

EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
MARCH 31, 2024



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ST JOHN PAUL II

CATHOLIC PARISH

THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

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

CONFESSION

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

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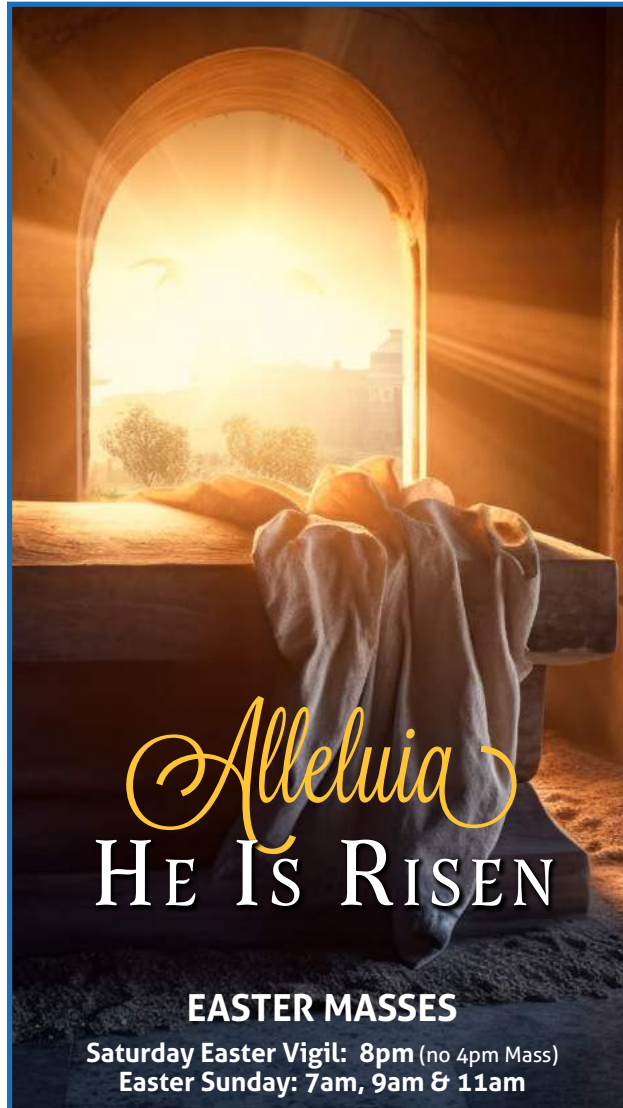
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Here's what you can do for
our Tanzania Sister Parish,
who are praying for
us at each Mass

- 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
orphange close by in Geita.



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

~ St. John Paul II

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Mar 30th 4pm †Martin Spahn
Sun Mar 31st 11am Lewis Sisters
Sat April 6th 4pm Debbi & Smokey Mortus
Sun April 7th 10am †Yvonne Duffus

Sunday 8am & Easter 9am 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

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

MAR 31 *Easter Sunday – The Resurrection*
1st Reading: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43
Rsp Pslm: Psalms 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23
2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4
Gospel: Mark 16: 1-7

APR 7 *2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday*
1st Reading: Acts 4: 32-35
Rsp Pslm: Psalms 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24
2nd Reading: First John 5: 1-6
Gospel: John 20: 19-31

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

Welcome All Newly Received Catholics

Here at St John Paul II Parish and across the globe, the Catholic Church opens its arms with joy to welcome our newly baptized Catechumens. Let us unite in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and their families, as they embark on their faith journey following the light of Christ.



May our prayers also embrace those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion on April 21st, that all may be strengthened and guided in their deepening faith.

Easter Sunday Parking!



Our neighbors, Church 8025, will be holding services on Easter Sunday morning and need all their parking available. To be kind to our neighbors, please avoid parking in their lot.

The playground area will be open for overflow parking if needed. Thank you!

March for Life 2024 Rally

When: **Friday, April 12, 11am**
Where: **Colorado State Capital**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church has organized 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



We're Back!

ToT is back after our Lent break and ready to roll on April 5th at 7pm.

Join us for an evening of faith discussions, fellowship, and refreshments at the Mortus home: 14993 Columbine St, Thornton.
New faces are welcome! See you there!

Divine Mercy Sunday April 7, 2024

St. John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and proclaimed the Second Sunday of Easter "Divine Mercy Sunday."



Jesus inspired her to write the Diary to aid our understanding of His merciful love for us.

Make time daily to reflect on these words from our Lord, captured in the pages of her diary.

See attached flyer

Sign up for a 60-second daily reflection from *St. Faustina's Diary* and a small prayer for the day at:

TheDivineMercy.org/dmdsignup

Jesus' words to St. Faustina:

"I am King of Mercy. I desire that this image be displayed in public on the first Sunday after Easter. Yes, the first Sunday is the feast of Mercy, but there also be acts of mercy, and I demand the worship of My mercy through the solemn celebration of the feast and through the veneration of the image which is painted by means I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works."

From the Diary of St. Faustina, excerpt 88; excerpt 742

Extra Confessions on Divine Mercy Sunday
7:30am-7:45am, 9:15am-9:45am Fr. James Spahn
7:30am - 10:00am Fr Austin Okigbo
8:00am - 10:00am Fr. Salas Pathrose
9:30am - 11:30am Fr. Joe Hartmann
9:30am - 11:30am Fr. Robert Reyecraft
10:30am - 12:30pm Fr. Andrew Kemberling
10:00am - 12:30pm Fr. John Stapleton

Knights Corner



Join the Knights of Columbus and be the support as the right hand of the Church. Free membership with code "BLESSEDMCGIVNEY" at KofC website: www.KofC.org/Join to learn more and join our St. John Paul II Council #17142

Contact SmokeyM@StJP2.org

CCC 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: ColoradoCatholicConference.org (cocatholic.org/take-action/action-alerts)

If you have questions, please contact: Hugh Denning at CCC.Rep@StJP2.org



Please keep in your prayers...

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| ☞ Rene Gonzales | ☞ Jennifer Dunkley |
| ☞ Julie Wessling | ☞ Fr. Brian Morrow |
| ☞ Melanie Rohr | ☞ Bill McGee |
| ☞ Earl Beer | ☞ Chuy Medrano |

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

Online Giving

St John Paul II parish has our own online giving account through Vanco, with a link on our website. Here, 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-Z61A>

Option 3.
Point your phone camera here at our QR Code:



Divine Mercy Sunday

A Universal Church Feast
observed on the
First Sunday after Easter

Sunday, April 7, 2024

In her *Diary*, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska recorded 14 revelations from our Lord requesting this feast. The most complete, concise description is found in entry 699:

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. ... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

To receive the extraordinary graces of this feast, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace, and receive with great trust in Divine Mercy.

We also are encouraged to venerate the Divine Mercy Image (see back of flyer) and perform acts of mercy through deed, word, or prayer.



Read more about this feast at TheDivineMercy.org/celebrate

The Image of Divine Mercy

The Image of Jesus, the Divine Mercy, is to be venerated* on Divine Mercy Sunday. It is to be given a place of honor in our churches and homes on this Sunday. Our Lord appeared to St. Faustina and then directed her to have this appearance of Himself as the Merciful Savior painted and then venerated publicly. He told her, **I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it** (*Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, 341).

In the Image, the pale and red rays symbolize the Blood and Water that flowed from His side while He was on the Cross. But, in His appearance to St. Faustina, they had been transformed into glorious rays, a source of healing graces for sinners who will turn to Him with trust. That is why the Image bears the inscription: "Jesus, I trust In You!"

We can venerate the Image of Jesus, the Divine Mercy, by gazing upon it in prayer and adoration. As signs of our love for Jesus, we can place candles and flowers before the Image. First and foremost, as we gaze upon our Merciful Savior in prayer, we can decide to trust in Him and to perform works of mercy — responding to the call to be merciful as He has shown mercy to us.

*** To "venerate" a sacred image simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents.**



Read more about Divine Mercy at TheDivineMercy.org