

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 18, 2025



ST JOHN PAUL II

CATHOLIC PARISH

THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

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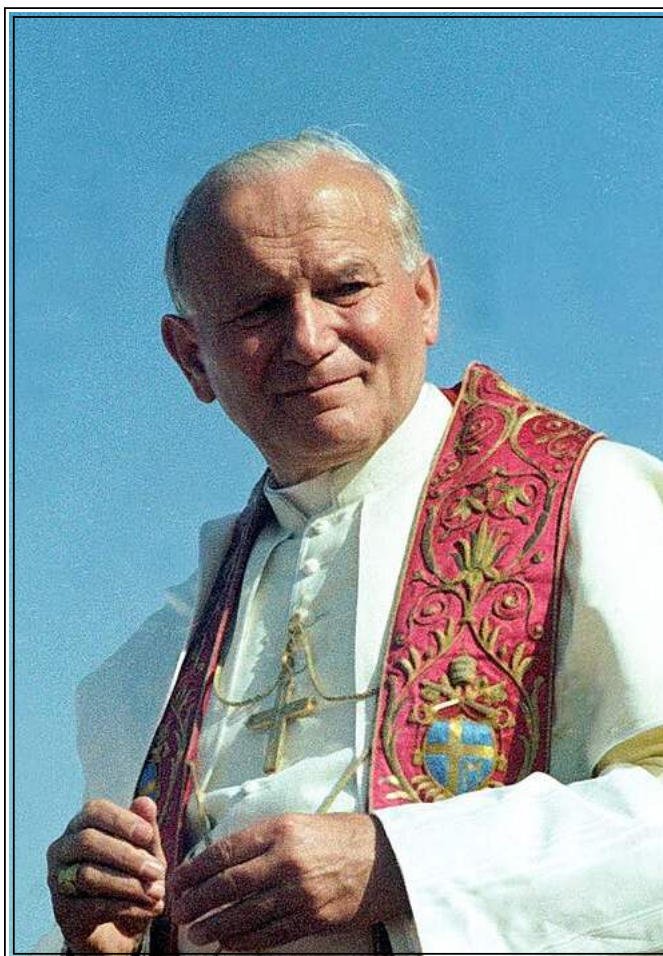
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**Happy Birthday to our Patron,
Saint John Paul II**

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

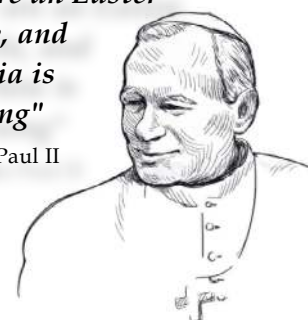
Saturdays: 3:25pm
Sundays: 7:25am & 9:25am

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

Sat May 24th 4pm Don & Anne Green
Sun May 25th 10am +Stanislav Vlčák

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

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

6th Sunday of Easter

May 25
1st Reading: Acts 15:1-22-29
Rsp Psalm: Psalm 67
2nd Reading: Rev. 21:10-14,22-23
Gospel: Jn 14:23-29

Ground Breaking Ceremony Next Sunday May 25TH

- ✧ 10am Mass with Archbishop Aquila in the Gym.
- ✧ Following the Mass, meet at the church property for the Liturgical ground breaking at noon (144th Ave and Detroit)
- ✧ Both the Saturday 4pm and Sunday 10am Mass will be in the school gym.
- ✧ **Note: There will be no 8am Mass on the 25th.**



ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL
ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER

APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND

See the Archbishop's message for the 2025 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal in the new video at archden.org/givetoday. Your gift is an act of love for the Lord, helping others grow in their relationship with Christ through various ministries that support Northern Colorado.

Give today!



**Sunday May 18TH - ARRIVE BY 2pm,
Games 2:30 - 6:00
MOTHER TUCKER BREWERY
2360 E. 120TH AVE. THORNTON**

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.



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!

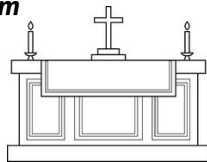
Your Help Needed!

Saturday the 24th @ 11am.

In preparation for the ground breaking Mass we need to move our chapel into the school gymnasium. Please come for many hands make light work.

Sunday the 25th @ 3pm

We will also need help following the ground breaking ceremony to move the chapel out of the gym. Thank You!



Page five 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



Can You Help St. JPII'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

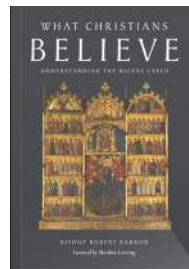
- ★ Connie Walker
- ★ Robert Ozzello
- ★ Marquez Family
- ★ David Conrad Sandoval
- ★ Ed Lousberg
- ★ Dianna Sax
- ★ Tom Kozney
- ★ Virgil Needler



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.

PARISH BOOK STUDY THIS SUMMER

"What Christians Believe: Understanding the Nicene Creed" by Bishop Robert Barron. **Keep a look out for how to get your copy of this book. Book Study to begin this summer.**



Come & celebrate with our saints in the making this Sunday!

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)



St. John Paul II Youth Group Pilgrimage to Mother Cabrini Shrine – Sunday, June 1st

All parish families are invited to join our youth group for a pilgrimage to the Mother Cabrini Shrine on Sunday, June 1st. We'll meet at the shrine by 9am, and Mass will begin at 11am. Feel free to pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the beautiful surroundings after Mass. We hope you can join us for this special day of faith and fellowship! Sign up here: <https://stjpii.flocknote.com/signup/211791>

"The name of Jesus is the glory of preachers, because the shining splendor of that name causes his word to be proclaimed and heard".
~ St. Bernadine of Siena
Feast Day May, 20TH



ANNUNCIATION HEIGHTS
— COLORADO —

Hispanic Family Day at Annunciation Heights. Calling all Spanish-speaking Catholic families in Colorado!

Annunciation Heights invites you to a special one-day family camp in the stunning Rocky Mountains: "Pilgrims of Hope."

This unforgettable day will be filled with faith, formation and fun, inspired by the Jubilee 2025 theme. Parents will enjoy a marriage workshop in Spanish with Jorge Paredes and Viviana Martínez, while Annunciation Heights missionaries lead outdoor adventures and activities for kids and teens in English.

The \$250 family package includes all meals and programming from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, 2025. Join us for a day of hope, connection and joy in God's creation! For more information go to <https://www.annunciationheights.org/>

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 NECESSITY OF RECONCILIATION

The Eucharist is the true Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. To receive this great gift worthily, we must be in a state of grace, meaning free from mortal sin. Mortal sin, is a grave offense against God that severs our relationship with Him, and creates the need for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist. The apostle John says, “if we say, we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us”. (1Jn 1:8)

If you are unsure whether you have committed a mortal sin, it is always best to consult with a priest. They can help you discern the gravity of your actions and guide you toward the appropriate course of action. Receiving the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin is a grave sin of sacrilege. It profanes the body and blood of Christ and further separates us from God. As St. Paul says, “Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord.” (1 Co 11:27)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as Confession or Penance, is a beautiful opportunity for healing and forgiveness. To go to Confession, you can examine your conscience, reflect on your actions, and identify any sins you have committed. Most parishes offer regular confession times, and you can also schedule an appointment with a priest. The priest will guide you through the process of confessing your sins and receiving absolution. The priest will pronounce the words of absolution, forgiving your sins in the name of Jesus Christ. You will be assigned a penance, which is a prayer or action to help you make amends for your sins. The office of the priesthood holds this special gift from God. “In imparting to his apostles, his own power to forgive sins. The Lord also gives them the authority to reconcile sinners with the church. Christ’s solemn words to St Peter: “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loose in heaven” (CCC 1444)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a gift from God, “Those who approach the Sacrament of reconciliation receive pardon from God’s mercy for the offense they committed against God and are also reconciled with the Church.” (CCC1422) God offers us the opportunity to experience His mercy and forgiveness.

It is a vital step in preparing to receive the Eucharist worthily and deepening our relationship with Christ.



“JESUS IS A ‘PERSON,’ ALWAYS ALIVE AND PRESENT WITH US! LOVE JESUS PRESENT IN THE EUCHARIST. HE IS PRESENT IN A SACRIFICIAL WAY IN HOLY MASS, WHICH RENEWS THE SACRIFICE OF THE CROSS. TO GO TO MASS MEANS GOING TO CALVARY TO MEET HIM, OUR REDEEMER. HE COMES TO US IN HOLY COMMUNION AND REMAINS PRESENT IN THE TABERNACLES OF OUR CHURCHES”

ST. JOHN PAUL II