

Saint Paul the Apostle

Catholic Church

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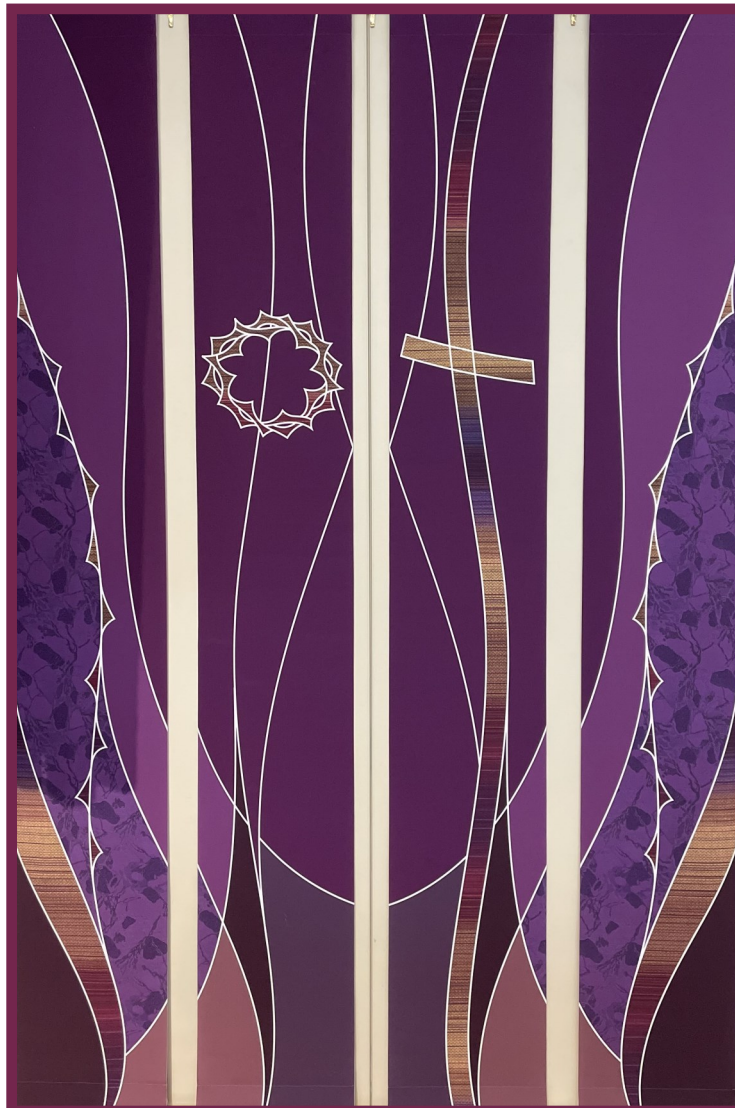
Tuesday — Thursday

9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Sunday:

**8:30 am to 12:00
noon**

February 26, 2023 First Sunday of Lent



Mass Intentions February 26, 2023

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Announcements

Ministry Schedule

Please check February's Ministry schedule on our website or in the Narthex. If you are unable to serve, please call the office at 719-647-1500 or call/text Gaylene at 719-821-0051 ASAP. Thank you!

Sacraments

Please call the office if you are interested in becoming Catholic or in need of any sacraments.
719-647-1500

New to St. Paul the Apostle?

Stop by the office and register to join our church. We have many opportunities to become involved in our parish. WELCOME!

Saturday, February 25th (Anticipatory)

4:00 PM Mass + Phillip Casias by Juanita Kitchen
+ Fay Thurston by Leonard and Mary Ann Miles
+ Sharon Muzydla by Ron and Kathy McCulloch

Sunday, February 26th

7:30 AM Mass **Sophia Doran Happy Birthday! (Feb. 24th) by Juanita Kitchen**

9:00-10:15 AM Religious Education K-6th Grade

10:30 AM Mass + Annette and Lee Knowlton by Jake and Lorraine & Lorraine Vallejo
+ Cindy Wiggins and John Wiggins, Jr. by Jake & Lorraine Vallejo
+ Daniel Gasser, Jr. by June Bush
+ Jerry Pacheco by Frank and Kryz Pacheco

12:00 PM- 1:30 PM Confirmation 1 Classes

Monday, February 27th and Tuesday, February 28th

No Mass

Wednesday, March 1st

9:00 AM Mass

4:00 PM Divine Mercy, Adoration, and Confessions are Cancelled

Thursday, March 2nd

9:00 AM Mass

Friday, March 3rd

9:00 AM Mass + Mary Johnson by the Fisher Family

4:00 PM Second Stations of the Cross

5:00 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Saturday, March 4th (Anticipatory)

4:00 PM Mass Catalina Vasquez Happy Birthday by Juanita Kitchen

Sunday, March 5th

7:30 AM Mass

9:00-10:15 AM Religious Education K-6th Grade

10:30 AM Mass + Lucinda & Jake Vallejo, Sr. by Jake & Lorraine Vallejo
+ Erminia & Albert Maldonado by Jake & Lorraine Vallejo
For those who have received healing blankets By the Women's Guild

12:00 PM- 1:30 PM Confirmation 1 Classes

Readings for the week of February 26, 2023

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/ Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9 ©LPI

Gospel Meditation February 26, 2023

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: **“He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.”** Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

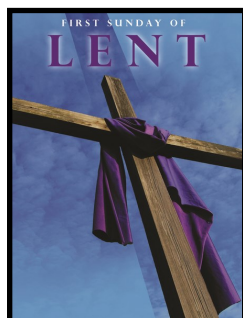
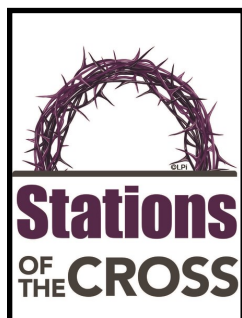
This might help. The origin of the word “fast” means to “hold firmly.” We still use it that way when we say, “I held *fast* to my original decision.” We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. **“Man does not live by bread alone,”** he says, **“But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”** Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPI

Please remember our Sick and Homebound

Connie Billinger	Angela Vigil
Patricia Cordova	Mary Jo McDermott
Cortese Family	Renee Hadad Cichon
Janet Cruz	James Hiner
Olga Dick	Carol Edgeworth
Keith Emert	Norman Kuhns
Char Finch	Carol Kuhns
Robert Hayman	Cheryl Salay
Lloyd Jacques	Frank Palacio
Pat Laintz	John O'Day
Mary Lontine	Jaxon Copen
Isiah Maez	Katie Fisher
Cameron Martin	Jack Mattingly
Dorothy Orr	Linda Wilson
Kirsten Pachek	Linda Welte
Kai Pedersen	James Derr
Shirley Palacio	Claudia Schopf
Christine Dickson	Any Huth
Chris Pettigrew	Alejandra
Peter Sorenson	Escheveste
Tony Torres Jr.	Gordon Messer
Judy Howard	Jason Bilberry
Martha Archuleta	Gina Hedquist
Steve Olsen	Marvin Odefey
Kathy Krueger	Candice Taravella
	Claude Hayward

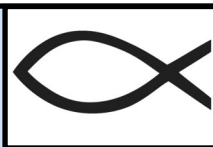


Rosary

Come join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Rosary for Life **BEFORE** the weekend Masses.



Friday Night Fish Fry



Knights of Columbus #12020 presents the Fish Fry Fundraiser on the Fridays of Lent at 5pm.

Dine in or Carry Out

Choice of fried or baked cod, coleslaw, baked potato or fries, niblets corn, green beans and dinner roll.

Adults \$10
Children \$5.00



LEGION OF MARY.... MARY UNDOER OF KNOTS PRESIDUM

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday at 5:30 in classroom C.

If you know any Catholic living in Pueblo West who is homebound and wants to receive Holy Communion, please contact Carla Begel at 904-655-7501. If you wish more information about the LOM contact Carla or Robert Begel at 904-866-5065

Youth Corner

Please pray for our 1st Communion students:

Anika Andrin, Rocco Benfatti
Grant Burling, Kaliae Cozzolino,
Mia Chavez, Jaxiel Giron
Aaron Valdez, Christopher Jaramillo,
Frankie Peltier, Frank Raphael,
Declan Schwalm, Ellie Threadgill,
Mikey Trujillo

Please pray for our Confirmation students:

Victoria Denova, Valdialita Giron
Gabby Gonzales, Joie Johnson,
Marcus Lucero, Bryssa Perez,
Citlaly Perez, Dominik Valdez

Pancake Breakfast

The youth that will be attending Steubenville of the Rockies will be doing a Pancake Breakfast March 18 and 19 after each Mass to help fund their trip to the conference. Tickets will be for sale starting this weekend after each Mass. Adult meals are \$10 and kids meals are \$5 with children under 4 eating free.