

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
May 4, 2025



# ST JOHN PAUL II

## CATHOLIC PARISH

THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

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"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessings." Rv 5:12

### 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

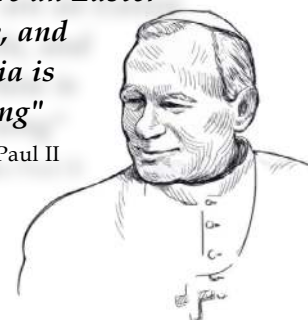
Saturdays: 3:25pm  
Sundays: 7:25am & 9:25am

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 3rd 4pm + Pat Million  
Sun May 4th 10am Jesus (Chuy) Medrano

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

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](mailto: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

### 3rd Sunday of Easter

**4** 1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41  
**May** Rsp Psalm: Psalm 30  
2nd Reading: Rev. 5:11-14  
Gospel: Jn 21:1-19

### 4th Sunday of Easter

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



## 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](http://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



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



Save the Date

Ground Breaking Ceremony

Sunday May 25<sup>TH</sup>

10 am mass



STARTS TODAY

If you are new to the parish, please consider joining us in our capital campaign to build our new church.

If you have already made a pledge, and are able, please continue to make payments to honor your pledge amount. If you have any concerns, please reach out.

For more information reach out to Smokey @ [SmokeyM@stjp2.org](mailto:SmokeyM@stjp2.org)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.



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/>



ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL  
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See the Archbishop's message for the 2025 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal in the new video at [archden.org/givetoday](http://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!



Congratulations to all twenty-two of our parish youth who are receiving the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation this weekend!

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

Join us immediately following the 10am Mass on Sunday May 18. Those who received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation on May 4th will be dressing up as their Confirmation Saint to share with the parishioners why they chose their particular saint! 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](http://gofrassati.org) or call 303-451-9607 to make an appointment today!



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 Airbnb lodging, Uber transportation, and meals.

Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>

ARRIVE BY 2PM,

Games 2:30-6:00

MOTHER TUCKER BREWERY

2360 E. 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. Thornton



May 10<sup>th</sup> 10am-1:15pm,  
Christ in the City &  
Lunch in the Park

As part of our commitment to service and living out our faith, the St. John Paul II Youth Group is planning a special event to serve lunch to the homeless in our community with Christ in the City. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to put their faith into action by helping those in need and sharing the love of Christ with others.

We warmly invite parishioners and other young people in the parish (even if you're not part of the youth group!) to join us for this day of service.

Space is limited—first come, first served.



To sign up or learn more, please contact Andrea, [youthgroup@stjp2.org](mailto:youthgroup@stjp2.org)

## 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](mailto:PrayerList@StJP2.org). Names will remain on the list as space allows. Please also pray for the caregivers of those on our prayer list.



"Annunciation Heights exists to be a place of transformative encounter with Jesus Christ so that those we serve may live life fully for the glory of the Father. We do this by fostering experiences of authentic connection immersed in the beauty of God's creation."

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HEIGHTS  
— COLORADO —

Annunciaion Heights offers both youth and family camps 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 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