

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
May 11, 2025



ST JOHN PAUL II

CATHOLIC PARISH

THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

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"My, Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand." ~ Jn 10:29

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

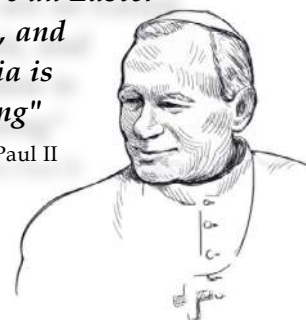
Saturdays: 3:25pm
Sundays: 7:25am & 9:25am

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

*"We are an Easter
people, and
Alleluia is
our song"*

St. John Paul II



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat May 10th 4pm + Peter Lanh Ta
Sun May 11th 10am Steve Smith

Sat May 17th 4pm + James Lockwood
Sun May 18th 10am + Bill McGee

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.



SUNDAY READINGS

4th Sunday of Easter

May 11 1st Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52
Rsp Psalm: Psalm 100
2nd Reading: Rev. 7:14b-17
Gospel: Jn 10:27-30

5th Sunday of Easter

May 18 1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27
Rsp Psalm: Psalm 145
2nd Reading: Rev. 21:1-5a
Gospel: Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



Knights Corner

The Knights of Columbus would like to give every Catholic Gentleman an opportunity to be a Knight.

We have plenty of information for you to check out online at www.kofc.org/join. You can also join online. We try to serve as the right hand of the Church, but not everyone has time to do everything, which is why we ask a Knight to help "when" able. No Knight is asked to do everything.

You can join for free by entering the Promo Code "BLESSEDMCGIVNEY" online.

Got questions! Look for our Knights next weekend at the doors to ask questions and/or Sign Up, or email GK@KofC17142.org

We are also planning an Exemplification Ceremony following the 4pm Mass next weekend, May 17th – Everyone is welcome to stay and watch. This will make the men full 3rd Degree Knights and bring them into our St. John Paul II council.



ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL
ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER

Love is more than a feeling — it is an action. Your generosity is an expression of Christ's love, bringing hope and healing to those in need. Join the mission by giving today at archden.org/givetoday or call 303-867-0614.



The Marc Jr Foundation, which supports families facing

a DIPG diagnosis is hosting a fundraiser for a local family facing the challenges of childhood brain cancer.

A Bingo Night fundraiser will go to support a family whose 19-year-old daughter is scheduled to participate in a clinical trial at Stanford Children's Hospital in California, and they are currently facing significant financial hardship (with having to miss work and travel). Funds raised will go directly toward essential travel-related expenses such as accessible lodging, transportation, and meals.

**Sunday May 18th ~ ARRIVE BY 2pm,
Games 2:30 - 6:00**

**MOTHER TUCKER BREWERY
2360 E. 120TH AVE. THORNTON**



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Our Lady of Fatima
Feast Day
May 13th.

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.



Can You Help St. JPIL's Finance Council?

We are Re-igniting our Capital Campaign and want to report our progress out to you all, but we need help with marketing and graphic design skills. Do you have the time and talent to help us? We are great with numbers and finances, but need your help to make it attractive and understandable. If you are interested, please email our finance council chairperson, Carol Mendlik, at carolmendlik@comcast.net



PRAYER LIST

- ★ Robert Ozzello
- ★ Marquez Family
- ★ David Conrad Sandoval
- ★ Ed Lousberg
- ★ Dianna Sax
- ★ Tom Kozney
- ★ Deacon Louis Arambula
- ★ Virgil Needler

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.



See attached letter from the Archbishop

Page four on enhancing our Holy Mass is now available.
Please see attached.



Please understand these observations are written with a sincere desire to foster an atmosphere of reverence and devotion in our sacred spaces. ~ Fr. James

All are invited to come & celebrate with our saints in the making Sunday, May 18th

Join us immediately following the 10am Mass! Those who received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation on May 4th will be dressing up as their Confirmation Saints and want to share with their fellow parishioners why they chose their particular saints! Come and support our young people! Also, all of our Faith Formation Families are asked to attend to celebrate the end of the school year! Treats and drinks will be served. Join us outside by the playground!

(weather permitting)



Frassati Catholic Academy

Now Enrolling Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten programs. With limited space available, early enrollment is highly encouraged. Experience our faith-filled,

nurturing environment by scheduling a personal tour. Visit gofrassati.org or call 303-451-9607 to make an appointment today!



Still haven't seen The Chosen?

Season 5 is anticipated to be released for streaming on Amazon prior to its release on "The Chosen App", in the meantime catch up by watching the first four Seasons on Amazon Prime or watch for free on "The Chosen App" <https://watch.thechosen.tv/>



ANNUNCIATION HEIGHTS
— COLORADO —

Save the Date! Young Adult Summer Camp Weekend.

Looking for a weekend of faith, fun and adventure with other Catholic young adults? Join us at Annunciation Heights for Young Adult Summer Camp Weekend from September 5-7, 2025! Reconnect with your inner camper through high ropes, zip-lining, a sunrise hike and intentional community. Registration is just \$175 — don't miss it! Questions? Reach out to william.muraski@annunciationheights.org. For more information go to <https://www.annunciationheights.org/>

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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:



THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST

In the coming weeks, I will explain the significance of the Eucharist, the prerequisites for receiving it, the reverence it deserves, and how to achieve a deeper union with Christ by partaking in it.

As Catholics, we are truly blessed to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. It is in this sacrament that bread and wine become the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, nourishing our souls and strengthening our communion with Him and His Church. When we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist, we are not merely taking part in a symbolic ritual. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine are transformed into the real presence of Christ – His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. This is the true presence of our Savior, given to us as spiritual food that nourishes us and unites us with Him.

Let's be clear, Jesus took what was symbolic, the Passover meal, and he instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist proclaiming "This is my body, this is my blood." The Church has proclaimed for 2000 years that the Eucharist is Jesus' body and blood.

In chapter six of John's Gospel, Jesus said "...unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you do not have life in you." The people knew Jesus was serious and literal about this; that is why many left as believers, they could not believe this could be true. Even I as a Priest cannot comprehend this mystery, but ultimately it comes down to faith because Jesus said it. There are some Catholics that are under the assumption that the Eucharist is just a symbol; this is a confused view. The year of Eucharistic revival we recently completed was undertaken to address this mis-conception.

As we receive the Eucharist, let us do so with reverence, recognizing the profound gift that it is. Let us be mindful of the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, not only during Mass but also in the tabernacle where it is reserved.

It is precisely because it is truly Christ Himself present in the Holy Eucharist, that we, as a community of believers need to act, dress, think, behave and ultimately pray in a manner that is befitting of the presence of the Son of God in our midst. Please keep this in mind when you enter our humble chapel at Frassati Catholic Academy, you are entering sacred space because of the true presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle.



"RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST MEANS ENTERING INTO A PROFOUND COMMUNION WITH JESUS. 'ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOU' (JN 15:4). THIS RELATIONSHIP OF PROFOUND AND MUTUAL 'ABIDING' ENABLES US TO HAVE A CERTAIN FORETASTE OF HEAVEN ON EARTH."
ST. JOHN PAUL II

May 10, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today I am announcing a special Called by Name Campaign to identify faithful young men in our archdiocese who, through God's providence, could have a vocation to the priesthood. The campaign will take place on May 17-18, 2025.

While our archdiocese has been blessed with many good priests, we still have a need for "more workers for the harvest." I firmly believe that our future priests will come from our own parishes and schools, but we need the entire Church to identify them, so that we can accompany them as they discern their vocations.

I invite all Catholics to submit the names of young men that you would like to honor. You can submit names at denver vocations.com. Note that these men do not need to want to be priests. They simply need to love Christ and the Church, exhibit a strong faith, and have a heart for service.

Additionally, it is important to remember that fostering these vocations would not be possible without The Archbishop's Catholic Appeal, which provides essential support to our young men discerning this call. I ask you to please consider how your financial support of the 2025 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal could nurture our seminarians in formation.

I will send each one of these young men a letter of congratulations and encouragement, as well as invite them to a special dinner in the summer. In addition, our Vocation Team will offer support as they discern their vocations, especially by inviting them to join small "discernment groups" and attend various events.

This initiative is near to my heart, and I ask you to participate thoughtfully. And please join me in praying that the Lord will raise up many new shepherds for the Church!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L.
Archbishop of Denver