

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
February 2, 2025



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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



*"... and suddenly there will come to the temple
the Lord whom you seek, and the messenger of
the covenant whom you desire."*

~ Malachi 3:1

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Feb. 1st 4pm + Linda Clemente
Sun Feb. 2nd 10am Reagan Smith

Sat Feb. 8th 4pm + Tom Slone
Sun Feb. 9th 10am + James Lockwood

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

Feast, The Presentation of the Lord

FEB 2 1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
Rsp Psalm: Psalm. 24
2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEB 9 1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Rsp Psalm: Psalm. 138
2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 15:1-11
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11



THEOLOGY ON TAP

In February we will be holding **TWO** Theology on Tap evenings!

Evening One: This Friday, February 7, 7pm.

Topic for 2/7: From our origins, humanity has been given, by our creator, an innate orientation towards the transcendent. Humans have always displayed a profound longing to understand our very existence and to strive for an ever greater grasp of our place within the universe. In addition, we will discuss how the Creator has throughout history continued to reveal more of the very nature of the Godhead.

Evening Two: "Fat Friday" ToT, February 28th, the Friday before Lent begins! We will be skipping March & April Theology on Tap through Lent.

Join us at the Mortus home;

14993 Columbine St. Thornton, CO 80602, for theology, fellowship, beverages & snacks.

We look forward to seeing you!



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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.



PRAYER LIST

- ★ Jim Simonton
- ★ Carolyn Shanley
- ★ Laura Gonzales
- ★ Virgil Needler
- ★ Sloan Family
- ★ 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.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS

The Order of Malta invites you to a mass, anointing of the sick, and a special blessing for caregivers, in observance of World Day of the Sick.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

12:00 p.m. | Holy Ghost Catholic Church Denver

Celebrant: Auxiliary Bishop of Denver, Jorge Rodriguez

All are welcome.



The Jubilee Year is underway.

See attached insert for more important information and additional resources.

Fr. James will also be speaking about the Jubilee at each mass this weekend.

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



The school administration has also asked that we do not have any food, drink or gum in the chapel. Let's work together with the school to keep our worship space beautiful.



The Colorado Bishops' Statement on Immigration: Welcoming the Stranger, Protecting the Common Good

The four bishops of Colorado issued a joint statement on Thursday through the Colorado Catholic Conference in response to ongoing discussions about immigration as President Donald J. Trump takes office for his second term.

To read the letter online please go to:

<https://cocatholic.org/bishop-letters/the-colorado-bishops-statement-on-immigration-welcoming-the-stranger-protecting-the-common-good/>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to pray the rosary with seniors especially in facilities near our parish. Teams of two pray for one hour a week in a group setting. Training is provided. Visit www.therosaryteam.org to sign up or email us at contact@therosaryteam.org.



Is God calling you to the Priesthood?

<https://archden.org/vocations/retreats-and-events/>

High School Boys' Discernment Retreat

Sunday, February 9, 2025
9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Men's 18+ Discernment Retreat

Saturday, March 29, 2025
11:30 am – 6:15 pm



PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

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The Pastoral ministry Team is in the lobby to offer support 30 minutes before and after each Mass. On the table are common parish forms / information as well as books and pamphlets supporting the Church's teaching. Team members are fellow StJP2 parishioners who were called by the Holy Spirit to be a witness to the love, grace and forgiveness that God and Jesus Christ offer each of us. Guided by the Holy Spirit, members offer what they can to those seeking information or a dialog.

Monthly training is provided to help equip the team to better represent Fr. James as the pastor and Shepherd of the parish.

The ministry engages individuals as they are, where they are, and ensures each person is valued and comfortable. The ministry is there to speak the truth about the Catholic Church's beliefs, mission and ministry.

Please feel free to stop by the table and speak to a Pastoral Ministry Team Member.

Ushers & Lead Ushers Needed

Ushering is not just about showing people to their seats, it's about making them feel welcome, loved, and part of the family. A warm smile, a caring heart, and a helpful hand can make all the difference in someone's spiritual journey.

Please consider being a part of this special ministry and join us as an usher or Lead Usher.

Reach out to Smokey Mortus at SmokeyM@StJP2.org or 720-448-6433.

"Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered." This verse reminds us that as ushers, by serving others with a compassionate heart, we too receive blessings.

~ Pr 11:25

R. C. I. A.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



- ✧ **Interested in the Catholic Faith?**
- ✧ **Do you have questions about Catholicism?**
- ✧ **Or, are you an adult who would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation?**
- ✧ **Are you married and would like to have your marriage blessed in the Catholic Church?**

Let's connect and see how we can best serve you!
Contact Kristina at KristinaH@stjp2.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:



JUBILEE 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

"Jubilee, a time of renewal - The jubilee year was a time of redemption and renewal, symbolized by practices that remain strikingly relevant even today. During this year, the land was left uncultivated to remind people that it belongs to God and is a gift entrusted to humanity for stewardship rather than exploitation. Debts were forgiven to restore social justice and counter inequality, a practice that occurred every fifty years. Slaves were liberated, fostering the dream of a human community free from oppression and discrimination - a vision reminiscent of the Exodus, where God formed His people into a single family on a shared journey."

"Jesus came to free humanity from every form of bondage, to open the eyes of the blind, and to set the oppressed free (cf. Lk 4:18-19). His messianic mission expanded the Jubilee's significance, addressing all forms of human oppression. It became a moment of grace, offering freedom to those imprisoned by sin, resignation, and despair. It also served as an invitation to heal inner blindness that prevents us from encountering God and recognizing others. Above all, it revived the joy of meeting the Lord, enabling people to resume life's journey with renewed hope."

"Deep within every heart lies an unquenchable thirst for happiness and fulfillment. In the face of life's uncertainties, people long to overcome mistrust, skepticism, and despair. Christ, our hope, responds to this inner longing, inviting us to rediscover the joy of meeting Him. This encounter transforms and renews life itself. As Pope Francis writes: "Christian life is a journey that requires special moments to nourish and strengthen hope, an indispensable companion that helps us glimpse the goal: the encounter with the Lord Jesus" (Spes non confundit , n. 5)." Pope Francis (www.vaticannews.va)



St. John Paul II Parish has an amazing opportunity to celebrate the Holy Mass as a parish at the Cathedral Basilica for the Jubilee Year and to obtain the plenary indulgence.

**Join us Saturday May 3, 2025 at 10am
for the celebration of the Holy Mass at
The Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception
1530 Logan St, Denver, CO 80203**

How to obtain plenary indulgence during the Jubilee 2025

The Jubilee is a time of spiritual renewal, conversion and reconciliation . It is an opportunity for the faithful to rediscover their faith, to strengthen their relationship with God and with the ecclesial community. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee is " Pilgrims of Hope ", an invitation to all Christians to walk the path of faith with hope and trust in the future.

To obtain plenary indulgence during the 2025 Jubilee, the faithful must meet some specific conditions established by the Church. Here are the main steps to follow:

- † Sacramental confession : the faithful must confess their sins to a priest and receive absolution. The confession must be sincere and complete, with true repentance for the sins committed.
- † Eucharistic Communion : after confession, it is necessary to participate in the Holy Mass and receive Communion, an act that symbolizes the union of the faithful with Christ and the Church.
- † Prayer for the intentions of the Pope : another essential requirement is to pray for the intentions of the Holy Father by reciting the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be, or other freely chosen prayers.
- † Act of charity : the believer must perform an act of mercy towards others such as, for example, visiting the sick, volunteering at a charity or carrying out other works of benevolence.
- † Pilgrimage to Holy Places : During the 2025 Jubilee, the faithful are encouraged to make a pilgrimage to one of Rome's holy places such as St. Peter's, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major or St. Paul Outside the Walls. **Alternatively, the pilgrimage can be made to other Church-designated shrines around the world.**
- † Rejection of sin : finally, it is essential to have a heart sincerely detached from sin, even venial, and a profound desire to live an authentic Christian life.

Resources:

<https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>

<https://jubileeoofficialstore.com/en/pages/jubilee-2025>

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-12/pope-the-jubilee-a-grace-filled-opportunity-for-encounter.html>



In addition to the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, pilgrims across Northern Colorado can participate in the Jubilee, by visiting nine other sites around the archdiocese as decreed by Archbishop Aquila. Joining the Cathedral as pilgrimage sites:

St. Stephen

1885 Blake Ave
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
(970) 945-6673

Holy Name

524 Oak St
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487
(970) 879-0671

Our Lady of Peace

89 Smith Ranch Rd
Silverthorne, CO 80498
(970) 668-0250

St. John the Evangelist

1730 W 12th St
Loveland, CO 80537
(970) 635-5800

St. Francis of Assisi

3791 Pike Rd
Longmont, CO 80503
(303) 772-6322

St. Helena

917 W 7th Ave
Fort Morgan, CO 80701
(970) 867-2885

St. Anthony

326 S 3rd St
Sterling, CO 80751
(970) 522-6422

Mother Cabrini Shrine

20189 Cabrini Blvd
Golden, CO 80401
(303) 526-0758

Go to our parish website for a video teaching on indulgences by Fr. James for more information.
<https://stjohnpaul2.org/teachings/>



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