

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
LAETARE SUNDAY
March 30, 2025



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"You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows"
~ Ps 23:5

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

*"Never, ever give up on hope,
never doubt, never tire, and never
become discouraged."
St John Paul II*



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Mar. 29th 4pm Monica Indrebo

Sun Mar. 30th 10am Linda Rizzo

Sat Apr. 5th 4pm † Shirley Spahn

Sun Apr. 6th 10am Smokey & Debbi
Mortus

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: **1Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

Rsp Psalm: **Psalm 23**

2nd Reading: **Ephesians 5:8-14**

Gospel: **John 9:1-41**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: **Ezekiel 37:12-14**

Rsp Psalm: **Psalm 130**

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:8-11**

Gospel: **John 11:1-45**

MAR 30

APR 6

LENT ~ 2025

PRAYER, FASTING, & ALMSGIVING

Lenten Soup Dinner, Fridays @ 5:30

All are invited to join us for a variety of meatless soups each Friday night during Lent prior to The Stations of the Cross. The Knights of Columbus will be taking free-will donations (suggested cost of \$5.00 per person) to raise funds to purchase items for our Church.

If you would like to bring a soup to share click [Here](#)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY EVENING @ 7pm



Sacrament of Reconciliation SATURDAYS 2:30-3:30pm



Confession is available not only on Saturday afternoons, but also by request. Simply approach Father James and let him know you'd like to go to confession.

Colorado Catholic Conference

2025 March for Life Rally

Join us at the State Capital on April 11th. Rally begins at 11am, March begins at 12pm

Please attend to show your support for our most vulnerable and let the state legislature know we are not going away despite Amendment 79 passing.

For more information or questions contact: Hugh Denning at CCC.rep@StJP2.org or go to Colorado March for Life 2025 - <https://marchforlife.org/colorado/>



Come early to mass and join us in praying the Rosary. Saturdays 3:25; Sundays 7:25 and 9:25

St. John Vianney Lay Division Upcoming Courses ~ Register @ <https://sjvlaydivision.org/registration/>

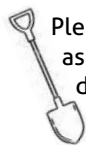
Three Days that Changed Everything

Online day of reflection with Jennifer Laurent. April 11th, 9:30am - 1:30 pm. \$30, video recording provided.

Frassati Catholic Academy - Now Enrolling Pre-K3 through 8th grade. visit www.gofrassati.org or call us at 303-451-9607.



GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY SUNDAY MAY 25TH



Please watch the bulletin for details as we get closer to this momentous day! If you would like to help with this event, please email Apryl Sweat at apryls@stjp2.org



Page three 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

The Divine Mercy Sunday April 27th, 2025

"Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. Secretary of My mercy, write, tells souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice, is near".

(Diary of Saint Maria Kowalska *965) [Note: All words from Jesus, as recorded by St. Faustina, are shown in bold type]



Thank You & Update from Deacon Louis

thank you

To my parish family - I have felt your love and prayers throughout my treatments. I finished chemo on 3/19 and will begin radiation on 3/31. God is Good and I rejoice in Him through this journey. Thank you for your continued prayers and support! You are in my heart and prayers, as well. ~ Deacon Louis.

If you would like to send Deacon Louis a note of encouragement, please give it to Apryl Sweat and she will make sure it gets to him.

A box is located in the lobby to collect any palms you may have at home from previous years. Please feel free to bring them in for proper disposal in anticipation for Palm Sunday.

Palms that are used for Palm Sunday are blessed, making them sacramentals. Therefore, they need to be disposed of properly by either burning them or burying them.



Jubilee Reminder:

Our Parish has an amazing opportunity to celebrate the Holy Mass at the Cathedral. May 3rd, at 10am.



Knights Corner Knights Golf Tournament - June 28, 2025 is CANCELED

With regrets we are canceling the Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament for 2025. If you are interested in helping or being a Sponsor for next year, you can contact Smokey at GK@KofC17142.org



Looking for works of mercy to do this Lent? Help our parish build a culture of life!

You are invited to give in support of the Bottom Line Diaper Bank Lenten Diaper Drive! Diapers will be collected after masses this weekend, 29th & 30th, and the following weekend April 5th & 6th. Greatest Diaper Need: sizes 4, 5, 6. Wipes and adult supplies are also needed. Questions? Contact Amanda @ ajborch@zohomail.eu



PRAYER LIST

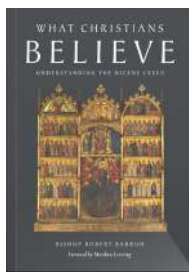
- ★ Tom Kozney
- ★ Tracy Michael
- ★ Deacon Louis Arambula
- ★ Carolyn Shanley
- ★ Laura Gonzales
- ★ Virgil Needler
- ★ William Finney
- ★ Mason Cos-Y-Leon

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 Coming Soon!

"What do thoughtful Christians actually believe? In this short book, renowned preacher, teacher, and theologian Bishop Robert Barron invites skeptics, seekers, and lifelong Christians alike to consider this question through one of Christianity's most pivotal texts: the Nicene Creed, an ancient statement of faith that has guided Christian thought for 1700 years and is still accepted by Christians around the world today."

Keep a look out for how to get your copy of this book and on when the book study will begin.



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:



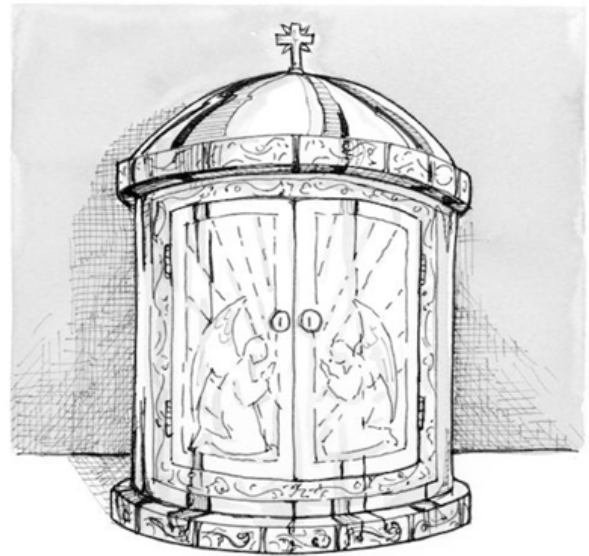
THE HOLY MASS IN A SACRED SPACE WITH PROPER ACTIONS.



Sometime ago, the parishioners expressed a desire to pray either the rosary or the chaplet of Divine Mercy before each Mass on the weekend and so a rosary ministry team has been leading the congregation each weekend in this prayerful devotion. When we come to Frassati Catholic Academy for the Holy Mass, please try to keep conversation restricted to the lobby area of the school, thereby creating a prayerful atmosphere within the chapel. This prayerful attitude within the chapel should continue even at the conclusion of the Holy Mass as many are engaged in prayers of gratitude for the Blessed Sacrament. The architect and building committee have been working closely in the design of our new church project so that we will have a larger lobby area for conversation and fellowship before and after mass and thus maintaining a prayerful atmosphere within the church itself.

As a parish, we are tremendously blessed to have so many young families with children. When we have had visiting priests from other parts of the country, they have certainly made note of how unique this is within America to have so many young people attending mass regularly. The words of Jesus come to mind, “let the children come to me”. Children/babies are most certainly welcome at St. John Paul II Parish. Our patron saint, just like Jesus himself, had a tremendous love for children and knew very well that they are the future of the Church. Yes, at times our children can be a bit feisty and fidgety, but they need to be present for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Parents do not be discouraged. You are bringing great joy to the heart of Jesus Christ by bringing your children. Please feel free to step out into the lobby and take a moment to calm down your child if the need should arise. For those without children, please be patient and understanding, for you were once a child yourself that made a bit of noise while in the arms of your parents while attending Holy Mass.

Once again, while in the chapel, we are in a sacred space which is made sacred due to the fact that we are offering the Holy Sacrifice of Jesus Christ to the Heavenly Father. Therefore, all of our thoughts and behaviors should be in accord with this great opportunity that we are afforded to be able to have the freedom to come and celebrate the Holy Mass every Sunday. There are many places in the world today and in the first centuries of Christianity, where Christians were not permitted to celebrate the Eucharist. When we gather on the Lord’s Day, we come to receive Christ Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Let us do so with our minds clear from all distraction. May we dress appropriately for this remarkable encounter with God. Yes, even the way we dress should reflect what’s going on inside our heart and mind as we come to worship. Everything matters to God! All that we do and say is charged with meaning. We should always give our best to God.



“THE EUCHARIST IS THE SECRET OF MY DAY. IT GIVES STRENGTH AND MEANING TO ALL MY ACTIVITIES OF SERVICE TO THE CHURCH AND TO THE WHOLE WORLD ... LET JESUS PRESENT IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SPEAK TO YOUR HEARTS.”
ST. JOHN PAUL II