrad Sandoval

Email names of those who are in need of prayers to PrayerList@StJP2.org. Names will remain on the list as space allows. Please also pray for the caregivers of those on our prayer list.

Out of respect for the sacredness of our Eucharistic Liturgy, please do not bring any food, drink or gum into the chapel.



Hallow Lent Pray40: The Way

Catholic Prayer & Meditation App

This Lent, embark on a spiritual journey with the writings of St. Josemaría Escrivá, author of the modern spiritual classic, "The Way." We'll meditate on the lives of those who follow Christ's Way, including the life of Servant of God Takashi Nagai. Come to know this remarkable Japanese physician who survived the atomic bombing in 1945 - along with his difficulties, heartbreak, and conversion - through the biography "A Song for Nagasaki." Access the study guide and learn more about the books used in Pray40 here: <https://try.hallow.com/pray40-resources>

Upcoming Events at Local Parishes, Schools, and in the Archdiocese:



Biblical School Preview Night

Learn about our Lenten journey home to the Father! Join us for a FREE lecture from Daniel Campbell which will introduce you to what it is like to learn scripture and to how amazing the Bible is. **Tuesday, March 11, 2025 from 6-8 p.m. @ Holy Family High School** No registration is required. We hope you can make it!

The Dignity & Vocation of Women

All are invited to a FREE online day of reflection with Jennifer Laurent on the "Dignity & Vocation of Women." Saturday, March 29, 9:30am - 1:30 pm. Register @ <https://sjvlaydivision.stellarwebsystems.com/join?euclid=3b02a070-f0ce-11ef-b560-06877bb00287>

The CHOSEN Season 5 coming to Theaters March 28th.

For a listing of showtimes go to: <https://thechosenlastsupper.com/tickets/?booknow>

If you would like to join a group from the parish contact Paula: 1009paula@gmail.com



ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL NOTE

Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila has released a new Pastoral Note, Standing with Mary at the Foot of the Cross, marking the beginning of Lent. Released along with the Note is a new icon, commissioned by the Archbishop, entitled Mary at the Foot of the Cross. This Note and icon mark the public launch of a 9-year novena, began last year by Archbishop, as the faithful prepare for the two-thousand-year anniversary of the crucifixion and Jesus' triumph over death.

As this sacred season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving begins, the faithful are encouraged to read and reflect on the Archbishop's message and pray with the icon, drawing closer each day to the Mother of God this Lent.

Read Archbishop's full Pastoral Note to the faithful here: <https://archden.org/mary-at-the-cross>

Prayer Cards of the new Icon are available at each entrance this weekend.

**Fr. James will be on Catholic Radio
Tuesday, March 11th, 3:30-4:30**



Catholic Radio
Change your station Change your Life

1060 AM & 1120 AM

or LISTEN ONLINE:

<https://catholicradionetwork.com/listen/listen-live>

Fast from your typical radio station and feast on Catholic Radio.

LENT ~ 2025 PRAYER, FASTING, & ALMSGIVING

Lenten Soup Dinner, Fridays @ 5:30

All are invited to join us for a variety of meatless soups each Friday night during Lent prior to The Stations of the Cross. The Knights of Columbus will be taking free-will donations (suggested cost of \$5.00 per person) to raise funds to purchase items for our Church.

If you would like to bring a soup to share click [Here](#)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY EVENING @ 7pm



**St. John Paul II
YOUTH GROUP**
Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
This Lent, we invite all middle and high school students to join us during youth group for a special small group study. Let's journey together through Lent, and grow closer to Christ. Each age group will meet separately in small groups of 5-7 students for an age appropriate and personal experience. Books will be provided. Questions? Reach out to Aaron or Andrea @ YouthGroup@StJP2.org



MEN ON A MISSION
Saint John Paul II Parish Men's Ministry
Tuesdays @ 7pm

Men of the parish! What do you have planned for Lent? Why not join Men on a Mission as we begin a powerful six week video study called "Goliath Must Fall - Winning the Battle Against Your Giants". Call/text Mark Tristani for more info. 303-521-0246

LECTIO DIVINA - BIBLE STUDY SATURDAYS @ 9am

Join us for a prayerful reading of Sunday's mass readings each week.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SATURDAYS 2:30-3:30pm



Confession is available not only on Saturday afternoons, but also by request.

Simply approach Father James and let him know you'd like to go to confession.

Online Giving

St. John Paul II parish has our own online giving account through Vanco, with a link on our website. We have established a few shortcuts for you to use:

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-Z6JA>

Option 3.

Point your phone camera here at our QR Code:



A meaningful Lent requires us to focus on a plan of action. Below are the general practices that the Catholic Church requires of us. Plus we encourage you to plan your own personal Lenten growth in devotion and discipleship.

Prayer:

In order to deepen one's love for Christ, Catholics are urged to read and pray over sacred Scripture; to study the Catechism of the Catholic Church; to participate in devotions offered by the parish; and to pray more fervently — individually, as families, and in common with others. The faithful are exhorted to pray the rosary, to make private visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and to pray especially for vocations to the priesthood, the religious life, and for world peace.

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation:

Lent is a privileged time for participating in this sacrament.

Fasting, and Abstinence

To foster the spirit of penance and of reparation for sin, to encourage self-denial, and to guide us in the footsteps of Jesus, Church law requires the observance of fast and abstinence (CCC 1249-1253).

1. Abstinence: All persons who have already celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

2. Fasting: Everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent, especially on Wednesdays and Fridays, is highly recommended. Fasting is generally understood to mean eating one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Other forms of "fasting," especially regarding alcoholic drink, needless television, video games, Internet use and social entertainment, is of true spiritual value and is strongly encouraged. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. If in doubt, one's parish priest or confessor may be consulted.

Almsgiving

The act of giving to the poor, in the most ancient tradition of the Church, is an expression of penance, a form of piety, a witness of fraternal charity and an expression of Lenten conversion. Therefore, all Catholics are urged to support generously the charitable works of the Church. People are also encouraged to assist the sick, the aged, the needy and the imprisoned in other ways. Fasting and abstinence together with works of charity help Catholics live in solidarity with the crucified Christ reflected in the image of our brothers and sisters who suffer.

In our Lenten pilgrimage of faith and ascent to the holy mountain of Easter, may God direct our steps to Him, and show us how to walk always in His way.

LENT 2025

Lenten Soup Supper

FRIDAYS 5:30-6:45

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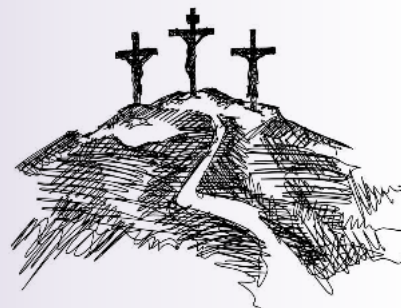
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING @ 7PM

STARTING MARCH 7TH



Sacrament of Reconciliation

SATURDAYS 2:30-3:30PM



The sacrament of Reconciliation (aka Confession and/or Penance) is available not only on Saturday afternoons, but also by request.

Simply approach Father James and let him know you'd like to go to confession.

Keep an eye on the Bulletin each week for more ways to enhance your Lenten Season this year through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



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